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Wednesdays in Lent: *Suffering Servants*

Lent is difficult. The hardest part of the journey is watching our beloved Jesus suffer. Yet we find that going through the Lenten walk has tremendous benefits. Much has been written over the years about Jesus being the "Suffering Servant." He is the one who was born to suffer and die for the sake of all humankind. Even more, we trust and believe that we have a God who fully understands our suffering and who participates in our suffering with us.

We walk through Lent, suffering with Jesus, because he joins with us in our suffering.

During this Lenten season we will focus on the stories of some of those, who have over the years shared their dramatic gifts with the Sheridan community, in putting forth our Holy Week Reenactment. Those who bring the "production" to life, have suffered in their own lives and sharing their gifts allows them to experience the suffering of Christ. Their stories connect to God's story. But they would not claim to be special in any way. God has always used the ordinary to do the extraordinary. This group is better together – uniting around our



A Fool for Love

IN LIFE, AND ESPECIALLY IN LOVE, no one wants to be called a fool. "To be taken for a fool" means that somehow we have failed in loving well enough or having the love we gave go unreciprocated. The pain surrounding our unrequited love is powerful and there is no other way to take it other than personally. Much of the embarrassment we experience is based on being perceived as unlovable by those near to us. The combination of our hurting hearts and the shame we feel around others makes it almost unbearable. Many of us would do almost anything to avoid "playing the fool."

In 2018, Lent begins on St. Valentine's Day and ends on April Fool's Day. This year we have the reality of both love and foolishness. But then again, if we look closely at Jesus' ministry and his walk to the Cross, we see that we've always had both foolishness and love. We see how Jesus often expressed his love for his disciples amidst a culture which was far more emotionally conservative than we are today. Jesus seemingly never worried about being a fool, rather he loved fully and well. Even more, Jesus was very foolish in his approach to ministry. He never tried to preserve his own life, but rather foolishly challenged any who failed to embrace the unending and unwavering love of God. His foolish choices ensured that he would die - and his death was the ultimate expression of love.

February Worship Scriptures

Feb. 3 & 4
"Practicing
Gratitude"
1 Thess. 5:18 &
Ephesians 1:15-19

Feb. 10 & 11
"Seeing the Big
Picture"
Proverbs 27:11 &
Matthew 20:17-28

Feb. 17 & 18
"Giving It Up To
God"
Mark 3:19b-27 &
Mark 14:32-42

Feb. 24 & 25
"Saying It Out Loud"
John 11:30-37 &
John 13:31-35

Church family support and news

FIRST STEPS BAPTISM CLASS

The next First Steps Baptism Class is Sunday, February 25 at 11am in the church office Conference Room. This class is for those wanting to have their children baptized at Sheridan. You may schedule your child's baptism with the office prior to attending the class.

WEDDINGS

Interested in holding your wedding at Sheridan?
Visit sheridanlutheran.org/weddings Contact s.powell@sheridanlutheran.org for scheduling or other questions.

HOSPITAL VISITS

Members of the visitation team make daily visits to Lincoln area hospitals to offer support, encouragement and prayer. Call the church at 402-423-4769 to schedule a visit. Please do not rely on the hospital to notify the church.

FOR THOSE GRIEVING OR PLANNING FUNERALS

Please contact Susie in the church office at 402-423-4769.

PASTORAL CARE

Contact the church office at 402-423-4769 during business hours: 8am - 5pm; Monday-Friday. In case of emergencies (death of a loved one or if immediate assistance is needed) after hours call 402-423-4769 and press option 4.

If you have a baptism, birth, wedding, sympathy or other milestone to share, please call the church office at 402-423-4769. We are happy to share your news with our church family in the monthly Scroll. Submissions are due by the 15th of the month.

Births

Madisen Joy Clay daughter of Joanna & Matt;
Evelyn Willa Frack daughter of Bradi & Paul;
Christian Lee Pfeiffer son of Ann & Chad;
Hale Theodore Johnson son of Libby & Andrew.

