

February 24th, 2019 at 9:30 am

Seventh Sunday after Epiphany

GOOD SHEPHERD LUTHERAN CHURCH

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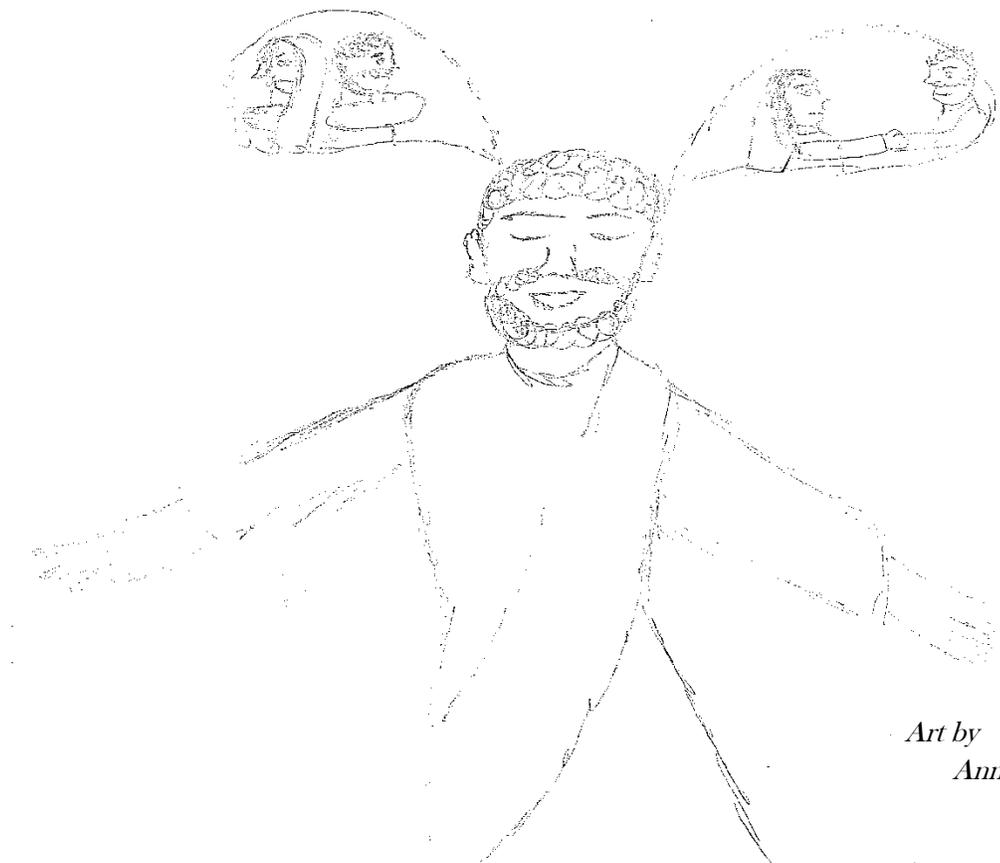
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Mercy. Mercy. Mercy. Joseph lives it in Egypt. Jesus preaches it in the gospel. The Spirit guides us into merciful lives with the power of forgiveness to reconcile what is fractured and divided. Such merciful living is the baptismal blessing of having put on Christ. It is the gift of the life-giving Spirit. It is a reflection of the glory of God revealed in the Christ.

Welcome to worship at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church.

We would like everyone to fill out the Friendship Pad at the end of the pews and pass it along for all to fill out. Please also mark the names of all in the family who are receiving Communion. If you are visiting, please include your address and phone number.

Nursery: Our nursery is located out the north entrance of the sanctuary.
Please feel free to use the nursery anytime during the service.

We are delighted to have you.

GATHERING

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

PRELUDE

Time for reflection in silence

Tena Rackow

COMMUNITY CONCERNS & CELEBRATION**THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM**

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, the fountain of living water, the rock who gave us birth, our light and our salvation.

C: Amen.

