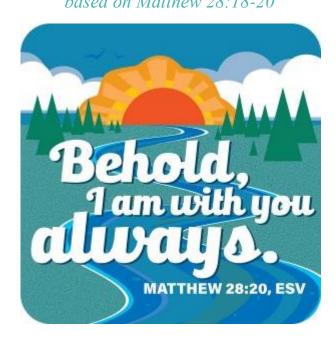


# FROM THE PEN OF THE PASTOR:

"Easter, Jesus Risen, But Where Is Jesus Now?" based on Matthew 28:18-20



If only we could see and touch Jesus like the disciples did that first Easter night in the upper room if only we could see Jesus like Mary Magdalene and the others who visited the tomb that first Easter morning. What a lift that would be!

It is easy to see why you may want this. Like the disciples, we face a world that can be very cruel. They were locked in that upper room out of fear. Have you been afraid of things you are facing? Like Mary, we can feel so alone. Like Thomas, we can feel like the Lord has abandoned us. What Christian does not want to experience a closer walk with the Lord?

Easter brought Jesus to the disciples back then. The big surprise is that it also brings Jesus to us today. Each of the Gospels sets before the church the gift of the ever-present resurrected Christ who comes to be with us. Matthew makes it the clearest. Where do you find the resurrected Lord? "I am with you always." But where? "Teach and baptize, and I will be right there!" We meet Jesus each time we teach His Word. Jesus touches us and remains with us through our baptism. This is the fact: Those with the eyes of faith will see Jesus right there.

However, that is the problem. In our weak faith, we do not always look to find Jesus when we are around his Word. Sadly, most see Bible study as an intellectual exercise. It can be a little different than attending a science lecture. We do not always understand that Jesus is waiting right here whenever we discuss his Word. Instead, parents and kids alike say, "Well, I have heard that story at school before." You are missing the point. It is a chance to be with Jesus in an extraordinary way where he comes in his grace to bring us forgiveness and life with him. When we in faith grasp this truth, we are led to run to Jesus, to behold him in all his love, and to hear his comforting words of mercy. We listen to the voice of our Shepherd, who is not dead but very much alive and with us

Have you made excuses in the past to not hear his Word? Don't you want to see Jesus? Run to him. You need him as much as I do. We all need him. Run to him. Run into the arms of Jesus. Run to his Word. There you will see him just as he told you. While you are running, bring the kids along, too.

In Christ's Love, Pastor Sheets



## DCE OFFICE HOURS:

M, T, Th: 9:30 am-5:30 pm. (typically in-office from 9:30-3:30). Wednesdays: 2:00 pm-9:30 pm. Fridays: 9:30 am-12:30 pm. Sundays: 8:30 am-1:00 pm.

for the service project in case of bad weather - TBA)



## 2024 OLUB 56 EVENT BOHEDULE:

 ØPRING EVENT: MAY 2ND @ 6:30 - 8:00 P.M.

 ØUMMER EVENT: AUGUST 18T @ 6:30 - 8:00 P.M.

 FALL EVENT: NOVEMBER 7TH @ 6:30 - 8:00 P.M.



Have a question or need to meet with our DCE, Katie Baumann?

You can call the youth office number <u>423-698-8336</u>, send her a text <u>864-784-8120</u>, or send her an email at <u>dce@gslcflock.org</u> and she'll find a time that works for you. *Katie is always open to meeting with you in your home as well, if that is something you would prefer!* 



Surge will be working to help beautify our church campus by cleaning up the garden spaces! We'll be weeding and cleaning out the brush from winter so that our gardens will be ready to bloom this spring!

#### **Notes for Youth & Parents:**

Youth (and parents who'd like to join us) will need to arrive at 10:00, ready to go. Please wear closed-toed shoes, gardening gloves, and clothes you don't mind getting dirty. Wearing sunscreen and bug spray is encouraged. Lunch will be provided!

\*This is a weather dependent event.

If it rains that Saturday,

we will reschedule



Your gift goes so much further than just supplying an item for a baby. Your gift communicates the love and support Choices' moms and dads feel at a time when life can seem overwhelming. Your gift tells them that what they are doing matters and that the community is behind them. Your gift lets them know they are not alone. Thank you for being a part of that with us.

