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## FROM THE PEN OF THE PASTOR

Did you ever get exhausted with being in charge or having too many things to do? I know we have all been there with the busy world we live in. Have you ever asked yourself why we are so busy? We are one of the busiest cultures that has ever existed. Now add to this all the extra stress that Covid has brought upon us. When my daughter lived in Europe for 6 months to attend school, she would ask for coffee to go. The idea of fast food was completely foreign to them. They thought she was crazy for wanting to drink a cup of coffee on the run. Maybe they have a point. So where did all the extra things come from that fill our schedule? That is easy. We came up with them. We have so convinced ourselves that we are going to be missing out on something if we are not this busy. Funny, but I do not see the Bible commanding us to be this busy to find the fullness of life that God promises to us.

Our way of life is a witness to one thing. We have put ourselves in the driver's seat. We have done this by pushing God to the side. I am sure you have heard the phrase, "God is my co-pilot." If God is your

co-pilot, he is in the wrong seat. Everyone knows who commands things, not the co-pilot except when the pilot is out of commission. That does sound like us, doesn't it? When we get into a mess, then we will ask God to take over and fix things. Then we wrestle control back from him and sit down in the pilot seat and fly ourselves into another mess.

Do you want some relief? Lent is for you. What is Lent? It is a season for repentance. What does that word "repentance" mean? In short, it is God offering you relief. He is offering to take over the pilot's seat to give you rest. The word offers us two different pictures, one in the Hebrew and one in the Greek.

In the Old Testament, the Hebrew word for repentance is the picture of turning and walking in the opposite direction. The old direction which we are called from is walking in our own ways. Our own ways include us being in control, us calling the shots, us making the decisions, and us taking the fall. It is all about us and our ideas. God through repentance calls us to turn in the opposite direction. It is the way of faith. It is made

possible by us admitting our way was wrong and turning to God for help in faith. He provides it through Christ and his forgiveness which releases us from our old way of self-reliance. It is the way of faith where God leads the way, calls the shots, and takes responsibility for the outcome. He even calls us to rest one day a week while he works. It is on his shoulders. We find rest.

In the New Testament, the Greek word for repentance literally means a change of mind, a brain transplant. Wow, that sounds drastic. It is. God offers to give us the mind of a child again. No longer are we to look at ourselves as adults who are self-sufficient when it comes to how we look at ourselves in relationship to our Heavenly Father. We look upon ourselves as the children of God through faith in Christ. That means our Father is suddenly in control and not us. It means he leads and works. It is this child like mind of faith that allows us to rejoice in all circumstances knowing all things are in the hands of our Father who loved us so much he sent Jesus. If he can take care of things like our sin, our eternal destiny of heaven, all the wicked

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plans of this world and Satan, he can sure take care of our lives.

If you want relief, it is spelled L – E – N – T. Lent is letting go and letting the Lord. It is what repentance is all about. May God bring you his gift of rest and relief and the fullness of life that comes with it in Christ.

*In Christ's Service  
and Yours,  
Pastor Sheets*



# FROM THE DCE

Director of Christian Education

Katie Baumann

## Reflections of a First Year DCE... On One Wild First Year

Incredible. It's difficult to believe that a whole year has gone by since I was Called here to be the DCE at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church...and what a wild year it's been! Of course, this past year has been a far cry from what I (or anyone else) would have imagined. Challenging, uncertain, slow, frustrating, lonely, and spattered with unexpected setbacks. Maybe those are some words I could use to describe these last 12 months.

Though, when I think back to when I first arrived in California for my internship at Salem Lutheran in 2018, I probably would have used those same words to describe my first months there as well. There was no pandemic, no tornado, no lock-down, nothing extraordinary going on back then. It was just new. So, maybe, those words could have described 2020 no matter what...but they are certainly not the *only* words I would use.

This past year has been different than I thought it would be, sure. But it has also surprised me in many good ways. In the middle of 2019, I had no idea where I was going to be. People in California kept asking me where I was going to go and what I was going to do, and I had no answer for them. All I could say was that I was going to go wherever God sent me, whenever He decided to send me there. I never expected that to be Chattanooga, Tennessee, but here I am. Not only has God brought me to a new place, but He has blessed me with a church family that is more welcoming, loving, and relatable than I ever could have asked for. For that, I am so grateful.