P: We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning your Spirit moved over the waters and by your Word you created the world, calling forth life in which you took delight. Through the waters of the flood you delivered Noah and his family. Through the sea you led your people Israel from slavery into freedom. At the river your Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Holy Spirit. By water and your Word you claim us as daughters and sons, making us heirs of your promise and servants of all. We praise you for the gift of water that sustains life, and above all we praise you for the gift of new life in Jesus Christ. Shower us with your Spirit, and renew our lives with your forgiveness, grace, and love. To you be given honor and praise through Jesus Christ our Lord in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

C: Amen.

GATHERING HYMN “ALL CREATURES, WORSHIP GOD MOST HIGH!”

(Verses 1, 2, 3, & 4)

ELW#835



1 All crea-tures, wor-ship God most high! Sound ev - 'ry voice in earth and
2 Sing, broth - er wind; with clouds and rain you grow the gifts of fruit and
3 Sing, broth - er fire, so mirth-ful, strong; drive far the shad-ows, join the
4 All who for love of God for - give, all who in pain or sor - row



sky: Al-le - lu - ia! Al-le - lu - ia! Sing, broth - er sun, in splen-dor
grain: Al-le - lu - ia! Al-le - lu - ia! Dear sis - ter wa - ter, use - ful,
throng: Al-le - lu - ia! Al-le - lu - ia! Dear moth - er earth, so rich in
grieve: Al-le - lu - ia! Al-le - lu - ia! Christ bears your bur-dens and your



bright; sing, sis - ter moon and stars of night:
clear, make mu - sic for your Lord to hear: Al-le - lu - ia, al-le -
care, praise God in col - ors bright and rare:
fears; still make your song a - mid the tears:



lu - ia, al-le - lu - ia, al-le - lu - ia, al-le - lu - ia!

GREETING

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **C: And also with you.**

KYRIE**LORD, HAVE MERCY****ELW #155**

1, 3 Ky - ri - e e - lei - son. Ky - ri - e e - lei - son.
 2 Chris - te e - lei - son. Chris - te e - lei - son.
 1, 3 Lord, . . . have mer - cy. Lord, . . . have mer - cy.
 2 Christ, . . . have mer - cy. Christ, . . . have mer - cy.

Ky - ri - e e - lei - son.
 Chris - te e - lei - son.
 Lord, . . . have mer - cy.
 Christ, . . . have mer - cy.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

A: Let us pray.

C: O Lord Jesus, make us instruments of your peace, that where there is hatred, we may sow love, where there is injury, pardon, and where there is despair, hope. Grant, O divine master, that we may seek to console, to understand, and to love in your name, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

WORD

God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE**FIRST READING:** Genesis 45:3-11, 15

L: A reading from Genesis.

³Joseph said to his brothers, "I am Joseph. Is my father still alive?" But his brothers could not answer him, so dismayed were they at his presence. ⁴Then Joseph said to his brothers, "Come closer to me." And they came closer. He said, "I am your brother, Joseph, whom you sold into Egypt. ⁵And now do not be distressed, or angry with yourselves, because you sold me here; for God sent me before you to preserve life. ⁶For the famine has been in the land these two years; and there are five more years in which there will be neither plowing nor harvest. ⁷God sent me before you to preserve for you a remnant on earth, and to keep alive for you many survivors. ⁸So it was not you who sent me here, but God; he has made me a father to Pharaoh, and lord of all his house and ruler over all the land of Egypt. ⁹Hurry and go up to my father and say to him, 'Thus says your son Joseph, God has made me lord of all Egypt; come down to me, do not delay. ¹⁰You shall settle in the land of Goshen, and you shall be near me, you and your children and your children's children, as well as your flocks, your herds, and all that you have. ¹¹I will provide for you there—since there are five more years of famine to come—so that you and your household, and all that you have, will not come to poverty.' " ¹⁵And he kissed all his brothers and wept upon them; and after that his brothers talked with him.

L: Word of God, word of life. **C: Thanks be to God.**

PSALM: Psalm 37:1-11, 39-40 (*Read responsively.*)

¹Do not be provoked by evildoers; do not be jealous of those who do wrong.

