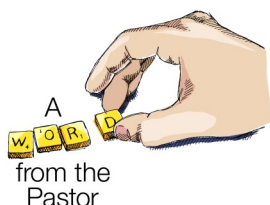




MARCH 2024

# THE STAFF

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Grace to you and peace from our risen savior Jesus Christ .

We are now a couple weeks into the season of Lent. What is lent? Lent is a time for us to rekindle and reconnect with our relationship with God and each other. The season of lent offers us a time to pause. It offers us a time to slow down. It offers us a chance to take a much-needed breath.

The world seems to want to move faster and faster. The demands of the day seem to increase to the point that we have run out of hours to get everything done. God wants to offer us a respite of the burdens of the day. Here at Shepherd King, we have a chance to rest. Worship is a chance for us to unplug from the world and plug into God.

I am glad to say that we are working with another Lutheran church. This is one of those opportunities to rekindle and reconnect with our neighbors. We are pleased to announce that we will be sharing ministry experiences again with Hope Lutheran church. Maundy Thursday service will be at Hope Lutheran this year. Good Friday service will be here at Shepherd King. These services are a reminder that we are part of a larger communion of believers. It is not just one church here and one church there. Rather, we are global community that serves the one true God. We will be looking for more ways to connect in the coming weeks and months.

We have been together for a year this month. Can you believe it? Now that we have all gotten to know each other we need to work on next steps. We have an amazing and wonderful message of hope to share with the world. The resurrection of Jesus Christ is a promise of new life that we can all cling to in uncertain times.

Lastly, I want to encourage you all to attend services. I want to encourage you to reach out if you need help. As a reminder we will have our Easter service this year at our regular time March 31<sup>st</sup>. I pray for you all daily and I ask that you pray for each other.

Pax,

Pastor Caleb Jeffers

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We will worship at Hope on Sunday, March 3 at 9 AM  
Note the earlier worship time.  
*(There will not be a worship service at SKLC on 3/3).*

Offerings will be collected for both congregations.  
Bring your offering envelope with you to Hope.  
There are extra ones in the Narthex if you need one.



### Lenten Worship

Join us on Wednesday evenings during Lent for dinner followed by Evening Vespers. A sign up sheet for soup/stew/chili and bread/crackers will be in the Narthex.



Dinner begins at 5:45 PM  
Worship begins at 6:30 PM  
Choir practice immediately following the Vesper Service.

If you'd like to worship over the lunch hour, you may do so at Hope Lutheran, 5714 Callaghan Rd. Hope will provide the soup, you're welcome to bring a side dish. The program is "Created for Community" - a discussion will take place over lunch. All are welcome.



### Quilters

Tuesdays at 9:00 AM

### Men's Early Breakfast

March 19

9:00 AM @ Denny's  
Bitters & 281

### Rachel Circle (WELCA)

March 25

6:30 PM

Potluck

### **SKAG**

TBD



### **SAVE THE DATE:**

A Happy 99th Birthday Party for Ellamae Keck Hoggatt "Dereen" on Sunday, June 23, 2024 in the Shepherd King Lutheran Church Fellowship Hall, following the Sunday service. Cake and Ice Cream will be served. Come to wish the birthday girl, Ellamae, many more birthdays to come!!

[Submitted by the Hoggatt children and grandchildren]

## Mission Endowment Fund Update for 2023

The planning for the Shepherd King Lutheran San Antonio Endowment Fund started in 2019. Guidelines indicate that 80% of the annual distribution will be allocated to local, synodical/ELCA, and global mission partners.

The distribution for 2020 amounted to \$334.40. The Task Force (Carl Hansen, Helen Sorenson, and Shirley Hormuth) agreed to send \$267.52 to Haven for Hope with \$66.88 moved to the Shepherd King Mission Endowment Reserve Fund.

The distribution for 2021 amounted to \$429.16. \$343.33 (80%) was sent to the Lutheran Disaster Fund. \$85.83 was added to the local Reserve Fund for a total of \$152.71.

The distribution for 2022 was \$874.24. \$700.99 was sent to CAM. \$174.24 was added to the Reserve Fund for a total of \$327.88.

At the end of 2022 Shepherd King had deposited \$21,067.66 into the Endowment Fund. The Market Value on Dec. 31, 2023 was \$33,649.36.

The distribution for 2023 amounted to \$1098.07 (A total of \$5,823.00 was contributed to the Fund during the year.) The Task Force agreed to send 80% (\$878.46) to CAM. \$219.61 was placed in the Reserve Fund. The Reserve Fund now has a total of \$1,273.13.

