

# The Flock Reporter

March 2017 Edition

“Reaching out to spread God’s Word and share His blessings”

## PASTOR’S NOTES

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Back in the 1970’s, there was a popular TV Show *The Six Million Dollar Man*. The premise of the show centered on a test pilot who was in a horrible crash and barely alive but with new medical advancements they vowed not only to save him but said, “We can rebuild him. We have the technology. We can make him better than he was. Better, stronger, faster.” So the character Steve Austin was given a bionic eye, legs, and an arm. Then the new Steve Austin assisted the government to stop crime and catch the bad guys.

“Oh, if life was only that easy,” people may say. We trudge through life feeling burnt out, not knowing where to turn, feeling helpless and wondering if we can make a difference or if someone will make a difference in our life. Just like Steve Austin, **we desire a renewal. We need a complete overhaul.**

There is very good news. 2 Corinthians 5 says, “*For the love of Christ controls us, because we have concluded this: that one has died for all, therefore all have died; and he died for all, that those who live might no longer live for themselves but for him who for their sake died and was raised... Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come.*” Did you hear that. In Christ, you are a NEW CREATION. It is a renewal that is better than a fictitious TV show. **This renewal is real. It is complete. It is certain. It is available for you today!**

This year’s Wednesday night Lenten worship series is entitled **Lent: A Time for Renewal**. Once again, our Wednesday evenings will begin at 5:30 p.m. with a soup supper followed by worship at 6:30 p.m. This is the perfect opportunity for you to pause and regather yourself as we take an introspective look at ourselves and your current condition. Make these 40 days of Lent a time for renewal for your life.

### Lent: A Time for Renewal!

- March 1 – Renewal of Servanthood
- March 8 – Renewal of Obedience
- March 15 – Renewal of Witness
- March 22 – Renewal of True Religion
- March 29 – Renewal of Priorities
- April 5 – Renewal of Godly Fear
- April 13 – Maundy Thursday – Renewal of Christian Unity
- April 14 – Good Friday – Renewal of Faith
- April 16 – Easter Celebration – Renewal of Hope



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Sunday Worship 10 a.m.  
(year round)  
Family Education 9 a.m.  
(Sept.-May)

Serving the Lord with gladness,  
Pastor Mark

## Mites Sunday



Mites Sunday will be on Sunday, March 5.

This will be a good opportunity to bring our small change such as pennies, nickels, dimes and quarters. Together our “mites” add to other churches

throughout our area and all of the LCMS.

Many Incredible missions are funded all through the pocket change!



## Thrivent Members

Hopefully, you have been hearing about the Thrivent Action Team Grants of \$250 per event that we have been capitalizing on lately. Also, Thrivent members may have Choice Dollars that they can assign to non-profit organizations.

There are postcards available at the church that will give you step-by-step procedures to assign them.

Money from 2016 must be assigned by the end of March or it will be forfeited. We have received over \$700 so far.

You can also assign it to places like Camp Luther, Concordia (Ann Arbor, Mequon, Seminaries—Ft. Wayne, St. Louis, etc.) and many more places.



## Ash Wednesday, March 1



The term “Ash Wednesday” is an ancient term that centered on our need for a Savior. In Biblical times, people would cover themselves with ash as sign of repentance and sorrow. Ecclesiastes 3:20 says “**you are dust, and to dust you will return.**” Because of our sinfulness, death is a reality.

Through the life, death and resurrection of Jesus, we have no fear in death. Jesus has conquered death for us. He is truly our King. On Ash Wednes-

**day, March 1**, you will have an opportunity to receive the ash cross on your forehead to remind you of your sinfulness and your need for forgiveness.

In our baptism, we receive the sign of the cross on our forehead to signify that we have been redeemed by Christ the crucified. **Begin your Lenten journey with the remembrance of your great need for forgiveness.**

Good Shepherd Lutheran Church & the  
Munising "not quite right" drama troupe present:

# The Great NURSING HOME ESCAPE



*A Comedy in One Act*  
By: Nathan Hartswick

**Dinner Theatre – March 4, 2017 ~ 6pm**

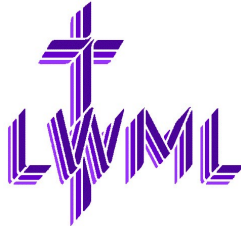
**Cost \$18 menu:** Roasted chicken catered by The Buckhorn Restaurant, Cheesy Potatoes, Baked Beans, Cole slaw, beverages (coffee/milk/water) and assorted desserts.

