



# THE STAFF

## LUTHERAN CHURCH OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD

April 2015

### Holy Week and Easter Services



**Sunday, 3/29 10:30am Palm Sunday**

**Thursday, 4/2 7:00pm Maundy Thursday**  
Celebration of the Last Supper, stripping the altar and foot washing

**Friday, 4/3 7:00pm Good Friday**  
Quiet service remembering the crucifixion with prayers of intercession and reproaches from the cross and death of Jesus

**Sunday, 4/5 7:00am "Sunrise" Easter Worship!**

We celebrate the resurrection of Christ with communion as the sun comes up over Sleeping Giant.

**9:00am Easter breakfast & egg hunt**

**10:30am Easter service**

with full choir and festive worship setting, "Now the Feast and Celebration"

### **New Member of Good Shepherd**

On April 26, we welcome a familiar face to our congregation family—Reggie Chang.

Reggie Chang was born in Guam on April 27, 1970 to Kenneth Kaipolani and Priscilla Reyes Chang. Kenneth is of Hawaiian and Chinese descent while Priscilla is Chamorro (people from the Marianas Islands). He was baptized less than a month later as a Roman Catholic. Reggie attended CCD (Catholic religious school for children) and received his first Holy Communion at 11yrs then Confirmation at 16yrs of age. He graduated high school in Guam at Father Duenas Memorial High School; an all-boys Catholic school operated by Jesuit priests, Franciscan brothers, *(continued on page 3)*

### *Pastor's Message*

Christ is risen! *He is risen indeed! Alleluia!*  
I am soooo ready for spring – for the snow to melt, the flowers to bloom, the days to be longer, and the weather to be warmer -- and despite the interruptions caused by global climate change, I am absolutely certain that these things *will* happen. Unfortunately, that certainty doesn't do anything to make the days go faster or for me to feel better about the current temperatures and ground cover. Which is really a lot like Easter, isn't it? *We know* that after the season of Lent, and the observances of Holy Week, after we have waved palms and stripped the altar and contemplated the mystery of Jesus' death on a cross, after we've managed to make it through 40 days of fasting, prayer, almsgiving and reflection, no matter what, Easter *will* come! And yet that certainty doesn't seem to do much for us when the immediate future looks dark and challenging.

**H**ow human we are, and what a gift Easter is to us! Somehow, sometimes, even certainty and repeated joy don't overcome the experience of sadness, mourning, or depression when we're deep in the midst of it. *We know* it will get better – but sometimes, seeing, hearing and experiencing is believing. Thanks be to God that we are given an opportunity every year to do just that –see and experience the awesome power of God to overcome death and sin and the grave! During the Easter Season (a whole week of Sundays) we don't just *hear* about the resurrection that happened centuries ago, we *see* its power in how the disciples (that's us) response to seeing Jesus changes after the resurrection - from disbelief and fear to joy and an energized desire to share the story with others with renewed hope for new life in places and people and relationships we'd given up on. As with the coming of spring, Easter isn't just something we *observe* – we *experience* it, and find ourselves changed in the process. *(continued on page 6)*

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1/1/15—12/31/15**

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*Pastor Podgwaite  
Daphne family  
John W. Anna*

*Stacy Holly Jessika Mary Lou*

*Lou Elfriede Bernie Victoria*

*Joy Marianne CindyLu Pam*

*Harold Arnold Catherine Mike*

*Rex Gertrude Howard Barbara*

*Barnes Sue Amanda John  
family*

*Kathy D.*

*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*

**WELCOME ACOLYTES!**

Jonathan Olson  
Aoife Weishedel  
Aidan Weishedel  
Nicholas Papa

They were trained to be acolytes on Sunday, March 22. We are grateful for their willingness to help lead worship on Sunday mornings.

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and Sisters of Mercy nuns. The Catholic faith had always been a large part of Reggie's life during his youth.

Reggie is the oldest of 3 brothers but grew up separately from them until high school. He lived most of those years with his Grandparents (father's side) in New Mexico and Virginia. Reggie's Grandparents played a major role in his life being involved in many aspects that shaped those formative years. He played on baseball, basketball, football, and wrestling teams in and outside of school. Reggie learned how to play guitar and acquired a broader respect for music and its effect on his life. Since his Grandfather was a scout master in Hawaii, Reggie spent 2 years during his elementary school days in the Cub Scout program; learning much about the outdoors and the importance of fellowship.

After completing high school, he attended the University of Guam then transferred and graduated from the University of New Mexico in 1994, double-majoring in Political Science and Sociology with a concentration on Social Welfare. After graduation, he moved back to Guam hoping to pursue his interests in federal medical aid programs but ended up in the technology sector instead. This led to various work in computer system and network administration over the years.

Reggie has 3 children: daughter, Calliope, in Guam attending her last year of high school; son, TJ, living in Saipan married with 2 children (YES, making him a grandpa); and daughter, Trina, attending her last semester at St. Louis University. He also has an "adopted" daughter, Tapaita, who is as much a part of his life as his children.