The Task Force – Lavelle Brown, Carl Hansen, Shirley Hormuth

Thanks to all for your prayers, questions and feedback to the Transition Team members: Linda Hansen,

Soren Teilmann, Jana Gosvig, Shirley Kerns-Hormuth, Pastor Caleb Jeffers and Denice Hoggatt.

The Transition Team did meet in February with the 2024 Budget and Financials. With this information we could clearly see that Shepherd King cannot afford a full time pastor. We have budgeted enough for a 3/4 time pastor which is what Pastor Caleb is working now. Therefore, other options were discussed and considered. Hopefully by March some of these "other options" can be discussed with the congregation.

Reach out to us with your questions, feedback and thoughts.

Denice Hoggatt, Transition Team chair

**TRANSITIONTeam**

### **How to Contribute and Participate:**

Contributions and offerings can be made payable to Shepherd King Lutheran Church and mailed to 303 West Ramsey Road, San Antonio, Texas, 78216 and through our website [www.skllcsa.org](http://www.skllcsa.org) under the "donate" tab. We welcome everyone to participate in Sunday worship (Sundays, 10:00 am central time). If you have a prayer request, or if wish to talk to the pastor, please contact Shepherd King at 210-344-5881.



## **A LOOK *at the* BUDGET**

### **FINANCIAL HEALTH OF THE CHURCH**

#### **January 2024 Financial Health**

#### **Operating (Checking Account):**

|  |                       |
|--|-----------------------|
| <b>Opening balance January 1, 2024</b>         | <b>\$34,854.29</b>    |
| <b>Income:</b>                                 |                       |
| Contributions/Misc/ Rummage Sale               | \$16,811.74           |
| Interest                                       | \$ 1.03               |
| <b>Expenses:</b>                               | \$30,371.94           |
| <b>Total Income less operating expenses</b>    | <b>— \$ 13,559.17</b> |
| <b>Balance on January 31, 2024 (operating)</b> | <b>\$21,295.12</b>    |

#### **Dedicated (Checking Account):**

|   |                    |
|---|--------------------|
| <b>Opening Balance on January 1, 2024</b> | <b>\$57,073.22</b> |
| Contributions                             | \$ 256.15          |
| Interest                                  | \$ 2.39            |
| Withdrawals                               | <b>—\$ 1025.00</b> |
| <b>Balance on 1/31/2024</b>               | <b>\$56,306.76</b> |

**All information comes from the two checking accounts' monthly statements that SKLC has at the Broadway Bank.**

**Paula Stone, Council Secretary**





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Facebook!  
Services streamed  
live at 10 AM  
Sundays!



Gift Card Donations  
needed! Please con-  
sider donating \$25  
HEB Cards for the  
church office to give  
to people looking  
for assistance with  
groceries. Since  
September 2023 we  
have given out \$600  
in HEB gift cards  
valued at \$25 each.  
Thank you for help-  
ing care for those in  
our community.

**Next Council Meeting: Tuesday, March 19 —10 AM**

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Renee Meriwether, Director of Music: [renee@sklcsa.org](mailto:renee@sklcsa.org)



Thank you to everyone who at-  
tended the Pancake Supper  
last month. Approximately  
\$160 was raised towards Oper-  
ation Expenses.



**MARCH BIRTHDAYS**

March 14  
Nelda Fritz

March 18  
Mary Jensen

March 19  
Joe Villafane

March 22  
Heather Grill

## MUSIC MUSINGS

Renee Meriwether



Dear Shepherd King friends,  
Your prayers have been a source of strength during my illness. Thank you for your kindness. I am truly grateful.

Warmly,  
Diane Persellin

### **SUNDAY SETUP VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**

Worship and Music is in need of Sunday morning setup volunteers. Set up involves the choir set up with chairs, music stands and microphones. Set up has to be completed by 9:30 so that we can do a sound check and rehearse hymns and any other special music for the service. Volunteers do not have to commit to every Sunday.

In addition to the set up in the chancel area, it would be very helpful to have at least one more volunteer to learn how to operate the sound system. Raymond Stone does a fantastic job each Sunday with this very important ministry. However, at this time we do not have anyone who could step in for Raymond should he be gone. While this may seem like a daunting task, it isn't extremely complicated and would not take long to learn how to operate the system.

Please contact Renee Meriwether or Denice Hoggatt if you are interested in helping with one or both of these ministries.