Truth is, I've really had so many opportunities to grow and stretch outside of my norm since coming here. Working from home was not something I had ever done before. Hosting youth group on Zoom for months, and then only meeting outside during the hot, sticky summer were also new endeavors I had never considered until this past year.

I've had to completely rethink my usual strategies and plans for how to do ministry. Normally, I'm much more of a "front-and-center" kind of person, but this year has been all about working in the background. However, despite some of the unexpected changes and setbacks, we've still gotten a lot accomplished this year.

For one, I've tried some new things - like teaching in a classroom. That's not something I'm well-acquainted with, but I've really enjoyed teaching the Religion class at BCA. It has given me a unique opportunity to get to know our middle school stu-

dents better and begin building relationships with them.

The youth wing renovation has been a huge undertaking. I've redone youth rooms before, but never anything quite this involved. It has been a wonderful outlet for my creative side, but working on it has also showed me just how much this church cares for our youth. So many people have given their funds, time, and talents to turn our youth wing into a great space, and now it's nearly finished! It's taken a bit longer than we wanted; but, then, these sorts of projects often do (even without things like COVID throwing wrenches in the plans).

Our church website is getting updated and simplified so that we can streamline the process of communication, and keep everyone better informed about church events and important changes. I've been working on the new website for the last few months, and so far, it's coming along nicely. Once it's complete, not only will it improve our church's online presence across internet platforms, but it will also save us some money (and that's always a good perk)!

We are restructuring our youth program so we can have both a Jr. High and a High School group. Eventually we will add Pre-teen and Young Adult groups to our program as well. New rules and guidelines are being put in place. Volunteer handbooks have been put together. The youth ministry team is growing. The stage is being set for a new beginning.

This past year has been a much needed time of cleaning out, organizing, updating, rethinking, and planning. Because we didn't have as much "front-and-center" stuff going on in 2020, we had more time to focus on all of the "background" things that desperately needed our attention. To that end, our volunteer youth leaders have been a big help and encouragement. We really do have a great group of people here who care a lot about our kids, and that is such a blessing!

Speaking of our team, the LCMS National Youth Gathering is officially next year! We've started planning for that event, and other events as well; and, if we're honest, it's good to finally have something exciting to look forward to.

As we look to the year ahead, there is so much possibility. The calendar is starting to fill up, and that is an encouraging step after so many months of empty pages in the planner. So, despite all the difficulties of the last 12 months, it really has been a good year. Much has been done, and we're getting ready to do even more!

I'm thankful for the chance to work alongside such dedicated volunteers, great pastors, and a wonderful church family as we serve our youth, our congregation, and our community together. 2020 was a wild ride, but thanks for riding it with me. I look forward to all God has in store for another year of ministry here at Good Shepherd, and I'm excited to dive into 2021 with all of you!

*In Christ,*

*Katie Baumann, DCE*

## **A Pastoral Letter as We All Come to Kneel Under the Cross: *The Role of Aborted Babies in the Development and/or Production of Some Vaccines for Covid-19***

In a recent letter from the LCMS president, I was made aware that aborted babies have been used by pharmaceutical companies in varying degrees in the development and production of vaccines. I was shocked to learn that this has been done for years for some vaccines that I was never made aware of, including the vaccines for MMR, hepatitis A, and shingles. I will provide some websites from the medical field where you can read more on this. The vaccines I am writing about now are the various choices to combat COVID-19. What information do we know? How are we to respond to this information? In January of this year, Lutherans for Life issued some resolutions concerning this topic. There is no easy answer to this. If we did have a developed vaccine that had made no use of aborted babies in any stage of its development or production, the choice would be easy. However, at present, this is not the case for the vaccines on the market for COVID-19.

