

# The Shepherd's Call

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**Dear Members of the Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd congregation:**

Greetings in the name of Him who is the head of the church, Jesus Christ, our risen and victorious Savior.

On January 18, 2015, the voters assembly of Holy Cross Lutheran Church in Trumbull, CT met to elect a pastor. After calling upon the Holy Spirit for guidance and deliberating over the names on their call list, the Trumbull congregation voted to extend a call to me.

As I consider this call over the course of the next few weeks, I would ask you to join me in praying that the Holy Spirit may guide me and that the will of God may be done. Should I be led to accept the call from Holy Cross Lutheran Church, I would ask that you would grant me a peaceful release so that I may take up my new responsibilities there.

May the Lord Jesus Christ, the Head of the Church, guide and bless us all as we continue to grow in and share in the tremendous love He has for us.

In Christ,

Rev. Eric A. Wismar

## COME TO CHILI COOK OFF FEBRUARY 7

Join us for some good food  
and fellowship.

It is still not too late to enter your recipe.

See you then - 5:30 pm



**PRAYER CHAIN** It is a privilege and an honor to be the Prayer Chain coordinator for Good Shepherd. With the advent of emails, we are able to notify the entire congregation of any prayers needed at a moment's notice. Prayer is very powerful and it connects us as a congregation. I have received many heartfelt prayer requests over the years and we've certainly kept God busy.

I wanted to encourage everyone to reach out to me at any time regarding the prayer chain. God wants to hear all our prayers, not just when there is a dire situation. Please feel free to contact me with good news too!! It is always great to pray for God's Blessings such as a new baby, a special birthday of a loved one or return to good health!! No prayer is too large or too small for God. Use your imagination and keep the prayers coming.

In Christ, Suzanne Kloos

And for those of you who aren't interested in the computer method, please call me for an old fashioned prayer chain which I will have put together within two weeks. Let me know whether you want to be called the morning or evening.



Carol Woodside



Rose Bowl Parade-New Year's Day— January 1, 2015

### **Lutheran Hour Float**

The theme was The Bible—God's Story. It won an award for the most beautiful for floats 35 feet and under. This is a 65 year tradition that 5,000 petal pushers prepared for the parade. It was the only Christian themed float in the parade.

**WISH LIST** The wish list is back with a broken sound system. Needs repair or replacement. A railing to use going up and down to communion on both sides is needed.

## STEWARDSHIP

*The commission has been working hard on setting up a lending library for us.*

*There is a wide selection of topics, Bible studies, and children's books. Check it out and check out a book on the sign out sheet. See the inspiration note from a reader below.*

*We wish to thank the following people who gave their time and talent to create this updated library:* *“From Sunday Book of Psalms study: With Christ*

*Victoria Freeborn*

*in the heart, there is peace and contentment.”*

*Judy Davis*

*Nan Falsetti*

*Julian Davis*

*Jim Falsetti*

*Nan Falsetti*

*And thanks to some great ideas from*

*Babara Szaley and*

*Carol Hirscheimer.*

*So indulge yourself in a good read and if you*

*wish share any*

*inspirations we would*

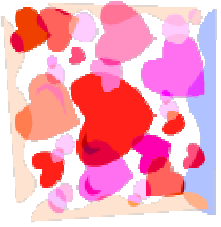
*love to hear them. Thank*

*you all for your help !*





# FEBRUARY 2015



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1- 9:00am Sunday School & Conf. class 9:15am-Adult Bible Class 10:30am DIVINE SERVICE with Communion	2 6:30 pm- Knitting	3 7:30 pm- Stewardship Meeting	4 11-12am-Bible Study 8:00 pm- Choir 8:00pm—AA	5 10:00am—WSL 12:00pm-Weight Watchers	6	7 5:30 pm <b>CHILI COOK OFF</b>
8- 9:00am Sunday School Conf. class 9:15am –Adult Bible Class 10:30am DIVINE SERVICE with Communion	9 7:45 pm- Board Meeting	10	11 11-12am-Bible Study 8:00 pm—Choir 8:00pm—AA	12 12:00pm-Weight Watchers	13	14
15- 9:00am-Sunday School & Conf. class 9:15am-Adult Bible Class 10:30am DIVINE SERVICE with Communion	16 6:30 pm- Knitting	17	18 11-12am-Bible Study 7pm—ASH <b>WEDNESDAY WORSHIP</b> 8:00pm— Choir	19 10:00am—WSL 12:00pm-Weight Watchers	20	21
22-9:00am-Sunday School & Conf. class 9:15am-Adult Bible Class 10:30am DIVINE SERVICE with Communion	23	24 7:30 pm Discipleship meeting	25 11-12am-Bible Study 7pm— <b>LENTEN MID-WEEK SERVICE</b> 8:00 pm—Choir	26 12:00pm—Weight Watchers	27	28