Baptisms

Bethany Amelia Dunnigan daughter of Eric & Megan ;
Parker Charles Harm son of Melanie & Michael;
Jonathan Kai Klug son of Jason & Marta;
Charlee Jo Jennings daughter of Adam & Dani;
Arya Mae & Sawyer Scott Turner children of Andrew Turner & Audrey Babcock.

With Sympathy

Orville Basel & Mark (Kelly Slama) Basel on the death of wife/mother Melva Basel;
Matt (Gina) Benne family and Rich (Robin) Lagge on the death of father/grandfather/brother-in-law Delwin Benne;
Patty, Stephanie and CJ (Melissa) Pitner on the death of mother/grandmother Nadine Boyes;
David (Kellie) Effken on the death of father John Effken;
Andrew (Libby) Johnson family on the death of grandmother Marie Johnson;
Ed Peeks on the death of wife Eunice;
Amy (Brent) Wagner on the death of grandfather George Stonehouse;

Norma Kissack on the death of brother Dennis Theye;
Linda Vrtiska, Amy (Topher) Vorhies family, Billy Vrtiska on the death of husband/father Joe Vrtiska;
Karan (Phil) Wittig on the death of brother-in-law Roger Walls.

Gone for the Winter?

Contact: k.wittig@sheridanlutheran.org

If you plan to be away from Lincoln for several months during the winter, please provide the church with your temporary address to enable us to send mail directly to you.

Welcome January New Members!

Forty-six new members joined our family of faith in January. Please welcome: Brian & Stephanie Bellows; Rhonda & Larry Bowers; Rick, Susan & Benjamin Downing and Shelby, Grace & Allison Riedman; Sarah & Jeremiah Garber; Julie Gerdes & Jon Plugge; Kallie Heath & Brad Schlange; Sean, Julie, Kameron & Peri Heyen; Adam, Lindsay, Nevyn, Rahlin & Vivian Ickes; Tom & Leslie Kess; Beau & Janessa Keiser; Marge Keiser; Mike & Holly Klein; David & Marcia Knuth; Cheryl Lambert; John, Heather, Jackson, Ashton & Katelynn McNally; Jared Rechsteiner; Rachel Thiemann; and Trevor, Lindsey, Garrett & Jensen Walsh.

Drama Ministry

Rehearsals on Sundays & Thursdays; 7-9pm; starting Sun., Feb. 11

Info: d.dames@sheridanlutheran.org

Join Sheridan's adult Drama Ministry for Lent. Rehearsals start in February for our Lenten and Holy Week dramas. We need high school students and adults to be actors, behind the scenes help, lighting, etc. Join us!

Why We Give by Pastor Greg Bouvier

Much has been written in church circles these days about the changing tax laws and what that means. Many are afraid that giving to churches will decrease significantly because the standard deduction has increased, which will make fewer people itemize. If a person does not itemize, then their contributions are not tax deductible and they lose an incentive to give.

I certainly encourage each person to be a good steward of their finances. Let's face it; the better we steward our personal finances the less money we waste and the more good we can do with what we have!

As I've read articles and reviewed emails from pastors, I have not been worried. Perhaps I am naïve, but I hope not. I have always maintained that "good people do good things for right reasons." And I believe that we have, at Sheridan, a plethora of really good people. At the end of the day, your church needs your support. Our General Fund (which covers the day-to-day expenses of the church) is the greatest need. All that is good comes from the strength of our core ministries. We remain strong each year – albeit a bit tardy sometimes – and I trust that will remain to be the case.

God calls us to give of our time, talent and treasure... and God calls us to do this not simply when it is to our advantage. For sure, be a good steward, but even more, remember to do good things.

The church is willing to give guidance with a desire to donate, Required Minimum Distributions, Donor Advised Funds and gifts of appreciated assets. Our church and Sheridan Foundation work hand-in-hand to maximize the means through which gifts may be received.

Weekly Weekend Worship Schedule

Info: sheridanlutheran.org/worship-schedule

SATURDAY: 5:30pm

SUNDAY: 8:30am, 9:45am, 11am

HOLY COMMUNION served each Saturday and 8:30am worship on Sundays as well as each worship service on Feb. 11 & Feb. 25.

