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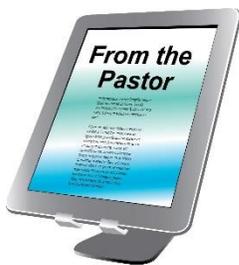


## February 2017 Newsletter

[www.goodshepherdlink.org](http://www.goodshepherdlink.org)

In addition to visiting the Good Shepherd's website, if you are on social media, you might want to visit and "like" both Good Shepherd's Facebook page and the Facebook page for Lifetree Café Circle Pines."

If you would like to receive the monthly newsletter and other news from Good Shepherd via e-mail, please go to [www.goodshepherdlink.org](http://www.goodshepherdlink.org) and "join our e-mail list" or contact the church office.



I had the chance to visit the Minnesota Institute of the Arts "*Martin Luther*" exhibit this past week. It had artifacts that dated back 500 years to the time of the Reformation in Germany. What a unique exhibit. It told a little about the history of Martin Luther, and His 95 Theses that were posted for discussion and how what was hoped to be an ongoing discussion turned into a movement splitting the church.

One of the crowning achievements of the Reformation was getting Scripture translated into the language of the common people so all could read it firsthand. Previous to this, only the priests could read it, and it was viewed that common people should NOT read it, as they might "misinterpret" it.

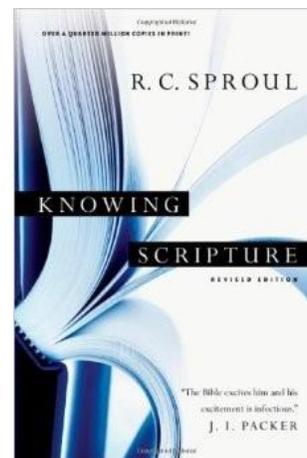
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But because of the Reformation, we all have direct access to God's Word. Yet, there are still some today who struggle reading Scripture because they say it IS too difficult to understand. For those of you who feel this way, I would like to share the latest book introduction to our church library: "Knowing Scripture" by R.C. Sproul. This book teaches people HOW to read Scripture. And it does it in a way that non-theologians can understand. It has a section on hermeneutics, the methodology for studying Scripture. And it gives many practical rules and tools to help in your understanding Scripture and in applying that Scripture to your individual lives.

R.C. Sproul is a highly regarded theologian with great insight. I would encourage everyone to take a look at this wonderful book.

In His Service,

Pastor Ted



## Update From Seminary Student...Jesse Baker

Greetings in Christ,

As I am currently on Christmas break, I would like to update you on my semester and my life. The new semester is going well; it started after Thanksgiving, and currently I am taking Systematics 2, Homiletics 2, Acts and the Pauline Epistles, and The Lutheran Reformation. So far the semester has been enjoyable, but, nonetheless, to have three weeks of class then two weeks off is quite odd. However, I will again start school again on the second of January. It will be good to be back in the rhythm.

Then at the end of the semester during spring break I will be going on a mission trip through the seminary to Guatemala. I will be here for about one week. We will be teaching some of the local children Bible stories. This allows the full time missionaries there to have a break and have some much needed rest. I would greatly appreciate your prayers. I will make sure to write about my experience in my next letter.

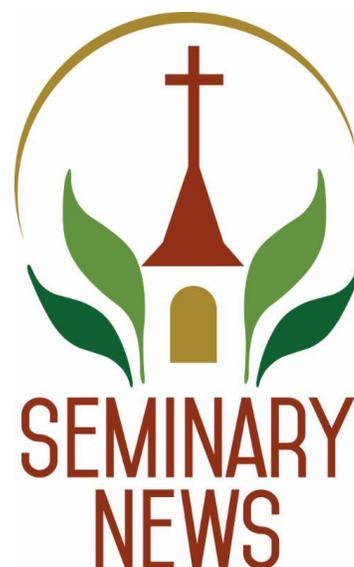
Christmas break has been very relaxing. My brother Jason (who lives in Denver) was able to fly home and spend three days with us. It was great to see him and be able to spend time with him. My eldest brother and my Grandmother were also over at my parents' house for Christmas. It is always great to be back with my family again.

