

GOOD SHEPHERD LUTHERAN CHURCH & SCHOOL

CELEBRATING 70 YEARS IN GOD'S SERVICE

MAY 2022

Easter's Baptismal Newness of Life

Do you not know that those who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? Therefore, we have been buried with him by baptism into death, so just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, so we too might walk in the newness of life. (Romans 6:3-4)

We continue to bask in the afterglow of the empty tomb found on Easter morning. Jesus has risen! Jesus has risen indeed! Alleluia!

The Day of the Resurrection of Our Lord begins the 50 days of the Easter Season. We celebrate the risen Christ from the glorious discovery on Easter morning until the Day of Pentecost. This joyous time in the church calendar focuses on the resurrection's message of the newness of life. For this reason, the church historically and theologically intertwined this season's theme with the Holy Sacrament of Baptism.

During the Easter season, you will note that our liturgies begin with a Thanksgiving for Baptism or Rite of Baptism instead of a Confession and Forgiveness of Sins, which is standard during other church seasons. We remind ourselves that the death of Jesus on the cross was a sacrifice for our sins, and the Easter resurrection was a gift of new life.

This month of May, we continue the Easter celebration of the newness of life Jesus graciously provides. On Sunday, May 1, during our 10:15 AM worship service, Madison Marie Montwill, will receive the Sacrament of Holy Baptism. The following Sunday, May 8, we celebrate the givers of life – our mothers - as we offer blessings on Mother's Day. On the month's middle Sunday, May 15, Timothy Robert O'Brien, will be welcomed into the Christian faith through Holy Baptism at our 10:15 AM worship service. Next, on Sunday, May 22, our congregation will hold its semi-annual meeting following worship to discuss the newness and renewal of our ministry in transition. Finally, on Sunday, May 29, we will celebrate with Maddie Carey and her family as she receives the newness of the Sacrament of Holy Communion for the first time.

Continue basking in the Easter joy and give thanks for the gift of the - newness of life offered through the water and word of Holy Baptism!

Eastertide Blessings,

Pastor Marc

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"Every child is a different kind of flower and all together they make this world a beantiful garden"



Author Unknown



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Nessage From Our Director

Our mission is to provide a Christ-centered environment in which we quide our children socially, spiritually, intellectually, and physically.

Good Shepherd Friends and Families,

We are at the best time of year at Good Shepherd. Here at school, we have so much to learn during springtime! The trees are budding, the flowers are blooming and so are all the preschoolers. The children are planting seeds in our garden and blossoming every step of the way with hands-on activities. Our teachers and staff have had such pride in teaching your children throughout the school year. It is hard to imagine that the year is rapidly coming to an end.

Teacher appreciation week kicks off the first week in May. This is a special time to recognize all our shining stars, and I am truly blessed to work alongside them. We also have an amazing plant sale fundraiser on May 4^{th} , 5^{th} , and 6^{th} . Lastly, we have our 2^{nd} annual golf outing booked for May 21^{st} . Any profit made at this event will go into our playground renovation. Please see the flier on the next page for more information about this very special fundraiser.

We kindly ask that you continue to keep the staff and school families in your prayers.

God Bless, Vonesse Biga

Vanessa Bigam School Director

A Message From Our President

Dear Members of Good Shepherd,

As you read this we are a few weeks out from Easter. However, I am, three days later, still on an Easter high. As Christians, Easter has always been a joyous time. For me, this year's Easter celebration was a very bright spot in a very dark world. The war in Ukraine, ongoing Covid-related problems, gun violence and so many other world-wide problems surround us and can be overwhelming. These kind of issues, along with our own familiar and internal stressors can truly be a challenge to our sense of safety and well being. But the good news is that the resurrection of our Lord that we celebrate on Easter and every Sunday, equips us to empathize with the pain of our fellow humans, help when we can, and maintain a belief system that enables us a sense of hope in what can be a very chaotic world. Pastor Marc's Easter sermon used an analogy of a hospital and that, we as Christians are already in the safety of the recovery room. As opposed to the anxiety of the emergency room or in surgery. Every Sunday is a reminder that no matter what, we've made it to the recovery room and we are going to be ok.

As a congregation we are blessed to have a wonderful interim minister with a history at Good Shepherd along with dedicated deacons and talented musicians to reinforce this message at every service. This is a very soothing thought as we navigate our daily lives.