Let's begin with the information we do know. Two vaccines are being used in the USA at the present time, the one produced by Pfizer, BioNTech COVID-19 Vaccine (BNT162b2), and the second one produced by ModernaTX, Inc., mRNA1273, commonly known as the Moderna vaccine. A third one in the news nearing potential approval by the FDA is being developed by Johnson and Johnson, the Janssen COVID-19 vaccine. A fourth vaccine has been developed in the UK, which has been authorized for use in the UK due to the emergency, though it is still in phase 3 testing to see how effective and safe it is. This vaccine has been developed by The University of Oxford and has the trade name AstraZeneca. This is what is known about the role that aborted babies play in each of these vaccines. Aborted babies are used in the actual production of the vaccines that people will or have received from the vaccines developed by Johnson and Johnson and The University of Oxford. Pfizer used aborted baby tissues in some of its early testing phases for a vaccine which was abandoned, but fetal tissues were not used in

the development nor in the production of the BioNTech COVID-19 Vaccine that is now produced by Pfizer (I am so thankful they changed turned from this route and changed course!) according to Dr. Robert Weise, Professor Emeritus of Concordia Seminary of the LCMS. Dr. Weise holds a Ph.D. in Biology and was an expert witness on human embryo research who testified before the National Human Embryo Research Board as well as the National Bioethics Advisory Commission regarding human embryo research. He continues to lecture on these topics. The manufacturer of the Moderna Vaccine used aborted baby tissue in the actual development of key steps leading up to the development of the vaccine (isolating the spike protein sequence, in developing the mRNA expression, and in determining the lipid delivery system), but they do not use any aborted baby tissue in the actual production of the vaccine, according to a report by Dr. Gifford Grobien, a faculty member of Concordia Theological Seminary of the LCMS, based upon the information provided by the patent for the Moderna vaccine.

So how are we to respond to this information? In this case, the guiding text is the great commandment that Jesus quotes from Leviticus, "Love your neighbor as yourself." A second thing to remember is that there are times in a broken world when the two choices before us are both sinful, and it is a matter of trying to choose the least evil. The third scriptural teaching is the doctrine of divine concurrence and what that means for us. Let's look at each of these as they pertain to this situation.

First, we need to ask ourselves why we want the vaccine. It should be out of love for our neighbor. If God uses the vaccine to preserve our life in this world, it means more time to serve our neighbor according to God's will. If someone received the vaccine, they are taking steps not to spread this disease to their neighbors. Obviously, this is important for caregivers who deal with the elderly who are more susceptible to this disease. These are good reasons and flow from the command of God to love our neighbor. However, the opposite side of this is trying to protect life and not be a part of things that take life from another. When one avoids a vaccine that was produced from aborted babies, that too flows out of love for our neighbor. Yes, abortion is murder. This

truly calls into question the use of a vaccine that is produced from aborted baby tissue, which is the case of the vaccines from Johnson and Johnson and The University of Oxford. The truth is that all companies who are presenting providing vaccines used aborted baby tissue at some stage in their research, development, testing, and (or) production.

This brings us to the second point, living in a broken world where there are circumstances where all choices are sinful to some degree. Let me give you an example, going to war. War is always evil. In going to war, you are confronted with two issues. If you see a leader or country destroying others and you have the ability to stop that, you have a responsibility towards helping the weak. We are to love our neighbor, and we are our brother's keeper! Thus, going to war to rescue our neighbor is an act of love. By not going to war, you are leaving the weaker brother to be destroyed. This is evil. However, in going to war, there will be innocent people killed. Adults and children who are not fighting will die who were not part of that evil government's decision to abuse their authority. When that happens, it is evil. Which do you choose? You seek to choose the least of the evils and live under the grace of God at the cross. People are feeling this same tension over the use of the Pfizer and Moderna vaccines as both companies used aborted babies in their research though neither uses these tissues in the actual vaccines. Am I sinning against my neighbor by not taking the vaccine to care for my neighbor? Am I sinning by taking a vaccine that used aborted babies in any way? There is no perfect choice here. Christians will come down on different sides of the issue as they seek to serve their neighbor. What can we do? We pray, seek to love our neighbor as best as we can, and live under the grace of Christ.