NURSERY HOURS: Sunday; 9:30am – noon

WATCH A CONDENSED VERSION OF OUR WORSHIP SERVICE: Spectrum cable TV channel 1302 on Thurs. at 7:30pm; Fri. at 12:30pm or Sun. at 11:30am.

MISS WORSHIP? SERMON & SPECIAL MUSIC VIDEOS can be watched on Sheridan's Vimeo channel at vimeo.com/sheridanluthlnk.

suffering servant. We are better together as we unite around our suffering servant.

Is Lent difficult? Yes. Is Lent productive? Very much so – for we connect with God in Christ and one another.

Join us for Midweek Worship during Lent

Ash Wednesday Worship

FEB. 14

Noon, 6pm, 7:15pm (Dinner: 5-6pm)

Wednesday Worship in Lent

FEB. 21, 28, MARCH 7, 14, 21

Dinner: 5pm | Worship: 6pm

December 2017 Financials:

BUDGET	
General Fund	\$254,030
INCOME	
General Fund	\$251,100
Mission	\$149,362
Sunday School YTD	\$2,754
Readiness Fund YTD	\$191,968
2017 YTD EXPENSES vs INCOME	
Income	\$1,846,721
Expenses	\$1,824,341

December 2017 Attendance:

	WEEK	WKND	WKLY
December 2/3	370	1,221	1,611
December 9/10	350	1,469	1,840
December 16/17	168	1,024	1,207
December 23/24	312	3,216	3,528
December 30/31		644	644
2017 average	1,515	2,047	
2016 average	1,661	1,878	

In-Kind Donations

DONATION BINS Hygiene Kits:

Place in a one gallon re-sealable bag: two washcloths, two bars of soap, two toothbrushes, one full size toothpaste, one full size deodorant & one wide tooth comb.

VBS Supplies needed are Sharpie markers, Paracord (*available at craft stores or Amazon*), gallon size Ziploc bags.

CLINIC WITH A HEART continually needs personal care items such as shampoo, toothbrushes, toothpaste & body soap.

BARNABAS COMMUNITY is in need of all sizes of men's clothing, especially jeans.

Cash donations are always welcome and needed to meet immediate needs. Please mark all financial contributions "Clinic with a Heart" or "Barnabas Community."

think about it.



SLC offers educational programs for children and adults. For a full listing of programs, visit us online at sheridanlutheran.org or call the church office.

Sunday Adult Bible Study

Sundays; 9:45am; Conference Room
All are welcome. Julie Johnson facilitates the study.

Family Ski Retreat- Registration Deadline Feb. 15

Sat., March 10 – Fri., March 16

Info: sheridanlutheran.org/events/spring-break-retreat-ski

Travel to Colorado with Pastors Rhonda and Eric and other families from Sheridan. We will stay in heated, mountain cabins at Rainbow Trail Lutheran Camp and ski at Monarch just an hour away. Monarch is less busy than most Colorado ski resorts and it's an excellent place for experts and beginners to ski or snowboard. Non-skiers are also welcome to enjoy the activities and beauty of Rainbow Trail Lutheran Camp. And at the end of the day after we eat together, we gather in front of a roaring fireplace for worship, devotions, fellowship, and community games. Contact Pastors Rhonda or Eric if you would like to go or would like more information about cost.

Parenting Forum

Wed., Jan. 31 & Feb. 7; 6:30-7:30pm

Join us for a fun and informal gathering of parents! Need encouragement in navigating the

Don't Miss It: Men's Quarterly Breakfast

Sat., Feb. 10;
7:30am; Family
Life Center

Men of all ages are invited to come for food, fellowship and the story of Robert Kay's climb to the top

of Mt. Everest. Robert tried to climb Everest three times but was prevented from reaching the top by weather, frostbite and an avalanche. The fourth time, though, was successful. Robert reached the top of the world in May 2016. I hope you'll come and experience Robert's adventurous story. There will be a free will offering to offset the cost of the breakfast. You are encouraged to invite someone to come with you.