I hope all you have experienced as a relaxing and peaceful of a Christmas as I have. It is always great to have this time to take a step back and think about what God has done for us. God loved us so much that He came down and became part of His creation. I pray and hope God continues to bless you...you have all been a blessing to me.

*In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things were made through him, and without him was not anything made that was made. In him was life, and the life was the light of men. (John 1:1-4)*

In Christ,

Jesse Baker



## Seasonal Choir for Easter

Calling all singers 9th grade to adults to sing during the Maundy Thursday service and Easter Sunday 8:00 am service. If you have the gift, heart, and willingness to sing, we would love to have you be a part of our seasonal choir.

Practices will take place on the following dates at 7:45 pm:

- February, Wednesdays 15, 22
- March, Wednesdays 1, 8, 15, 22, 29
- April Wednesdays 5 & 12



If you have any questions in regards to the choir, please contact Carol Blomberg at [c\\_blomberg@msn.com](mailto:c_blomberg@msn.com) or 651-490-3288.

## Lent Begins

- Ash Wednesday - March 1 - 7:00 pm (Communion and Imposition of Ashes)
- Wednesday, March 8 - 7:00 pm (NO SOUP SUPPER - SPRING BREAK)
- Wednesday, March 15 - 7:00 pm
- Wednesday, March 22 - 7:00 pm
- Wednesday, March 29 - 7:00 pm
- Wednesday, April 5 - 7:00 pm



## Lent Soup Suppers

Please mark your calendar and plan to come together with your church family for some delicious Soup Suppers before the Wednesday evening Lenten services.



Suppers will be served from 5:30-6:30 pm in the lower level of the church.

Menu: Soups, along with salad, rolls, lemonade and water, and of course, dessert! Free will offerings gladly accepted.

- March 1 (Ash Wednesday) - Wild Rice Soup & Chili
- March 8 - **NO SOUP SUPPER** - Spring Break
- March 15 - Chicken Noodle Soup & Cheeseburger Soup
- March 22 - Beef Barley Soup & Beer Cheese Soup
- March 29 - Taco Soup & Broccoli Cheese Soup
- April 5 - Wild Rice Soup & White Chicken Chili

There will also be a limited amount of Campbell's Chicken Noodle soup available at each supper.

**VOLUNTEERS are needed to help serve the soup.** Please sign-up at the "Welcome Center" in the church lobby to volunteer. Soup Suppers are provided by the Soul Food Ministry team at Good Shepherd.



## We're Making Soup Again!

February Soul Food prep and cook sign-up is available on the Welcome Center in the church lobby.

- **Friday, February 10: 5:30-7:30 pm** - chopping vegetables and measuring ingredients.
- **Saturday, February 11: 9:00 am - 12:00 pm** - cooking, packaging and freezing soups.

Teens through adults are welcome to help. If childcare is needed, please complete the registration so we can be properly staffed to care for children.

The Soul Food Ministry Team is designed to serve others with the love of our Lord Jesus.

Volunteers periodically gather together and prepare homemade soups. We then freeze them, so they can easily be delivered to individuals and families who could be blessed by the love-gift of a ready-made meal and a short visit. We also make soups for our congregational Soup Suppers.

If you know of someone who may be blessed by the love gift of a Soul Food meal delivery, please let us know. Also, if you have a heart to serve in this ministry or have any other questions, please contact Darlene Sandbakken at 763-780-4614 or Val Hicke at 763-780-8398.

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## Lifetree Cafe

**Tuesdays at 7:00 pm**  
**and**  
**Thursdays at 10:30 am**

- Week of February 5 - "Finding Meaning Every Monday" - Secrets to a satisfying week.
- Week of February 12 - "Crop Circles" - They're not what you think.
- Week of February 19 - "Spiritual but Not Religious" - The author of The Shack weighs in.
- Week of February 26 - "Police Brutality or Necessary Force?" - Stories from both sides.



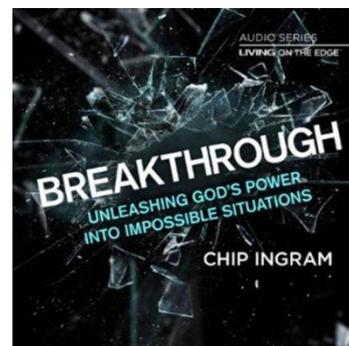
Please invite your friends and acquaintances. Fliers are available at the display outside the church sanctuary. We're also on Facebook!

