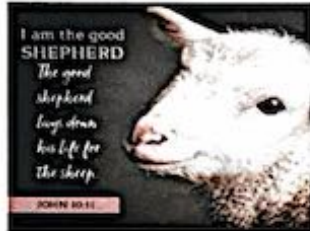




# A Little Something



**April 26, 2026**  
**4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter**

### Hymns & Songs

Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us  
When I Survey the Wondrous Cross  
God of Grace and God of Glory

### Scripture

Psalm 23  
1 Peter 2:19-25  
John 10:1-10

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| 5/03 | Sally Simpkins                |
| 5/08 | Jesiah Grotzke                |
| 5/09 | Donald Young                  |
| 5/14 | Erica Wilson (Leegard)        |
| 5/15 | Linnae Beechly                |
| 5/20 | Mel Latham                    |
| 5/20 | Toni Rempelos                 |
| 5/20 | Avadna Boshears               |
| 5/24 | Hannah Voloshinov<br>(Cooney) |
| 5/25 | Barbara Holloway              |
| 5/28 | Tracey Clark                  |
| 5/28 | Sully Pane                    |
| 5/29 | Brynn Blanc                   |
| 5/29 | Phil LaGesse                  |

### Little Something

There will be no "Little Something" for next week.  
Jody will be in Missouri visiting her Grandkids. YAY!!

### All Church Dine-Out



**Manny's at the Lodge**  
**Lakeside**  
**Thursday**  
**April 23<sup>rd</sup>**  
**6:00 pm**

Let the office know if you need a ride...  
The bus will leave the church at 5:30 pm

For some interesting history and pictures of the lodge go to:

[lakeshorelodge.org/history](http://lakeshorelodge.org/history)

### Food Cupboard

**May**

**Challenge**

**Canned Fruit**

**(Any Type)**

You might check Grocery Outlet for possible best prices.

**Important**

**Food Cupboard Meeting**

**Monday, April 27 @ 1pm**

**Required volunteer training video will be viewed.**

**PLEASE plan on attending!!!**

### Office Closed

The office will be closed on **Friday, April 24<sup>th</sup>**  
Pastor Eric, Jody & Dennis will all be away. Feel free to leave a phone message and we will get back to you.

What did the Baby Corn say to The Mama Corn?

...Where's Popcorn?



Sunday, April 26, 2026

## Scripture Reading: John 10:1-10

*To be known by God is the greatest comfort;  
to be loved by him is the greatest joy. —Augustine*

Have you ever met a real shepherd? Like, a professional shepherd who makes his living hanging out with a flock of sheep 24/7? I haven't. They're a vanishing breed. But in the Palestine of Jesus' era, they were quite common. So, Jesus did not hesitate to call himself the "Good Shepherd." He knew his audience would quickly understand the metaphor.

Shepherds and sheep are the subjects of today's reading. Here, Jesus calls himself the Good Shepherd, the One who knows his sheep by name and lays down his life for them. It's one of the most beloved images in all of Scripture. Shepherds were common in the ancient world, but when Jesus claims this title, he gives it a depth far beyond ordinary shepherding.

A shepherd doesn't just feed and guard the sheep. He lives with them, walks with them and is willing to risk danger for them. The bond between shepherd and flock is personal and enduring. Jesus says, "I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep" (v. 11). This isn't a hired hand who disappears when the wolves come. This is a shepherd who stays, protects and even gives his life so that the sheep may live.

Think of how meaningful this is for us. Often, this old world can feel unsafe, uncertain and lonely. But in Christ, we are protected and loved. We're not anonymous faces in a crowd. The shepherd knows our names. He knows our fears. He knows our weaknesses. And still he calls us his own.

This image affords tremendous reassurance. As physical strength fades and the future feels uncertain, the shepherd's voice reminds us that we are not abandoned. We are safe in his fold. Our value doesn't come from what we can do, but from the fact that we belong to him.

Notice, too, that the shepherd "goes ahead" of the sheep (v. 4). He doesn't drive them harshly; he leads them gently. Wherever you find yourself today — whether in green pastures or shadowed valleys — he has already gone before you. His presence is not just behind you, urging you on, but ahead of you, making a way.

