

# March 2018 Newsletter



Dear Friends in Christ,

The glut of information we have at our fingertips is really a technological wonder. Many of us skip the doctor's office because we have already self diagnosed our disease due to the internet. Youtube videos tell us the best way to change our oil and remodel our bathrooms. Social media allows us to connect with long lost friends and share the best parts of our lives with the world. We can fill our lives with more and more information and technology, but the question is whether we should.



There a dark side to all of this information. Social isolates us from those closest to us. More access to information creates more anxiety as we compare our lives to others, wondering why they have what we don't. The age old sin of idolatry creeps in as we start to desire what we do not have and we become anxious as we don't put our trust in God himself but rather in the things of this world.

This Lenten season, my family has made it a point to limit our screen time considerably-No Netflix, TV, social media or internet unless it is absolutely necessary. This discipline won't bring me closer to God or make Him love me more-That's already done because of Jesus. However, putting down the technology and constant stream of information has brought us closer-we talk more, exercise more and are less concerned about what everyone else is doing and instead are able to recognize God's blessings right in front of us. Extra time (or any time!) in the scriptures instead of consuming CNN or Fox or ESPN has helped us recognize God's blessings in little and big ways and cherish the family moments that God has given.

It could be said that, instead of fasting from food, we chose to fast from technology this Lenten season. It hasn't made God love us any more, but it has helped us recognized God' blessings in a more meaningful way!

Walking the Lenten Road to Calvary with you,

Pastor Reynolds

**From the school principal,  
Mr. Larry Ueltzen:**

## **SPRING**

The vernal equinox occurs on March 20. This is the official start of spring. On the equinox everyone receives an equal

amount of daylight and night-time. All places on this planet are equal. Let that fact be a reminder that all people are equal. We all, equally, are naturally lost and guilty of breaking God's holy law. We all, equally, are in need of salvation. We all, equally, have had Jesus die for us. We all, equally, have salvation available because of the love of Jesus. May the start of spring be a reminder of the relationship you have with others and, especially, with your God.



### **LENT**

The school (K-8) chapel services during March will be at 10:00 am with the church Lenten worship. We prepare for the celebration of Easter with the season of Lent. We remember our need for a Savior because of our sinful state. We remember that Jesus is that Redeemer and Savior.

### **ENROLLMENT FOR 2018-2019**

The process of enrollment for the next school year has begun. Re-enrollment packets are available for returning students. There is a discount available for early enrollment. Don't miss the deadline.

**PROMISE WALK:** The Promise Walk took place on Saturday, February 24. Thank you to everyone who participated in this fundraiser.

**School uniforms** are available from Debbie's Uniform Store located at 5225 W. Broward Blvd, Plantation, FL 33317. Their phone number is 954-581-1761.

**How can I help you ask?**

### **Amazon Smile**

Amazon donates to our school when you shop at [Amazon Smile](#)



### **Box Tops**

Collect Box Tops for Education [Box Tops](#)

### **Scrip Program**

What is the Scrip Program? You purchase gift cards through our office or online, and a percentage of the purchase comes back to us. You pay nothing extra. Order cards for the places where you shop and eat. Purchasing online please follow the link [Scrip Order](#) and use the following Enrollment Code **7E9L238649135**.

**Next scrip order due 3/12/2018**



## Mark your school calendars.

Mar 3	Open House - 9:30-noon
Mar 8	Lifetouch Sprint Portrait Day - (K-8 and VPK)
Mar 11	Daylight Saving Time Begins (Spring Ahead)
Mar 16	End of 3rd quarter - Early Dismissal (K-8)
Mar 20	Start of Spring - Vernal Equinox
Mar 23	Early Dismissal (K-8) - parent/teacher conferences
Mar 25	Palm Sunday
Mar 26-30	spring break (K-8)
Apr 1	Easter Sunday
Apr 2	classes resume
Apr 14	Open House - 9:30-noon
Apr 21	Dinner Auction - Under the Sea



### Early Childhood News

Looking ahead... the Early Childhood Center has begun sending out enrollment packets to our families for the 2018/2019 school year.

Our Voluntary Pre-kindergarten program is open for registration. We are currently accepting applications for the school year 2018/2019. For more information, stop by the office or email

[bsorren@shepherdofthecoast.org](mailto:bsorren@shepherdofthecoast.org).

In our Early Childhood Center, we start with infants who are six weeks old and continue through young five years old. We have a great staff of qualified teachers and teacher aides that enjoy working with the little ones.

We are growing in our early childhood center and we thank God for all His blessings! Due to our growth we will need to hire additional teachers and teacher aides. If you are looking or know of someone that might be looking to work with children, please stop by the office for additional information.

On Saturday March 3rd Shepherd of the Coast will have an open house from 9:30 through Noon. We would love to see many families turn out for this event. Please help us inform others outside of our school that we are now accepting enrollment for the new school year that begins in August 2018.

We ask that you, our families, continue to lift Shepherd of the Coast School in daily prayer as we continue to "Strive for Excellence" and keep God in the center of all we do.

God's blessing to you,  
Brenda Sorren, Director

### Wednesday Worship

Lent began on Ash Wednesday, February 14th.

We will have two worship services at 10 am and 7 pm. Both services will have the imposition of ashes and the 7 pm service will have Holy Communion.