²**For they shall soon wither like the grass, and like the green grass fade away.**

³Put your trust in the LORD and do good; dwell in the land and find safe pasture.

⁴**Take delight in the LORD, who shall give you your heart's desire.**

⁵Commit your way to the LORD; put your trust in the LORD, and see what God will do.

⁶**The LORD will make your vindication as clear as the light and the justice of your case like the noonday sun.**

⁷Be still before the LORD and wait patiently. Do not be provoked by the one who prospers, the one who succeeds in evil schemes.

⁸**Refrain from anger, leave rage alone; do not be provoked; it leads only to evil.**

⁹For evildoers shall be cut off, but those who hope in the LORD shall possess the land.

¹⁰**In a little while the wicked shall be no more; even if you search out their place, they will not be there.**

¹¹But the lowly shall possess the land; they will delight in abundance of peace.

³⁹**But the deliverance of the righteous comes from you, O LORD; you are their stronghold in time of trouble.**

⁴⁰You, O LORD, will help them and rescue them; you will rescue them from the wicked and deliver them, because in you they seek refuge.

SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 15:35-38, 42-50

L: A reading from 1 Corinthians.

³⁵But someone will ask, "How are the dead raised? With what kind of body do they come?" ³⁶Fool! What you sow does not come to life unless it dies. ³⁷And as for what you sow, you do not sow the body that is to be, but a bare seed, perhaps of wheat or of some other grain. ³⁸But God gives it a body as he has chosen, and to each kind of seed its own body. ⁴²So it is with the resurrection of the dead. What is sown is perishable, what is raised is imperishable. ⁴³It is sown in dishonor, it is raised in glory. It is sown in weakness, it is raised in power. ⁴⁴It is sown a physical body, it is raised a spiritual body. If there is a physical body, there is also a spiritual body. ⁴⁵Thus it is written, "The first man, Adam, became a living being"; the last Adam became a life-giving spirit. ⁴⁶But it is not the spiritual that is first, but the physical, and then the spiritual. ⁴⁷The first man was from the earth, a man of dust; the second man is from heaven. ⁴⁸As was the man of dust, so are those who are of the dust; and as is the man of heaven, so are those who are of heaven. ⁴⁹Just as we have borne the image of the man of dust, we will also bear the image of the man of heaven. ⁵⁰What I am saying, brothers and sisters, is this: flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God, nor does the perishable inherit the imperishable.

L: Word of God, word of life. **C: Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION “Halle, Halle, Hallelujah”

ELW #172

Hal-le, hal - le, hal - le - lu - jah. Hal - le, hal - le, hal -
 - le - lu - jah. Hal - le - lu - jah. Hal - le, hal - le, hal - le -
 lu - jah. Hal - le - lu - jah. Hal - le - lu - jah.

GOSPEL: Luke 6:27-38

P: The holy gospel according to Luke. C: **Glory to you, O Lord.**

[Jesus said:] ²⁷“But I say to you that listen, Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, ²⁸bless those who curse you, pray for those who abuse you. ²⁹If anyone strikes you on the cheek, offer the other also; and from anyone who takes away your coat do not withhold even your shirt. ³⁰Give to everyone who begs from you; and if anyone takes away your goods, do not ask for them again. ³¹Do to others as you would have them do to you. ³²“If you love those who love you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners love those who love them. ³³If you do good to those who do good to you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners do the same. ³⁴If you lend to those from whom you hope to receive, what credit is that to you? Even sinners lend to sinners, to receive as much again. ³⁵But love your enemies, do good, and lend, expecting nothing in return. Your reward will be great, and you will be children of the Most High; for he is kind to the ungrateful and the wicked. ³⁶Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful. ³⁷“Do not judge, and you will not be judged; do not condemn, and you will not be condemned. Forgive, and you will be forgiven; ³⁸give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together, running over, will be put into your lap; for the measure you give will be the measure you get back.”