-Choices Team



# LWML Christian Life Workshop

## April 20, 2024 9:30a

2800 McCallie Ave, Chattanooga, TN

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The LWML Chattanooga Zone's Spring Event will be hosted by First Lutheran of Chattanooga this year. Please join us at 9:30am for coffee and registration, meeting starts at10am with devotions. Our speaker is Mr. Stan Jones from The Chattanooga Rescue Mission. "It is their goal to share God's saving grace with their guests." They find "there are needy individuals who come to the Mission door but do not stay with us. Sharing a snack bag with them may be the first step in making a positive impact on their lives." We will be assembling 360 Blessing Snack bags for the Chattanooga Rescue Mission's Food Bag Ministry. Lunch to follow.

Sponsored by the LWML Chattanooga Zone and Thrivent

# COMMUNITY (CHATT Foundation Center for Homeless Advancement for Today and Tomorrow **OUTREACH**

East Ridge Food Pantry: This month we are asking for some healthy choices! Low-Sodium. No-Salt added, Sugar-Free, No sugar added, etc. Anything that is heart and/or diabetic friendly.

East Ridge Elementary School: Right now we do not have an updated list.



#### Clothing Program

- Underwear & Socks
- Men's Pants/Jeans

#### **Community Center**

- Deodorant & Razors
- Ponchos

#### Respite

March Needs List

- Trash Bags
- Twin Fitted Sheets

#### **Maintenance**

Paint brushes/rollers

#### Outreach

- Non Perishable Snacks
- Sleeping Bags
- Tents

#### Maclellan Shelter for

#### **Families**

- Plastic Cutlery
- Paper Plates & Bowls

#### Case Management

- Unused Pillows
- Bed Linens

# chattfoundation.org



Christian stewardship is the free and Joyous activity of God's family—the church—in managing life's resources for His Purposes.

Starting April 6 & 7!

This is the time of year we ask each family to reflect on God's Blessings that we enjoy every day. Blessings abound for each one of us. To continue the many blessings provided by Good Shepherd for God's Kingdom, involvement by each of us requires that we commit our Time, Talents, and Treasures, as we are able.

## **Pledge Commitment Days** Saturday, April 27 & Sunday, April 28

During our Worship Services on these days, each individual or family will bring their Commitment Card and place it in the Commitment Box on the altar.

Your Commitment card will be seen only by TWO PEOPLE: Our Financial Coordinator, Jane Mullinax, and our Treasurer, Vickie Spiegelhalter.

The totals from the commitments will be used for planning Ministries for our Boards to carry out during the coming year. <u>The</u> more commitments we receive, the more accurate our budget planning will be.

Your Stewardship Board Members: Mark Gluckner, Cindy Massengill, Diane Kerr, Mark Kerr, Nancy Hills, and Sheila **Stephens** 

Each man should give what he has decided in his heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. - 2 Corinthians 9:7



#### ATTENDANCE LAST MONTH:

Mar. 2/3: GP-62, T-72, C-60 Mar. 9/10: GP-40. T-60. C-56 Mar. 16/17: GP-54, T-60, C-62 Mar. 23/24: GP-54, T-N/A, C-61

\*OFFERINGS LAST MONTH: Weekly Offering Need: \$9,924

Mar. 2/3: \$8,382 Mar. 9/10: \$6,042 Mar. 16/17: \$8,632 Mar. 23/24: \$8,222

\*OFFERINGS & EXPENSES

(Fiscal YTD as of Feb. 29, 2024)

Budgeted Offerings: \$347,341 - Actual: \$332,076 Budgeted Expenses: \$350,688 - Actual: \$342,939

#### \*SUMMARY OF CASH BALANCES

(Fiscal YTD as of Feb. 29, 2024)

Savings: \$278,730 Checking: \$44,456 Total Funds: \$323,186

Unrestricted Mem. Funds: \$0.00

Thrivent Choice: \$3.047

**Total Current Liabilities: \$3,047** 

Designated Funds: \$114,342

Total Avail. General Funds: \$205,797

Other Funds:

Vanguard: \$293,218 Thrivent: \$4,860

\*TOTAL CASH BALANCE: \$621,265

\*Cents are rounded.

#### **YOUR GIVING MATTERS!**



Online Giving Mobile Giving Text Giving

Visit <u>gslcflock.org/give</u> to learn more about all the ways you can give online.