## Serving Page for February

	2/1	2/8	2/15	2/22
<b>Ushers:</b>	L. Hamilton C. Hamilton B. Tompkins P. Tompkins	E. Davis E Davis A. Golino C. Woodside	C. Dice B. Dice J. Kloos	T. Renz E. Davis E. Davis C. Woodside
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<b>Crucifer:</b>	A. Renz	S. Zustovich	R. Rojas	A Golino

## Birthdays and Anniversaries

Thomas Dube Sr.	Feb.03
Hallie Durr	Feb.03
Donna Ferris	Feb.03
Karlheinz Berendsohn	Feb 11
Joyce Klauck	Feb 17
Charles Gilleo	Feb 20
Jim Falsetti	Feb 22
Chris Smith	Feb 22
Richard Haber	Feb.24
Alicia Zustovich	Feb.28
Melody Meisenholder	Feb.28

*Helena and William Scully*

*February 10*



## GOING BEYOND YOUR COMFORT ZONE

How many times have we heard the phrase, “comfort zone”? As humans we cling to what we know, we view life from our human perspective. It’s natural to us and we like it that way. We become very uncomfortable when we are asked to go beyond our comfort zone.

But that is exactly what Jesus is asking us to do: to humble ourselves, to be dependent on Him, His Word, His Holy Spirit. Why is he asking this of us? Because by getting past this zone, the Holy Spirit, is allowed to enter and renew us, directing and taking us to work on His behalf, in ways that we would not think of, pulling and stretching us to eventually becoming a full grown child of God.

We are warned in the Bible about the anxieties of life. The difference between fear and anxiety is that a fear is focused on a specific item, for example fear of heights. Anxiety in life is when you become anxious, have a heightened sense of nervousness, and a reluctance to go forward in many areas of life. Anxiety creates barriers blocking the Holy Spirit from communicating with us. When we allow the Holy Spirit to lead us, teaching us, our faith soars upward. Not only do we become more aware of the presence of the Holy Spirit, but also we are tapped into His presence and become a stronger person in the Lord.

An example of someone who had to exhaust all human resources for help is found in Luke 8:42-48. This woman had a discharge of blood for twelve years creating weaknesses on her body and emotions. She was also denied spiritual help within her Jewish faith. She was considered unclean. Her faith in Jesus’ healing powers drove her, in desperation, to go through a crowd of people, physically bending down to touch not Jesus, but just the fringe of his garment, to receive the healing power. She certainly would have been anxious; all the Jewish laws and people were against her. But in faith she risked everything for one touch of His fringe. She did it and Jesus felt it. Everywhere there were crowds of people. Other people were touching Him as well, because of the crowded conditions. But this woman’s touch was a touch filled with faith. She was healed immediately. Jesus not only recognized her as the woman, but as a daughter, a child of God. Somehow between getting physically healed and having the courage to testify about it, she had established a relationship with her Savior, becoming a recipient of peace within the family of God.

What connects this woman’s story with us? We are being asked to do two things:

1. To give to the Lord our time and talents
2. To see the financial needs of our good church as they are in black and white, and to give abundantly.

Money comes in many forms. If you pray about this important matter, asking the Lord for his guidance, the Holy Spirit will bring to mind ways in which you can help. Act on them - don’t become overly anxious – and trust in the direction of the Holy Spirit.

John 14:15-17 Jesus promises His Holy Spirit - *“I will ask the Father and He will give you another Helper to be with you forever, even the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him, nor knows him, for he dwells with you and will be in you.”*

Whether you sacrifice your own time, energy, or a personal want, nothing is wasted when you commit it to serving Him.

Thank you sincerely from the heart,

Nan Falsetti, Stewardship Chairperson