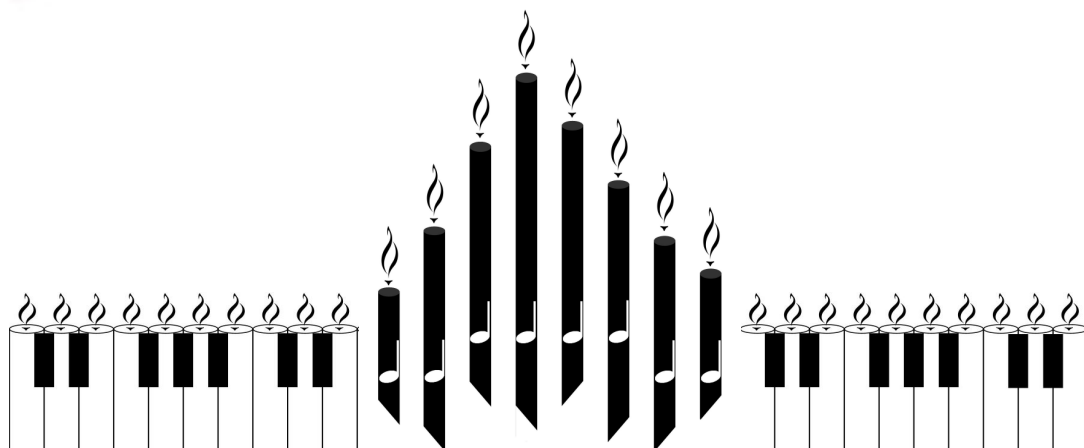


# GOOD NEWS

from GOOD SHEPHERD

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## FINE ARTS SERIES — MUSIC FOR CANDLEMAS

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 3, 2019 4:00 PM

Our February program will be one of many firsts! This half-organ, half-choral sacred music concert will be the “debut” of our Cantor, Christopher Prestia, on the Fine Arts series, as well as the debut of his newly formed professional chamber choir, the Lancaster Camerata. The Lancaster Camerata is a versatile chamber choir, performing a choral repertoire spanning many eras and styles, even though this program will be exclusively sacred. As if there aren't enough “firsts,” this concert will feature the premiere of a new choral work by Christopher Prestia upon the text of Malachi 3:1-4. The music of this concert will center on traditional Candlemas themes of light and promise, as well as highlight the liturgical transition it marks between the larger Christmas and Easter cycles.

## from the PASTOR

Blessings to all of you—members and friends of Good Shepherd Church. I write to you on the coldest day of winter, so far, warmed by the fire in our woodstove as well as thoughts of the life we share together in community. Indeed, blessings to all of you.

This month I write to share news of a transition that is taking place. After more than twenty-seven years of dedicated and significant service as Administrative Assistant, Jane Reinhard is retiring from that role. When she last retired, from teaching in the art department at Millersville University, she began her work at Good Shepherd as a volunteer member of the staff. As she now retires from this role we say a profound thanks.

In her role as Administrative Assistant Jane was responsible for many things. To list only a few of them, Jane oversaw the care and appearance of our building, including supervising the sexton; coordinated any use of the building by outside groups; stocked and organized Christian Education supplies; scheduled volunteers serving in a number of areas; gave support to the Parish Secretary in a variety of ways; assisted with new member orientations and receptions; and was available to the pastoral staff to help in whatever way was needed. One of her lasting contributions was the development of a collection of images corresponding to the three-year lectionary to be displayed in the niche’ in the narthex as a visual proclamation of each week’s readings.

It would be hard to overstate the positive impact Jane has had on this congregation and its ministry. Many things have happened because of her leadership; many other things happened as well as they did because of her involvement. I am personally indebted to her for so many things. One of the greatest joys of my ministry has been to serve with her.

This transition has been happening gradually, over the last months and years, as others have assumed some of Jane’s duties. There is some recruiting yet to be done to make the transition complete, but rest assured things will continue happening as they need to. And join me in thanking Jane for the wonderful ways, and the generous spirit with which, she has served this congregation.

