

**Treasurer's Financial Report  
YTD Budgetary Finances Thru 02-28-19**

<b>Member Budgetary Support Received:</b> <i>(General, Loose, CMO, LACE, Reimbursements)</i>	\$ 30,220.50
<b>Member Budgetary Support Expected at this time:</b>	\$ 38,464.00
<b>Member Budgetary Support in excess of Expected:</b>	\$ (8,243.50)
<b>Other Income:</b> <i>(Income not related to member giving)</i>	\$ 800.00
<b>Total Member Support plus Other Income</b>	\$ 31,020.50
<b>YTD thru 2-28-2019 Actual Budgetary Expense</b>	\$ 41,681.97
<b>Income in excess of Expense</b>	\$(10,661.47)

**YTD Savings Account Income/Expense Summary (Non-Budgetary)**

<u>Fund</u>	<u>Bal. 1-1-19</u>	<u>Income</u>	<u>Expense</u>	<u>Balance 2-28-19</u>
Church Projects	\$67,858.85	\$ -0-	\$ 2,147.00	\$65,711.85
YES Fund	\$10,093.30	\$ -0-	\$ -0-	\$10,093.30
Scholarship	\$40,017.21	\$ 55.00	\$ -0-	\$40,072.21
Memorials	\$ -0-	\$ 4,972.00	\$ -0-	\$ 4,972.00
Reserve	\$ 5,159.17	\$ -0-	\$ -0-	\$ 5,159.17
<b>YTD Total</b>	<b>\$123,128.53</b>	<b>\$ 5,027.00</b>	<b>\$ 2,147.00</b>	<b>\$126,008.53</b>

**LACE Loan Balance:** \$ 369,990.46

**Note:** The Memorial Fund has been added to assist in book keeping and balancing between the Treasurer and Financial Secretary.

***“From the fullness of His grace we have all received one blessing after another.”  
John 1:16***



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## March - April 2019

### Worship Theme

The theme for the 2019 Lenten season is “Three Words of Truth.” Each service focuses on a poignant three-word phrase from the record of Jesus’ passion and resurrection. Each of these short word phrases call us to examine ourselves in the light of Jesus’ passion and help us prepare for the grand celebration of His resurrection. Plan on joining us each Sunday so that you can find the full joy that He is risen!

**Ash Wednesday:** Is It I? - Like the disciples, I have boldly declared loyalty to you only to fail to proclaim your name.

**March 10:** Love One Another - In my selfishness I have often loved myself more than others and, to my shame, more than you.

**March 17:** Watch and Pray - Though you warn me about Satan, the roaring lion who rages for my eternal

destruction, I all too often fail to call on you in times of temptation or to arm myself with your precious Word of Truth.

### Three Words



of  
**TRUTH**

**March 24:** I Am He - All too often when my heart longs for peace and my soul yearns for joy, I turn to everything but you to find fulfillment. I have often ignored you and even despised you

**March 31:** What Is Truth? - The devil, the world, and my sinful nature assault me

persistently with lies that compete for my attention. Though your gentle whisper calls to me, I have all too often failed to—even at times chosen not to—listen.

**April 07:** Take Him Away - Like the fickle crowds of Jerusalem, I have praised you one day and, by my sinful attitude and choices, followed the frenzy of this wicked world the next.

**Palm Sunday:** Save Us Now! – All too often I jump on the band wagon of discipleship only to fall off when I don’t like the direction you take me. Help me follow you all the way to the cross.

**Maundy Thursday:** Take and Eat; Take and Drink – I often fill myself with things that don’t matter. Help me be filled with your body and blood that truly feed me.

**Good Friday:** It Is Finished! – I often quit when the going gets tough. You went all the way to

saving me.

**Easter Sunday:** Remember Jesus Christ: He Has Risen! – No more comforting and exciting words have ever been spoken. May I always find eternal joy in them!

Maundy Thursday Worship



## HOLY WEEK

April 18 7:00pm

Good Friday Worship  
April 19 7:00pm

Easter Sunday Worship  
April 21 10:15am

**DEVOTIONAL BOOKS** from Martin Luther College will be available the week of Holy Week. Feel free to take one home with you. The books will be in the narthex area as we approach Holy Week.

### EASTER LILIES

Easter Memorial Lilies will again be available for members to purchase. These lilies will adorn the Lord's altar on Easter morning.

Good Shepherd purchases the lilies from Boehler's Green house in Saginaw. Cost per plant is \$12.00



If you would like to purchase a lily in memory of a loved one you may fill out a Memorial sheet located by the church mailboxes. Please submit the \$12.00 with your sheet and place it in the basket by the mailboxes.

After the Easter service you may take your purchased plant home.

### EASTER BREAKFAST

The church councilmen will be sponsoring our Easter breakfast this year on Sunday, April 21. Breakfast will begin at 9:00am.

Everyone is invited to attend. Invite your neighbor or a friend that may want to share not only in the food fellowship but the words of Jesus' resurrection in worship time!

Anyone wishing to make a food donation may sign up on the sheets located in the narthex area.

### **NOTE:**

There will be NO Bible Class or Treasure Hunt on Easter morning.

### MLC TOUR

The Martin Luther College Choir will begin their tour on March 1.

The choir will be in Michigan this year! If your schedule allows, here are a few opportunities for you to enjoy the talented choir in song:

Monday, March 4 - Michigan Lutheran Seminary 10:00am

Monday, March 4- Divine Grace in Lake Orion, MI

Please keep these students in your prayers as they travel the country spreading God's word in song.



### MEETING SCHEDULE

**Mar 4** - Discipleship Mtg 6:30pm

**Mar 5** - Elders Mtg 7:00pm

**Mar 26** - Council Meeting 6:30pm (Worknight)

**Apr 1** - Discipleship Mtg 6:30pm

**Apr 9** - Elders Mtg 7:00pm

**Apr 14** - Voter's Mtg 11:30am

**Apr 23** - Council Mtg 6:30pm

### SENIORS

Luncheon and Bible Study will be held on Wednesday April 10th beginning at 11:30am



Watch for the sign up sheets if you wish you donate a food item for the luncheon.

Also, bring your history trivia talent with you! Pastor Eich will be doing some team trivia for entertainment



The Church Council has determined not to submit a claim to the Insurance

Company for the minimal damage from the broken water pipe in February. The damage was minimal and we can do the repairs ourselves.

Recommendations that will be presented to the Voter's at the April 14th scheduled meeting:

- 1) Seeking an additional \$360 to finish the lighting for the road side sign
- 2) Seeking additional funds to finish the restructuring of the Memorial Garden. The Property Committee will be sponsoring an "Adopt a Plant" to allow the members to purchase a memorial plant. At this time an additional \$2,745.45 is needed. (\$1,000 from the Project Fund was approved in 2016).
- 3) Seeking approximately \$30,000 from the Projects Fund to have the parsonage siding, 17 windows, soffits, and gutters replaced.
- 4) Present the status of the St. Louis property that Good Shepherd owns. The property will be offered to any congregational member wishing to have it. If not,

then turn it back over to the city of St. Louis.

- 5) The council is recommending that Good Shepherd Church begin using the Evangelical Heritage Bible for all classes and learning. The Bible will be available in the Fall of 2019.
- 6) The Council recommends asking the members of the congregation to consider purchasing an EHV Bible (cost \$20) for the church, if approved by the Voter's.



Members are reminded that if you or a family member are admitted to the hospital, you will need to call, text or email Pastor Eich to let him know.

The hospitals DO NOT contact Pastor to let him know that you have been admitted and in need of pastoral care.