Use our Church App to give on your mobile device. Search for REALM CONNECT in your APP store.

Text "goodshepherdlutheran" to 73256 followed by a gift amount.

## The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod

LCMS Stewardship Ministry – <u>lcms.org/stewardship</u>

### **Newsletter Article – April 2024**

## "Whose Is It Anyway?"

If you have every bought or sold a house, you are acquainted with the concept of a "title search." Before you can sell your house, and before anyone else will feel comfortable putting down the money to buy it, you have to prove that you really own it. So a title company looks through the public records to ensure that you bought it from the person who really owned it, who bought it from the person who really owned it before that, all the way back to the earliest records of your state, including when your state was only a territory or colony of England.

Peak into a preschool classroom during playtime and you'll see a simplified version of this. A child starts playing with a ball, but another child says, "That's mine: I had it first."

You can't understand the Seventh Commandment without understanding this concept of ownership or title. As the Small Catechism puts it:

You shall not steal. What does this mean? We should fear and love God so that we do not take our neighbor's money or possessions, or get them in any dishonest way, but help him to improve and protect his possessions and income.

Your neighbor's possessions are his: you don't have a right to take them. And likewise, your possessions are yours. Ownership and property rights are foundational to any functioning society.

But there is something deeper to know about ownership, and that is the question of who has the title and ownership to you? Paul says, "Or do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you, whom you have from God? You are not your own, for you were bought with a price" (1 Cor. 6:19-20).

If you yourself are owned by God, then of course everything that you own, you really only possess by God's leave: all of it, at bottom, belongs to Him since you belong to Him. For you were bought with the blood of Christ.

This notion is the foundation of all Christian stewardship. It all belongs to God. It should all be used for things that bring honor to His name, blessings to our neighbors and the extension of His kingdom.



Please Note: NEW and SHORT-TERM prayer requests are printed in the weekly announcements. LONG-TERM requests are printed here, in the Flock.

To keep our lists current, Short-Term is listed for 3 weeks and Long-Term is 6 months. After those times, requests are removed. If you have a prayer request, let the office know by 9 am Thursdays.

#### **GSLC CONGREGATION**

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OUR HOMEBOUND: Sandy Babb, Gloria Bevill, Bill & Linda Brown, Janet Loscudo, Blanton & Linda Maples, Bernard Meinert, Sara Newman, Ethel Ruck, Joanne Shilling, Virginia Smith, Bertie Wise, Jane Williamson.

#### **FAMILY & COMMUNITY**

LONG-TERM: Howard A., Sue A., Wilma A., Linda B., Linda B. & Family, Nancy B., Sam B., Wayne B., Harold C., Junior C., Emmaline D., Pam D., Kim D., Howard E., Father Dan F., Barbara G., Carma G., Helen G., Betsy H., Bill H., Darrell H., Elizabeth H., Jean H., Judie H., MaryAnn H., Mildred H., Robyn H., Roger H., Terri H., Shirley J., Susan & Jack J., Wyatt K., Nancy & Jerry L., Neal L., Caroline M. & Family, Amande & Jewell M., Kim & Rodney M., Anita N., John N., Dee & Josh P., Melissa R., Dewayne R., Tonja R., Anne S., Corinne S., Dennis & Karen S., Diane S., David S., Jamie S., Joyce S., Lindel S., Melissa S., Ryan S. & Family, Susan, Judie T., Alice W. Lydia W.

#### WE ALSO PRAY FOR

All unspoken prayers in our hearts. All marriages & families. All those unemployed. All those battling addictions. All those who are homeless. Our Pastors and DCE. All teachers, students, and our school, Belvoir Christian Academy. Our MDO program. All those actively serving in the Military – Kyle, Peter & Sunny Hinders, Kate & Andrew Dunn, Regan Sirois, Shamus Shoaf, Ansley Charlton, Wes Morris, Matthew George, Corey Brown, Christian Warnock. All public servants who protect our neighborhoods and its citizens, Our Political Leaders. The nation of Israel. All those persecuted, and for all Missionaries around the world.