In talking to Dr. Weise, he also pointed out the importance of the doctrine of concurrence regarding this issue. Let's begin with divine concurrence. Acts 17:28 says, "In Him (God) we live and move and exist." Can Satan do anything apart from God enabling him? The answer is no. God is the Creator, and no creature can exist or do anything apart from God. So the fact that Satan or any sinner can move, think, or act is always occurring because God himself is there acting with him as Creator. The whole uni-

verse is held together by God being present and continuing to speak. He is not a watchmaker god like the deists who picture God as having wound up the universe like a clock and then left town to let us run things. Evil people walk, move, and act because God enables them as the Creator. Does this make God the author of sin, or is mankind held responsible for their actions? Scripture is clear. God is righteous and holy and never sins. Scripture says, "Let no one say when he is tempted, 'I am being tempted by God,' for God cannot be tempted with evil, and he himself tempts no one. But each person is tempted when he is lured and enticed by his own desire. Then desire when it has conceived gives birth to sin, and sin, when it is fully grown, brings forth death." (James 1:13-15 ESV). Though God provides life and power to move and think, sin finds its origins in Satan's sinful hearts and sinful mankind, not God. So though God concurs in these actions, he does not approve or plan the sin.

What is true of God is also true of people as they live in this broken world. There is human concurrence. One example of this is paying taxes to a government that at times carries out evil actions. Such was the case with Rome in the days of the apostle Paul. This government murdered Peter and Paul. Yet, God commands his children to pay taxes to this government in Romans 13:7. Did the Christians pay taxes that allowed evil rulers to do these atrocities make them partakers of the government's sin? The answer is no. God never commands his children to sin. They paid taxes, which in turn were used by the governing officials to carry out these murders. They concurred in the action. However, they did not say yes to the sin of the government. That sin found its origin in the hearts of the evil governing officials of that day. God's children were innocent. As we apply this scriptural principle to the vaccines, there are some important parallels.

First, we did not agree with those companies that use(d) aborted babies to do research development, leading to the discovery of the vaccine or tests to check that vaccine's effectiveness and safety. However, our tax dollars were used here. We in no way said yes to this sin. These company officials made these sinful choices. If the government looked on knowing this was happening as those who bore the sword according to Romans 13:iff and did

nothing, they too hold responsibility. Would it be sinful for us to take these Pfizer or Moderna vaccines? Based upon this, many Christians would say no. Christians did not say yes to the research methods or the testing methods. The responsibility falls on the company officials. Other Christians may still feel that they cannot have anything to do with these companies in good conscience, including taking the vaccine because of the company's use of aborted fetal tissue in any phase of the research, testing, and production of the vaccine. As Christians, we need to respect either of these choices. In both cases, we must always encourage the person to think from the perspective of love for our neighbor to guide our decision-making and prayers. Receiving a vaccine to save yourself knowing this vaccine is produced from tissues that came from a murdered baby in the womb is a different story. The question then becomes whether we would murder a baby to save ourselves. Sadly, our world has made that choice over and over.

One last note. There are people who received vaccines and administered vaccines who had no idea that aborted babies were in any way used to develop these vaccines. Some of these individuals, after learning all the facts, will think that the vaccine is the best way to love their neighbor. Others will feel they have sinned. What should each group do? Both are called to live under the cross and bear each other up. All people commit sins that are not known. While others may think they have chosen the right path, the truth is that this is a very complex issue presenting us with the fact we live in a broken world. To put it in simple terms, we all need to confess we are guilty of sin, even those we are not aware of as we do in the Lord's Prayer. Then we kneel at the cross of Christ, seeking his grace. All of us need to love and pray for each other in the face of what is before us. Is there a better place to be than at the feet of Jesus leaning wholly upon him as our Savior?