## Holy Week

**March 25**

*Palm Sunday - 9 & 10:30 am*

**March 29**

*Maundy Thursday - 7:00 pm*

**March 30**

*Good Friday - 12:00 Noon & 7:00 pm*

**April 1**

*Easter Sunday - 8:00, 9:30 & 11:00 am*

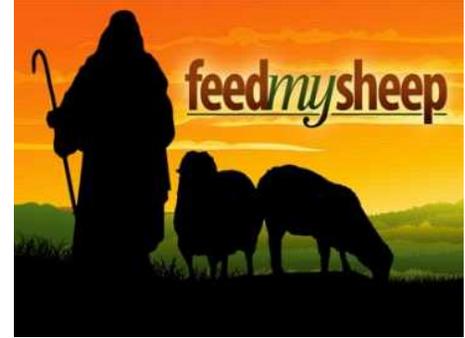
### **Our Shepherd's Hands**

Want to serve our community? Join us on Tuesday, March 27th- On the last Tuesday of every month we serve a meal to the homeless.

We gather at New Life Methodist Church at 6:00 pm  
1100 North Andrews Ave. Fort Lauderdale  
(1 block N of Sunrise Blvd)

If you would like to help with material donations, please sign up on the poster-Posters are located in the church foyer and family life center.

If your schedule won't allow you to serve on Tuesday night, you can help by donating a case of water, some disposable cups, or some powdered drinks for the meal-these can be dropped off at the church office.



## LWML Spring Rally

### Save the date

April 21, 2018.  
Join us for our annual  
spring rally at  
Our Savior Lutheran Church.  
More information to come!



### Voter's Meeting-Sunday, March 17th at 10 am (Between Services)

Two Agenda Items:

1. Calling a New Principal
2. Designating a District Convention Delegate



### Lydia's Fellowship

Lydia's Fellowship wants to thank all the dedicated volunteers, donors and customers of Lydia's Thrift Store. Your support of our mission makes it possible for us to contribute to Shepherd of the Coast school and church as well as many other worthwhile charities.

Please drop by Monday through Friday, between 10 am and 2 pm to see all the items available for sale and for all the upcoming sales

Please consider working with us in the Thrift Store for whatever amount of time you are able to - one day a week or one day a month. For more information, give Joanne Fries a call at 954-566-3858 or 954-205-2268.

### Women of the Word

Women of the Word is a group of women who love scripture and enjoy studying it in a warm, friendly atmosphere. A special invitation is extended to you to join our next meeting on, Tuesday, March 13th at 7:00 pm. Please join us for study, prayer, refreshments and fellowship. Call Carolyn Griesse, 954-772-

3706 for information.

**Bible Study:** Genesis

**Lesson:** Last half of week 4: The Downward Spiral of Sin -  
Genesis 8:11-26

**Leader:** Bonnie Fox

**Refreshments:** Bonnie Fleischer

**Next Meeting:** April 10



## LWML Craft Sale

in the  
Family Life Center

**\*SAVE THE DATE\***

April 2018



## Under the Sea 7th Annual Dinner & Silent Auction Saturday, April 21, 2017

This year's theme is **Under the Sea**.  
We hope you come join us for a night of food and fun.  
Tickets will be on sale in the office soon.

Please save the date!

*You don't want to miss the amazing silent auction items that will be available.*



# Birthdays

1	Marion Hill	10	Eldon Devore
3	Laurie Lumex	14	Willie Wright
3	Elle McGuire	24	Jonathan Mindlin
4	Anita Gajus	26	Sophie Reichel
6	Lisa Bailey	27	Marilyn McMullan
7	Lois Bowen	28	Timothy Aamodt
7	Jessica Johnson	28	Lily Hoy
7	Mary Marburger	29	Jo Bellhorn
7	Justin Smith	29	Lucas Lorenz
9	Michele Johnson	31	Sandi Archambeau



3/11 Larry & Diana Annis  
 3/16 Frank & Marilyn Dean Jr.

# Looking Ahead

New Member Class

March 3rd

9:00 AM

Open House

March 3rd

9:30 AM

LWML

March 10th

10:00 AM

Hope SF Volunteer Luncheon

March 10th

WOW

March 13th

7:00 PM

Lydia's Fellowship

March 17th

10:00 AM

Voter's Meeting

March 18th

10:00 AM

Our Shepherd's Hands

March 27th

6:00 PM

# Next Month

WOW

April 10th

7:00 PM

School Open House

April 14th

9:30 AM - 12 noon

LWML craft sale

April 15th

8:30 AM - 12 noon

Under the Sea

April 21st

Dinner/Auction

LWML craft sale

April 29th

9:00 AM - 12 noon



Counting Teams

March 4th Joanne Fries & Barbara Oldani

Usher Teams

9:00 Scott Burnett, Beauti DeFreitas,

March 11th Roberta Murphy & Caroline Atchison  
 March 18th Bill & Angel Bailey  
 March 25th Dawn Randazzo & Karen Schmohe

Milan Korcok and Zachary Korcok  
 10:30- Donna Carlon & Beauty DeFreitas

<h2 style="margin: 0;">Altar Guild</h2> <p style="margin: 0;">Dawn Randazzo Susan Jimison</p>	<h2 style="margin: 0;">Communion Assistants</h2> <p style="margin: 0;">March 4th (9:00) Larry Annis &amp; Willie Wright          March 11th (10:30) Paul Sparks Sr.          March 18th (9:00) Larry Annis &amp; Willie Wright          March 25th (10:30) Jay Aamodt</p>
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Readers	9:00 am	10:30 am
March 4th	Caitlin Korcok	Gayle Hansen
March 11th	Pat Battle	Khylin Bellhorn
March 18th	Randy Laser	Jake Gajus
March 25th	Pat Krumenacker	Carol Irving

# Security

Mark Rasor



### Easter Lily Orders

Shepherd of the Coast will be decorating the Sanctuary with lilies again this year. To purchase a plant, please fill out this form and return it with your payment to the church office. The number of plants we order is limited, so get your order in early.

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone # \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ x \$10.00/each = \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 Number of Plants Ordered (Make check payable to Shepherd of the Coast)

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