



# THE STAFF

LUTHERAN CHURCH OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD

March 2017

## GREETINGS OF PEACE

**Shalom** (*Hebrew*)\* **Namaste** (*Sanskrit*) \*  
**Sahlam** (*Arabic*)\* **Shanti** (*Sanskrit*) \*

Every Sunday after the prayers of the people, we greet one another with the words, “Peace be with you” or “Christ’s peace be with you.” The practice of greeting others with the word “peace” is shared across cultural lines; often the words are used both for “hello” and “goodbye.” Many of us know the Hebrew word *Shalom* (Sha-LOAM), used by our Jewish brothers and sisters. Those who do yoga are familiar with the Sanskrit greeting *Namaste* (NAH-mas-tay), which in addition to “peace” also offers an acknowledgment of the spirit within the other. A less formal Sanskrit greeting is *Shanti* (SHAHN-tea). Our Muslim brothers and sisters greet one another with the Arabic phrase *Sala’am aleikum* (Sah-LAHM Ah-LAY-coom), to which is responded: *Wa’aleikum Sala’am* (Wah-LAY-coom Sah-LAHM), which essentially means “and also with you!”

A good thing to do during these days when so many of our Muslim brothers and sisters are feeling particularly vulnerable is to use the Arabic greeting. While there is no particular color, language or style of clothing to identify who is a Muslim, if you see a woman wearing the *hijab* (Hih-JZHAHB), your greeting *Sala’am aleikum* may be returned with a big smile and *Wa’aleikum Sala’am!* You’ll have made a friend – or at least shown a stranger that you stand with them and their religious identity

## SYNOD ASSEMBLY

June 9—10, 2017



Introducing this year's assembly theme:

**Get Off Your Donkey - Be A Leader**

Based on the well known parable of the Good Samaritan, we know nothing happens 'til he gets off his donkey. We need to do the same, and this year's assembly will focus on what we can do to raise up leaders among us - how we are all able to be leaders no matter where we are or what we do.

## ASH WEDNESDAY



**March 1 is Ash Wednesday, the first day of Lent, the season of reflection and preparation for Easter.**

Christians mark their foreheads with a cross made of ashes and hear the words, “*remember that you are dust, and to dust you shall return*” as a reminder of our imperfect humanity in the face of perfect divinity. This year’s observances are:

-Pastor Daphne will distribute ashes in the driveway in front of the church between 6:00 and 8:00 in the morning. If you can’t make it to worship later, stop by! Free coffee!

-We will gather in the sanctuary for prayers, hymns, an extended confession, sermon and imposition of ashes. There is no holy communion.

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*Members of Good Shepherd who are homebound  
Family and friends whom we name in our hearts*

*Military personnel*

*Pray for the mission of the church*

**SCOUT SUNDAY is March 12!**



ALL Scouts and former Scouts are invited to wear their uniforms to church on Scouting Sunday March 12! Last year we had at least 15 scouts present and it was an honor to thank them for all their service to the earth and the world.

## MARCH CELEBRATIONS

### Anniversaries

30-James & Sharon Knoob 21 years

### Birthdays

8-Anthony Papa III  
 10-Sara DeLong  
 10-Lee Olson  
 10-Micah Sharon  
 15-Ann Knoob  
 15-Alicia Samal  
 16-Ruth Podgwaite  
 20-Patricia Rowold  
 23-Jimmy Knoob  
 23-Kate Lyn Aykroyd  
 25-Sylvia Wakefield  
 27-Paul O’Braonain  
 30-Elfriede Fleischmann



### Baptisms

Emma Ingerson, Gary Olson, Anthony Papa III, Sophia Papa, Ken Watson



**Shrove Tuesday Pizza Supper!**  
 (with a Mardi Gras theme!)

**Tuesday, February 28, 2017**  
**6:30pm**

~Bring a salad or dessert to share~

Enjoy the food, fellowship and games as we prepare for our Lenten journey.

### Council Notes

Council met on 2/21/17. Pastor reported on the meeting on sanctuary for immigrant refugees that she and Ruth Podgwaite attended. Looking back on 2016 records, average attendance is the same as last year - 27. Funds will need to be transferred from savings to checking to cover expenses in February. John would like to plan a finance committee meeting soon. Confirmation classes have been meeting on Wednesday evening with full attendance. The confirmands will be doing a service project this year. Good Shepherd will be hosting a concert on March 11 (see poster on page 6) Sue Landino is planning a Shrove Tuesday Pizza Supper and pastor will be doing Ashes To Go early morning on Ash Wednesday. Weekly collection for Lenten personal care kits will begin on Sunday, March 5. (Please see schedule of items on page 5.) Council will be holding a retreat on Saturday, February 25. The annual voters' meeting is 2/26/17.