FOR MORE INFORMATION AND TO SIGN UP, CONTACT PASTOR ERIC BOSTROM: e.bostrom@sheridanlutheran.org.



unknown territory of parenting? No matter the age or stage, we always wonder if we are doing the right things for our kids, guiding them in the right direction. Just when we think we may be doing ok at any point, they grow into another stage that leaves us questioning ourselves. This conversational small group-style class will allow participants to address these questions and concerns with other parents at similar stages of parenting. Join us this Wednesday as we hear from some empty nesters who will share their answers to the question "If I could do the parenting years over again, what would I do differently?" Facilitated by Deacon Kathy Paisley.

Learning Academy Classes- Join one today!

Wed., Jan. 31 & Feb. 7; 6:30-7:30pm

Class Descriptions: sheridanlutheran.org/adult-education-classes

Sheridan's Learning Academy is able to provide this rich environment for

all ages to grow. The best environment for a young person to grow in faith is when they are in an inter-generational faith community. Sheridan encourages this with the Learning Academy. Adults may choose one of the classes to attend.

- *Jesus Walks Among Us*
- *Gospel As Story*
- *Honoring our Neighbor's Faith*
- *Singing Through the Scriptures*
- *What Does It Mean to Be a Lutheran?*

Coming in Lent: Faith Stories from the Sheridan Community

Wednesdays, Feb. 21-March 21; 6:30pm;
Room 413

Info: e.bostrom@sheridanlutheran.org

Everyone has a faith story. In the season of Lent, individuals in our faith community will share their faith journey and how they've experienced God through their life. The hope is when we experience the God stories of others, we better recognize the God stories in our own lives.

Sponsor our 2018 Youth Mission Trip



Envelope Fundraiser

From June 26 through July 2, 24 high school youth along with 7 caring adult leaders from Sheridan are traveling to the ELCA Youth Gathering in Houston. This is a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to worship, grow, and serve with 30,000 Lutheran youth from across the country!

Consider sponsoring our group by visiting the display in the Great Hall to pick up an envelope with a designated donation amount \$1-\$150.

Please return your gift in the envelope to the offering plate or church office by Feb. 18. Larger gifts are welcome. Our group will keep you updated throughout the trip with postcards and letters and after our return, we will hold an appreciation banquet to celebrate and share our experiences with you!

EXPERIENCES LIKE THESE ARE ONLY MADE POSSIBLE THROUGH THE GENEROSITY OF GIVERS LIKE YOU.

If you have questions about this experience, contact Ian Hartfield at i.hartfield@sheridanlutheran.org.

Wednesdays @ the Well

Dinner: 5-6pm | Worship: 6pm

Info: sheridanlutheran.org/wednesdays-the-well

This weekly evening is designed for all ages. Join us for a meal, starting at 5pm, worship at 6pm and education opportunities until 7:30pm. Quench your thirst for God's Word at the well!

Sheridan's Soup-tacular

Sun., Feb. 4; Family Life Center; 11am

Cost: \$5/person

Come hungry! Have a famous chili or soup recipe? Think it could win the taste test? Bring it to the Soup-tacular to raise money for Sheridan's youth ministries. All are welcome to enjoy this event and be sure to come hungry! **Cooks:** please prepare a standard to large size slow cooker full of your special chili or soup recipe for guests to enjoy. Don't forget those side dishes. This is a great event full of fellowship.

Faith Stepping Stones

2nd Grade: Sat., Feb. 10; The Ten

Commandments

Kindergarten: Sat., Feb. 24; Seasons of the Church Year & I'm a Lutheran

Info: sheridanlutheran.org/faith-stepping-stones

As a family of faith, we celebrate faith milestones beginning with Baptism and going through High School graduation. Each workshop meets from 9:30 – 11:30am with a focus on different faith milestones for children & their parents to experience together. Each milestone will be recognized during worship the same weekend as the workshop. To help with class sizes, please let us know you plan to attend by signing up online. Families may still participate regardless if you sign up. *Older children are able to attend workshops missed from previous years. Nursery care is available for siblings upon request.*