As I said, the choice is not an easy one in any case. In talking with Dr. Weise, he offered this piece of advice. Remind your people to seek to love their neighbor and to trust God. As you wrestle with this, think about the most loving thing you can do for your neighbor that God has set before you to serve. All of us face different situations as we answer that question. As

I mentioned above, this is a very hard decision to wrestle with in our broken, sinful world. Pray! Second, realize there is not a perfect choice in our broken world and lean on God's grace in Christ. Even with your best intentions, your choice may still be partly sinful. Confess your brokenness in the spirit of true repentance, and then trust in Jesus Christ, who died for all sin. Let your prayer be, "Dear Lord, deliver us. Lead us through the darkness in this world when we cannot see where to go. Lead us and do not forsake us, O God, our Savior. Shower down your grace upon us in our brokenness. In Jesus name, Amen." Finally, if you have questions about the side effects of the vaccine, talk to your primary care doctor (your OB/GYN if you are carrying a child). They are the medical experts with the most up to date medical information. Please know you are not alone as you wrestle with this issue. I am here to talk and pray with you. Pastor Rosser is here. Katie, our DCE, is here. Vicar Wes is here. Our Lay Ministers are here. These are times that we need each other. We need to pray for one another and to share the encouragement of God's saving gospel. We are a family, and we are to be here for one another.

Below are some links for your further reading. Some take you to sites that talk about the various vaccines. One site takes you to the letter sent by the President of Synod. Another takes you to the Lutheran's for Life statement. May God bless all of us in the Lord.

*In Christ,  
Pastor Sheets*

<https://lutheransforlife.org/article/vaccines-using-aborted-fetal-tissue/>

<https://www.sciencemag.org/news/2020/06/abortion-opponents-protest-covid-19-vaccines-use-fetal-cells>

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## Announcement Concerning Safe Worship Practices and Precautions

As has been our policy to help keep safe by following the recommendations from professional health officials. So we will be checking temperatures at the door and ask everyone to adhere to the following guidelines:

\*Everyone is to wear a mask. If you do not have one, we will provide you one at the door.

\*Please practice safe social distancing. If you have questions, ushers will assist you with seating for worship and with participation in holy communion

\*Please wash your hands

\*Worship services will be limited to a max time of 60 minutes.

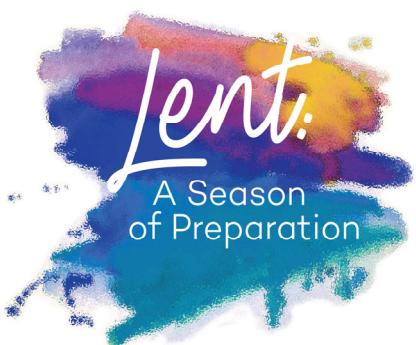
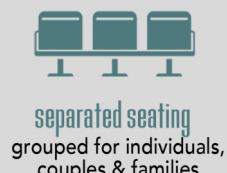
Of course, we know the “wash your hands a keep your distance” drill by now. But in addition to that reminder, they are also advising that family gatherings be limited to 10 members and that all participants wear a mask if those who are gathered are not within your immediate household. This could help lessen the likelihood of spread.

So, if you have a family gathering within a week before worship and it was more than 10 people, we would ask that you consider taking a week off from in-person church and tune in with us online instead, just to give yourselves time to see if any symptoms arise within your household before you come back to join us again in person. Our leadership team believes this would be a wise precaution to help minimize the spread of Covid at our worship services and would help us keep our door open.

Please know that you and your family are covered in prayer this season, and we are excited to share these special holidays with you. We're thankful for the technology which allows us to stay connected and share God's Word each week via live streams and zoom calls, and also for the opportunities we have to receive communion at the front door - both before our Grace Place service on Saturday, as well as after our Contemporary service on Sunday. If you need anything, or would just like someone to talk to, don't hesitate to reach out. Pastor Sheets, Pastor Rosser, Katie, Vicar Wes, and our Lay Ministers are always ready to minister to you on a personal basis. We're a family too, after all, and families stick together!

***“And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.” Philippians 4:7***

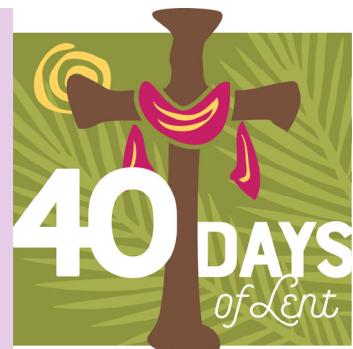
May He grant us all hope, health, and joy - and may we receive them with humility and gratefulness.