She is attending Oklahoma City University finishing her Physical Therapist program. There is no doubt that his greatest joy in life is his children, even though there is so much distance between them. Recently, Trina visited him here in Connecticut and they spent 2 days in New York City and New Haven dining and shopping. She had a wonderful time but had to get back to her studies.

After some discussion about Good Shepherd with a member, Reggie decided to make his first visit on November 2, 2014. What he found was a friendly, welcoming fellowship which left an indelible impression that began to fill him spiritually, as well.

Since that first visit he has found a sanctuary that is teaching him more about his faith in God and the church.

Other activities that keep Reggie occupied are his long distance motorcycle riding trips. Since 2005, he has made 4 trips into Mexico, 3 trips to South Dakota for the Sturgis Rally, and various other long distance trips throughout the US. He also enjoys cooking Chinese dishes that he learned from his Grandmother, Hawaiian dishes from his Grandfather, and home-style Chamorro dishes.

What brought Reggie to Connecticut was a career opportunity at the City of Middletown. There have been

many changes in his life over the years but Reggie believes that being here and finding Good Shepherd has been an incredible step in the right direction.

## APRIL CELEBRATIONS

### Anniversaries

John & Joy Downs  
46 years

Frank & Penny Podgwaite  
31 years

### Birthdays

4-Justin Barnes  
9-Tyler Knoob  
9-Robert Landino  
17-Charles Avila  
17-Jonathan Olson  
19-Rita Marino  
23-Aoife Weishedel  
26-Gunnar Chapman, Jr.  
27-Reggie Chang  
29-Aidan Weishedel



### Baptisms

Chuddy Watson  
Charles Avila  
Alyssa Aykroyd  
Elizabeth Ingerson  
Victoria Keating  
James Knoob Jr.  
Brian Moreland  
Paul O'Braonain  
Nicholas Papa  
Sylvia Wakefield

**SCHEDULED TO SERVE**

DATE	ACOLYTE	COMMUNION ASSISTANT	READER	USHERS	ALTAR GUILD
4/2 Maundy Thursday	Christopher Olson	John Downs	Ken Watson	Deb Mason Ken Watson	Chuddy Watson
4/3 Good Friday	Jonathan Goodrich	~	Deb Mason	Goodrich family	Deb Mason
4/5 Easter	Emily Olson	Linda Kapitan	Linda Kapitan	Lisa Martinell John Downs	Liane Moreland
4/12	Nicholas Papa	Linda Kapitan	Barbara Kuslan	James Learned Sue Hartley	Starr O'Connor
4/19	Jonathan Olson	John Downs	Lisa Ball-Goodrich	Goodrich family	Deb Mason
4/26	Elizabeth Ingerson	Mary Lou Knoob	Ken Watson	Deb Mason Ken Watson	Chuddy Watson
5/3	Aoife Weishedel	Paul O'Braonain	Deb Mason	Lisa Martinell John Downs	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!*

**Book Club  
4/15/15**

The next read for the book club is:

**The Cloister Walk  
by Kathleen Norris**

Pick up the book and join the group for lively conversation!  
(and good snacks!)



**Council Notes**



Council met 3/26/15. Pastor will be attending a preaching conference in May. She also be meeting with a Yale Divinity student for possible internship work at Good Shepherd in the Fall. Jim will put up new posters out front for healing services and Holy Week. He also cut back one pew to accommodate walkers and wheelchairs. The Champion Art Program will be using the fellowship hall weekly from 4/8 until 6/17. John delivered 17 bags of food to the Hamden Food Bank. Pastor brought up the idea of making a memorial garden on our property. Pastor, Linda Kapitan and Deb Mason worked together to develop a Safe Church Initiative Policy. (See page 6.) The next council meeting is **4/30**.

**FINANCIAL RESULTS - FEBRUARY, 2015**

		2/12 of 2015 BUDGET	Over (Under) BUDGET
Receipts thru February	\$12,461	\$13,808	(\$1,347)
Expenses thru February	\$15,680	\$13,808	\$1,872
<b>DEFICIT</b>	<b>(\$3,219)</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>(\$3,219)</b>

Our total Operating giving for February 2015 was \$7,985 and our expenses were \$7,880 for a Profit of \$105 reducing our yearly deficit to \$3,219 .

Again our February expenses were higher than normal because of seasonal expenses such as church heat of \$1,106 and snow plowing of \$1,575.

March should be about break even as we expect our Operating Giving to be over our budgeted \$ 6,904.

John E. Downs, Treasurer



**Join our Walk Against Hunger team!**

Last year we were able to raise nearly \$1000 in *one week* to support the Connecticut Food Bank’s Walk Against Hunger. This time we have almost two months to surpass that monetary goal and enlarge our walking team.