High School Youth Events

Info: sheridanlutheran.org/high-school

• **Wednesdays**

Rec. Time: 5-5:45; Worship: 6pm;

Youth Group: 6:30pm

• **Sundays**

11am in Room 646

High School Youth Progressive Dinner

Sun., Feb. 18; 4-8pm; Free, but please RSVP

Register: sheridanlutheran.org/event-registration

Info: i.hartfield@sheridanlutheran.org

High School students are invited to a Progressive Dinner! We will meet at Sheridan at 4pm and travel to our host homes for a 4 course meal - appetizers, salad/soup, main course, and dessert – one course at each of the four homes! Come for fellowship, fun, and to meet other youth and families from our faith community. Don't miss out! Please let Ian know if you would be willing to host a meal course at your home.

Save the Date for VBS

June 11-15; 9am-noon

Info: j.hestermann@sheridanlutheran.org

Mark your calendars and join us for Shipwrecked fun at VBS.

Volunteer and participant registration goes live Feb. 15. Learn more at sheridanlutheran.org/vbs.

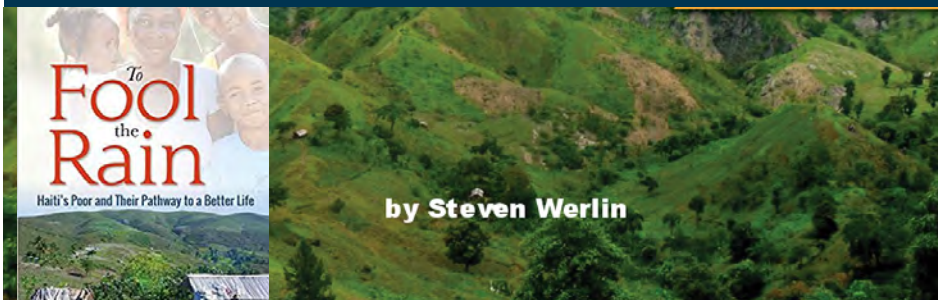
Safeguarding God's Children: Preventing Child Sexual Abuse

Sat., Feb. 17; 9:30-11:30am; Room 316

Info: sheridanlutheran.org/safeguarding

Each of Sheridan's staff, council and volunteers working with children and youth are required to complete Safeguarding God's Children training. If you are a new volunteer for children's ministry or confirmation, or have not completed the training in the last three years, now is the time to do it.

Global Mission Suggested Reading



To Fool the Rain

Discover more about our giving outreach through the Readiness Fund by reading *To Fool The Rain*. This deeply personal and profoundly honest book details the life and work of Steve Werlin, a US citizen, who has worked for many years as a caseworker in Haiti for “Chemen Lavi Miyo” (CLM) or “Pathway to a Better Life.” CLM identifies and enrolls women into this 18 month program where they learn life skills that raise them out of extreme poverty to “making it” in life. Steve tells story after story of women and their families who have their lives changed through CLM. Readers will be immersed in what it’s like to reach out to the poorest of the poor, have success, suffer loss and triumph over the bonds of extreme poverty.

Books are available in OneSent for \$17 + tax.

Connections Cafe’ - A Generous Cup!

Did you know that when you purchase your specialty drink at Connections Cafe’, proceeds benefit Lincoln Public School families finding permanent housing? At any time during the school year, approximately 300 students and their parents are homeless. Your tips at Connections Cafe’ are also a blessing. In February, these tips benefit our youth ministry. Help raise up children in our community and in faith as you purchase your favorite specialty drink!

Special Offering in February

- **Noisy Offering**

The Noisy offering benefits camp and the rice distribution to the Haitian families who have children attending Haiti VBS. Children can give to help send a team to join with other ELCA

congregations across the USA to put on a VBS in Haiti.

- **Children’s Ministry Offering** Supports the ELCA God’s Global Barnyard. An animal can make a world of difference for a family in need. These gifts grow the church, fight hunger and transform lives. Learn more online at elca.org/goodgifts.