If you have any questions, please contact: Carrie Hoshaw, Darlene & Marty Leiding, or Ann Wellmann.

Reminder: Host and Friendship Teams, please arrive one hour early.

# Wednesday Evening Cross-Generational Bible Study

## Wednesday Evening Bible Study... *Breakthrough* with Chip Ingram



Everyone 9th grade through adult are invited to take part in this Wednesday night Bible Study opportunity 6:00-7:30 pm.

Breakthrough will meet 6-7:30 PM on Wednesdays (**January 4 - February 22**) in the Lifetree Café area. A sign-up sheet is available in the church lobby. Childcare provided for children (ages infant to 5th grade) of those adults attending. Please prayerfully consider joining us for this important DVD Study.

Contact our facilitators, Gary Hoshaw at (612) 990-0390 or Ann Wellmann at (651)-717-0056 if you have any questions.

10 Sessions including:

- Unleashing God's Power into Impossible Situations
- Making Room for a Breakthrough
- Courage - The Catalyst to Breakthrough
- The Birthplace of Breakthroughs

What's Next? Making Breakthrough Your "New Normal"

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## Women's Prayer and Praise Retreat 2017

This retreat provides a wonderful opportunity for women (*ages 16 to over 70*) to spend time in the beautiful surroundings of God's majestic creation in the north woods of Wisconsin.



Our Prayer & Praise Retreat has a Christ-centered, faith-building component carefully woven into it, while also offering a great deal of free time to enjoy the wide variety of activities at the resort.

Dates: **Friday, August 4 to Sunday, August 6, 2017**

Please stop by the lobby display table for more information and to register. Prayerfully consider joining us, and invite your sister, mom, daughter, or a friend to join you!

**Completed registration and at least 1/2 payment is due by April 30, 2017.**

## Men's Bible Study

### *The Reason for God* by Timothy Keller

The Men's Bible Study has begun this 6-part DVD series and any men in the congregation are encouraged to join them at any time. They meet in the conference room in the lower level.

Selected dates:

- February 6 & 20
- March 13



## Women's In-Depth Bible Study

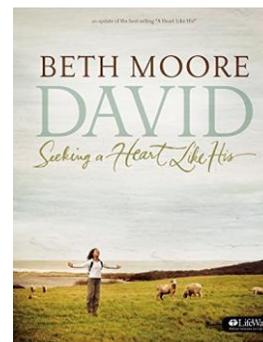
Our current study is called "DAVID: Seeking a Heart Like His." This Bible study is focused on the life of David and his relationship with God, by Beth Moore.

In-Depth Bible Study meets on select **Monday evenings, from 6:30-8:00 p.m. in the lower level of the church.** DVD lessons, discussion time and prayer round out this deep study of God's Word. The workbook homework takes you even deeper into the Scriptures throughout the week.

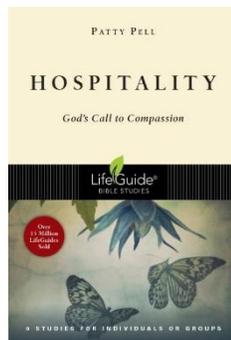
These are amazing lessons that will personally apply to your own faith journey and you will grow, no matter where you are on the path~ just beginning to walk with the Lord, or far, far along on your journey.

Whether you just come a time or two in order to check it all out, or you commit to the rest of the study you are welcome!

**DATES: February 6 & 20 ~ March 13**



## Ladies Tuesday Morning Bible Study



The Ladies Tuesday Morning Bible Study meet is the lower level Lifetree Cafe area from 9:30-11:00 am

**February dates: 7, 14, & 21**

We will continue our study "Hospitality: God's Call to Compassion" by Patty Pell.

Late in February we will begin our next study which will be the book of Revelation. The materials will cost approximately \$10.00. If you would like to join us for the study of Revelation, please contact Charlene Behne at 763-784-8320. Materials will be ordered in early February.

All women are welcome, whatever your Bible Study experience is.