**The Fiesta Flutes** of San Antonio, under the direction of Robert Rubio, will present a concert at SKLC on Thursday, March 7, 7:00 p.m. This flute choir is made up of flutes of all sizes - think Soprano, Alto, Tenor and Bass - even Contra Bass. The concert is free.

**Celebrating March 8th,  
Internat'l Women's Day**

w/ **JANICE CARISSA**  
piano

Bonis • Tailleferre  
Boulanger • Schumann  
Price

**Monday  
Mar. 4  
@ 7:30 pm**

Shepherd King  
Lutheran Church

**OLMOS  
ENSEMBLE**

**New Address:**

Melvin & Kathy Gerloff  
801 Bahia Place  
Seguin, TX 78155  
Melvin 210-867-5885  
Kathy 210-867-3440



**EASTER LILIES**— Once again we would like you to purchase and bring Easter Lilies for our Easter Service. On the table in the Narthex you will find a sign-up sheet for you to indicate whether it is a memorial for someone or in honor of someone. You may purchase the lilies from any place you choose. Please bring them by 9:45 AM Easter Sunday.

**Work Day**

Volunteers are need on Thursday, April 4 at 10 AM. Help is still needed to look through files and prepare for shredding. Thank you!

## HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE



Sunday, March 24 Palm Sunday 10 AM Worship

Thursday, March 28 Maundy Thursday 6 PM Worship @ Hope Lutheran  
(No service at @SKLC)

Friday, March 29 Good Friday Service 6 PM Worship @ SKLC

Sunday, March 31 Easter Sunday 10 AM Worship/Baptism

Refreshments/Easter Egg Hunt after worship



## **CAM News**

During the months of February & March, CAM is having a Soles 4 Souls drive to address a severe shortage in footwear for our clients who are homeless or in need at this time. We have people who visit us in just torn socks and holey shoes so it's important for us to have suitable replacements whenever possible. We are collecting gently used or new shoes of all sizes for men, women and children. We specifically need comfortable casual shoes. Please do not donate/bring dressy shoes because they are not useful for our clients.

All sizes are welcome. Should you not have any on hand, I have found shoes at Walmart on clearance for as little as \$5.00. even if you can donate only a single pair that one more person with shoes today than it was yesterday. Right now we are especially in need of women's and children's casual shoes. Casual means something you can walk or play in comfortably.

Donations can be brought to church or to CAM. CAM has two locations: Grace Lutheran Church at 110 McCullough and 5084 De Zavala Road. I volunteer at CAM Tues, Wed and Thursdays from 9 to 3 at the downtown location. Karen Keener also volunteers at the downtown location two days a week while Denice Hoggatt volunteers at the De Zavala location.

CAM has a website where you can find out monthly what our biggest needs are. This month we need: Bras, all sizes, Children's clothing size 6-18; Men's belts, Men's jeans sizes 29-38 and of course shoes as previously mentioned.

Finally in August CAM will be trying to match a \$100,000 grant that has been generously donated by the Wade Richmond Foundation, It is incredibly important that we do our best to match this sum because this money is used towards helping people pay rent, utilities and help us to restock our supply of necessities that we provide for them. While clothing donations are important, I need to emphasize that cash donations are doubly important because they allow us more maneuverability to address whatever is not needed by the client. I have brought this up early so hopefully we can plan ahead and really have a good donation effort here at SKLC.

Thank you so much for your donations in the past and for those in the future. Even the smallest contribution can make a difference.

Sincerely,  
Jennifer Rendon

**CAM MISSION STATEMENT:** To Share the love of Christ by providing immediate assistance and encouragement to people in crisis.



## MARCH WORSHIP VOLUNTEERS

| DATE                  | USHERS                              | LAY ASSISTANT    | GREETER             | CAMERA         | ALTAR GUILD                      |
|-----------------------|-------------------------------------|------------------|---------------------|----------------|----------------------------------|
| Mar 10<br>10 AM       | Gary Clements<br>JW Wendell         | Angie Wendell    | Janice Colvin       | Paula Stone    | Mary Ridgeway & Gail Wenzel      |
| Mar 17<br>10 AM       | Zona LaField<br>Lupe Clark          | Linda Phillips   | Carolyn<br>McClusky | Denice Hoggatt | Annelle Clements & Janice Colvin |
| Mar 24<br>10 AM       | Robert Holm<br>Jennifer Rendon      | Courtney Classen | Linda Hansen        | Judy Elliott   | Judy Elliott & Sue Hansmire      |
| Good<br>Friday<br>6PM | Gary Clements                       | Courtney Classen | Annelle<br>Clements | Denice Hoggatt | No Communion                     |
| Mar 31<br>10 AM       | Sue Hansmire<br>Carolyn<br>McClusky | Paula Stone      | Janice Colvin       | Judy Elliott   | Judy Elliott & Sue Hansmire      |

If the date you were assigned does not work for you, please swap with someone else  
or contact the Church Office.