Pray for Tanzania Vision Trip

Jan. 22-Feb. 6

Please keep in prayer our mission team for Tanzania: Michael Butte, Phil & Barb Euler and Tom & Linda Gapp. They will visit schools, scholarship recipients, churches and organizations through our partners, the Northern Diocese of Tanzania.

Souper Bowl of Caring

Feb. 3 & 4; following each worship service Support Sheridan’s hunger ministries through the Souper Bowl of Caring

offering. Empty soup pots will be in the Great Hall following each worship service on Super Bowl Sunday. By giving an offering you will be supporting our ongoing meal ministry work at Matt Talbot Kitchen and Outreach and Barnabas Community. Through these ministries, thousands are fed in our community each year. Thank you for remembering those who need food and nourishment for life!

Volunteering for Missions and Outreach Is Easy

Our mission and outreach partnerships need your help. Volunteering to serve is simple. It involves prayerful consideration and clearing your calendar. You’ll be in for an opportunity that will grow your faith and inspire your heart and mind. Sign up at sheridanlutheran.ivolunteer.com/#2. Make time in your schedule to experience the gift of serving and giving. You’ll be glad you did!

Join a 2018 mission team:

Serve alongside one of our ministry partners across our world.

Habitat Global Village: El Salvador

August 2018 | Cost: \$875 + airfare
info: msimeck@gmail.com

Join with others from Sheridan and travel to El Salvador to help build houses and visit our partners in El Salvador.

Haiti VBS

July 6-13, 2018 | Cost: \$1,800

Share the gift of faith with children and in turn be inspired in your faith as you serve alongside our ministry partners in Haiti.

GriefShare

New session begins Feb. 1 | 7-8:30pm; Room 522

This program features biblical, Christ-centered teaching that focuses on grief topics associated with the death of a loved one. The DVD seminar features nationally-respected grief experts and real-life stories of people, followed by a small group discussion. Many grieving people find they are only beginning the work of healing when friends or family have returned to their daily life routines. Too often, people, including Christians, tend to stuff their grief instead of allowing it to do the God-given work for which it is intended.

Don't allow fear of what others may think keep you from what could help you. Confidentiality is very much a part of this program. You will find encouragement, comfort and help in grieving the death of a spouse, child, parent, sibling, other family member or friend, regardless if your bereavement experience is recent or not so recent.

No matter what the cause of your loved one's death, this is an opportunity to be around people who understand what you are feeling. You will learn valuable information about facing your new normal in life and renewing your hope for the future.

TO REGISTER: Call the church office 402-423-4769. Cost: \$15, with scholarships available. While the meetings begin Feb. 1, you are free to join at any point. Child care is available with advance reservation. Any questions, call Carol Petersen 402-419-9805.

Open Mic Night

Fri., Feb. 2; 7-9pm; Room 316

Info: m.schmit@sheridanlutheran.org

Come and share your talents – singing, instrumental playing, dancing, comedy, poetry or acting - while enjoying coffee, smoothies and snacks from the Connections Café. This is a night of music, fellowship and fun for all. Anyone is welcome to attend and perform. Contact Molly Schmit with questions.

Cards & Games

Sun., Feb. 4; noon-3pm; Family Life Center & Connections Café

Info: c.peterson@sheridanlutheran.org

Join us at the Soup-tacular at noon for fellowship in the Family Life Center. Card games will follow until 3pm. All are welcome.

Book Discussion

Wed., Feb. 7; 6:30pm; Conference Room

Book: THE NINTH HOUR by Alice McDermott.

In Catholic Brooklyn in the early part of the 20th century, decorum, superstition and shame collude to erase a man's brief existence, yet his suicide, though never spoken of, reverberates through many lives--testing the limits and demands of love and sacrifice, of forgiveness and forgetfulness, even across multiple generations. Books are available in OneSent for \$17 + tax.

Holy Yoga Lenten Series

Begins Thurs. Feb. 15; 6:30pm; Room 316

Register: sheridanlutheran.org/event-registration

Embrace the essential elements of yoga: breath work, meditation and physical postures. New participants, please register prior to attending your first class. This class is free. All levels of yoga experience are welcome. Bring a yoga mat if you have one.