Rev. Daphne Burt, left, recites the Jericho Prayer while Rabbi Herbert Brockman blows the shofar at a meeting about sanctuary congregations. *Arnold Gold — New Haven Register*

**SCHEDULED TO SERVE**

DATE	ACOLYTE	WORSHIP ASSISTANT	SECOND ASSISTANT	CANTOR	READER	USHERS	ALTAR GUILD
3/1 Ash Wed. 12pm	~	John Downs	~	~	Barbara Kuslan	James Learned	Chuddy Watson
3/1 Ash Wed. 7pm	~	Linda Kapitan	~	~	Ken Watson	Ken Watson Leonard Lye	Chuddy Watson
3/5	Aoife Weishedel	Paul O'Braonain	Lisa Ball-Goodrich	Paul O'Braonain	Lisa Ball-Goodrich	Goodrich family	Liane Moreland
3/12	Elizabeth Ingerson	John Downs	Sue Hartley	~	Barbara Kuslan	James Learned Sue Hartley	Starr O'Connor
3/19	Jonathan Olsson	Jonathan Goodrich	Lisa Martinell	Paul O'Braonain	Reggie Chang	John Downs Lisa Martinell	Lisa Martinell
3/26	Anthony Papa	Linda Kapitan	Ken Watson	~	Linda Kapitan	Ken Watson Leonard Lye	Chuddy Watson
4/2	Aiden Weishedel	Paul O'Braonain	Lisa Ball-Goodrich	Paul O'Braonain	Lisa Ball-Goodrich	Goodrich family	Liane Moreland

*If you cannot serve on your appointed day, please find a substitute, and make the change on the master schedule. **Thank you for your service!***

**FINANCIAL RESULTS THROUGH JANUARY 2017**

	<b>2017</b>	1/12 of 2017 BUDGET	Over (Under) BUDGET	Prior year Comparative 2016 thru January
Receipts thru January	\$5,949	\$7,792	(\$1,843)	\$4,710
Expenses thru January	\$8,843	\$7,792	\$1,051	\$5,911
Surplus (Deficit)	(\$2,894)	\$0	(\$2,894)	(\$1,201)

Our total Operating giving for JANUARY 2017 was \$5,949 and our expenses were \$8,843 giving us a loss for the month of \$2,894 compared to a loss last year of \$1,201. As the above shows our giving this year is ahead of last year by \$1,209 and behind our budget by \$1,843. Our expenses for January were higher than last year because of plowing (\$1,171) and heating (\$652) bills.

February is also off to a slow start as we have received only \$3,387 over the first three weeks.

*John E. Downs, Treasurer*

## LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF Project Promise—Health Kits

### Here's our collection schedule:

March 5	Bars of soap (4-5oz., any brand, in original wrapping)
March 12	Bath towels (light-weight, maximum 52"x27", dark color recommended)
March 19 pro	Toothbrushes (adult size, in original packaging)
March 26	Combs
April 2	Nail clippers (metal, attached file optional)
April 9 <i>Palm Sunday</i>	Bars of soap (4-5oz., any brand, in original wrapping)

## MUSIC FOR GIVING CONCERT March 11, 2017

We have been lucky enough to partner with Local United Network to Combat Hunger (L.U.N.C.H.) who will put on a concert in our sanctuary on Saturday March 11 starting at 7:00 pm. The LUNCH Ensemble features Grammy award winner and Connecticut Troubadour Bill Pere. and his lovely wife Kay Pere, who in addition to being a Nashville musical artist has sung several lead soprano roles in the Connecticut Gilbert & Sullivan Society.

Ticket proceeds will support the Connecticut Food bank, and non-perishable items will go in our food basket for the Hamden Food Bank.

## FUN FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY!!!!

Preach the Gospel  
at all times . . . .  
On occasion  
use words

**Nicholas Papa** as R.F. Simpson in his school's presentation of Singin' In The Rain Jr.!!

It was the very first of many performances in his future! If you would like to see the whole show the link is...

<https://tinyurl.com/singinjr>



## CONFIRMATION CLASS

Our confirmation class is off to a great start with 7 students and the occasional drop-in parent. We meet every Wednesday from 4:30 – 5:30 (except when we have pizza – then we go to 6:00!) and are using Dan Erlander's *Manna and Mercy* as our textbook.

Students may miss up to 3 classes without penalty, although they must do the homework for any class they miss. We will be doing a service project for the community and a group project for the church this spring. The students have chosen to volunteer at an animal shelter as their community service project.

There will be NO CLASS on March 1 because of Ash Wednesday and on April 12 because of school vacations/Holy Week.

**\*\*DON'T FORGET\*\*** Each student is asked to take notes during a worship service and list all the elements (music, prayers, hymns, sermon) that relate to the theme of the day. The first set will be due on April 19, the Wednesday after Easter.



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# MUSIC FOR GIVING

**A Concert to Benefit CT Food Bank  
through Local United Network to Combat Hunger**

*A family event featuring music of Message, Meaning, and Praise,  
with the LUNCH Ensemble featuring*

*Grammy Winner and Connecticut State Troubadour Bill Pere,  
Nashville Recording Artist Kay Pere, and the LUNCH Ensemble.*

**Saturday MARCH 11 2017 7pm**

**Church of the Good Shepherd,  
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**Fun For the  
Whole Family!**



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Whole Family!**

**TICKETS: \$10 (adult) \$8 (under 12)**

**Proceeds to benefit CT Food Bank through L.U.N.C.H.**

**Tickets at [www.lunchensemble.com](http://www.lunchensemble.com) or  
at the church or at the door**

**\*\* Please bring a non-perishable food item for the Hamden Food Bank**

As called Christians responding to the Great Commission of our Lord Jesus Christ (Matthew 28:18-20), we commit ourselves to nurturing the spiritual growth of our congregation by proclaiming the Gospel, bearing witness to God's saving grace, being stewards of the earth, and serving others, in our congregation, our community, and in all the world.

**LUTHERAN CHURCH OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD  
MISSION STATEMENT**

**Worship**  
Sunday School 9:30am  
Worship 10:30am



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