

Roses are Red, Violets are Blue...Boy Do We
Have Something Sweet for You!



Muffins for Mom!!
Mother's Day, May 11th
Right after the service



THE VOICE

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Celebrate Mom, or just celebrate fellowship,
by joining us right after the service for
muffins, coffee and juice. Everyone is
welcome!!

From Our Council President, Lei Fahrner

THANK YOU!!!

What an amazing Easter we had at Good Shepherd!!! Our little church was FULL!! Full to the point where Nancy Miller and I looked at each other and ran, well, walked fast, down the side aisle to make up another tray of communion. We also ran out of bulletins!!! Some might consider those two items terrible inconveniences, but they were wonderful problems to have. What an amazing, joyous church service filled with members, friends, relatives and guests. Our hallelujahs rose to the rafters as we celebrated Christ's victory over death! To all who were present, thank you for being there to help celebrate! Your presence truly helped put the joy in our Easter service.

Special thanks goes out to Pastor Eli for his wonderful Easter message and his willingness to conduct our Easter service!

Thanks also are extended to Linda Burgess, an unsung hero of our Good Shepherd worship services. Linda sets up communion every Sunday. Her job is behind the scenes and she often gets overlooked. So thank you, Linda, for your weekly efforts to make sure communion is set up and in place!

Moving on from Easter, I want to invite everyone to our first ever, Muffins for Mom, immediately after service on Mother's Day, May 11th. Don't worry, you don't need to be a mom to attend! All are welcome! This is a great way to have some fun fellowship on a day when everyone is in a celebratory mood already. Join us right after service for some muffins, coffee and juice before you take mom out to lunch. (Lunch isn't open that early anyway!) We plan to have a special celebration for dads next month too! Any reason to celebrate is a good reason to celebrate!

We have some fun times ahead as we roll into the summer months. We hope you all can join in the festivities!!

Faithfully,

Lei Fahrner



- Maundy Thursday and Good Friday services will both be at 7pm
- Lei thanked Pat Hoffman for being available to let the window washer in
- The church will need a new computer due to Windows 10 no longer being supported. The current computer is unable to handle Windows 11. Lei will start looking
- Lei would also like to get painting estimates for the Cleveland Ave entryway, the 50 ft cross and the parking blocks.
- Linda mentioned that some of the shrubbery around the church is starting to die off. We may need to think about future landscaping.

March 2025

Starting	\$70,000.00
Receipts	\$15,015.79
Disbursements	\$6,392.84
Transfers	\$7,942.79
Ending	\$70,000.00



Thank you everyone for all the prayers and get well cards during my surgery in February.
Annick Schrader

More Thanks...

Dear Good Shepherd Lutheran Church,
Thank you for your gift of \$1,183 to Lutheran Disaster Response.

As a church, we are empowered to love and serve our neighbors as Christ first loved us. Your gifts to the ministry of the ELCA help people around the world feel the power and hope that flow from God’s full, boundless love. Drawn together and guided by the Holy Spirit, we accomplish together what none of us could do alone, grace upon grace.

Your Spirit-filled generosity helps families and communities reeling from disasters, in the immediate aftermath and far into the future. No matter the disaster, no matter the need, your gifts to Lutheran Disaster Response enable people to rebuild their lives and livelihoods.

Thank you for your gracious gifts. You make God’s love real.

With gratitude,

Rachel Wind

Executive for Development



The 74th Annual National Day of Prayer

Thursday, May 1st

Noon -1pm

Bitzer Park North Canton

In case of rain -North Canton YMCA



What is that large candle?

Perhaps you noticed on Easter that the large candle that normally stands back by the baptismal font was brought out front next to, and between, the altar and the ambo (place where the preacher preaches). That particular candle is known as the Paschal, or Christ, candle and is frequently only lit from Easter vigil to Pentecost.

The Paschal candle most likely originated in the early church when evening prayer was begun by lighting a candle. This practice probably originated from the Jewish practice of lighting a lamp at the end of the Sabbath. History refers to the candle's origins in the Lucernarium (which means light) which is the evening night prayer that early Christians used to begin each Sunday vigil. Lighting the candle dispelled the darkness and represented Christ who is the Light of the World. (I suspect it also helped them to see what they were doing and each other!)

Paschal candles in the medieval period became more elaborate, taller and heavier. One account states that the Paschal candle in Salisbury Cathedral was 36 feet tall!!! (can't imagine how they lit it!) By the mid sixteenth century, some Paschal candles weighed as much as 300 pounds. Eventually, after use, the candle was melted down into taper candles to be used at funerals for the poor.

Modern Paschal candles are much easier to handle, usually 4 inches wide and 36 to 48 inches tall. Many are still made of beeswax and decorated with the traditional symbols of the cross, the Greek letters Alpha and Omega (symbolizing Christ as the beginning and the end), the numerals of the current year between the arms of the cross and five grains of incense embedded in the candle to represent Christ's Five Holy Wounds. Many of these candles need to be replaced each year to reflect the current year. Good Shepherd's Paschal candle does not need to be replaced each year as it is an oil filled candle.

After Pentecost, the candle is returned to its place by the baptismal font. It may be brought out and used for funerals and baptisms throughout the church year.

Sources: www.zenit.org, www.zeiglers.com, www.wikipedia.org

May Concern of the Month

Monetary or food donations for the Stark County Hunger Task Force's Backpack for Kids Program



Designed specifically to target childhood hunger, the Backpack for Kids Program supplies crucial weekend meals to 2,000 school-aged children every week. Students at risk of weekend hunger receive a bag of food containing healthy, kid-friendly breakfast and lunch items and snacks to sustain them over the weekend. The program currently serves 17 local elementary, intermediate, and middle schools in four school districts and various library branches.

List of Food Items Needed Include:

Individual Packets of Oatmeal

Individual Small Boxes of Cereal

Individual, Shelf Stable, Microwaveable Meals:

Ramen Noodles

Mac and Cheese Cups

Instant Lunch Cups

Chef Boyardee Microwaveable Cups

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 Yoga 9a	2 Quilting 10a	3
4 Worship 9:15a	5	6	7 AA 7p	8 Yoga 9a	9 Crafts & Conversations 10a	10
11 <i>Mother's Day</i> Worship 9:15a Muffins for Mom	12	13	14 Council 7p AA 7p	15 Yoga 9a	16 Quilting 10a	17
18 Worship 9:15a	19	20	21 AA 7p	22 Yoga 9a	23 Crafts & Conversations 10a	24
25 Pastor Eli Here Worship 9:15a	26 	27	28 AA 7p	29 Yoga 9a	30	31