**Limited Tickets available**

**Good Shepherd Lutheran Church** is located at E. 9035 State Highway M-28. Call for more information: 387-3579

**Proceeds** assist the community youth events: Youth Gathering, Vacation Bible School – Thank you!

## Ladies Guild



The next meeting of the Ladies' Guild is scheduled for Wednesday, March 15, at 7:30 p.m. following the Lenten worship service. Janice Wilkinson will be the hostess. All ladies of Good Shepherd are invited and encouraged to attend.

We will spend time planning for the LWML Zone 2 Spring Rally which we will be hosting here on Saturday, April 22. A sign-up sheet will be posted soon to ask for help from the congregation to provide food items for the rally.

We will be providing the meal for Victory Lutheran Church in Gwinn on Sunday, March 19. There will be a sign-up sheet posted for those who would like to either contribute to the meal or help transport and serve. We are asking for the help of our congregation in providing these meals to Victory every other month. Monetary donations are also greatly appreciated. Thank you!

## Blood Drive at Munising Memorial

On Monday, March 20, a Blood Drive will be from 1 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. at the Munising Memorial Hospital. You can save a life.



# March 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 7 a.m. Men's Breakfast/Bible Study 5:30 p.m. Lenten Soup Supper 6:30 p.m. Ash Wednesday Worship Service	2 6:30 p.m. Women's Bible Study	3	4 6 p.m. "The Great Nursing Home Escape" Dinner/Play
5 9 a.m. Family Education Hour 10 a.m. Worship Service w/Holy Communion 11 a.m. Fellowship Early Childhood Board Committee Meeting	6 9 a.m. LWR Quilting	7	8 7 a.m. Men's Breakfast/Bible Study 5:30 p.m. Lenten Soup Supper 6:30 p.m. Lenten Midweek Worship Service	9 6:30 p.m. Women's Bible Study	10	11
12 9 a.m. Family Education Hour 10 a.m. Worship Service 11 a.m. Fellowship 11:30 a.m. Church Council 2 p.m. Tendercare Nursing Home Service	13 9 a.m. LWR Quilting	14	15 7 a.m. Men's Breakfast/Bible Study 5:30 p.m. Lenten Soup Supper 6:30 p.m. Lenten Midweek Worship Service 7:30 p.m. Ladies Guild	16 6:30 p.m. Women's Bible Study	17	18
19 9 a.m. Family Ed Hour 10 a.m. Worship Service w/Holy Communion 11 a.m. Fellowship Board of Stewardship, Christian Growth and Evangelism Committee Meetings 12 p.m. Victory Lutheran Church Meal in Gwinn	20 9 a.m. LWR Quilting	21	22 7 a.m. Men's Breakfast/Bible Study 5:30 p.m. Lenten Soup Supper 6:30 p.m. Lenten Midweek Worship Service	23 6:30 p.m. Women's Bible Study	24	25
26 9 a.m. Family Education Hour 10 a.m. Worship Service 11 a.m. Fellowship Board of Trustees and Board of Elders Committee Meetings 2 p.m. Tendercare Nursing Home Service	27 9 a.m. LWR Quilting	28	29 7 a.m. Men's Breakfast/Bible Study 5:30 p.m. Lenten Soup Supper 6:30 p.m. Lenten Midweek Worship Service	30 6:30 p.m. Women's Bible Study	31	

**Birthdays:**

3/4 Esley M. Mattson

3/9 Taylor Kahlstorf

3/10 Joel Werner

3/13 Tristan Cotey

3/16 Cynthia Werner

# GOOD SHEPHERD LUTHERAN CHURCH – MUNISING, MICHIGAN

## March 2017 Helpers

**Elder of the Month:** Craig Johnson  
**Altar Attendant:** Kathi Usimaki  
**Newsletter Sponsor:** Alex & Sarah Johnson

**Paper Products:** Becky Johnson  
**Altar Flowers:** Leslie Johnson (\$25 a month or provide flowers)

### March 1 — Ash Wednesday

Greeters: Leslie Johnson  
Electronic Technician: Craig Johnson  
Reader: Janice Wilkinson  
Usher: Matt Johnson  
Lenten Soup Supper: Kathie Bond/Janice Belen

### March 5 – Holy Communion

Greeters: Janice Schultz  
Acolyte: Faith Krueger  
Electronic Technician: Alex Johnson  
Reader: Jenna Cole  
Usher: Ed Klop  
Hostesses: Leslie Johnson/Deb Clark  
Church Cleaning 3/6-3/12: Alex Johnson  
Snowplowing 3/6-3/12: Jay Krueger  
Snow Shoveling 3/6-3/12: Jay Brogan

### March 8 — Lenten Mid-Week

Greeters: Pat Nybeck  
Electronic Technician: Josh Cole  
Reader: Matt Johnson  
Usher: Alex Johnson  
Lenten Soup Supper: Alex Johnson/Leslie Johnson