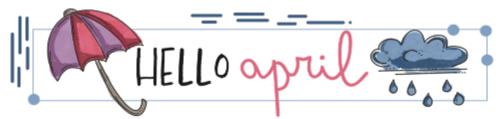


- 2- Keith Crawford
- 3- Tommy Audirsch
- 3- Virginia Bennet
- 3- Haley Hunter
- 9– Marc McCoy
- 9- James Renn
- 10- Ralph Dallmann
- 11- Atticus Ebert
- 14- Scout Beam
- 15- Noah Bumgarner
- 15- Chloe Eachus
- 18- Gary Heintz
- 18- Philip McCall

- 20- Kay Dintsch
- 20- Bob Merrick
- 22- Clark Griffith
- 22- Gae Varnell
- 24– Josiah Jackson
- 25- Piper Swain
- 26- Loren Gibbs
- 26- Mark Gluckner
- 27 Daniel Maples
- 29- Nevaeh Hoover
- 29- Roberta Robinson
- 30- Melanie Gibbs
- 30- Konnie McKown



- 3- Chris & Tiffany Gordon (2021)
- 6- Eric & Tracy Chadwick (2015)
- 10– Wayne & Jaime Pennington (2004)
  - 11- Ken & Jane Goins (1981)
  - 15- Bobby & BethAnn Lee (2005)
  - 15- Matthew & Ellen Abillie (2019)
- 16- Tom & Sandy Green (1996)
  - 19- Mike & Lisa Scott (1986)
- 23- Steve & Kris Rector (1988)



# COMMUNION IS SERVED AT ALL SATURDAY & SUNDAY SERVICES!

Bulletin Announcement Deadline: Tues. by 12 Noon

> Prayer List Deadline: Thurs. by 9 am

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SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT
31 EASTER SUNDAY	APRIL 1	2	3	4	5	6 Stewardship Drive
Traditional-9 am	Easter Monday	MDO-9am-2pm	BCA Chapel-8:30 am	MDO-9am-2pm	Fearless Women-10	Bible Class-3:45 pm
BREAKFAST-10 am	Office Closed BCA/CCC Closed	NO Bible Class!	MDO-9 am-2 pm		am	Grace Place-5 pm
Contemporary-11:30 am	MDO-9 am-2 pm		Surge-6:30 pm			
			No Choir or Orchestra Tonight/			
7 Stewardship Drive	8	9	10	11	12	13 Stewardship Drive MITE Collection
Traditional—9 am	MDO-9 am-2 pm	MDO-9 am-2 pm	BCA Chapel-8:30 am	MDO-9 am-2 pm	Fearless Women-10 am	Bible Class-3:45 pm
Biscuits Prep–9 am	BCA School Board- 6 pm	Bible Class-10:30 am	MDO-9 am-2 pm	Growth Board–6:30 pm	aiii	Grace Place – 5 pm
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Contemporary-11:15 am	Square Dance 7 pm		Orchestra-8:00 pm			
Crossways-2 pm						
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Sunday School- 10:15 am	Newsletter Deadline-	Bible Class-10:30 am	MDO-9 am-2 pm	Chemo Caps Group– 10:30 am	arri	9 am
Handbells-10:30 am	BO Comm. Service	Stewardship Board– 6:30 pm	Surge-6:30 pm	Board of Christian Ed-		Youth Service Project– 10 am
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Contemporary—11:15 am	Lay Ministry–6:30 pm		Orchestra-8:00 pm			'
Crossways–2 pm	Square Dance-7 pm					Grace Place-5 pm
21 Stewardship Drive	22 Earth Day	23	24 Administrative	25	26	27 Commitment Day
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Sunday School-10:15 am	Square Dance-7 pm	Bible Class-10:30 am	MDO-9 am-2 pm	Club 56–6:30 pm	am	Grace Place-5 pm
Handbells-10:30 am		Servant Council-6:30	Surge-6:30 pm			
Contemporary–11:15 am		pm	Choir-6:30 pm			
Crossways-2 pm			Orchestra-8:00 pm			



The Roar is a monthly supplement to The Flock Newsletter featuring news from our Christian day school Belvoir Christian Academy. — bcalions.org

#### **BCA Dates to Remember:**

April 1-BCA & CCC closed for Easter Monday.