Blessing,

Ellen Benson, Church Council President

PLEASE JOIN US FOR OUR

2ND ANNUAL GOOD SHEPHERD LUTHERAN GOLF OUTING

Honoring JOHN LISCO



John was an avid golfer, a lifelong supporter of Good Shepherd Lutheran and beloved father of our School Director, Vanessa Bigam

Please join us for a day of golf and support our fundraising efforts on

SATURDAY, MAY 21, 2022 at NORTHPORT GOLF COURSE Located at the VA Medical Center 79 MIDDLEVILLE ROAD, NORTHPORT, NY

GOLFING from 3:00PM - 5:00PM

- Players will golf on a 9-hole course in a best ball format in teams of four ~ you can join as a foursome or a team can be created for you and your guest(s).
- Tee time starts at 3pm and every 10 minutes thereafter.
- Golfers are permitted to bring their own cooler (with both alcoholic and non-alcoholic beverages) onto the course.

*Alcoholic beverages may only be enjoyed while golfing but will not be served at the reception.

FOOD & DRINKS from 4:30PM - 7:30PM

- Please join us for a delicious, mouthwatering BBQ and refreshing, non-alcoholic drinks.
- We welcome you to our BBQ whether you chose to golf with us for the day or just dine with us at night.

PRIZES, RAFFLES AND MORE FUN from 6:45PM - 7:30PM

- Try to win a prize at our fun, putting contest!
- Enter our 50/50 raffle for a chance to win a cash prize!
- Additional fun and prizes for longest drive, closest to pin, best foursome, and most honest golfer games!

I would love to attend the 2nd Annual Good Shepherd Lutheran Golf Outing.
I need ______ tickets please (at \$100 each).
I choose not to golf but would love to attend the BBQ.
I need ______ tickets please (at \$40 each).

Unfortunately, I cannot join you that day but would like to contribute to your fundraising efforts. Please accept my donation of \$_____.

Kindly RSVP by Friday, May 6, 2022

*Fundraiser proceeds will benefit Good Shepherd Lutheran School.



NAME: _____

_____ CONTACT #: _____





PALM SUNDAY FIRST HOLY COMMUNION





Lillianna Mason, Melina Wilbur, and Madelyn Lee, received their First Holy Communion on Palm Sunday, April 10.

Madison Carey was unable to join us for this service but will be receiving her First Holy Communion on May 29.



Owen Klaus Kessler Born March 4th at 1:35 p.m. 7lbs 15 oz, 20.5 Inches **Congratulations** Parents Kiersten & Steven, Sister Wendy & Grandparents Jim & Wendy Jansky

Dell-Ann & Tom Benson ~ 35 years on 5/24 Etienne & Heather Bouchard ~ 8 Years on 5/17 Richard & Carol Koenig ~ 62 Years on 5/7 Angela & Peter La Barbara ~ 64 Years on 5/24 Eric & Erin Q'Connor ~ 4 Years on 5/11 Joseph & Natasha Pecora ~ 14 years on 5/7 Anne & Bob Rickmeyer ~ 53 years on 5/10 George & Melissa Saveracker ~ 22 years on 5/20 High & Kimberly Whitenack ~ 13 years on 5/15



At our 10:15 a.m. worship on April 24 (left), we dedicated "The Justice Window" in appreciation of Allyn J. Crawford, Esq.'s generous gift of guidance and support during the Covid 19 pandemic (left). Allyn provided Good Shepherd with pro bono legal representation in 2020 when a group of parents challenged our school's Covid-19 policies.



Samantha & Matthew, Bobby, Ethan, Luca & Josef?

ongratulations *RAARARARAR* Graduate!

Allison Burfeindt is graduating from Molloy College School of Nursing.

Daniel Maisch is graduating from Illinois Wesleyan University with a dual degree in Economics & Hispanic Studies.

Katie Rae McGowan is graduating from Chicago School of Psychology with a PsyD Degree.

Jessica Mueller, is graduating from Stonybrook University with a Masters in Social work.

