

March 1st 2015 at 9:30 am

Second Sunday of Lent

GOOD SHEPHERD LUTHERAN CHURCH

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*Welcome to worship at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church
If you are visiting with us today, we want you to feel welcome
and to know that we are delighted to have you here*

WELCOME! We want you to be at ease - we won't ask you to stand up and be recognized, but we'd love it if you would introduce yourself. Welcome to Good Shepherd!

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 Children are always welcome at our worship services; however, if you desire, please feel free to use the nursery located out the north entrance of the sanctuary.

<u>Pastor:</u>	Pastor Miranda Klosterboer	<u>Custodian:</u>	Taylor Bastian
<u>Secretary:</u>	Darlene Barr	<u>Pianists:</u>	Tena Rackow, Sarah Baker
<u>Organist:</u>	Karen Niemeier	<u>Missionaries to Tanzania:</u>	Randy&Carol Stubbs Family
<u>Choir Dir. /accomp:</u>	Janis Kurth / Marion Fahr	<u>Lector</u>	Wayne Kurth
<u>Acolyte:</u>	Braden Diddens	<u>Assisting Minister</u>	Jay Andrews
<u>Worship Assistant:</u>	Marybeth Brinker	<u>Communion Usher</u>	Chris Brinker, Sheridan Brinker
<u>Welcome Visitor:</u>	Jean Engel		
<u>Communion Set-up</u>	Bob and Sharon Schlacter		
<u>Sound System:</u>	Jon Hudik, Hanna Brinker		
<u>Greeters:</u>	Troy and Cindy Doubler, Darlene Aurand, Willie Kayser		
<u>Ushers:</u>	Mike Geiseman, Denny Luke, Chris Brinker, Sheridan Brinker		
<u>Communion Asst:</u>	Tena Rackow, Sheila Keene		

THIS WEEK AT GOOD SHEPHERDMarch 1st 2015 thru March 8th 2015

Today	Worship with Holy Communion/First Communion Sunday	9:30 am
	- Preschool and Kindergarten Sunday School following children's message	
	Fellowship	10:30 am
	Sunday School	10:45 am
	Choir Practice and Discipleship Bible Study	11:00 am
	Chime Practice	5:00 pm
Tuesday	Faith circle at LLC	1:00 pm
Wednesday	Piece Corps" Quilting Group	8:00 am-11:30 am
	Ecumenical Lenten Lunch at Lena Evangelical Free	12:00 pm
	After School Program for 4 th -8 th graders at the Hangout	3:30 pm- 5:00 pm
	Lenten Dinner	5:30 pm
	Lenten Worship Service with Drama and Holden Evening Prayer	6:30 pm
	Confirmation Mentors	7:15 pm-7:45 pm
Thursday	Hannah Circle Bible Study at Rene' Johnson's home	9:00 am
Next Sunday	Worship with Holy Communion	9:30 am
	- Preschool and Kindergarten Sunday School following children's message	
	Fellowship	10:30 am
	Mission Trip Info Meeting	10:30 am
	Sunday School	10:45 am
	Choir Practice and Discipleship Bible Study	11:00 am
	Mission and Ministry Planning and Goal Setting Retreat	12:00 pm – 3:00 pm
	Chime Practice	5:00 pm

Worship Attendance February 22 - 64

Total Offering for February 22, 2015: \$3825.04

Amount needed per week to meet budget: \$2693.57

Request for Prayer List: Please call the Church @ 815-369- 5552 or Pastor Miranda @ 815-291-5793

Good Shepherd Prayer List

We pray for all of those who are lonely, injured, sick, needing healing, or in need in any way. This week we especially pray for *especially Lois Paulsen, Betty Koehn, Roger Schamberger, Steve Gray, Donna Euler, Terry Hudik, Terry Olstad and Larry, and homebound members Evelyn Hutmacher and Laura Derr*

THE ROSE on the altar is given to the glory of God in thanksgiving for the birth of Lydia Annabeth Forsythe daughter of Jon and Christa Forsythe and niece to Pastor Miranda and Jesse Klosterboer.