Thank you.



| Sunday   | Monday   | Tuesday  | Wednesday  | Thursday  | Friday   | Saturday   |
|--|--|--|--|---|--|--|
| <b>25</b>  | <b>26</b>  | <b>27</b>  | <b>28</b>  | <b>29</b>   | <b>1</b>   | <b>2</b>   |
| <b>3</b><br><b>CAM COLLECTION</b><br>10:00am In-Person Worship<br>& Communion (FB Live)  | <b>4</b><br>Courtney on<br>Vacation<br>7:30pm Olmos<br>Ensemble<br>Concert | <b>5</b><br><b>PRIMARY<br/>ELECTION</b><br>(Fellowship Hall)<br>9:00am Quilters<br>5:30pm Bell<br>Choir              | <b>6</b><br>12:00pm Hope<br>Lenten Lunch<br>Series<br>5:45pm Lenten<br>Dinner<br>6:30pm Evening<br>Vespers<br>7:00pm Choir                               | <b>7</b><br>7:00pm Fiesta<br>Flutes Concert         | <b>8</b>   | <b>9</b><br>Set clocks<br>ahead 1-hr<br>before bed |
| <b>10</b><br>10:00am In-Person Worship<br>& Communion (FB Live)<br>11:30am Adult Education -<br>Luther's Small Catechism             | <b>11</b><br>"Staff" Deadline<br>Courtney on<br>Vacation                   | <b>12</b><br>9:00am Quilters<br>5:30pm Bell<br>Choir   | <b>13</b><br>12:00pm Hope<br>Lenten Lunch<br>Series<br>5:45pm Lenten<br>Dinner<br>6:30pm Evening<br>Vespers<br>7:00pm Choir                              | <b>14</b>   | <b>15</b>  | <b>16</b>  |
| <b>17</b><br>10:00am In-Person Worship<br>& Communion (FB Live)<br>11:30am Adult Education -<br>Luther's Small Catechism             | <b>18</b>  | <b>19</b><br>9:00am Men's<br>Early Breakfast<br>9:00am Quilters<br>10:00am Church<br>Council<br>5:30pm Bell<br>Choir | <b>20</b><br>12:00pm Hope<br>Lenten Lunch<br>Series<br>5:45pm Lenten<br>Dinner<br>6:30pm Evening<br>Vespers<br>6:30pm Evening<br>Vespers<br>7:00pm Choir | <b>21</b>   | <b>22</b>  | <b>23</b>  |
| <b>24</b><br><b>PALM SUNDAY</b><br>10:00am In-Person Worship<br>& Communion (FB Live)  | <b>25</b><br>6:30pm Rachel<br>Circle                                       | <b>26</b><br>9:00am Quilters<br>5:30pm Bell<br>Choir   | <b>27</b><br>7:00pm Choir  | <b>28</b><br>6:00pm Maundy<br>Thursday @ Hope<br>LC | <b>29</b><br>6:00pm Good<br>Friday Service @<br>SKLC | <b>30</b>  |
| <b>31</b><br><b>EASTER SUNDAY</b><br>10:00am In-Person Worship,<br>Baptism & Communion (FB<br>Live)<br>11:15am Reception/Egg<br>Hunt | <b>1</b><br><b>OFFICE<br/>CLOSED/Easter<br/>Monday</b>                     | <b>2</b><br>9:00am Quilters  | <b>3</b><br>7:00pm Choir<br>Practice   | <b>4</b>  | <b>5</b>   | <b>6</b>   |



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Set clocks ahead one hour before  
going to bed Saturday, March 9



**Items for THE STAFF are  
due to the office no later  
than the second Monday of  
each month.**



### **EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE:**

**PRESIDENT:**  
Jennifer Rendon

**VICE PRESIDENT:**  
Denice Hoggatt

**TREASURER:**  
Lavelle Brown

**SECRETARY:**  
Paula Stone

**MEMBER-AT-LARGE:**  
Sue Hansmire  
Bobby Maureschat  
Linda Phillips

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**FELLOWSHIP:**  
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**SUPPORT MINISTRIES:**  
Linda Hansen

**WORSHIP:**  
Vacant

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**PERSONNEL:**

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