And truly, blessings to you all.

MARK L. RUSSELL  
Pastor

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## from the CANTOR

Dear friends,

Last month, I shared some important aspects of growing our choral program. In summary:

- It is the responsibility of the entire Good Shepherd community (not just the Cantor) to use their personal web of connections to identify and recruit strong candidates.
- Strong candidates are not necessarily those who have a singing background, but those who love to learn, grow, try new things, and are looking for a way to get involved in a loving community and make a difference.

I also asked each of you to complete a few steps, copied at the end of this article, to accomplish this in case you haven't completed them yet, or you lost your copy of January Good News. :-)

This month, I thought it would be helpful to outline what the "onboarding" process might be like for a new choir member that has not had previous singing or musical experience. When you're new to the choir, your job is to experiment, observe, and learn.

You would start by coming to Thursday rehearsals fifteen minutes early for short, interactive, engaging music lessons. More on them later. You'd also start right away singing with the choir at Sunday liturgies. At first, you'd only sing the hymns and responses (the congregation's parts), but, as you became comfortable and ready, you'd begin singing with the choir on simpler anthems, and finally on the more complex anthems. During this entry period, you'd wear just a black cassock (no white surplice). Once you're installed as a full choir member, you'd receive your surplice and would not need to come to rehearsals early anymore.

The short music lessons that happen before rehearsals would not be intimidating or "over your head." Fortunately (or unfortunately, as the case may be), you hired a cantor that LOVES to teach music. A teacher has one job: to make difficult things easy. Singing in a choir is complex and requires lots of practice, but when broken down into its simple parts, the task becomes less daunting. In general terms, each incoming choir member learns how to use their vocal mechanism efficiently and healthily, develops a sense of pitch, learns how to navigate a printed piece of music, and learns the logistics and expectations of being in the choir (where to keep your music, where to be when, etc.).

The bit about developing a sense of pitch is usually the scariest for newcomers, in my experience. People often claim they are "tone deaf," or "couldn't carry a tune if it were in a bucket." This skill is often thought of as, "you have it or you don't," or labeled as "natural talent." However, a sense of pitch is actually *learned*. The "naturals" just learned pitch at an early age, or on their own. Like math, some people learn concepts more quickly than others, but anyone can learn math with a good teacher. So it is with music. **Anyone who attends consistently and tries their best will become a valuable addition to the choir, and will find great reward in the musical and spiritual practice.**

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From last month's article, the ideal choir recruit:

- Is looking for acceptance and inclusion in a loving community
- Is looking for a sense of purpose and wants to contribute to something meaningful
- Loves learning new things and doesn't mind being silly with others and making mistakes
- Finds personal reward in the result of hard work
- Has most Thursday evenings and Sunday mornings free, and has transportation to and from Good Shepherd
- Has at least a third grade reading level (no other age restriction)

This is what I am asking you to do sometime this month:

1. Compile a list of people who meet some (or all) of the above criteria.
2. Send me your list of people (via email, or leave a note in my staff mailbox), but only their first names (to protect their privacy).
3. Contact these people and tell them that your awesome church has a special opportunity that is 100% geared to people *just like them* who are looking for a loving community, find personal reward in the result of hard work, etc. (any/all of the things in the bulleted list above). There is no need to tell them that this is a choir (you can leave that to me); but, if you do say it's a choir, say that the choir director is *absolutely insane*, you don't understand him *at all*, but he's actually *not* looking for singers and *won't* make you sing if you don't want to... yet he still wants to hear from you.
4. Connect this person to me by giving them my name and email address or phone number, whichever they prefer, and tell them I'm expecting to hear from them. (Since I have your list of names, I *will* be expecting to hear from them!) [cantor@goodshepherdlancaster.org](mailto:cantor@goodshepherdlancaster.org) and/or **862-266-7333**
5. One week later, contact them again to see if they've contacted me. Give them a friendly nudge if they haven't.