P: The gospel of the Lord. C: **Praise to you, O Christ.**

SERMON

Pastor Miho Yasukawa

HYMN OF THE DAY "LOVE DIVINE, ALL LOVES EXCELLING" ELW#631
(Verse 1 All, verse 2 Women, verse 3 Men, verse 4 All)



1 Love di - vine, all loves ex - cel - ling, Joy of heav'n, to
 2 Breathe, oh, breathe thy lov - ing Spir - it in - to ev - 'ry
 3 Come, Al - might - y, to de - liv - er; let us all thy
 4 Fin - ish then thy new cre - a - tion, pure and spot - less



earth come down! Fix in us thy hum - ble dwell - ing, all thy
 trou - bled breast; let us all in thee in - her - it; let us
 life re - ceive; sud - den - ly re - turn, and nev - er, nev - er -
 let us be; let us see thy great sal - va - tion per - fect -



faith - ful mer - cics crown. Je - sus, thou art all com - pas - sion,
 find thy prom - ised rest. Take a - way the love of sin - ning;
 more thy tem - ples leave. Thee we would be al - ways bless - ing,
 ly re - stored in thee! Changed from glo - ry in - to glo - ry,



pure, un - bound - ed love thou art; vis - it us with
 Al - pha and O - me - ga be; end of faith, as
 serve thee as thy hosts a - bove, pray, and praise thee
 till in heav'n we take our place, till we cast our



thy sal - va - tion, en - ter ev - 'ry trem - bling heart.
 its be - gin - ning, set our hearts at lib - er - ty.
 with - out ceas - ing, glo - ry in thy per - fect love.
 crowns be - fore thee, lost in won - der, love, and praise!

APOSTLES' CREED

A: With the whole church, let us confess our faith in the words of Apostles' Creed.

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy

Catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen

THE PRAYERS

After each petition: WA: Lord, in your mercy, **C: hear our prayer.**

WA: United as one body in Christ, let us pray for the church, the world, and all those in need.

A brief silence

WA: We pray for the church. Fill us with your mercy. Open our hearts to see others as you see them. Encourage us to forgive as we have been forgiven.

Lord, in your mercy, **C: hear our prayer.**

WA: We pray for the earth. Protect farms, orchards, and gardens from damage. Bless those who till fields, those who care for livestock, and all who provide food.

Lord, in your mercy, **C: hear our prayer.**

WA: We pray for our community. We give thanks to those who plow snow, give rides to neighbors, deliver food for elderly, and generously assist the needs for others. We lift up works of Le-Win Food pantry and their volunteers.

Lord, in your mercy, **C: hear our prayer.**

WA: We pray for those in need. For those who lack adequate food, shelter, or access to medical care. Stretch your hand to heal the sick, and comfort the grieving, *especially Bob Lyvers, Dick and Rene Johnson, Ethel Lobdell, Gene Hesselbacher, Sheridan Brinker, Lois Paulsen, Fern Harnish, Greg Lloyd, Donna Euler, Robin Cross, Connor Stadermann, Jaden, Jon Forsythe, Brooke, Meghan, Sylvia, Diane, Darren, Myron Coaty, Deb Lindeman Harder, Tim Coleman, Cindy Tessororf, Larry Larson, Randy, Brian, and Tammy.* Give strength and courage this week to **Steve Fahr.** Pray for love, comfort and resurrection hope for family and friends of Imogene Miller and Lucille Diddens. Lord, in your mercy, **C: hear our prayer.**

WA: We pray for this assembly. Send your spirit to Sunday School children, Confirmation youth, and teachers. Stir our imaginations to reach out to the children in our neighborhood. Inspire us to pray for busy students and parents.

Lord, in your mercy, **C: hear our prayer.**

WA: We pray for the victims and those who are affected by the mass shooting in Aurora. In the midst of confusion and sadness we ask your peace. Surround the family and friends of the victims with your unfailing love. Lord in your mercy, **C: hear our prayer.**

WA: With thanksgiving, we remember those who have died. Even in the midst of death, give us faith to trust your promise of everlasting life.