OUR EASTER FLOWERS ARE



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Pastor Marc	Sue Devine	
Kelly & Poter Flink	Margareta & Lois Flink	
Austin & Annika	Kelly & Peter Flink	
Church of the Good Shepherd Lutheran	Bonnie & John McGowan	
Our Family	Carol & Rich Koenig	
Our Children & Grandchildren	Ron & Diane Maisch	
Our Blessings & Foud Memories	Barbara Nelsen,	
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Edmond & Ann Ocker, Tony Ocker & Ethel Salomon		
Ivan & Anne Dexter	Debbie Dexter	
Brian & Dennis Hickey	Donna Hickey	
Anne Thone, Dorothy & Keith Watters,	The Tauchy Bristal &	
Dorothy Bristol, Gary Kessler, and James,	The Jansky, Bristol &	
Audrey & Charlotte Jansky	Kessler Families	
Our Loved Ones	Diane & Ron Maisch	
The Masons & Sauters	Lori & Jim Mason	
Peter Hourigan, The Meyer,	Barbara Nelsen, Marilyn	
Vauken & Schwab Families	Hourigan & Families	
Derathan & Vincent Cranin	Naomi & John Hulver	
Dorothy & Vincent Cronin	and David Cronin	
Husband Bill & Sister Johanna	Emmy Quatraro	
Our Loved Ones in Heaven	Bob & Anne Rickmeyer	
Sally & Bernard Ducey	Susan Thomas & Family	
Edmund & Ann Ocker	The Vogeley Family	
Ollie & Gladys Moyse and Bill & Marie Vollono	The Vollono Family	



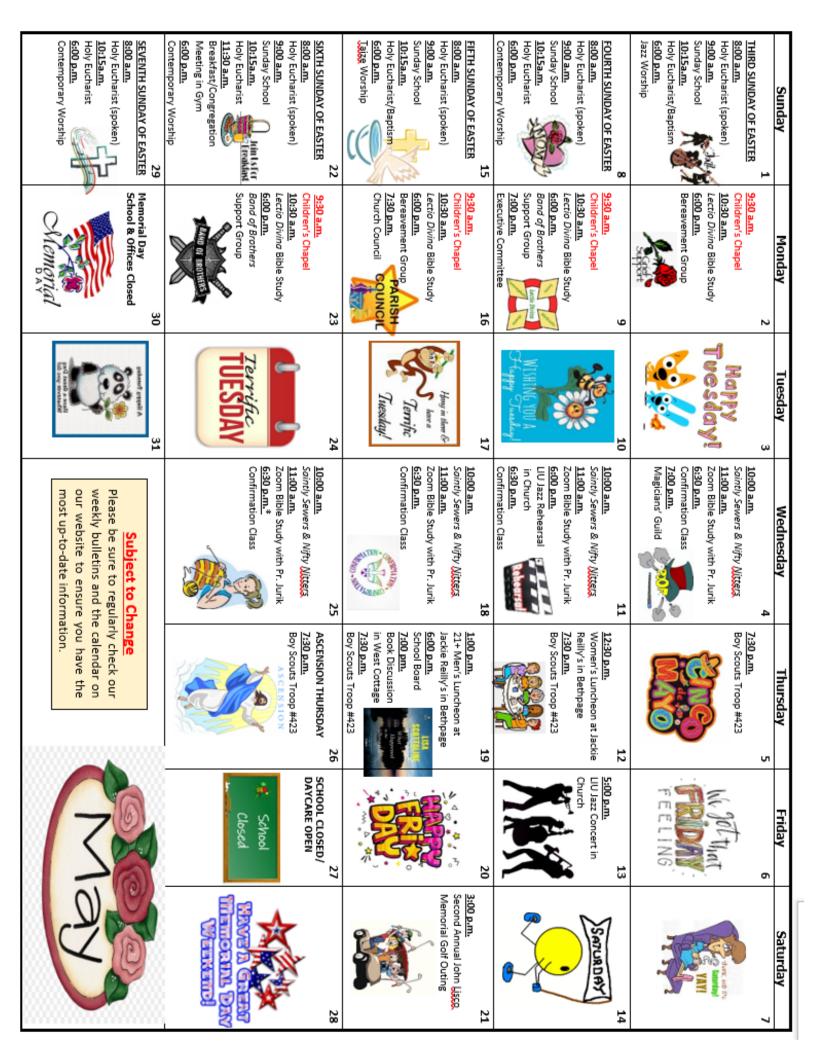
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Connor Kieran ~ 5/26 5/28 Joanne Krisztin ~ 5/10 Reina Kuriger ~ 5/4 Alex Lessman ~ 5/29 Jason Lorch ~ 5/27 Jessica Lorch ~ Victoria Martinez ~ 5/15 Ken McBride ~ 5/30 Judi Miranda ~ 5/21 5/11 Melissa Monten ~ 5/24 Breanna Mulligan ~ Gretchen Ocker ~ 5/10 Erin O'Connor ~ 5/22 Douglas Petersen ~ 5/26 Peter Pollatos ~ 5/21 5/19 Kaylee Reilly ~ Nicholas Richardson ~ 5/3 Notan Rochford ~ 5/10 5/12 Luciana Russo ~ Ellen Gangesland ~ 5/2 Angela Santos ~ 5/31 Rich Savarese ~ 5/8 Julian Scelza ~ 5/13 5/5 Myra Syed ~ Eleanor Ulich ~ 5/7 Panielle Vollono ~ 5/23

