

Lake Shore Lines newsletter

March 6, 2019



LENT

For the early church, Lent was just the opposite of a dreary season of restriction.

It was understood as an opportunity to return to the life of natural communion with God.

— Marjorie Thompson

Worship at Lake Shore The First Sunday of Lent

The Worship of God

March 10, 2019

Sermon

Stephanie Spitzer-Hanks

The Scripture

Joel 2:1-2, 12-17

Stephanie Spitzer-Hanks preaching this Sunday

Rev. Stephanie Spitzer-Hanks was born and raised in East Texas, but as a kid she spent a whole lot of time in and around Waco with her grandparents. She graduated from Truett Seminary in 2003, then she promptly switched



denominations from Baptist to the United Church of Christ and was ordained by St. Paul's UCC in Gerald (which is out near Elm Mott) in 2005. Around about that time she met her husband, Lake Shore native son Thomas (now Spitzer-)Hanks. For the past 7 years she's been living in Austin and working as a chaplain and a doula, while Thomas earned a PhD in English at UT. This past summer they moved back to Waco with their two kids, Vivian (9) and Dory (7). Currently Stephanie works days at Talitha Koum holding babies and one night a week as a chaplain at Baylor Scott & White Hillcrest. She sings in the choir at Lake Shore. We welcome Stephanie as she preaches the first Sunday in Lent.

5:30 meditative music

5:45 p.m. Ash Wednesday service

The early church observed Lent as a time of repentance and renewal — a way of preparing for Easter. During the eighth century, the church began observing Ash Wednesday, the first day of Lent, as a solemn day of confession. The name Ash Wednesday comes from the sign of ashes that the worshippers receive on their foreheads as an act of repentance and a symbol of mortality. We hope you will come to this meaningful service that begins the Lenten season.

Remembering Carolyn Plaa

Carolyn Plaa died Sunday night after a week of struggling mightily with an infection that challenged her body to the end.

Carolyn was a bright and shining light in the world. She was a sign of God's pure love to anyone God placed in her path. And we, at Lake Shore, were blessed to be in Carolyn's path every week. Her love was deep, evident, and voiced in thousands of "I love you's." Her loss has moved us to great sadness and tears, tears born of great love.

She first came to Lake Shore with her parents when the church was founded in 1959. Sixty years later, Carolyn's contagious laughter and endearing, positive spirit continued to lighten any room, whether she was with her GA girls, at a Wednesday night supper table, or a women's retreat. At the time of her death, she served as a Care Group leader, and, oh, how blessed were the people in her group!

A bright and joyful light on this earth, Carolyn was a mother and grandmother who showered her daughters and grandchildren with generous love, laughter, and care. A devoted and "magical" teacher, she shared her loving and exuberant spirit with every student God placed in her path.

Christy and Katy and their children — Haley, Ty, and Hunter — are trying to comprehend the sudden loss of their mother and grandmother. May we follow Carolyn's example of voicing our love for her family as we reach out to them this week and in the weeks and months and years to come.

In the mercy and love of God, we remember and pray.



A Case Against Hunger

Lake Shore's annual drive to help replenish the shelves at Caritas

Sunday, March 17; Wednesday, March 20
Sunday, March 24; Wednesday, March 27
Sunday, March 31



Here's how it works:

- The Caritas covenant group orders cases of food that will be delivered to Lake Shore.
- You may purchase food before and after Sunday School, after worship, and before Wednesday night supper.
- You may choose between canned meats, cereal, canned vegetables, rice, peanut butter, and pasta.
- Children may purchase macaroni & cheese by the box rather than by the case.
- After March 14, Caritas will pick up the food Lake Shore has purchased to help fill the shelves.

The Mission of Caritas is "to provide urgent support to people in need in our community through emergency assistance with food, prescription drugs, clothing, household items and utilities and through two thrift stores." Last year Caritas served 24,000 people with supplemental food assistance.

Youth and adults who would like to help sell cases of food, please contact Buddy Powell at 409-392-4672 or email him at hcpowell262@hotmail.com.

Soup Supper

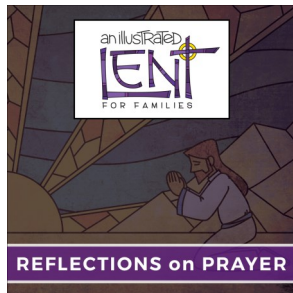
Palm Sunday April 14

At this Holy Week supper, we are keenly aware that all that we have comes from God. The empty bowls remind us of our dependence on God's mercy and grace that gives us what we need day by day for the journey toward Easter. They also remind us of the poor whom Jesus loves, our brothers and sisters in the world, for whom a little rice, soup, or grain in a bowl is, like manna, food for the day.



Children's Corner

Family Lent devotionals are available now. They are filled with simple activities to do weekly from now until Easter. If you would prefer a digital copy, please email lsbcwacokids@gmail.com



Church Directory

<https://members.instantchurchdirectory.com/>

Check your information in the directory:

- Your family members' names
- Your cell phone number
- Your email address

Send corrections to Sharlande@lsbcwaco.org.

If you would like a new picture in the directory, please send one or let me know you need one.



Contemplative Prayer A Series on Wednesday Nights during Lent (beginning March 20)

6:15 — after supper

We will explore how contemplative prayer can be a pathway to repentance and transformation, deepening our awareness of communal and systemic sin and opening our hearts to become agents of love. Instead of listening to a lecture, during Lent you will be invited to participate in the practice of prayer. (No prior contemplative experience required! There is space for everyone—even the fidgety and those averse to silence.)