– **ORDER OF WORSHIP** –

ELW SETTING 3

PRELUDE (*A time for prayer and reflection*)

Announcements & Community Concerns

BRIEF ORDER FOR CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS (*Please stand*)

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, who brings us out of captivity into freedom, out of the wilderness into the promised land, out of death into life. **C: Amen.**

P: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence is kept for reflection.

P: Gracious God, C: we confess that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. Forgive us and give us strength to turn from sin and to serve you in newness of life. Amen.

P: By water and the Holy Spirit, God gives us a new birth, and through the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ, + God forgives us all our sins. Almighty God strengthen us in all goodness and keep us in eternal life. C: Amen.

GATHERING SONG

I'm Going On a Journey

ELW#446

1 I'm go-ing on a jour-ney, and I'm start-ing to-day. My
head is wet, and I'm on my way. Christ's mark is on me;
it's on you, too; it says he loves me, and he loves you, too!

2 I'm be-com-ing this day a saint of God. It
real-ly does-n't mat-ter what roads I trod. Wher-ev-er I go, God's
been there, too. God's love has touched me and will car-ry me through.

3 There are oth-er saints who have said a-men. They'll
keep me faith-ful to my jour-ney's end. A-long the way
I want to be the kind of per-son that God set free.

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 *Please stand as you are able.* (Assisting Minister: regular print, **C: bold print**)

In peace, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mer - cy.**

For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mer - cy.

For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,

and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mer - cy.

For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise,

let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mer - cy.**

Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra - cious Lord. **A - men.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

A: Let us pray. C: **O God, by the passion of your blessed Son you made an instrument of shameful death to be for us the means of life. Grant us so to glory in the cross of Christ that we may gladly suffer shame and loss for the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

Please be seated

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

The 1st READING is from Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16

When Abram was ninety-nine years old, the LORD appeared to Abram, and said to him, "I am God Almighty; walk before me, and be blameless. ²And I will make my covenant between me and you, and will make you exceedingly numerous." ³Then Abram fell on his face; and God said to him, ⁴"As for me, this is my covenant with you: You shall be the ancestor of a multitude of nations. ⁵No longer shall your name be Abram, but your name shall be Abraham; for I have made you the ancestor of a multitude of nations. ⁶I will make you exceedingly fruitful; and I will make nations of you, and kings shall come from you. ⁷I will establish my covenant between me and you, and your offspring after you throughout their generations, for an everlasting covenant, to be God to you and to your offspring after you. ¹⁵God said to Abraham, "As for Sarai your wife, you shall not call her Sarai, but Sarah shall be her name. ¹⁶I will bless her, and moreover I will give you a son by her. I will bless her, and she shall give rise to nations; kings of peoples shall come from her." L: The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 22:23–31 (Please join the Assisting Minister in reading the psalm responsively) **ELW#22**

²³You who fear the LORD, give praise! All you of Jacob's line, give glory. Stand in awe of the LORD, all you off-spring of Israel.

²⁴**For the LORD does not despise nor abhor the poor in their poverty; neither is the LORD's face hidden from them; but when they cry out, the LORD hears them.**

²⁵From you comes my praise in the great assembly; I will perform my vows in the sight of those who fear the LORD.

²⁶**The poor shall eat and be satisfied, Let those who seek the LORD give praise! May your hearts live forever!**

²⁷All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the LORD; all the families of nations shall bow^l before God.

²⁸**For dominion belongs to the LORD, who rules over the nations.**

²⁹Indeed, all who sleep in the earth shall bow down in worship; all who go down to the dust, though they be dead, shall kneel before the LORD.

³⁰**Their descendants shall serve the LORD, whom they shall proclaim to generations to come.**

³¹They shall proclaim God's deliverance to a people yet unborn, saying to them, "The LORD has acted!"