Please Remember In Your Prayers:

John Aarnio (Elisa Carr's father), Linda Allan (Koenig family friend), Frank Allecis (Mary Petersen's friend), John Baierlein (Deb Steinhilber's brother), Chris Balos, Alex, Derek & Stanley Bartkow, Vasilius Bouklas (Doug Petersen's friend), Carolyn Bayerkohler, Marilyn Benner, Mary Bennett Petersen, Joe & Carol Berardino, Joseph R. Berardino, Martha & Tom Berardino, Grace Berry, Allison & Ellen Bird, Kathy Blewett, Emily Brandi (Wakefield family friend), Cassie Bonner (Wenger family friend), Laura Brandt (Thomas family friend), Janet Brazel (Terry Miccio's relative), John Brooks, Glen Cacchioli, Mary Beth Cammarata & family, Johanna Campion (Emmy Quartraro's friend), Patricia Cannata, Matthew Cardall (John Bird's relative), Alison Carey, Bill Carroll (Rose Minnick's friend), Justin Carroll (Bonnie McGowan's friend), Terrance Connelly (Wakefield family neighbor), Maya Contreras & family (Alice Vorstadt's relatives), Frank Costeira (Martha Peterson's friend), Ellen Cote, Lorraine Crosby, Kevin Cummins (Doug Petersen's friend), Teresa Dechen (Maisch family friend) Awilda Delgado (Guillermina Santos's niece), Claudia DeMauro, Georgeann Diblasi (Sue Wakefield's relative), Gregory Diehl (Dorothy Turaukas's son), Aidan Duver (Barbara Nelson's friend), Lorraine Duffy, Steven Dux (Irma Carlson's nephew), Theresa Eby (Mary Oliveto's relative), Jeff Eisele, Francine Fakler (Ed Indellicati's mother-in-law), Lois Fassino, Ricky Fedyk (Sue Wakefield's friend), Susan, Alice & Anthony Ferraro, Pat Fiedler, Marcelle Figlo, Danny Fink, Andrew Gai (Bonnie's son), Karen Garbowski, Maria Garrett & the Hall family, Gloria & Bob, Ray Gorka, Frank Gulotta (Sue Devine's friend), Helen Gscheidle, Jane Hahn (Wenger family friend), Kenneth Hall (Ronn's brother), Sean Harrison (Lorch family friend), Ellen Harvey (Terry Miccio's friend), Nicky Hassett (Donna Hickey's friend), Diane Helmers, Katherine Hill, George Hirn, Jessica, Jim & Cheryl Hendricks (Chrissi Canino's relative), the Jachowdik family (Dean & Annmarie Brown's daughter), Ann Jaffe (Lorraine Duffy's friend), Yuna Jin, Joanna (Meridith Moran's friend), Ginger Johnson (Sue Devine's friend), Mari Jordan (Denise & Patrice's friend), Irene Karattinger (Roger Mueller's friend), Arlene Keller (Cacchioli family friend), Susie Klemm (Bruno family), Evelyn & Niko Kontonis & their family, Alyce Korte (Marge Wenger's sister), Kurt Langjahr, Angie LaBarbera, Heather Rose Landry, Carol Larson (Bob Rickmeyer's sister), Lauren & Baby Emerson, Barbara LaValle (Sue Devine's friend), Charles & Michael Leva (Angel Lorch's uncle & father), Lila (Lorraine Duffy's friend), Lindsay (Marc Ferraro's friend), Alfia Livaccari (Joan Vanecek's friend), Madeline LoCuercio (Patrice Sessa's friend), Angel, Phil, Christopher & Marie Lorch, Janet Lottes (Wenger family friend), the Love & McCartin families (Benson family friends), Lucia (Bonnie McGowan's friend), Ronda Luna (Guillermina Santos's brother), Viena Ludewig, Ron Lupi (Meyer family friend), Ava Machuka & family (Domenick Tuozzo's great granddaughter), James Madden, Jean Mason, Gail McCoy (Susan Wakefield's friend), Jake McCreedy (Liz & Dick Carr's Grandson), Reverend James & Janice McDaniels (Naomi Hulver's friends), Joseph McKie (Jame Lowe's Brother in Law), Mindy & her family (DeMauro family friend), Christine Moeller (Brittany Thomas-Wanko's friend), Dorothy Morris (Lorraine Duffy's friend), Roger & Rose Ann Mueller, Richard Murphy (Mary Ann's son), Nicholas (Sue Ferraro's nephew), Noel (Bonnie McGowan's friend), Ursula Nouza (Huntington Hills), Meghan & Lori Ortega, Jaime & Kathy Pagan, Janice Pekarek, Joe Personelli (Bonnie McGowan's friend), Thomas D. Peterson (Gisela Conforti's cousin), Teresa Ratkowski, Aiden Rausch, Johanna Richman (Berardino family friend), Bob Rickmeyer, Phyllis Rocco, Stephanie Rogers (Ferrara family friend), Selma Rosen (Lorraine Duffy's friend), Glenn Rossner & Barbara Russo (Susan Ferraro's friends), George Saueracker, Nicole & Elena Savage (Jeff & Susan Wakefield's daughter & granddaughter), Betty Ann Scarola (Doug Petersen's friend), Bill Schulz (JoAnn's son), JoAnn Schulz-Dellacona, Craig Schumacker (Elaine Mark's relative), Patrice Sessa, Ariana & Danna Sgambati, Kenny Skrypek (McGowan family friend), Diane Sicca (Debbie Garcia's sister), Sarah Silber, Arliene Simonson (John Bird's sister), Arthur Sounia, Rachael Staiano (Lorraine Duffy's friend), Raymond Tarnok (Pat Fiedler's nephew), Dr. John Stroup (Doug Petersen's friend), Debbie Tassi (Denise Donitz's sister), Jerry Tavolott (Terry Miccio's relative), Richie Taylor (Ann Rickmeyer's friend), Melanie Thicks (Marilyn Benner's niece), Brittany Thomas, the Thomas family, Tori & family (Karen Faucera's friend), Barbara Tung, Dorothy Turaukas, Mahmet Uca (Koenig family friend), Kathy Van Driessche (Carol Koenig's daughter), Mary Vassallo (Chandra Jorree's friend), Nicole Virgil (Naomi Hulver's friend), Alice Vorstadt, Ralph Wahl (Alice Vorstadt's relative), Jeff Wakefield, Ed Waldron, Samantha Wegner (Patricia Cannata's relative), Warren Weigert, Hugh Whitenack, Anneliese, Brook, and Daniel Wenger, Jack Young (Bonnie McGowan's friend), Derek Zacchino, Jennifer & Mary Alice (Genevieve's Helping Hands).