## WINGS NEWS

**WINGS** (*Women in God's Service*) will meet on **Saturday, February 18 at 9:00 am**. We will begin with a light breakfast with the program and meeting to follow. We will be meeting for the winter on Saturday mornings. For those of you who would like to find out more about what we do, and don't care to come out at night, come and join us that morning.

The program for the morning will be "The Perfect Age"; Hostess will be Ruth Halverson. Join us in the Lifetree Cafe area.

Please contact Charlene Behne with any questions at 763-784-8320.



## LWML Delegate Board Meeting

The next St. Croix River Zone LWML Delegate Board Meeting will be held on Tuesday, February 28 at 9:30 am at St. John's Lutheran Church, 1975 St. John's Dr., Woodbury, MN.

Delegates from Good Shepherd are Melodee Belford and Lissa Marcello.



## Quilting News

Join us as we continue to quilt for Lutheran World Relief and other purposes, and to make pillows for our soldiers.

No experience is required. On January 19 we boxed up 21 quilts (60 X 80 in size) to be delivered to Lutheran World Relief.

If you would like to help or provide material, please contact Lissa Marcello at 763-783-3790 or just come on the designated Thursday evenings.

**February dates: 2, 9, 16, & 23**

Time: 6:30-8:00pm

Place: Lower level of Sunday school area



## Recycle your Aluminum Cans!

Thank you to everyone who contributed cans to the WING'S aluminum can drive this year! A check in the amount of \$125.00 has been forwarded to the Centennial Communion Food Shelf to assist people in our community in need. Thank you for making this possible!

Keep savings cans for pick-up next spring!





## Mom's Prayer International

Attention Centennial High School and Middle School Moms!  
Do you worry about your children? Come experience God's peace and hope when you pray alongside other moms. Moms in Prayer International (formerly Moms In Touch), gathers moms together to pray for God to transform our children and schools. Won't you join with us in prayer for this next generation?

Please contact Leanne Abraham at 651-766-7442 or [MIPICentennial@gmail.com](mailto:MIPICentennial@gmail.com) for information about our local group. For more information about Moms in Prayer International visit [www.momsinprayer.org](http://www.momsinprayer.org).

## Monthly Prayer Gathering at Good Shepherd

Last Sunday of each month at 6:00 pm  
All are welcome!

Next date: February 26

Praying in daily life is as important as breathing. Just as we all need oxygen to live, we need God's presence in us for us to be fully alive.

"We tend to use prayer as a last resort, but God wants it to be our first line of defense. We pray when there's nothing else we can do, but God wants us to pray before we do anything at all. Most of us would prefer, however, to spend our time doing something that will get immediate results. We don't want to wait for God to resolve matters in His good time because His idea of 'good time' is seldom in sync with ours." Oswald Chambers, Scottish teacher, writer and minister, 1874-1917.



## Power of Prayer

*Do you have the heart to pray? Do you have compassion for others?*

If so, we are asking you to prayerfully consider being part of the Good Shepherd "Prayer Chain."

The power of prayer is an instrumental way to lift up your brothers and sisters in Christ who are requesting prayers. Good Shepherd invites and encourages you to be part of the Prayer Chain. This can be done in your own private prayer time.

These prayers would come from those submitted from Sunday Worship as well as prayers emailed or called in directly to the church.

What is the Power of Prayer?

Never underestimate the power of prayer. When you are praying according to God's will, your prayer is unstoppable. Therefore, we should never give up or back down. We need to keep praying. That is why Jesus said, "Ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you" (Matthew 7:7).

**Mark 11:25** - *Therefore I tell you, whatever you ask in prayer, believe that you have received it, and it will be yours.*

**1 John 5:14-15** - *And this is the confidence that we have toward him, that if we ask anything according to his will he hears us. And if we know that he hears us in whatever we ask, we know that we have the requests that we have asked of him.*

### How do I sign-up?

1. Go to the Good Shepherd website at [www.goodshepherdlink.org](http://www.goodshepherdlink.org) click on Prayer Warriors and go down to "Join the Prayer Chain." Enter your information and submit.
2. After you submit your information you will receive prayer requests via email as they come in.

