First off, **THANK YOU** for the cards and gifts at Christmas, for the prayers and well wishes for my health, and for just being such good, solid, kind folks to be doing church with. I feel blessed by you.

At the Potluck on 2/2 we gathered your all contributions to **8 Word Mission Statements**. You will be hearing more about these “verb, target, outcome in only 8 words” that will help us specifically articulate what God is up to at Christ the Good Shepherd Lutheran Church.

**Let’s Talk 4 will be 2/3 6:00-8:00** in the Gathering Room. This is the ongoing conversation with St Mark and Holy Cross about how we can partner in ministry. Anyone interested is invited to participate.

The **Budget Meeting is 2/16 after Worship**. Your church council has worked to be faithful stewards of God’s gifts to this congregation. Please come and participate in understanding how this ministry is financed.

**Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper at Holy Cross 2/25 5:00-6:30pm.** Join the kids from FLY (who will be serving) and our friends from St Mark and Holy Cross and their neighbors to eat all that sugar the day before Lent begins.

**2/26 Ash Wednesday Worship 7:00pm.** Begin the 40 day Lenten journey with a worship service that reminds us who and whose we are.

The first Wednesday in Lent 3/4 will be a joint Holsten Evening Prayer Worship with St Mark and Holy Cross here at Christ the Good Shepherd. We will also being doing **Let’s Talk 5** that evening so folks from all three churches can both worship and join in conversation. Specific times are still being worked out so look for more news in coming weeks.

I hope as we go through these activities together we all see Jesus’ light revealed to us. That as the days get longer again we more clearly see what God is doing around us, with us and through us. And that you feel God’s love warm upon your face.

Blessings,

**Pastor Shelley Willem**

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**Congratulations**

**Palmblads and Briskeys!!**

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James Palmblad
9 lbs 9 oz
21.5 inches
Birthday before 9am 2/1

Henry Jasper Briskey
6 lbs 7 oz
20.08 inches
January 31st,
Sunday Morning Small Group is starting February 23 after Worship

“Life’s Healing Choices” by Pastor Rick Warren

This will be an 8 week Video Presentation with small group discussion around 11:15 am. The workbook costs $7.50

We are all broken. The good news is that God loves broken people. Through his Son we are made whole. Find out God’s plan for recovery and self-discovery through bible study, discussion and application.

2/23 Week 1 Admitting Need - The Reality Choice
3/8 Week 2 Getting Help – The Hope Choice
3/15 Week 3 Letting Go – The Commitment Choice
4/19 Week 4 Coming Clean – The Housecleaning Choice
4/26 Week 5 Making Changes – The Transformation Choice
5/17 Week 6 Repairing Relationships – The Relationship Choice
5/31 Week 7 Maintain Momentum – The Growth Choice
6/14 Week 8 Recycling Pain – The Sharing Choice

See Heidi DuPuis for questions.
Now showing in the Balcony Gallery at Peace Lutheran is “Jesus in the Everywhere” by Joel Nickel. To arrange a free Balcony Gallery visit (daytime or evening) throughout the week, call the church office 503-362-8500 or call / text 503-917-1326 (English or Spanish)
Peace Lutheran - Salem 1525 Glen Creek Road NW Salem, OR 97304

Special Speaker February 9th
Come to hear about Family Promise (Formerly: Interfaith Hospitality)
Doug O Dell from Family Promise and Holy Cross will talk about how congregations are working together to provide temporary housing, meals and support for homeless families with children.

“Let’s Talk 4”
CGSLC February 4 at 6PM
Please meet to discuss future collaborative efforts with Holy Cross and St. Mark.

Marion County Sherriff:
503-588-5032
Salem City Police:
(503) 588-6050
You are invited to keep this number handy in case of non emergency needs at the church or in your life outside of church. A good place to store it is your contact info in your cell phone or wherever you keep important phone numbers.

Bible Study
9:30 am Christ House
Study guides are available. All are welcome!
In spite of the fact that winter is not officially over, I'm seeing plenty of life outside my office window. The roses bushes have green and red shoots, the trees have nubs, and I noticed a hummingbird the other day. Green stalks of flowers have begun to pop up out of the soil. It's hope for an early spring.

A group of hardworking individuals have been working on the budget behind the scenes. I urge each of you to come to the budget meeting after service on the 16th of February in order to see where we stand for yourself. If you are unable to attend, a PDF copy could be provided to you via email by contacting the office. This church is important to all of us, and is a legacy in our community. I would love to see it still serving this community for generations to come. To that end, I want to change the name “Road to Revenue” to “Every Drop Counts.” See my article on that below.

I'm in need of someone with some expertise in Windows and Microsoft Office and a general office know-how who can train to set up for Sunday on a need-to basis. I like to travel, and occasionally take other time off, and it might be necessary for someone to help in this way. If that person is you, please let me know. Our website also needs love, and this is not an area of my expertise. If anyone is familiar with HTML and wants to take on that responsibility, please let me know!

Thank you to everyone who provides support to this church in all of the ways you do. I am constantly blessed by your efforts, your feedback, and your willingness to serve.

“Every Drop Counts” By Rose Treasure

"Put the oxygen mask on yourself before trying to assist those nearby you." Anyone who has ever traveled on a plane has heard these instructions. Here at CGSLC we have a strong desire to serve our community, but we may need to put on our own mask on first.

