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Dear Members and Friends of the Good Shepherd,

This month I would like to make all of you, especially those among us who are Thrivent members, aware of a program called Thrivent Choice. Thrivent Choice, the charitable grant program from Thrivent Financial for Lutherans, continues to be a welcome funding source for 501 (c)(3) nonprofit organizations nationwide, such as our church.

If you are a member of Thrivent Financial, you may already be aware of this easy, convenient way to help support what matters most to you. The Thrivent Choice program offers two ways members can recommend where Thrivent Financial distributes some of its charitable grant funds each year.

The first is through Voting Events, which are held periodically. During these Voting Events, all members age 16 and older can recommend how Thrivent Financial distributes a set amount of charitable grant funds among a short list of national organizations. Already, \$2 million has been distributed among 17 national organizations.

The second component of Thrivent Choice is Choice Dollars[®]. Eligible benefit members are designated Choice Dollars[®] which they can direct, thereby recommending charitable grant funding for their choice among thousands of 501 (c)(3) nonprofit organizations, including Good Shepherd.

If you are eligible to participate in Choice Dollars, or are uncertain about your eligibility, visit Thrivent.com/thriventchoice. Choice Dollars designated to eligible benefit members in 2012 must be directed by March 31, 2013. So far, hundreds of dollars have been directed to our congregation through this program to support our ministry. I'd be happy to talk with you if you have any further questions.

See you in Worship!

Pastor Wismar





MARCH 2013

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
3-9:00am-Sunday School & Confirmation Class 9:15am-Adult Bible Class 10:30am- Communion Worship Service	4	5	6	7 10:00am- WSL 12:00pm- Weight Watchers	8	9
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17-9:00-Sunday School & Conf. 9:15am-Adult Bible Class 10:30am- Worship Service	18	19 7:45pm- Board Meeting	20 7:00pm- Lent Service 7:45pm- Choir 8:00pm-A.A.	21- 10:00am- WSL 12:00pm-Weight Watchers	22	23
24 PALM SUNDAY 9:00am- EASTER EGG HUNT 10:30am- Worship Service	25	26 7:00pm- Discipleship Meeting	27 8:00pm-A.A.	28 10:00am WSL 12:00pm-Weight Watchers 7:00pm- MAUNDY THURSDAY SERVICE	29 7:00pm- GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE	30
31- EASTER SUNDAY 9:00am- EASTER BREAKFAST 10:30am- Worship Service						

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Anniversaries & Birthdays

Fred Cunningham	March 01	Michelle Svendberg	March 14
Emilie Dupre	March 03	John Larson	March 14
Erika Bodnar	March 03	Erika Wixted	March 20
Connor Scalzitti	March 03	Greg Giltner	March 20
Ted Booth	March 04	Alexander Haber	March 21
Jacob Ebinger	March 05	Sarah Klauck	March 27
Stephanie Zustovich	March 07	Larry Crosby	March 30
Judy Davis	March 08		
Emilie Dupre	March 09		
Victoria Freeborn	March 09		
Mark Szaley	March 09		
Jonathan Scalzitti	March 10		



Carol and Linton Hamilton

March 9

YOUTH and FELLOWSHIP

Our next book club meeting will be March 21st at 7:00pm at Starbucks in New Fairfield.

The selection for this month is *The Light Between Oceans* by M.L. Stedman. Hope you can join us!!

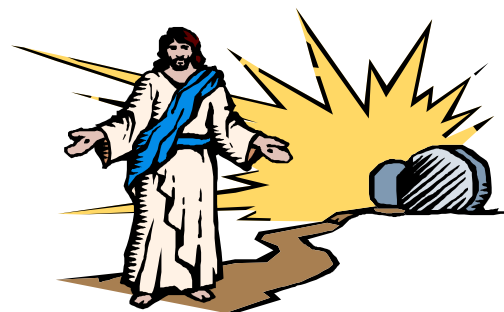
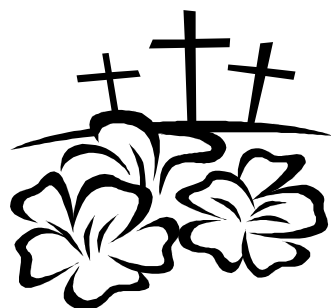
It's almost time to dust off your sneakers ! Spring is around the corner and our Fitness and Fellowship group will be starting another series of walks and hikes beginning Sunday, April 7th, following worship. Stay tuned for more info !

MISSIONS

Our Chili Cook-Off was a success and I wish to thank everyone who submitted chili (all were delicious—from the very spicy to the mild). Thank you also to everyone who attended, as well as those who helped in putting the evening together and cleaning up afterwards. We raised \$414 and this will be matched by Thrivent at approximately \$200 and all will be sent to Lutheran World Relief. Pastor will assist in designating the exact fund.

Last year we donated the chili cook off donations to the Lutheran Malaria Initiative. As of November 30, 2012 New England congregations have contributed a total of \$77,452.63 —almost \$4000 over the amount that was pledged for our district.

We are still collecting items for our college students—the bin is in the front hallway. Any contributions are greatly appreciated.



ANNOUNCEMENTS

March 10 - Food Bank collection day - a delivery was made to the food pantry last month

March 31 - Heifer collection - we have \$100 toward that water buffalo

March 24 - Palm Sunday

March 21 - Maundy Thursday - 7:00pm - Communion Service

March 22 - Good Friday - 7:00pm - Tenebrae Service

March 31 - Easter Sunday

The Friends of the New Fairfield Library are now collecting books for their March Book Sale if you have any to donate. They are involved in the fund raising for the needed renovations to the library building, so all help is appreciated. If you have a vehicle (car, boat, RV, etc.) you could donate call Gail Lehman, you will get a tax deduction for it.