The 2nd READING is from Romans 4:13–25

¹³For the promise that he would inherit the world did not come to Abraham or to his descendants through the law but through the righteousness of faith. ¹⁴If it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. ¹⁵For the law brings wrath; but where there is no law, neither is there violation. ¹⁶For this reason it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his descendants, not only to the adherents of the law but also to those who share the faith of Abraham (for he is the father of all of us, ¹⁷as it is written, "I have made you the father of many nations") — in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist. ¹⁸Hoping against hope, he believed that he would become "the father of many nations," according to what was said, "So numerous shall your descendants be." ¹⁹He did not weaken in faith when he considered his own body, which was already as good as dead (for he was about a hundred years old), or when he considered the barrenness of Sarah's womb. ²⁰No distrust made him waver concerning the promise of God, but he grew strong in his faith as he gave glory to God, ²¹being fully convinced that God was able to do what he had promised. ²²Therefore his faith "was reckoned to him as righteousness." ²³Now the words, "it was reckoned to him," were written not for his sake alone, ²⁴but for ours also. It will be reckoned to us who believe in him who raised Jesus our Lord from the dead, ²⁵who was handed over to death for our trespasses and was raised for our justification. L: The word of the Lord. **C: Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Acclamation *Stand*

Re - turn to the Lord, your God, for he is gra - cious and
mer - ci - ful, slow to an - ger, and a - bound - ing in
stead - fast love, and a - bound - ing in stead - fast love.

The Holy Gospel according to Mark 8:31–38 **C: Glory to you, O Lord.**

³¹Then he began to teach them that the Son of Man must undergo great suffering, and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again. ³²He said all this quite openly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. ³³But turning and looking at his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, "Get behind me, Satan! For you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things." ³⁴He called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them, "If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. ³⁵For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it. ³⁶For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life? ³⁷Indeed, what can they give in return for their life? ³⁸Those who are ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of them the Son of Man will also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels."

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

I Want Jesus to Walk with Me

ELW#325

1 I want Je - sus to walk with me;
 2 In my tri - als, Lord, walk with me; walk with
 3 When I'm in trou - ble, Lord, walk with me;

me; I want Je - sus to walk with me;
 when I'm in my tri - als, Lord, walk with me; walk with
 when I'm in trou - ble, Lord, walk with me;

me; all a - long my pil - grim jour - ney,
 when my heart is al - most break - ing,
 when my head is bowed in sor - row,

Lord, I want Je - sus to walk with me.
 Lord, I want Je - sus to walk with me. walk with me.
 Lord, I want Je - sus to walk with me.