That's it! Can I count on you to do your part?  
Chris Prestia, Cantor

### ASH WEDNESDAY LITURGIES of HOLY COMMUNION with the IMPOSITION of ASHES

MARCH 6, 2019

6:30 am † 12:15 pm † 7:00 pm



Ash Wednesday begins the church's season of Lent, in which we prepare ourselves to hear and receive the story and import of Jesus' passion and resurrection. The day's name comes from the cross of ashes traced on the forehead of each worshipper, a reminder of our mortality and a symbol of the one to whose death and resurrection we are joined. We begin the season of preparation confessing our sins and seeking to follow the Christ of the cross.

**Oasis Lenten Worship begins Wednesday, March 13, at 12:15 and 7:00 pm.**



## FAMILY, FAITH, AND FUN!

Our theme this year is "Children of the Bible." Children and families are welcome to get together to eat, learn, and try out some activities. We start with a meal at 6:00 pm, and the evening will end about 7:15 pm. The stories we will learn about this year are:

- **February 13 - Samuel as a Child**
- March 13 - *Jesus as a Boy*
- April 10 - *The Boy with Loaves of Bread*
- May 8 - *Let the Little Children Come*

In addition, we will collect money throughout the year for the "Change for Change" fundraiser. The ELCA Good Gifts program allows us to purchase life-changing gifts for people in need.

## YOUTH NEWS

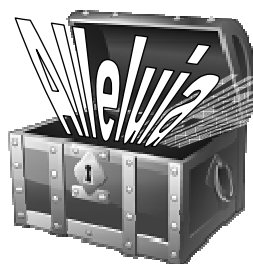
The Youth Group service activity last month was making centerpieces for the Experience Bridge meal. Our January meeting also featured two special guests. Mr. and Mrs. Khem Subedi met with us to share their experiences as former refugees who are now citizens of the United States. Mr. and Mrs. Subedi spent 19 years in a refugee camp in Nepal before they had the opportunity to come to the United States. Khem now works for the Refugee Center, helping school-aged children and their families who have been relocated to Lancaster County schools. He supports them as they find jobs and housing and become familiar with our language, resources, and culture. Our youth had the opportunity to ask questions and used that time to learn how they can better include the English Language Learners they encounter at school. We learned that it's great to smile and it's okay to ask questions! We are thankful to the Subedis and to Melanie Martinez, who facilitated our January meeting.

Youth and their parents were also invited to take the "Gospel of Mark Challenge" during the month of January. Each morning, a passage from Mark was sent out via Remind. By reading half of a chapter a day, we could complete the book of Mark in 31 days!

Youth in grades 6-12 are welcome to attend Sunday School in the Youth Rm. during Education Hour each Sunday morning. We have begun a "Bible Stories" study, taking a fresh look at some familiar and not-so-familiar characters from throughout the Bible. What can we learn from Adam and Eve, Noah, Moses, Joseph, Samson, Rahab, Ruth, and more? How do their faith stories apply to our lives today? We hope our LCGS teens will join us on Sundays at 9:30! Youth/parents are asked to attend a mid-year check-in meeting on Sunday, February 17th, at 9:30 am.

## ADIOS ALLELUIAS

Kid's, we will need your help to pack away the Alleluias for Lent on SUNDAY, MARCH 3. During the last hymn that day, you'll help pack away the Alleluias for Lent. We're going to put them in a big, black trunk until Easter. Alleluia is a special word we use for Easter, so we don't say it during Lent.



## PARISH NOTES

**PRAYER CHAIN** Good Shepherd has an active prayer chain made up of concerned people who commit themselves to praying for various people and concerns each week. If you have someone to include in our prayers, or would like to be a part of this ministry, please contact the church office, 717-393-3958 or email [cos@goodshepherdlanaster.org](mailto:cos@goodshepherdlanaster.org). Our prayer chain coordinator is Elizabeth Hendricks. Concerns are kept confidential.

