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Sunday, March 4, 2018

Lent

GOOD SHEPHERD LUTHERAN CHURCH WANTS YOU TO KNOW . . .

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### **Comfort for a Child – Blanket Prep**

**Today, 2:00-4:00 pm, Fellowship Hall** Join us as we prep blankets to donate to Families Together. The blankets are large, but the skill level required is small. We will provide instructions and all supplies. Grab some friends and spend the afternoon with us. Stay as long or short as you can. Youth can earn service hours!

### **Mail for Mnene Collection**

**Drop Off Mail Through March 11** We are collecting letters for our orphans in Mnene at the Mail for Mnene table in the Narthex through next Sunday. Everyone is invited to send letters of love and support. Contact Cathie Strawbridge with questions or concerns, 919-870-9439.

### **Study with the Pastors: “The Great Spiritual Migration” by Brian McLaren**

**Tuesdays through March 20 at 9:30 am** Brian McLaren wonders aloud if Christianity needs to be converted from its current path and if it needs to relook at the message of Jesus as it heads into an uncertain future.

### **Study with the Pastors: The Book of Esther**

**Wednesdays through March 14 at 5:30 pm** The Book of Esther is a spiritual soap opera in the Hebrew Scriptures. Intrigue, betrayal, love, and oppression all play a part as we wonder together how God calls us in certain moments and certain times to help change the world.

### **Lenten Soup Suppers & Holden Evening Prayer Worship**

**Wednesdays through March 21** Let’s share a simple meal together at 5:30 pm before worship at 7:00 pm.

### **Way of the Shepherd All-Church Conversation**

**Sundays through March 25, 9:30-10:30 am, Fellowship Hall** Each week, we will focus on a different topic, walking this Lenten faith journey together.

### **Easter Egg Hunt is Coming Up!**

**Sunday, March 25, 9:30 - 10:30 am, Fellowship Hall** All 2-years olds through 5<sup>th</sup> graders won’t want to miss this chance to join friends for hunting Easter eggs, storytelling, preparing for Holy Week and a special snack! RSVP [bit.ly/GSLCEasterEggHunt](http://bit.ly/GSLCEasterEggHunt) (case sensitive) by March 18.

## Holy Week Prayer Vigil

Thursday night, March 29, starting after the Maundy Thursday evening service, through Friday evening, March 30, concluding with the Good Friday evening service. Signup coming soon on The City! Contact Laura Prill, 919-847-5882 or [lrprill@gmail.com](mailto:lrprill@gmail.com) with any questions.

## Things to Know

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**The Endowment Committee is accepting grant applications through Sunday, March 11.** Information regarding the Fund, including authorized uses and application form for grant funds, is available at [bit.ly/endowmentgrant](http://bit.ly/endowmentgrant) (case sensitive). Questions? Contact Joye Groff, [joyegroff@yahoo.com](mailto:joyegroff@yahoo.com) or Larry Goode, [larrygoode123@earthlink.net](mailto:larrygoode123@earthlink.net).

**Call to Prayer, Fasting, and Action** This Lent, we are joining the ELCA campaign to reduce, and address the root causes of, hunger ([elca.org/prayfastact](http://elca.org/prayfastact)). **Fast:** This week, skip Starbucks or fast food and donate funds saved to the ELCA's special hunger appeal ([elca.org/hunger](http://elca.org/hunger)). **Pray** for our neighbors who are unable to afford dental care, which limits their diet and nutrition. **Action:** Our Blessing Bags ministry needs single-serve pop-top cans of protein foods (ex. pasta with meatballs); boxes of BelVita-type soft baked protein bars or cookies (*no nuts or crunchy foods*); small bottles of water and sports drinks. Donations may be dropped off in the Blessing Bags box in the Narthex. For more information about this service experience, contact Monica Lavery on the City or [monicalavery.lcsw@gmail.com](mailto:monicalavery.lcsw@gmail.com).

**Food Barrel: Family Promise Needs** Lysol; baby/child pain and cold medicines; first aid supplies; powder laundry detergent; floor cleaner; 13/32 gal trash bags; Ziploc sandwich bags; hand soap; diapers (sizes 3, 4, 5); pull-ups; baby wipes; baby food; baby formula; bath towels; and washcloths. Please NO dish detergent or disinfecting wipes. Please contact Monica Lavery [monicalavery.lcsw@gmail.com](mailto:monicalavery.lcsw@gmail.com) with any questions.

**Day Camp & Preschool Registration Are Open** Our preschool provides a nurturing place for 1-5 year old children to learn. Find out more about our preschool and registration at [gslchurch.org/preschool](http://gslchurch.org/preschool) or contact Deanna Klimek, Preschool Director at 919-846-5060.

**Agape Day Camp at GSLC Registration is Ongoing** Camp week is July 9-13. Camp Agape counselors lead this camp for rising 1<sup>st</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> graders with support from GSLC youth and adults. Registration and more information is on The City and [gslchurch.org/connect/day-camp](http://gslchurch.org/connect/day-camp).

More information on upcoming events at can be found at [www.gslchurch.org](http://www.gslchurch.org) and in the Friday Faithprints e-newsletter. If you do not receive Friday Faithprints and would like to, check the box on your connection card to receive church-wide emails or contact the church office at [info@gslchurch.org](mailto:info@gslchurch.org).

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### Our Mission

*Growing a Christ-Centered Community through Life-Changing Service*

### Our Values

*+ Embracing All God's Children + Connecting with God and Others + Developing Life-Long Disciples  
+ Serving with Compassion*