Jesus as the Good Shepherd isn't just a comforting metaphor; it's the gospel itself. His cross is where he laid down his life. His resurrection is where he rose to gather his flock into eternal safety. And his Spirit is with us still, guiding us home.

We don't follow a stranger. We follow the shepherd who gave everything for us. And that makes all the difference.

—Timothy Merrill

*Prayer: Good Shepherd, thank you that you know me by name. When I am weak, you carry me. When I am lost, you find me. Keep me close to your side and lead me safely home. Amen.*

# **HOME TOUCH®** Activity Page

Week of April 26, 2026

**Daily Bible Readings**

- Sunday: Luke 14-17
- Monday: 1 Samuel 4-7
- Tuesday: 1 Samuel 8-10
- Wednesday: 1 Samuel 11-13
- Thursday: 1 Samuel 14-16
- Friday: 1 Samuel 17-20
- Saturday: Psalms 43-45

**INCOMPLETE COUNTRIES**

**Directions:** The numbered column (1,2,3, etc.) contains a list of countries, each with the **first two and last two letters** missing. Supply the missing letters and write the country in the blank provided. Match the **country** with its scrambled **capital** found in the column to the right. Hint: **Unscramble the capitals first, and then try to find** the country with the missing letters. The first one is done for you.

COUNTRY	CAPITAL		CAPITALS
GrEEce	Athens	1. EE	TATAOW
_____	_____	2. LGI	SMAABAILD
_____	_____	3. AZ	RENB
_____	_____	4. NA	RIOAC
_____	_____	5. NMA	TREMSAMDA
_____	_____	6. Y	<b>NESHTA</b>
_____	_____	7. STRAL	SCARACA
_____	_____	8. RA	XECIMO IYCT
_____	_____	9. XI	ELT VIAV
_____	_____	10. THERLAN	GNEHANEOPC
_____	_____	11. RW	SLOO
_____	_____	12. KIST	SELSSBRU
_____	_____	13. RTUG	RREBAANC
_____	_____	14. ITZERLA	IALSIRAB
_____	_____	15. NEZUE	BOSINL

**Answers:**  
 2. Belgium (Brussels); 3. Brazil (Brasilia); 4. Canada (Ottawa); 5. Denmark (Copenhagen); 6. Egypt (Cairo); 7. Australia (Canberra); 8. Israel (Tel Aviv); 9. Mexico (Mexico City); 10. Netherlands (Amsterdam); 11. Norway (Oslo); 12. Pakistan (Islamabad); 13. Portugal (Lisbon); 14. Switzerland (Bern); 15. Venezuela (Caracas).

**Verse to Remember:** "But the LORD said to Samuel, 'Do not look on his appearance or on the height of his stature, because I have rejected him; for the LORD does not see as mortals see; they look on the outward appearance, but the LORD looks on the heart'" (1 Samuel 16:7).

## Sandwich Ministry Blessings

#4 April, 2026

Pastor Eric made up a collage of pictures I had taken of my activity on Sunday afternoons in the parking lot of Life Change Church. He planned on making two copies. He wanted to put one in the church parlor area and I am not sure what his plans were for the other one. Instead of getting two copies he got twenty-two. Rather than throwing the extras away, he gave them to me.

I have shown them to friends from other churches and each one has loved the poster and asked to put it up in their churches. They are now in Christ Lutheran Church, Coos Bay Four Square Church, Gloria Dei Lutheran Church, Allegany Community Church, Life Change Church, our own First Presbyterian Church and Hoss took one to put on their office wall. Scott took one and I think he put it in the C.B. Library somewhere.

Given the reaction to so many who have seen this flyer/poster, I think Eric's mistake was in the Lord's plan. I am attaching a picture of that flyer/poster for all of you to see.

I am not sure of what will come as a result of all this advertising or whatever is happening with these flyers/posters, but the Lord has always provided in one way or another, the needs of the homeless and needy people who come out for my lunches and goods on Sunday afternoons. I know he will continue to surprise me with blessings on this journey.

I am in awe and so thankful for all he has done so far and never in a million years would I have ever dreamed when I first made those 7 sandwiches almost 3 years ago, that it would have expanded to all that is now taking place.

Please continue to pray for me and for those I serve, for wisdom, discernment and courage.

# DONNA'S SUNDAY SANDWICH MINISTRY @ LIFE CHANGE CHURCH