For February, let's talk about our fundraising. Our members are generous and caring, but the current rate of giving is not meeting the needs of the church. There's not really anything else we can cut from our expenses at this time without failing to meet basic needs. That being the case, we must become more proactive and innovative in our approach.

I am open to hearing all of your ideas about fundraisers. Here are two of mine. A simple fundraiser would be partnering with a local restaurant and having a CGSLC night. We would welcome our friends and family to come eat, and go eat ourselves, and a portion of the proceeds would come back to the church. This would require very little effort from us, and would benefit a local business in the process.

Another option would be a "Spring Spaghetti Fling." This could take place in March or April, and be easily advertised through fliers, our website, social media, and word of mouth. A flat fee and a donation box can be provided, and some of our ministries, like Prayers Shawls and Backpack Buddies, could be highlighted. If anyone is interested in helping me get that started, please let me know. I need: spaghetti cookers and servers, garlic bread makers, salad providers, and other servers, cleaners, and just general organizers.

Please send me YOUR ideas for fundraisers. Keep in mind that I am always eager to partner with all of you to bring these ideas to life nothing will replace your physical effort and smiling faces. I have changed the name of my revenue efforts to “Every Drop Counts” in order to more accurately reflect the intent. I can be reached by email, phone, in person, or an old fashioned note in the box outside my office.

I have faith that the people at CGSLC want to create a lasting neighborhood center that serves to share the message of love of Messiah through the love we show to our neighbors..
CAN Centers
Over the past few months, Rose has been learning about a program called “CAN Centers,” or Churches As Neighborhood Centers. A PDF is available by contacting the office which includes the exhaustive description of the program, but in short, it is a program through a non-profit organization called Salem Leadership Foundation that helps churches like ours become a more active part of their neighborhood. CAN Centers receive support, financing, and mentorship to help develop programs which bring the neighborhood into the church. There are some trade-offs, like agreeing to mentor another church in the future. This could be a great partnership for our organization. Many of our local churches already participate, including St. Mark and Holy Cross, our neighboring ELCA congregations.

Wednesday, March 4 will be a luncheon at 11 AM, at a church to be determined, and I would like one or two people from CGSLC to attend with me. Please reach out if you are interested in learning more and would like to come. I will have location information before the event. Information about the overall program is available on their website here: https://www.salemlf.org/home/churches-as-neighborhood-centers/

Note: There is also luncheon February 5th, which is very short notice. If you would like to attend, please contact the office for more info.

CONGRATULATIONS PALMBLADS!

Chick Flicks
February 13 @2PM
Movie Hint:
"'Oh, no!! There's a mouse in the house!!
Now what?' (REDUX)

Outreach Meeting
March 7 - 10 AM

On Saturday, January 11, we celebrated the upcoming birth of Jamie Palmblad with a baby shower for Stephanie and Tyler. Many of us (including Stephanie’s mother Patty) enjoyed a brunch, games, and gift opening, ending with a blessing for the family. Big sister Aubrey provided entertainment with her cute responses to the gifts as she helped Mommy open them. They received lots of diapers, books, clothes, money from the money tree, and assorted items needed to take care of their new little one. We send our prayers and good wishes to them as their family grows. By Laura Drager

JESUS THE WAY, THE TRUTH, THE LIFE.

Prayer shawls are tangible reminders of God’s love for you. Wrapping up in a prayer shawl is like getting a hug from God. THURSDAY February 27, 2020
At 1:00 PM in the Gathering Room

Shawls available in the narthex or the office.
Looking for a new spiritual practice for the new year?

Join Bishop Laurie as she embarks on the practice of the Five Minute Journal!
What is a Five Minute Journal? Simple questions of gratitude, intention and reflection to answer at the beginning and end of each day.

*A sample day -
Morning reflection:
I am grateful for:

1. 
2. 
3. 

What would make today great:
1. 
2. 
3. 

Daily Affirmation: I am . . .

Evening reflection:
3 amazing things that happened today:
1. 
2. 
3. 

What could have made today better
1. 
2. 
3. 

The practice of five minute journaling is similar to the twice daily practice developed by Ignatius of Loyola (1491-1556), referred to as the daily examen. Ignatius saw these twice daily reflections as a gift directly from a God, a way to experience God's presence in daily life.

Five minute journals are available in print ($24.95), as a phone app ($4.99), or something you can make yourself with a pen and piece of paper. Will you join Bishop Laurie in this daily practice of gratitude, intention, and reflection?
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*If you are unable to fulfill your duties for a particular Sunday, you are solely responsible to find a replacement as soon as possible and then notify the office by phone or e-mail so that the information can be accurately printed for the Sunday bulletin.

Winter Sunday Worship Schedule:
FIRST Sunday of January at 10:00 AM
Contemporary Worship w/ Communion, First 5 and Potluck
OTHER Sunday’s 10:00 AM Alternating Contemporary AND Traditional Worship both w/ Communion

2020 Altar Flowers sign-up sheet in the Narthex.
Share some beautiful life with the congregation!
### Scouting Events:

**Sunday Feb. 9th** - Scout Sunday @CGSLC
**Saturday Feb. 15th** - Klondike Derby (Skills competition Ray Benson Snow park)
**Sunday March 1st** - First Summer Camp Payment due - Approx $65
**Friday May 1st** - Summer camp full payment due to get free t-shirt ($355) and Camporee (Camp Taloali)
**Monday June 1st** - Summer camp full payment due.

**Saturday June 27th - July 3rd** (Summer Camp Baldwin)  https://scoutcampsnw.org/camps/camp-baldwin/