**WHO ARE OUR SHUT-INS?** Homebound members or those living in assisted living facilities or other institutions are communed quarterly and visited by a lay visitor monthly. If there is someone who should be added to our list, speak with one of the pastors or call the office.

**HOSPITAL ADMISSIONS** If you or someone you know from the congregation is admitted to a local hospital, please contact the pastor or the church office immediately. We cannot depend on the hospitals to notify us in all cases. At present, only LGH releases information.

**CDS OF OUR WEEKLY SERVICES** If you are interested in receiving a compact disc of any of the liturgies here at Good Shepherd, please fill out a CD Request Form available in the tract rack in the narthex. CDs are available on a one-time basis or can be mailed to any of our homebound members on a weekly basis.

**WEB SITE** See us on the web at [www.GoodShepherdLancaster.org](http://www.GoodShepherdLancaster.org). Good Shepherd's web site is a place to find information and inspiration. You can hear inspiration by listening to the Weekly Readings online. *Good News from Good Shepherd* is also available to view online.

### THANK YOU

- to each of you who thoughtfully sent birthday greetings to Eileen Haldeman . . . *Donna Hartman*

### SYMPATHY

- to Freda Morris upon the death of nephew Randy DeWitt
- to Chuck and Helen Book upon the death of Aunt Nancy O'Neill
- to Carlton and Sue Adler upon the death of Carlton's sister, Janet Adler

## PARISH REGISTER

### BURIAL OF THE DEAD

*"I am the Resurrection and the Life"*

CHARLES W. BOOK, SR.  
30 November 2018

## HOMEBOUND MEMBER BIRTHDAYS

	Brightly	<b>2-15 NANCY NORRIS</b>	<b>2-17 HOWARD LLOYD</b>
		512 W. FREDERICK STREET	600 FREEMASON DRIVE
		LANCASTER, PA 17603	ELIZABETHTOWN, PA 17022

## WOMEN'S BREAKFAST

Please plan to join us on Friday, February 8 at 9:00 am at Oregon Dairy for the Women's Breakfast. During the winter months we enjoy breakfast and fellowship. Newcomers are always welcome and may join us at any time! In the event of inclement weather, we do not meet if schools are delayed or cancelled.

The Good Shepherd Women's Breakfast occurs on the second Friday of every month at Oregon Dairy, 2900 Oregon Pike, Lititz, PA 17543. If you would like to add your name to receive updates or schedule changes for the Women's Breakfast, call Kris Albert at 717-517-7779, or send an email to her at kristen@liveworksatisfied.com. We hope you will join us.

## SENIOR SHEPHERDS

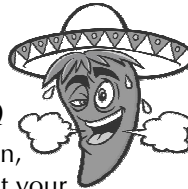
The February meeting of Senior Shepherds will on the 12th at 11:30 am in All Saints Hall with the usual covered dish luncheon. Soup, coffee and tea will be provided so sign up on the Seniors Bulletin Board and let us know what you will be bringing.

All are welcome. The attendance has been a little slim lately so come on out and join the companionship of your church family in food, fun and fellowship. Instead of a speaker, this month we will have a singer, Camron Robertson from Maryland, who is charitably sponsored by the Senior Shepherd Vice President Pete Haines.

### Chili Cook-off

**Saturday, February 16, at 3:00 pm**

Bring a pot of your favorite chili or a healthy appetite, or both! Please join us for a fun, warm event. Bring a friend. All are welcome!!! Enjoy a sample of each chili and cast your vote for your favorite. There will be cornbread, mac & cheese and dessert. Sign up on the bulletin board by the water fountains to bring a pot of chili. Please have it to the church kitchen by 2:30 pm. And, chili judges, sign up to attend and taste all the awesome chili!