Marriage Preparation Class:

Sun., Feb. 25; 12:30pm; Conference Room

Info: g.bouvier@sheridanlutheran.org

Are you preparing to be married at Sheridan? Our pre-marriage seminar is required and serves as the first of three sessions you will have in preparation for your wedding, two of which will be with the pastor who is presiding.

Led by Pastor Greg Bouvier, this session will focus on topics surrounding married life. You will also meet and connect with other couples who are soon to be married. This 90-minute session will give you a great start on preparing for one of the most important days of your life. Even more, it will begin to prepare you for a life together, as one, in faith.

Second Quarter: Servin' up Soup

Mon., Feb. 26; 6:30pm; Room 522

Info: cabreutzmann@gmail.com

A fun fellowship night with other adults in their 20s & 30s. Thanks to a Thrivent Action Team, we will be putting together dry soup mixes to donate to Barnabas so families in need can have a healthy, simple meal to quickly put on the table during these cool winter months. Child care is available with advance reservation to b.jessen@sheridanlutheran.org by Thurs., Feb. 22.

New Member Workshop

Sat., April 7; 9am-noon

Info: sheridanlutheran.org/new-member-classes

Join us for the New Member Workshop to learn about Sheridan's mission and teachings in a casual format. Child care will be provided with reservations. New members completing the workshop will be able to join in worship at 5:30pm or 11am that weekend. *A congregational potluck will follow on Sunday, April 8.*

Contact us:

Phone: 402-423-4769

Email: info@sheridanlutheran.org

Website: sheridanlutheran.org

Church Leadership:

For a complete staff and council listing, please visit our website at sheridanlutheran.org.

2018 EXECUTIVE COUNCIL

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Find sermons online:

sheridanlutheran.org/media-resources/sermon-podcasts

Publication Submissions

Bulletin submissions are due each Tuesday at 5pm. Please email submissions to Genny Straube at g.straube@sheridanlutheran.org.

March Scroll deadline is February 15 at 5pm. Please email submissions to Amy Wagner at a.wagner@sheridanlutheran.org.

God Sightings

In coming months we will highlight a member of our Sheridan community who has made God's love and grace come clearly into sight. If you have a story of a God-sighting to suggest, please email info@sheridanlutheran.org.

Inspired Stewardship: The Joy of Giving

by Pastor Greg Bouvier



Pictured: Marcia and David Knuth during their New Member workshop.

What does inspired stewardship look like? Well, this month our God-sighting is from new members David and Marcia Knuth.

Dave and Marcia have always been immersed in church life. Worship is important to them and at the very heart of their life of faith. As some of our newest members (joined in January!), Dave and Marcia have loved the new series, **Stewarding the Good**.

During one of the extremely cold weekends in January, they decided to worship on Saturday evening, in order to beat the cold. On Sunday morning, the sermon on giving was still "working" on Marcia's heart. She talked with Dave and they chose to head to their closet where they grabbed all of their accumulated, gently-used winter coats, hats and gloves. They bundled them up and headed to People's City Mission. When they arrived and donated them, they experienced such a joy of giving and sense of fulfilling God's calling, that they later went shopping to find more coats, to meet the need. When they arrived, they saw three young people outside the mission, in the cold, with no coat.

The lesson Marcia described is in their ability to listen for God's still, small voice. God calls us to meet needs that we see – needs that often are overlooked in the world. We have so much that is good – time, talent and treasure. True spiritual fulfillment comes when we "steward the good," giving as God calls us to do, so often as a whisper in our heart.

Give to Barnabas Community

Through Sheridan Lutheran, Barnabas Community will also receive new and gently-used clothing items – especially outerwear – for the working poor, new Americans, disabled, fixed income, veterans, and those experiencing homelessness in Lincoln. Clothing donations may be dropped off at the store near 11th & Cornhusker during store hours on Thursday or Saturday.

Learn more about Barnabas Community online at sheridanlutheran.org/barnabas and get involved today.