**Lent begins on Feb. 17  
with Ash Wednesday.**

*There will be an Ash Wednesday service,  
with imposition of ashes, on Feb. 17 at 6:30 pm.*

*There will be Lenten Services every Wednesday  
after that, at 6:30 pm, until Holy Week.*



**Holy Week starts on Sun. Mar. 28, with Palm Sunday\***

*\*Services at normal times – 9 am & 11:15 am. (Grace Place Mar. 27 @ 5 pm)*

**Maundy Thursday is Thur., Apr. 1 – Service 6:30 pm.**

**Good Friday is Apr. 2 – Service @ 7 pm.**

**Holy Saturday is Apr. 3 – Service @ 5 pm. (Grace Place)**

**Easter Sunday is Apr. 4 – Service times TBA.**





## Behavioral Health Safety Net for Children

### New Service for FY2021

Behavioral Health Safety Net for Children provides essential outpatient mental health care services to uninsured Tennessee children, ages 3-17, and helps connect clients to long-term coverage.

### AVAILABLE SERVICES

- Assessment and evaluation
- Individual, group and family therapy
- Case management
- Medication management
- Pharmacy assistance and coordination
- Transportation

### CONTACT

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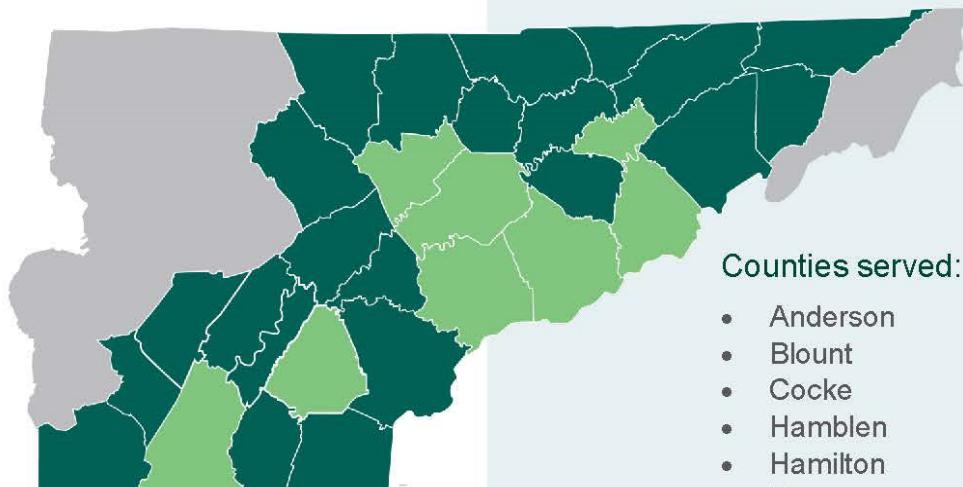
or visit

[Tn.gov/behavioral-health/bhsn](http://Tn.gov/behavioral-health/bhsn)



### ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

- Child must qualify for a mental health diagnosis
- Tennessee resident
- 3-17 years old
- No other behavioral health insurance coverage



# BEHAVIORAL HEALTH SAFETY NET FOR CHILDREN



Department of  
**Mental Health &**  
**Substance Abuse Services**

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- Family Support Services
- Medication Management
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- Transportation

## ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

- Primary Qualifying Mental Health Diagnosis
- No other behavioral health coverage
- Age 3 to 17 years
- Tennessee Resident
- Not in a long-term inpatient or residential facility or in state custody

## IMPORTANT FACTS

- 136 Office Locations Statewide
- Outpatient Services Only
- Is not insurance or part of TennCare
- Outreach Coordinator at each agency

## SAFETY NET SERVICES ARE AVAILABLE THROUGH



Counties Served: Anderson, Blount, Cocke, Hamblen, Hamilton, Knox, McMinn, Sevier