### March 12

Greeters: Kris Madigan  
Electronic Technician: Esley E. Mattson  
Reader: Leslie Johnson  
Usher: Ken Passinault  
Hostesses: Becky Johnson/Sarah Johnson  
Church Cleaning 3/13-3/19: Matt Johnson  
Snowplowing 3/13-3/19: JBCI  
Snow Shoveling 3/13-3/19: Pete Kelto

### March 15 — Lenten Mid-Week

Greeters: Kathi Usimaki  
Electronic Technician: Leslie Johnson  
Reader: Jay Brogan  
Usher: Esley M. Mattson  
Lenten Soup Supper: Becky Johnson/Matt & Veronika Johnson

### March 19 – Holy Communion

Greeters: Marvin & Becky Johnson  
Acolyte: Frank Carlson  
Electronic Technician: Eli Werner  
Reader: Pete Kelto  
Usher: Jack Tesch  
Hostesses: Michele Curtis/Janice Schultz  
Church Cleaning 3/20-3/26: Kris Madigan  
Snowplowing 3/20-3/26: Norm Bonner  
Snow Shoveling 3/20-3/26: Alex Johnson

### March 22 — Lenten Mid-Week

Greeters: Josh & Jenna Cole  
Electronic Technician: Craig Johnson  
Reader: Matt Johnson  
Usher: Jay Brogan  
Lenten Soup Supper: Kris Madigan/Cindy Werner

### March 26

Greeters: Ken Passinault  
Electronic Technician: Alex Johnson  
Reader: Jenna Cole  
Usher: Pete Kelto  
Hostesses: Kathie Bond/Kathi Usimaki  
Church Cleaning 3/27-4/5: Becky Johnson  
Snowplowing 3/27-4/5: Jay Krueger  
Snow Shoveling 3/27-4/5: Matt Johnson

**If you are unable to do one of the jobs you are listed on the helper's list and can't find a replacement, please contact the church office during Monday morning prior to when you are listed so the church office can find a replacement. Thank you!**

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### March 29 — Lenten Mid-Week

Greeters: Kathie Bond  
Electronic Technician: Esley E. Mattson  
Reader: Brandi Smith  
Usher: Alex Johnson  
Lenten Soup Supper: Melissa Carlson/Brandi Smith

### April 2 – Holy Communion

Greeters: Jack & Sharon Tesch  
Acolyte: Frank Carlson  
Electronic Technician: Josh Cole  
Reader: Ed Klop  
Usher: Ken Passinault  
Hostesses: Marcia Lindstrom/Kris Madigan  
Church Cleaning 4/3-4/9: Leslie Johnson  
Snowplowing 4/3-4/9: JBCI  
Snow Shoveling 4/3-4/9: Jay Brogan



## Seven T's of Stewardship: Treasure

**TIME** — As maturing stewards we receive time as a gift from God and strive to make the best use of it in our family relationships, work, and other life activities. We do this not only as an obligation, but also as a free and joyous activity.

**TALENT** — Just as God provided skilled workers to help with the building of the Old Testament tabernacle and temple, so He continues to bless His people today with special gifts and skills to be of service in ways that honor God and bless others.

**TREASURE** —Read on...

**TREASURE**, or money, is what people most often think about when they hear the term “stewardship.” And it is true that money and, specifically, the wise use and management of money are important parts of Christian stewardship.

One of the Bible passages that speaks to the wise use of money is 1 Timothy 6:17-19: “Command those who are rich in this present world not to be arrogant nor to put their hope in wealth, which is so uncertain, but to put their hope in God, who richly provides us with everything for our enjoyment. Command them to do good, to be rich in good deeds, and to be generous and willing to share. In this way they will lay up treasure for themselves as a firm foundation for the coming age, so that they may take hold of life that is truly life.”

There are only a few things we can do with money—earn it, give it, save it, spend it, and bequeath it. Good stewardship means striving to keep a healthy balance with these uses. For example, one can get so concerned with earning that he overworks at the expense of his health and relationships. Or, one can get carried away with spending and not have anything left for giving and saving.

The above Scripture passages affirm that God gives us all kinds of good gifts for our enjoyment, but adds that we are to use these gifts for more than our own enjoyment. Our cold and selfish natures encourage us to use money and goods only for ourselves, adopting some strange strategy like, “God helps those who help themselves.” But the new nature within us because of the working of the Holy Spirit urges us to use all our gifts, including the gift of money, for the common good and for the expansion of God’s kingdom on earth.

What joy will follow us into heaven when our glorious Lord commends us for our wise use of money (along with all of His gifts to us) and says, “Well done, good and faithful servant!” (Matthew 25:21)

Rev. John Heckmann

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