Please be seated

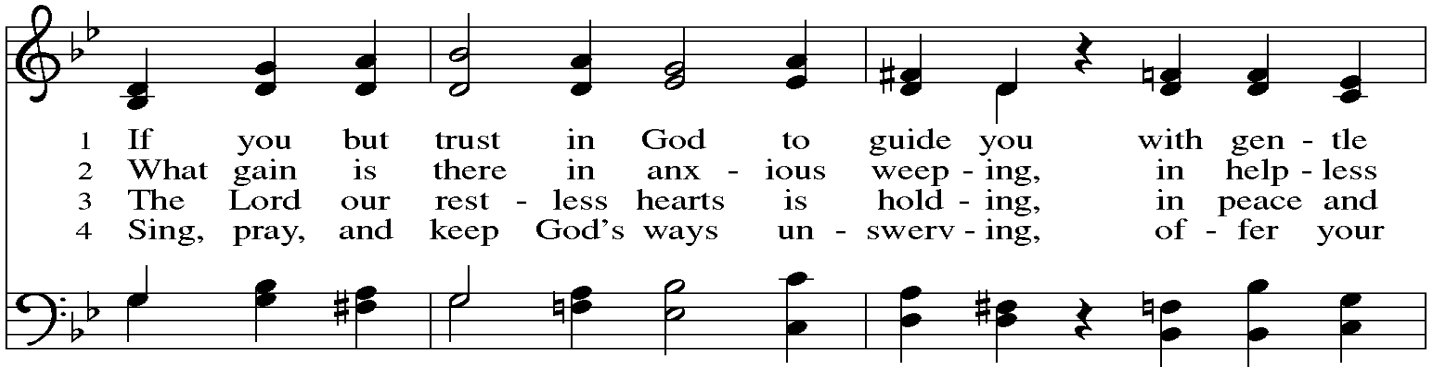
SERMON

Pastor Miranda Klosterboer

HYMN OF THE DAY

If You But Trust in God to Guide You

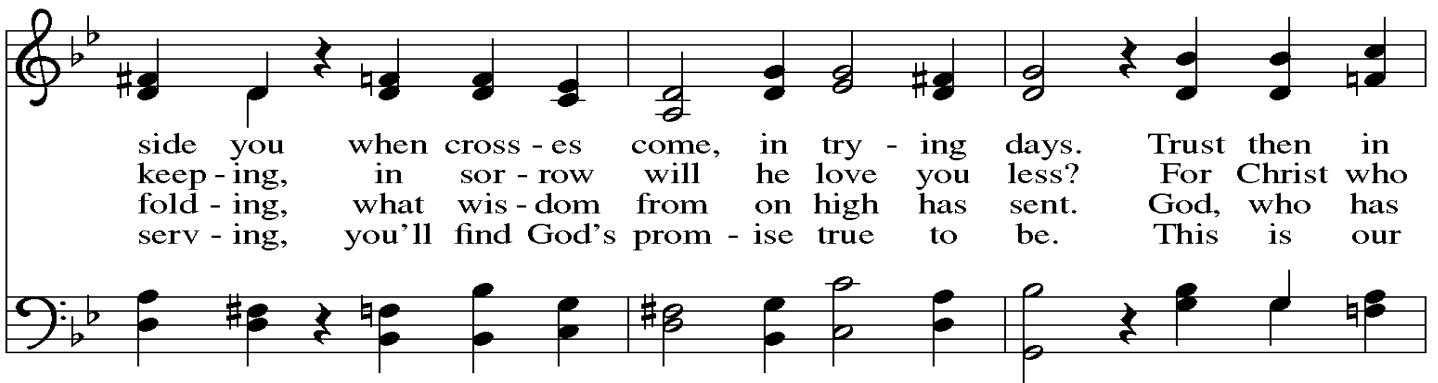
ELW#769



1 If you but trust in God to guide you with gen - tle
 2 What gain is there in anx - ious weep - ing, in help - less
 3 The Lord our rest - less hearts is hold - ing, in peace and
 4 Sing, pray, and keep God's ways un - swerv - ing, of - fer your



hand through all your ways, you'll find that God is there be -
 an - ger and dis - tress? If you are in your Sav - ior's
 qui - et - ness con - tent. We rest in God's good will un -
 ser - vice faith - ful - ly. Trust heav - en's word; though un - de -



side you when cross - es come, in try - ing days. Trust then in
 keep - ing, in sor - row will he love you less? For Christ who
 fold - ing, what wis - dom from on high has sent. God, who has
 serv - ing, you'll find God's prom - ise true to be. This is our



God's un - chang - ing love; build on the rock that will not move.
 took for you a cross will bring you safe through ev - 'ry loss.
 cho - sen us by grace, knows ver - y well the fears we face.
 con - fi - dence in - deed: God nev - er fails in time of need.

APOSTLES CREED *Please Stand*

A: God has made us his people through our Baptism into Christ. Living together in trust and hope, we confess our faith.

**C: 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.**

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

After each petition: WA: Hear us, O God, C: Your mercy is great.

WA Led by Christ in our journey of repentance and moved by his compassion, let us pray for the church, those in need, and all of God's creation. *A brief silence*

WA: Lord God, you poured out your life on the cross for the sake of the world. Pour out your love through your church and make it a community of welcome and grace to all. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

WA: You stretched out your hand and created the heavens. We praise you for the sun, moon, and stars that mark our days and fill us with awe. Hear us, O God. **C: Your mercy is great.**

WA: You rule over the nations. Uphold the work of international relief organizations, aid workers, and all who strive for peace in troubled parts of the world. Hear us, O God. **C: Your mercy is great.**