## MARDI GRAS

LCGS ALL SAINTS HALL

6:30 PM TUESDAY MARCH 5, 2019

featuring the Dixieland Band & Dancing

### MENU

Gumbo Rice Cornbread Macaroni & Cheese Chili Salad Bar  
Bring a friend, or neighbor, or both. See you there!

## RENEWAL TEAM UPDATE

In the November issue of Good News we brought you up to date on a process the Renewal Team was working on with the Congregation; that process was to uncover specific words that represented our values as a Congregation. Together we engaged in conversations, seeking words to express answers that described the following:

1. When the "WORLD" sees LCGS at our best, God will see...
2. When LCGS sees ourselves at our best, we will see...

From there, the Renewal Team sorted through dozens of words, attempting to group them in ways that made some sense out of the myriad of diverse words that were collected. From there the team worked together to craft statements that reflected these collections of words.

As you read these statements that reflect the values we hold as a community of faith, what do they mean to you? Reflect on your experience worshipping and serving at Good Shepherd. How do these statements affirm your experience? In what ways might you seek to grow to fully live into these values we hold as our congregation?

1. We value, respect, and engage people as children of God, expecting to encounter Christ in everyone we meet.
2. We care for one another as Christ cares for us and seek to create relationships of love and support.
3. We believe all that we are, and all that we have, are gifts that have been entrusted to us by God to be shared with others.
4. We seek to serve others following the example of Christ.
5. We encounter God in worship in a way that forms and feeds us.
6. We forgive others as we have been forgiven.
7. We seek to be transformed through our relationship with Christ so as to live as Christ's disciples in the world.

Let us pray together this prayer for renewal:

*God of new beginnings*

*Who brought the Israelites through the wilderness to the promised land,*

*And your son from death to new life,*

*We trust in your power to renew us and bring us to places of promise and new life.*

*Open our minds to receive your guidance*

*And open our hearts to receive your inspiration*

*So that we may be a part of the new things you are wanting to bring into being*

*In each of us, in our congregation, in your church, and in your world.*

*Give us the grace to let old things die*

*And the courage to embrace new possibilities.*

*ReForm us as needed.*

*ReNew us in faith and hope.*

*ReVision us to be part of that which is life giving—for us and for our community.*

*We pray in Jesus' name. Amen.*

## LITURGICAL MINISTRY SCHEDULE

The next Liturgical Ministry Schedules, covering the next three months, will be prepared in February. They cover Assisting Ministers, Acolytes, Greeters, Offering Presenters, Nursery and Flower Delivery, as well as Saturday Lectors/Communion Assistants and Greeters. Please let Greg Wolfe know as soon as possible the dates you will not be available from March 1 to June 9. He can be reached at 717-397-2737, 347-244-1430, or gregory.wolfe07@gmail.com. You can also leave a note in his box in the church office.

We will also need volunteers for non-Sunday services: Ash Wednesday, Maundy Thursday, Good Friday and Easter Vigil. Please let Greg Wolfe know of this as well.

### New Volunteers

To those not on the Schedules:

Please give some thought to volunteering for any of these positions; we need more help. Assisting Ministers and Acolytes require some training; please speak to the Pastor if you are interested. Volunteers for the other positions can begin with the new schedule. Simply let Greg Wolfe know.

We particularly need a volunteer or two for Flower Delivery. Speak to Ethel Lefever, Sue Meshaw, Mary Thieringer, or Jane Hazen if you wish to know what is involved.

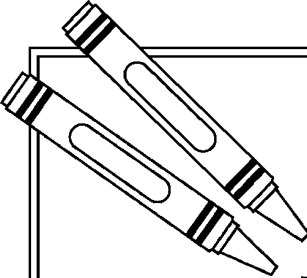
## BLOCK PARTY 2019

It's that time again - time to start planning for the annual LCGS Block Party! This year's Block Party will be Saturday, June 1. An initial planning meeting will be held after the late service on Sunday, February 17, at 12:15 pm. We would love for you to join us if you are interested in helping to plan:

- Communication: Promoting the event via post card, website, and social media in advance. Providing signage, maps, and welcome information at the event.
- Entertainment: Lining up live acts (musicians, magicians, animals, and more) in advance. This could be done even if you can't make it on June 1st!
- Fun & Games: Planning activities (bingo, lawn games, face painting, and more) for all ages.
- Food & Drink: Setting the menu and coordinating donations. Helping to prepare and serve food at the Block Party.
- Hospitality: Greeting and welcoming guests the day of the Block Party.
- Maintenance & Logistics: Helping with tents, trash, traffic flow, parking - all the details that don't go unnoticed.
- Volunteers: Supporting volunteers to ensure that everyone gets a break the day of the Block Party.

Note: We are in particular need of leaders for Entertainment and Volunteers.

Can't make the meeting on February 17? That's okay! Contact Meghan and Wayne Hooper (814-934-5636 or mlb403@gmail.com) to provide input or receive additional information.



# Just for KIDS

## The Bible Speaks of Love

The words found in 1 John 4:16 are important for everyone every day.


*To find out what the verse says, find a word that fits each description and write the letters in the boxes. Next, write the letters on the lines below (use the numbers to match the letters to the correct lines). Read the verse.*

A place to live   
1 2 3 4 5

Opposite of dark   
6 7 8 9 10

Companion   
11 12 13 14 15 16

Hand greeting   
17 18 19 20



Male adult   
21 22 23

“ 8 2 16 13 4 6 2 19 5 .

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## ADVANCE DATES

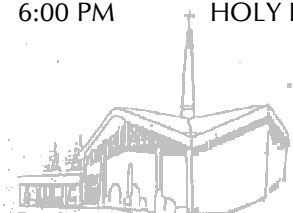
<b>February 3</b>	<b>Presentation of Our Lord / Candlemas</b>
February 3	4:00 pm Fine Arts: Music for Candlemas
February 16	3:00 pm Chili Cook-off
March 5	6:30 pm Mardi Gras
<b>March 6</b>	<b>6:30 am/12:15pm/7:00 pm Ash Wednesday Worship</b>
<b>March 13, 20, 27</b>	<b>12:15 / 7:00 pm OASIS/Wednesdays in Lent</b>
<b>April 3, 10</b>	<b>12:15 / 7:00 pm OASIS/Wednesdays in Lent</b>
<b>April 14</b>	<b>Palm Sunday/Sunday of the Passion</b>
<b>April 18, 19, 20</b>	<b>Triduum</b>
<b>April 21</b>	<b>8:15 / 11:00 am Easter Day Worship</b>
April 21	9:30 am Easter Breakfast & Egg Hunt
May 12	Good Shepherd Sunday
	9:00 am Breakfast
	<b>10:00 am Worship</b>
	11:00 am Congregation Meeting
May 30	7:00 pm Fine Arts: Music for Ascension
June 1	11:00 am - 3:00 pm Good Shepherd Community Block Party

## SPONSOR ALTAR FLOWERS

Please sign up on the Flower Memorial Bulletin Board using the form provided there and put your name on the master list. Include the text for your dedication on the form. Contact Pat Eyerly at peyerly714@gmail.com or call 717-929-0012. A vase is \$35 and a basket is \$85.

### SCHEDULE OF LITURGIES

SUNDAY	
8:15 AM	HOLY EUCHARIST
11:00 AM	HOLY EUCHARIST
WEDNESDAY	
	EVENING PRAYER
SATURDAY	
6:00 PM	HOLY EUCHARIST



The deadline to spread Good News is **February 15**, for the **March 2019** issue. Articles may be placed in the secretary's mailbox or e-mailed (**preferably as a WORD DOCUMENT**) to [cos@goodshepherdlanaster.org](mailto:cos@goodshepherdlanaster.org).

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### Vision Statement

*The Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd is committed to living out the unconditional love and radical hospitality of Jesus in our worship, in our shared life, and in our service to the world.*

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