April 3- Spring Picture Day

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**Back Parking Lot Gate Locked Evenings/Weekends**: We have recently begun locking the gate to the back parking lot, so please be sure you do not leave your car there after 6 p.m. From 6 p.m. until 6:30 a.m., the gate will be locked. For weekends, the gate will be locked from Friday at 6 p.m. and opening Monday at 6:30 a.m. For questions, please contact Preschool Director, JoAnn Seay at 423-888-6414.

#### Our outdoor classroom roof is almost complete!

Earlier this week, construction began on installing the roof over our outdoor classroom area. In 2021, BCA families helped raise funds from our annual Fun Run to build the outdoor classroom. At the time, we were able to pour the concrete and add tables/seating, but we had to wait on adding the covering due to rising construction costs at that time. The project is now coming to fruition, just in time for the amazing spring weather! We know our kiddos will love learning outdoors as weather permits! Thank you to so many who helped raised money to improve our campus, even if just a little bit at a time!

#### St. Patrick's Day fun in STEM with Mrs. Randall!

The second and third graders worked together to help the leprechauns keep their pot of gold safe and out of reach from anyone who tries to steal it! Students worked together to construct an arched bridge to hold even the heaviest pot of gold that won't easily fall off and be taken away!





Mrs. Barber's fourth graders are learning all about light in science class. This week, they focused on shadows - what makes them, how the angle of light affects them and how they help us see texture. Students went outside at four different points throughout the day to trace partner shadows. The clouds came and went, making it difficult at times to see shadows, but it helped the students' understanding of shadows even more.



# WE HAVE THREE SERVICES EACH WEEK! EACH IN A DIFFERENT STYLE.

# There is a place for you!



#### GRACE PLACE - Saturdays @ 5 pm

Casual and comforting, Grace Place neatly blends traditional & contemporary styles for a unique worship experience led by Associate Pastor Ed Rosser. This service is held in the sanctuary, but is more informal than our Sunday morning services. We use a shorter, simplified version of our liturgy with hymn arrangements led by piano and acoustic instruments. Holy Communion is offered every Saturday during this service.

#### TRADITIONAL- Sundays @ 9 am

Love that historical, "old school" feel to worship? Then you'll feel right at home in our pews! Senior Pastor Chris Sheets leads our Traditional Service, which is held in our beautiful church sanctuary. While all of our services use some portion of the [LCMS] Lutheran liturgy, this is the most liturgical service we offer. Historic, traditional hymns from the Lutheran Service Book (LSB) are led by a gorgeous pipe organ along with a talented group of orchestral and choral musicians in our choir loft. Holy Communion is offered every Sunday during this service.

#### CONTEMPORARY- Sundays @ 11:15 am

Need a more laid-back space to gather with your church family? Our Contemporary Service, which is held in our downstairs Fellowship Hall, might be the spot for you. This service is led by Senior Pastor Chris Sheets, along with our team of dedicated facilitators. We are also blessed to have a very talented and energetic Praise Band that helps bring a modern vibe to this more casual time of worship. Pieces of our liturgy are still practiced here, and Holy Communion is offered every Sunday during this service.





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# PRAYER JOURNAL

[Philippians 4:6]

verse for today:

prayer requests:

today i am grateful for

today is...

15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30 31

month

year

апswered prayers:

praise reports

my mood for the day:

my personal prayer requests:



#### GOOD SHEPHERD LUTHERAN CHURCH

822 BELVOIR AVENUE EAST RIDGE, TN 37412

Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church 260 Wade Road W . Loudon, TN 37774

Registration opens at 8:30 a.m. Conference begins at 9:30 a.m.



SATURDAY May 4, 2024

## HIGHLIGHTS INCLUDE:



GUEST SPEAKER: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler, SPEAKER OF THE LUTHERAN HOUR®

- Celebrating the Tennessee LLL District 80th Anniversary
- Updates from Mid-South LWML District
- · Updates from Mid-South LCMS District

 Hands-on project: Ingothering and Assembly of Layette Sets for Good Shepherd Center of Monroe County

#### Items Needed:

- . Diopers [Size 1] Bibs
- Boby Wipes
  - Hats
- Receiving Blankets
   Socks or Booties
- Washcloths Both Towels
- Shompoo
- Lotion
- · Bathwash
- Onesies
- Pajamas . Outfits (top & bottom)
  - · Plastic Bottles