FOR THOSE WHO ARE GREIVING: The family & friends	FOR THOSE IN SERVICE: Matthew Beers (Army), Keith & Kyle
of Vito DePalo, Marge Dumas, and Pastor Pat Large.	Calderone (Army), Lt. Col. Thomas Ludwig (Army), Lt. Col. Paul
	Rickmeyer, Captain Robert Saueracker & Col. Philip Sounia









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OU'D LIKE TO ECOGNIZE IN OUR **NE NEWSLETTER?**



Please email the graduate's name, school from which graduating, school to which continuing and/or any honors or degree (if applicable) to Maureen at church@ourshepherdlives.org by May 23

SAVE THE DATE!!!

MAY 22 @ 11:30 A.M.



 \parallel This semi-annual meeting will be a breakfast \parallel meeting held in the school gym on Sunday, May 22, at 11:30 a.m. immediately following worship.

We need volunteers to help set-up/break down, cook, clean, etc. If you are able to assist, please contact Dean or Annmarie Brown at review1@optonline.net

PASTOR MARC INVITES YOU TO JOIN HIM OCTOBER 31 - NOVEMBER 11: The Women in Jesus' Life – A Tour to the Holy Land Please visit https://shepherdstours.com/package/she_lewis/ for complete information

he Women In Jesus' Life tour takes us The Women in Jesus End focus on the to the Holy Land with a focus on the interactions between Jesus and women the women without whom Jesus' ministry would hardly be successful. How might these women provide a unique perspective on the person and meaning of Jesus? How might we imagine our own discipleship in these women of faith, women who see in Jesus God's true character? Our pilgrimage to these holy places where Jesus walked and talked, where Jesus healed and performed miracles, where Jesus lived among us, will bring to life stories in Scripture that are our stories. In so many ways, we are these women, and they aive us remarkable perspectives on our own discipleship and our own identity as followers of Christ.