WA: You fulfill your promises. Draw near to those who call on you for help *especially Lois Paulsen, Betty Koehn, Roger Schamberger, Steve Gray, Donna Euler, Terry Hudik, Terry Olstad and Larry.* Open our eyes to the needs all around us and move us to respond in faith. Comfort and encourage *Evelyn Hutmacher and Laura Derr.* Hear us, O God. **C: Your mercy is great.**

WA: You gift this assembly with music. We praise you for singers and instrumentalists, for those who compose melodies, those who write hymn texts, and for voices to use in praise of you. Hear us, O God. **C: Your mercy is great.**

W: Remember your covenant with us, and keep us faithful to you until we join with all the saints and angels around your heavenly throne. Hear us, O God. **C: Your mercy is great.**

Pastor: Into your hands, gracious God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy; ...through Jesus Christ, our Savior. **C: Amen.**

PEACE

P: The peace of Christ be with you always.

C: And also with you.

Congregation may greet one another using these or similar words: Peace be with you.

Please be seated.

OFFERING**“There’s a Wideness in God’s Mercy”****Good Shepherd Choir**

An offering is gathered for the mission of the church locally and throughout the world, including those in need. 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. During this time, the table is set. After the table is set, the offering is gathered & the anthem concludes, the acolyte walks out to the edge of the chancel steps to receive the offering from the ushers.

OFFERING PRAYER (after acolyte presents offering at altar) **Please stand**

A: Let us pray. **C:** **Holy God, gracious and merciful, you bring forth food from the earth and nourish your whole creation. Turn our hearts toward those who hunger in any way, that all may know your care; and prepare us now to feast on the bread of life, 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.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION/ LORD'S PRAYER

P: Let us pray with confidence in the words our Savior gave 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**FIRST COMMUNION**

Madilyn Diddens and Ethan Fye will be invited forward one family at a time to celebrate their First Communion. After those families have communed, then the ushers will usher the rest of the congregation forward.

COMMUNION SONG**LAMB OF GOD**

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 SONG

My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less

ELW#597

1 My hope is built on nothing less than
 2 When dark - ness veils his love - ly face, I
 3 His oath, his cov - e - nant, his blood sus -
 4 When he shall come with trum - pet sound, oh,

Je - sus' blood and righ - teous - ness; no mer - it of my
 rest on his un - chang - ing grace; in ev - 'ry high and
 tain me in the rag - ing flood; when all sup - ports are
 may I then in him be found, clothed in his righ - teous -

own I claim, but whol - ly lean on Je - sus' name.
 storm - y gale my an - chor holds with - in the veil.
 washed a - way, he then is all my hope and stay.
 ness a - lone, re - deemed to stand be - fore the throne!

Refrain

On Christ, the sol - id rock, I stand; all oth - er ground is sink - ing sand.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

A: We give you thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us through the healing power of this gift of life. In your mercy, strengthen us through this gift, in faith toward you and in fervent love toward one another; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. **C: Amen**

BLESSING P: The blessing of God Almighty, the wisdom and power of + Christ Jesus, and the light of the Holy Spirit be among you and remain with you always. **C: Amen.**

SENDING HYMN

Let Us Ever Walk with Jesus

ELW#802

1 Let us ev - er walk with Je - sus, fol - low his ex - am - ple pure,
 2 Let us suf - fer here with Je - sus, and with pa - tience bear our cross,
 3 Let us glad - ly die with Je - sus. Since by death he con - quered death,
 4 Let us al - so live with Je - sus. He has ris - en from the dead

through a world that would de - ceive us and to sin our spir - its lure.
 Joy will fol - low all our sad - ness; where he is there is no loss.
 he will free us from de - struc - tion, give to us im - mor - tal breath.
 that to life we may a - wak - en. Je - sus, you are now our head,

On - ward in his foot - steps tread - ing, trav - 'lers here, our home a - bove,
 Though to - day we sow no laugh - ter, we shall reap ce - les - tial joy:
 Let us mor - ti - fy all pas - sion that would lead us in - to sin;
 we are your own liv - ing mem - bers; where you live, there we shall be

full of faith and hope and love, let us do our Sav - ior's bid - ding.
 all dis - com - forts that an - noy shall give way to mirth here - af - ter.
 and the grave that shuts us in shall but prove the gate of heav - en.
 in your pres - ence con - stant - ly, liv - ing there with you for - ev - er.