Lord, in your mercy, **C: hear our prayer.**

P: Receive our prayers and fill us with the radiance of your love; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **C: Amen.**

PEACE

P: The peace of Christ be with you always. **C: And also with you.**

MEAL

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

OFFERING

An offering is gathered for the mission of the church locally and throughout the world, including the care of those in need. Offering is our response to God's blessings and abundant grace given to us.

We also offer up prayers to God as we offer ourselves (time, talents, gifts, and interests) to the Lord's service and dedicate our lives to God's work in the world.

CHOIR ANTHEM**“BRING FORTH THE KINGDOM”****OFFERING PRAYER**

A: Let us pray.

C: God of all creation, all you have made is good, and your love endures forever. You bring forth bread from the earth and fruit from the vine. Nourish us with these gifts, that we might be for the world signs of your gracious presence in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

DIALOGUE

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Lift up your hearts.

C: We lift them to the Lord.

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE**LORD'S PRAYER**

P: Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

**C: Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name,
Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses,
As we forgive those who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever.
Amen.**

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Come to the table. Feast on God's abundant life for you.

We practice open Communion —Christ invites us to the table. All baptized Christians are welcome to partake the body and blood of Jesus Christ. If you wish to receive a blessing, you may come forward. Holy Communion will be celebrated by intinction (dip the bread into the chalice). The gold chalices have wine; the chrome chalices have grape juice. You will be ushered down the center aisle and return to your pew by way of the side aisles. If you need assistance, please let an usher know.



COMMUNION HYMN

LAMB OF GOD

ELW p. 146



Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the
world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the
sin of the world; grant us peace.

COMMUNION HYMN “LET US BREAK BREAD TOGETHER” LBW#212

1. Let us break bread together
on our knees;
let us break bread together on
our knees.

Refrain

When I fall on my knees,
with my face to the rising sun,
O Lord, have mercy on me.

2. Let us drink wine together on
our knees;
let us drink wine together on
our knees. Refrain

3. Let us praise God
together on our knees;
let us praise God together
on our knees. Refrain

POST COMMUNION BLESSING

P: The Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

C: Amen.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

A: We thank you, O God, that you have fed us at your banqueting table with bread and wine beyond compare, the very life of Christ for us. Send your Spirit with us now, that we may set the captive free, use your gifts to build one another up, and in everything reflect your glory revealed in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. C: Amen.

SENDING

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.

BLESSING

P: May the God of mercy release you, the peace of Christ sustain you, and the gift of the Holy Spirit be upon you always. C: Amen.

SENDING HYMN

"O CHRIST, OUR HOPE"

ELW#604



1 O Christ, our hope, our hearts' de - sire, cre - a - tion's
 2 How vast your mer - cy to ac - cept the bur - den
 3 But now the bonds of death arc burst, the ran - som
 4 Oh, let your might - y love pre - vail to purge us
 5 All praise to you, as - cend - ed Lord; all glo - ry



might-y Lord, re - deem - er of the fall - en world, by
 of our sin, and bow your head in cru - el death to
 has been paid; you reign a - bove at God's right hand, in
 of our pride, that we may stand be - fore your throne by
 ev - er be to Fa - ther, Son, and Spir - it blest through



ho - ly love out - poured, by ho - ly love out - poured:
 make us clean with - in, to make us clean with - in.
 robes of light ar - rayed, in robes of light ar - rayed.
 mer - cy pu - ri - fied, by mer - cy pu - ri - fied.
 all e - ter - ni - ty, through all e - ter - ni - ty!