Rev. Karoline M. Lewis,

Ph.D., is the Marbury E. Anderson Chair in Biblical Preaching at Luther Seminary, St. Paul, MN, where she has taught since 2007. She is the author of SHE: Five Keys to Unlock the Power of Women in Ministry (including an accompanying facilitator guide, participant guide, and DVD) and John: Fortress Biblical Preaching Commentaries. Her next two books are Embody: Five

Steps to Leading With Integrity and A Lay Preacher's Guide: How to Craft a Faithful

SAT 05 NOV

Galilee/Bethlehem After hotel check-out, drive to Sepphoris, the village where Mary's parents Anne and Joachim were thought to have lived and where she was born. Next is Nazareth where Mary lived with her husband Joseph and raised their son Jesus. Visit the Church of the Annunciation and Mary's Well. Travel to Bethany on the eastern slopes of the Mount of Olives. The sisters Mary and Martha lived here and they hosted Jesus on several occasions. See the tomb of their brother Lazarus whom Jesus raised from the dead. Continue to Bethlehem for check-in, dinner and overnight. St. Gabriel Hotel (B.D)

SUN 06 NOV

Galilee

Bethlehem This morning attend worship at Evangelical Christmas Lutheran Church (in Arabic) and enjoy fellowship with the congregation following the service. After lunch on own, take a walking tour of the Old City including the Church of the Nativity and Manger Square. The balance of the day is at leisure for study, reflection or exploration in Jesus' birthplace. St. Gabriel Hotel (B,D)

MON 07 NOV Bethlehem/Jerusalem This morning meet with The Rev. Dr. Mitri Raheb MON 07 NOV and Palestinian women (Vera Baboun, former mayor of Bethlehem) who hold places of leadership in the community; discuss the role of women in Palestine. Depart for Jerusalem and the top of the Mount of Olives for a glorious view of the Golden City. Then walk down the Palm Sunday Road to the Garden of Gethsemane. Check in at your hotel just outside the Old City Walls. Golden Walls Hotel (B,D)

Sermon (2020). Ordained in the Evangelical Lutheran Church of America, Lewis leads conferences, workshops, and retreats internationally on the Gospel of John, the New Testament, interpreting the Bible, preaching, leadership, and women in ministry. She is a contributing writer for Working Preacher, co-host of the site's weekly podcast, Sermon Brainwave, and authors the Dear Working Preacher column. Visit karo-

linelewis.com for resources on preaching, leadership, and being a woman in ministry.

TUE 08 NOV

Jerusalem spend the morning on a memorable guided tour of the Old City. Begin at St. Anne's Church which was built on what was believed to be the home site of Mary's parents, Anne and Joachim. Adjacent are the Pools of Bethesda where Jesus healed a man of his 38-year infirmity (John 5:1-9). Walk along the Via Dolorosa through the Old City to experience the Stations of the Cross; see the last few Stations located inside the Church of the Holy Sepulchre. See the ancient Western Wall, considered to be one of the holiest sites in the Jewish tradition. In the course of the day, meet with rep-resentatives of one or two Jewish women's activ-ist groups. Golden Walls Hotel (B,D)

NED 09 NOV

Jerusalem This morning spend time in the tranquil sur-roundings of the Garden Tomb followed by the balance of the day on own for individual exploration. Gather for a farewell dinner at an Armenian Restaurant. Golden Walls Hotel (B,D)

THU 10 NOV

Return to U.S. Transfer this morning for flight check-in and departure. Connect in Vienna with the continuing flight to Chicago. Arrive home today enriched with your discoveries of women in Jesus' life and women of the Holy Land today

> Code: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner ltinerary subject to change Speakers subject to availability.