### How do I submit a prayer request?

1. Go to the Good Shepherd website at [www.goodshepherdlink.org](http://www.goodshepherdlink.org) click on Prayer Warriors and go down to "Prayer Request." Enter your information and submit.
2. E-mail your prayer into the church office at [office@goodshepherdlink.org](mailto:office@goodshepherdlink.org).
3. Call your request into the church office at 763-784-8417.

Submit a prayer card request on Sundays.

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## Get Connected & Keep Connected



Help us keep up-to-date on your current contact information.

Keeping connected to your church home and family is crucial to busy day-to-day schedules.

Forms are available on the "Welcome Center" in the church lobby for whenever your information changes (address, phone, email, etc.).

If you would like to have your picture in the directory or would like to have a more current one, contact the church office at [office@goodshepherdlink.org](mailto:office@goodshepherdlink.org) to arrange a time to have one taken. It only takes a minute to do and can be done on a Sunday when you are already here or during church office hours.

Thank you for helping us keep you CONNECTED to Good Shepherd!

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## Electronic Giving



Contributions made simple. Good Shepherd wants to remind you that we offer electronic giving as a way to automate your regular weekly offering. "Simply Giving" offers convenience for members and provide a much-needed donation consistency for our congregation. Consider scheduling a recurring contribution today.

You will no longer need to write out checks and prepare envelopes every week. Simply complete an Authorization Form and place it in the drop off box, both are located at the Welcome Center. Donations will be debited automatically from either a checking or savings account.

# Food Shelf Volunteers Needed from Good Shepherd



Good Shepherd volunteers take pride in the part they play in helping our local community food shelf in Circle Pines. We are in desperate need of volunteers from Good Shepherd to help serve once a month (Thursday). We are looking for at least 6 to 8 people to fill our team. Our goal is get a large team, that way you would only have to serve every other month.

Our new team lead from Good Shepherd is Darlene Leiding. If you have the heart and willingness to serve in this capacity, please contact Darlene at (651)484-0119 or [drdleiding@comcast.net](mailto:drdleiding@comcast.net).

Here is some information on the Centennial Community Food Shelf:

We are a 501 (C) (3) non-profit organization, with all monetary donations being tax deductible. We operate entirely with food and monetary donations from individuals and organizations within the community. We have no paid staff.

The Centennial Community food shelf has proudly grown from the vision of a single person delivering food to needy families at the holidays, to an organization of volunteers that serves hundreds of families each year with the support of the community. Our Mission Statement is "In the spirit of love, provide nourishment to people" because we wanted to not only provide food, but to also form the attitude in which we engage our clients.

The Food Shelf is a Christian ecumenical organization supported by the community and the following churches: Bridgewood Community Church, Church of St. Genevieve, Eagle Brook Church, Gethsemane United Methodist Church, Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, Living Faith Church, Living Waters Lutheran Church, Our Savior's Lutheran Church, St. Joseph Catholic Church, and St. Mark Lutheran Church.

Centennial Community Food Shelf and Powerpack would not operate without our approximately 150 volunteers who do all the things we need to run the Food Shelf and Powerpack.

## Volunteer Opportunities - Food Shelf

- Greeting clients (3:45-6:15 Mon & Thurs)
- Assist clients and carry groceries to their car (3:45-6:15 Mon & Thurs.) Note: we often need student groups to assist.
- Help with regular deliveries (2nd Harvest Heartland - every 2 weeks, Breads & Pastries weekly)
- Food Drive Organizer (times and dates vary)
- Holiday Basket setup and distribution (Saturday mornings one week before Easter, Thanksgiving and Christmas).

# Community Food Shelf

The Centennial Community Food Shelf is located at 200 Civic Heights Drive (in the lower level City Hall building).

Good Shepherd continues to support and thanks everyone for their generous contributions.

If you would like to donate to the local food shelf, please make checks payable to:

Centennial Community Food Shelf and mail to:

Centennial Community Food Shelf  
c/o Gethsemane United Methodist Church  
7330 Lake Dr  
Lino Lakes MN 55014

The food shelf provides emergency foods (3-5 days supply) for about 250 local households each month. Volunteers are always needed to serve on the first Thursday of the month from 3:45-6:15 at the Centennial Food Shelf. Team members come together with a driving compassion to serve the community by meeting the needs of others.

Please contact Darlene Leiding at 651-484-0119 if you are interested in becoming a volunteer.