DISMISSAL (*from the back*)

A: Go in peace. Christ is with you. **C: Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE**Tena Rackow**

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Today	Worship Service	9:30 am
	Fellowship	10:30am
	Sunday School/Confirmation	10:45am
	Choir Practice	11:00am
	Chime Practice	5:00pm
Wednesday	“Piece Corps” Quilting Group	8:00am-11:30am
Next Sunday	Worship Service - Transfiguration Sunday	9:30am
	Fellowship	10:30am
	Sunday School/Confirmation	10:45am
	Choir Practice	11:00am
	Good Shepherd at Lena Living Center	2:30pm
	Chime Practice	5:00pm

Attendance February 17th – 48

Total Offering 02/17/2019 - \$724.00 amount needed - \$2545.36

An AED (defibrillator) is located on the wall in the Fellowship Hall in case of an emergency. The device is designed to deliver calm, clear voice instructions precisely timed to the responder's actions, guiding the responder every step of the way. When the door is open an alarm goes off to alert others that there is an emergency.

Lenten Devotion Books

There are two Lenten devotion books this year. One is Lasting Hope: Devotion for Lent 2019 which contains daily readings which is accompanied by a photo, a quote to ponder, a reflection, and a prayer. This accessible and colorful format makes it easy to incorporate a simple Christian observance into your Lenten journey. The other is Lenten Study Guide: ELCA World Hunger's 40 days of Giving which contains short weekly readings with questions for reflection of conversation. Each sessions draw on stories from projects supported by ELCA World Hunger and each questions help deepen our Lenten journey by reflecting on what the Lenten practice of repentance, prayer and fasting, sacrificial giving and works love means for us today. Both are available at the rack.

Chili & Filled Noodle Supper

Trinity Lutheran Church, 8393 South Derinda Road, Elizabeth, IL will be hosting a Chili and Filled Noodle Supper, on Sunday, March 3rd, 2019 from 4:00pm-7:30pm. Menu includes; chili, filled noodles, ham sandwiches, salad, dessert and beverage. Price for the meal is \$8.00 for adults, children 5-12 \$5.00, children 4 and under eat free. This years proceeds will go to the church improvement fund and project funds. Cake Walk provided, all evening proceeds going to support the Trinity Lutheran Sunday School.

Confirmation Class Reunion Sunday

To celebrate Good Shepherd's 162nd anniversary, we are having Confirmation Reunion for the class of 1996, 1998, and 1999 on Sunday, March 17th. Pastor David Raben will come and preach on that Sunday. Spread the word! Invite friends for our special day!

Congregational Resourcing Event

Saturday, March 9th the Northern Illinois Synod will be presenting the 2019 Congregational Resourcing Event from 9:15am-3:15pm at Kishwaukee Community College in Malta, IL. Workshops will include; Communication/Technology, Congregation Leadership, Evangelism/Outreach/Hospitality, Faith Formation & Growth, Global Ministry, Social Justice, Spirituality/Prayer/Health & Wellness, Stewardship, Worship, and Youth/Family/Children. Reverend Dave Daubert will have a presentation, "Being Disciples Comes First". Register before March 1st, \$25.00per person including lunch. Childcare is available with pre-registration. See the flyer on the bulletin board for detail.

Monroe Clinic Heal Grief and Education Group

Heal grief and education group offers sessions to anyone 18 yrs. and older who have experienced the death of someone special. Learn about the grieving process and ideas for coping and healing in a safe and supportive setting. Group session begins Wednesday February 27th and will continue every Wednesday morning through April 3rd from 10:00am-11:30am. Meetings will take place at St. Camillus Center, 2101 6th Street, Monroe, WI, there is no cost to attend, space is limited. To register or express interest in attending please call 608-324-1230 or 1-800-367-8406

Thank You



The Youth Group of Good Shepherd would like to thank all worshippers who donated to the Souper Bowl Sunday, on February 3rd. \$443.62 was collected. Every dollar donated goes to Le-Win Food Pantry and ELCA World Hunger.



Children's Worship Bulletin is Available

The Children's bulletin follows the Sunday lessons. They are available at both entrances.

Our Sympathies

To Curt & Sue Diddens, Dena & Adam Price and their families, Dana, Braden, and Madi Diddens, Dawn & Chuck Diffenderfer and their family for the passing of their mother and grandmother Lucille Diddens on February 14th.

To Shirley & Paul Fox and their families for the passing of Shirley's mother Imogene Miller on February 17th. May God's mercy and comfort be with them.