Depart U.S. MON 31 OCT Depart Chicago on the overnight transatlantic flight to Vienna and connect to Tel Aviv with Austrian Airlines (Meals in-flight)

DAY-BY-DAY ITINERARY

TUE 01 NOV Arrive Tel Aviv/Dead Sea Upon arrival, your guide and driver will be waiting to greet you. Transfer to the Dead Sea, the lowest point on earth. David Tower Dead Sea Resort & Spa (Meals in-flight)

WED 02 NOV	Dead Sea
Awaken to a full day for relaxation ar	
grounding - float in the briny waters o	
Sea if you wish. Gather for a welcome	
evening. David Tower Dead Sea Resor	rt & Spa (B
D)	

THU 03 NOV Dead Sea/Galilee This morning ride the cable car up to the rocky plateau of Masada where the Zealots held their last resistance against the Roman conquerors. Travel through the West Bank to Nablus and a Greek Orthodox Church which houses Jacob's Well where Jesus met the woman of Samaria (John 4: 5-9). Continue to the Wedding Chapel at Cana. Later this afternoon arrive in Tiberias and check in at your hotel overlooking the Sea of Galilee. Royal Plaza Hotel (B,D).

FRI 04 NOV

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Begin the day at Magdala, where contemporary efforts by the Catholic Church have unearthed a fishing village in Jesus' time - the birthplace of Mary Magdalene. As well as archaeological re-mains, there is a Women's Atrium devoted to the women of the Bible and women of faith across all time. Next is the Church of Beatitudes where Jesus delivered his Sermon on the Mount. Continue to Capernaum to see the remains of a first century synagogue where Jesus preached and the remains of what is most certainly Peter's house. In this contextual setting, explore the story of Jesus healing Peter's mother-in-law. End the day with a sunset sail across the Sea of Galilee. Royal Plaza Hotel (B,D) Note: Communion kit will be provided





UPDATE FOR MAY 2022

SECURE, VIRTUAL COUNSELING SESSIONS AVAILABLE FOR ANY NEW YORK RESIDENT Prepared especially for LCC Association Congregations & Schools

Screaming for unconditional love and acceptance

By Chris Abatelli, LMHC, LPC, LCC Youth and Family Counselor

As parents, or anyone who interacts with children/teens, we want to have the best intentions for the children in our lives. However, it does not always go the way we planned. Kids do end up finding their own way and growing, but we must be careful not to force what we want. I think one of the best movies that can model the need for love and acceptance is the Disney movie 'Brave' (spoiler warning). Here, we have a young girl, Merida, wanting to have her own independence and her ability to create her own fate. At least, that's what she thought she wanted, as most kids do. The movie also follows her parents who want the best for their child. They did not understand their daughter and thought what they had planned was right. Both parents did what they thought best instead of connecting with their child. A series of different and crazy events occurred: mom being turned into a bear, both lost hope, BOTH had to change, grow, and connect with each other. This does not give us permission to let our kids do whatever they want. Instead, we should guide them with connection.

Just like the main character in 'Brave', Merida wanted to be understood, heard, but, more importantly, receive unconditional love and acceptance from her parents to create her own path. I think all children want this, not just from their parents but from other leaders in their life. Being a parent myself, it is hard to guide my children in the right direction; however, I realize that what makes things better is connection, not judgment. Connection helps kids not just grow into productive healthy human beings, but also with their relationship with Christ. I have known parents and leaders who have refused to connect and listen to the youth in their lives, instead being judgmental and insisting on forcing their plans for the youth. This often results in the youth's resentment, disobedience and rejection of the parents' or leaders' values. Connection starts through empathy and compassion. Theresa Wiesman, a nursing scholar, recognized that there are four main qualities that show empathy:

- Perspective taking Understanding the person's point of view and validating their feelings. Validating somebody's feelings does not mean you agree with them. You just acknowledge what they have experienced.
- **Stay out of judgment** -This can be very hard because it can be easier to judge.
- Recognizing emotion in another person Can we identify the emotion and relate to the person? If we can't relate to an emotion, can we relate to confusion in our kids?
- **Being able to communicate** that understanding back to the other person.

The best way to define compassion is the desire to help someone and/or walk with them in their struggle. Again, this does not mean you agree with them, but you must walk through the problem with them. You cannot have compassion without empathy. Even if we don't know what to say, try this: *"I don't know exactly what you are feeling or going through, but I do know how it feels be confused. I know that it hurts and is scary. I am here to listen and, if you want, I can give you my opinion or are my thoughts."* This idea of asking permission gives the youth the opportunity and power to ask for help and guidance. As parents, we may need to change our behavior if we want our children to change theirs. I know you have heard these words: model the behavior you want.



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