**The walk itself** takes about an hour, and you can join us as a **virtual or physical walker**. Both options enable you to donate and raise money by inviting your friends to support you. You can also **make a single donation** online through the site, or by mailing or giving a check or cash to Team Captains Sue Hartley or Pastor Daphne. Checks should be made out to Connecticut Food Bank, and can be mailed to either one of them at 3680 Whitney Avenue, Hamden CT. 06518

**To participate as a walker or a donor online**, go directly to our page using this link [http://ctfb.convio.net/site/TR/Events/General/519108460?pg=team&fr\\_id=1123&team\\_id=5930](http://ctfb.convio.net/site/TR/Events/General/519108460?pg=team&fr_id=1123&team_id=5930) or go to <http://ctfoodbank.org/walk>, scroll down and click on the “New Haven” link, and then click on the tab “Join a Team.” From there, scroll down to the box and enter the words “Lutheran” and you’ll see Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd. Click on “Search for a Team” and when you scroll down again you’ll see our team name highlighted as well as the names of our team members. Click on the team name and you’ll see our page. Once there, you can make a donation directly by clicking on “make a gift” link or become a walker by clicking on “Join Team” at the bottom of the page.

Paper registration forms for walkers are also available on the table in the narthex.

**The walk is Sunday, May 17 at 1:00 pm. Let’s make it a great day as we join our neighbors in the effort to alleviate hunger in our state!**

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So go ahead! Shout for joy! Sing Alleluia! Tell someone that God loves them – and that you do, too! Change a habit for the better! Make a new friend! Exult in the coming of spring, and the sun and the flowers and the warmer weather! Sing Alleluia one more time – and then thank God for coming to us every day of our lives with a message of resurrection and grace! It not only *will* happen – it *is* happening!

CHRIST IS RISEN! *He is risen, indeed! Alleluia!*

*Pastor Daphne †*

**OPENING OUR SANCTUARY TO ALL**

Following a vote by the council in February, our fabulous and faithful Property Chair, Jim Learned, removed half a pew on the right side of the sanctuary. This will make it possible for those who use wheelchairs or walkers to more easily maneuver and not have to sit in the back of the church. Thank you, Jim!

**Safe Church Policy**

At their March meeting, the Church Council approved a Safe Church policy that was prepared by Linda Kapitan, Deb Mason and Pastor Daphne. This policy is required both by our insurance company and by the New England Synod, and provides rules to ensure that children are safe when at our church and church-sponsored events. Copies of the entire policy are available on the table in the narthex, and will be reviewed at a coffee hour later in the spring. We hope to be in compliance with our policy by the end of the summer. Here are a few elements of the policy as approved and submitted to the Synod and our insurance company. *Please note that this policy only applies to church events taking place on the premises or church-related events that are held away from the church.*

- Parents hold the main responsibility for the safety of their children. No child may be left alone with an unrelated adult or another child (unless the other child is a sibling 13 years or older) anywhere in the church premises or in a car being driven to church events.
- All people who work with children, paid or volunteer, must fill out an application, provide references, and permit the church to do a background check. Those who will be driving children must provide a driving record.
- Two adults are necessary to supervise unrelated children. One adult may be in earshot.
- No child shall ever be left alone with one unrelated adult unless for counseling purposes, and in that case another adult must be in earshot – close enough to hear the tone of the conversation but far enough away not to be eavesdropping.
- An unrelated adult must have more than one child in the car when driving to church events.

Please pick up a copy of the policy, and if you have any suggestions or revisions, please bring them to the attention of a council member.

- HIKING?
- LETTERBOXING?
- WALKING THE CANAL PATH?

**FELLOWSHIP DOESN'T JUST HAPPEN INSIDE!**

The weather is warming up, which means it's time to get outside and enjoy God's beautiful creation. If you are interested in joining or planning an activity this spring or summer, talk to Lisa Martinell, our fabulous Fellowship diva!

First event:

**Mark your calendars -we'll try to walk the canal path on Saturday April 18 at 10:00 am. If it's raining, we'll go on Sunday afternoon!**



**“Welcome One Another” Retreat  
May 1 – 3  
Walker Center, Auburndale, MA**

Pastor Daphne will be the keynote speaker for the 8th annual retreat of the New England Synod's *Team for LGBT Inclusion*. The “Welcome One Another” retreat will be held May 1 – 3, and Pastor Daphne will speak about celebrating our sexuality and sexual orientation as sacred gifts from God. As it says on the web page:

*“The retreat will include worship, fellowship, meals, small group reflection, and large group plenary as participants learn more about the “B” in LGBT: Bisexuality. For more questions, please contact Pastor Nathan Pipho at 617-328-8348 or by email at PastorPipho@aol.com”\**

Or just ask Pastor Daphne!

\*<http://events.r20.constantcontact.com/register/event?llr=c85heeeab&oeidk=a07ea81vr0g22c918a8>

*If you were unable to sign up or submit the form on Palm Sunday, please call or email me with your name and to whom you wish to list in honor of/memory of so I can include it in the memorial insert on Easter Sunday. (bsamal@sbcglobal.net or 203-269-3661)*

*Easter Flowers*

In honor of: \_\_\_\_\_

In memory of: \_\_\_\_\_

Amount \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_



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**

<b><u>Worship</u></b>	
<b>Sunday School</b>	<b>9:30am</b>
<b>Holy Communion</b>	<b>10:30am</b>



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