Faith - ful Lord, with me a - bide; I shall fol - low where you guide.
 Je - sus, here I share your woe; help me there your joy to know.
 Je - sus, here with you I die, there to live with you on high.
 Je - sus, let me faith - ful be; life e - ter - nal grant to me.

DIMISSAL (from the back)

A: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

Karen Niemeier

First Communion Service today!

Join with us today as we celebrate God's work in the lives of Madilyn Diddens and Ethan Fye as they celebrate their First Communion.

Wednesdays During Lent

Family Friendly Wednesday nights, Light Meal and Evening Worship
 Mark your calendars for March 4th, 11th, 18th, and 25th Dinner Served 5:30-6:30pm
 (Come as you are and come when you can. We'll serve until our service begins at 6:30)
 Evening Worship: Holden Evening Prayer Lenten Service 6:30-7:00pm
 (Service with music, prayer, & special Lenten Drama, "The People Vs. Jesus")
 Lenten Mentors and Confirmation Students Meet: 7-7:30

Monroe Clinic Grief Group Series: 2015 February Grief Group

Heal grief and education group offers sessions open 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 a supporting setting. When: Wednesday mornings (3/4, 3/11, 3/18, 3/25) from 9:00am to 10:30am at the Camilus Center 2101 6th Street, Monroe, WI. To register or obtain more information please call Monroe Clinic Hospice office at (608) 324-1230. Also registration can be done online at www.monroeclinic.org.

There is no charge for Heal grief Group and it is open to the public

Parkinson Support Group Meeting Date: Monday, March 9, 2015 Time: 1:30 pm

Location: Good Shepherd Lutheran Church 118 E. Mason Street, Lena, IL
 (Handicap access at Washington Street entrance)

EVERYONE IS WELCOME!!!

Invite all those you know who are interested in sharing in an afternoon of sharing Parkinson Disease information, fellowship and refreshments. Our speaker will be: **LEANNE RADERS, RN - FHN**
 Topic will be: **"STAYING HEALTHY—KEEP GERMS AWAY"**

Any Questions Carol Griffin 815-347-2208 OR Marion Fahr 815-367-3961

Super Sunday Family Skate Day Sunday March 15th For Youth, Children, Adults, and Friends

Please join us for a fun family afternoon at the Monroe Roller Den on Sunday, March 15th. Bring your friends and family out for a day of roller skating. Skating will be from 1:00 to 3:30pm on March 15th. There will be a sign up sheet posted in the hallway heading downstairs. We will meet at the Roller Den in Monroe on that Sunday. However, if you need a ride, please let us know on the sign up sheet by March 8th, and we will make arrangements. Any questions, please ask Kelly Geiseman. Children under 8 should be accompanied by an adult they know. We hope to see you all on the 15th! Cost: \$6.00/person

Summer 2015 Mission Trip
to Pine Ridge Indian Reservation
Dates: August 7th to August 15th

We are in the process of forming our team for this year's Good Shepherd Mission Trip.

We will be going to the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation in South Dakota, as we did in 2013. We will work with Pastor Karen at the Pine Ridge Retreat Center as she serves as a mission outpost of service, pastoral ministry, meeting basic needs, offering a Sanctuary for kids to come after school, offering a sandwich ministry at lunchtime, and organizing cultural learning and service in the community with groups that come to learn and serve. The Pine Ridge Retreat center is a Lutheran Lakota Shared Ministry. I encourage you to pray about going yourself and/or about inviting a friend to join you.

Consider joining this year's team and see what God will do in and through you!

Team Building! Discipleship! Relational Ministry!
Ministry with Lakota children! Cultural Learning! Service!

If you are interested contact Pastor Miranda 815-291-5793.

Our Next Mission Trip update will be following worship on Sunday March 8th.