— *Kyndall and Ross*

Celebrations for...

Nate Myrick, who accepted a job as Assistant Professor at Mercy University in the Townsend School of Music.

Prayers for . . .

Christy Plaa Malar and Katy Jarvis, the daughters of Carolyn Plaa and their children — Haley, Ty, and Hunter — in the loss of their mother and grandmother, Carolyn Plaa, who died Sunday, March 3, in Hillcrest ICU after a short illness. Their grief is overwhelming. Her service will be Saturday, March 10, at 11:00 a.m. at Lake Shore, the church she called “home” for sixty years. Even if you have not signed up yet for the Food Team but would like to help with food for Carolyn’s family at home or on Saturday after the service at church, please call or text Kay Bailey today. In lieu of flowers, you may want to make a check to the benevolence fund of the church to help with other expenses.

Rosemary Richards asks that we focus our care for her daughter Lynn, who is at Medical City Hospital in Dallas, healing from a deep brain bleed, by praying for these three things: for her to be free of infection, for her to be able to get the feeding tube removed, and for her stamina to increase so that she can have inpatient rehab. Pray for Rosemary as she travels back and forth between Dallas and Waco several times a week to be with Lynn.

John DeVries’ uncle, Gerald (Jerry) Jud, 99, is in hospice care at home near Montrose, PA. Jerry has been a tremendous mentor and source of love for John.

Nathan Stone and his doctors are continuing to explore options for treatment.

JoAnn Miller is improving and will be in the hospital for a few more days. Her spirits are good.

The congregation of Northminster Church invites you to the installation of Northminster’s Senior Co-Pastors

Rev. Claire Helton and Rev. Zachary Helton
and the reception immediately following

Sunday, March 10, 2019. Three o’clock

2701 Lamy Lane, Monroe, LA

Rev. Kyndall Rothaus, Installation Sermon



Reminders . . .

- **Food Team.** Email Kay Bailey at kaybailey0@icloud.com
- to sign-up. You will be put on a list to be notified each time there is a need for food in an emergency like sudden hospitalization or death. You are free to respond with “no, not this time” whenever you cannot provide a meal. We count on this system as we help each other. The more people on the list, the easier the food team ministry will work for everyone.
- **Deborah Harris thank you letters/memories for her sister and brother.** This is our gift of gratitude to Ron and Ruth Ann for making the gift of Deborah’s money available to us. Email your words to Sharlande@lsbcwaco.org by the first of the week.
- **Women’s retreat evaluation.** Please return your evaluation form to sharlande@lsbcwaco.org as soon as possible.

Our Church Staff

Louis Garcia, Custodian
 Sheena Gibbons, Pianist/Organist
 Gordon Lawrence, Maintenance Manager
 Cindy Oates, Director of LSBCC
 Krysta Pittman, Office Manager
 Kyndall Rothaus, Pastor
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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

CALENDAR

Sunday, March 10

9:30—Sunday School
 10:45—Worship
 3:00—Newsletter Deadline
 4:00—Soulfriends

Wednesday, March 13

spring break
 no activities or supper

Staff Notes

Krysta will be out
 March 8-15.
 Kyndall will be out
 Sunday,
 March 10.

YOUTH UPDATE

This Week

Wednesday (3/6) - Ash Wednesday Service: We encourage Youth to attend and participate in this important transition into Lent.

Sunday (3/10)

9:30am - Sunday School: check ins

5:00p - **No Youth (Spring Break):** Maybe Movie Night

Upcoming

ASAP - RSVP for Summer Camp/Retreat

March 8th - 17th - Captain Marvel (possible youth activity in that week or two)

March 10th - No Youth

March 13th - No Dinner/No Youth

March 17th - Youth's BACK!

March 22nd - Company of Parents: Talking about Sexuality and Gender ([RSVP Here](#))

March 24th - Youth Meeting with PPoGT instructor

April 12th (waiting on Jon Singletary to email back; if anyone runs into him, give him a poke) - Company of Parents: Enneagram and Understanding

May TBA - Company of Parents: Talking to Kids and Youth about Finances

Volunteers for Sunday, March 10

Extended Care: David Davis
 Stephen Swanson
 Ushers: Barbara Hobbs
 Willie Hobbs
 Greeters: Barbara Hobbs
 Henry Kari

Missions Calendar

Meals on Wheels

Every Monday,
 Wednesday, Friday

Children's Center

Monday-Friday, 7:15-
 5:30

Case Against Hunger

begins March 17

No Wednesday Night Supper

March 6 (Ash Wednesday)
 or March 13 (spring break)

To give online, please [click here.](#)

[Current Adult Sunday School Classes](#)



13th Annual Global Business Forum CHINA 2019

The forum on China that Steve Gardner is organizing on March 20-21 will feature presentations by the Chinese Consul General and other notable speakers. For information on the program and free registration, see baylor.edu/globalbusiness

WE ARE ONE

Join us for a continental breakfast and presentation of
 HATE AND INTOLERANCE IN OUR COMMUNITY

March 9, 2019, 8:30 AM

TEMPLE RODEF SHOLOM

1717 North New Road

Presentation by Kate Chance of the Southern Poverty Law Center
 Tickets are required. Come by the church for a free ticket.