**FOR MORE INFORMATION: (800) 255-9711**  
**VISIT US ONLINE AT MCNABBCENTER.ORG**



# FEBRUARY

## Birthdays & Anniversaries

**2/5-** John & Bernie Hilbrandt (50 years)  
**2/14-** Andrew & Kelly Swain (17 years)

**2/1-** Corey Cutcher  
**2/2-** Pam Sosna  
**2/2-** Elizabeth Sosna  
**2/4-** Anna Durham  
**2/4-** Pierce Durham  
**2/4-** Ben Beam  
**2/6-** Jimmy Smith  
**2/7-** Lloyd George  
**2/7-** Tina Denney  
**2/8-** Megan Steele  
**2/8-** Forrest Montijo  
**2/10-** Penny Jordan  
**2/10-** Hamilton Chadwell  
**2/10-** Kyle Wade  
**2/11-** Jacy Ruud  
**2/12-** Lana Wicknick  
**2/13-** Julie Johnson  
**2/13-** Andy Gaines  
**2/14-** Bob Wingard  
**2/14-** Marc Irwin  
**2/15-** Wendy Wade  
**2/15-** Kolbe King  
**2/16-** Vicar Wes Keene  
**2/16-** Erin Robertson  
**2/18-** Debbie Smith  
**2/19-** Stephanie Avant  
**2/19-** Davis Stone  
**2/21-** Charles Holcomb  
**2/21-** Sophie Clark  
**2/25-** Debbie Allen  
**2/25-** Scooter King  
**2/26-** Nolan Polley  
**2/26-** Eli King  
**2/27-** Rachel Green  
**2/27-** Kaitlyn Durham  
**2/28-** Linda Dressler  
**2/29-** Rick Brines



# MARCH

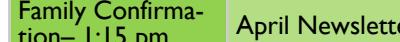
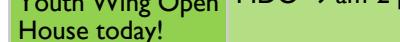
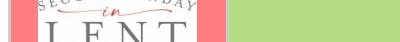
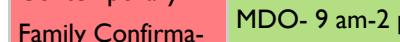
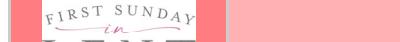
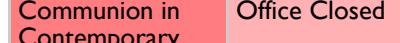
## Birthdays & Anniversaries

**3/2-** Mike & Ginger West (48 years)  
**3/4-** Charles & Kim Holcomb (43 years)  
**3/6-** Tommy & Heather Audirsch (15 years)  
**3/14-** Donnie & Nancy Graham (41 years)  
**3/26-** Lonnie & Tina Denney (33 years)  
**3/4-** Richard & Sharon Sperley (52 years)

**3/1-** Teri Keene  
**3/3-** Everly Webb  
**3/4-** Isaac Futrell  
**3/5-** Peggy White  
**3/5-** Heidi Gaines  
**3/8-** Sherry Klepatz  
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**3/13-** Kurt Kappel  
**3/13-** Jeff Fountain  
**3/15-** Jenna Malone  
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**3/16-** Catherine Hettler  
**3/16-** Kelly Chipman  
**3/16-** Kim George  
**3/16-** Kelly Swain  
**3/16-** Justin Reader  
**3/18-** Andy Abercrombie  
**3/18-** Moriah Silvers  
**3/19-** Sam Stone  
**3/20-** Rebecca Robinson  
**3/20-** Shannon Donahey  
**3/20-** Margret McCall  
**3/22-** Carol Humble  
**3/24-** Blanton Maples  
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### CALLING ALL NERDS & TECH

**GURUS:** Do you have a knack for computers? Love programming? Or, maybe you just have an interest in tinkering with all types of technology? Our newly formed GSLC TECH COMMITTEE needs more members, and we're saving a seat for you!

We're gathering a team of like-minded "techies" to keep our church's technology up to date and functioning at its fullest potential. The group will work together to enhance our communication and ability to minister - not only to our own congregation, but to our local and online communities as well.

Nolan Polley has agreed to head up the committee and Tim Fuller and Vince Brennan have agreed to serve.

No age limit, and no special training required. We'd love to have you as part of our new tech team!

Want to join, or need some more info? Contact Nolan Polley ([nolanpolley@att.net](mailto:nolanpolley@att.net))!