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Counselor's Corner

"With upright heart he shepherded them and guided them with his skillful hand." Ps. 78:72

Looking at the life of David, you often think of his kingly pursuits. However, before David was anointed to be king of God's chosen people, he was a shepherd. As a shepherd king, David led and guided God's people in worshipping Him and believing, trusting and having faith in God and His promises.

Brothers and sisters in Christ, David is pointing forward to Jesus and what Jesus would be for God's people. The prophet Micah prophesies this about the Christ: *"he shall stand and shepherd his flock in the strength of the Lord, in the majesty of the name of the Lord his God. And they shall dwell secure, for now he shall be great to the ends of the earth."*

This Christ that Micah is proclaiming, would provide you with vital shepherd's care. He would release and rescue you from the things that separate you from God, what is holding you in bondage: sin, death and the power of the devil.

Jesus, the Good Shepherd, tells you in John's Gospel, *"I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep."* Jesus did indeed lay down His life on the cross for you. There, He paid the penalty for all your sins. There He rescued you from death and the devil. In order to do that, He gave up His perfect life and shed His innocent blood for you. So you could have eternal life.

Saints in Christ, Jesus continues to provide for you through the work of His ministers of the Gospel. The under-shepherd, your pastor, brings you all the good gifts of Christ — the gifts of life in which the Holy Spirit feeds you and keeps you in the faith. How does your pastor do this? He pronounces God's forgiveness to you after the confession of your sins. He proclaims the Law and Gospel through the Word of God. He baptizes with water combined with God's Word, to babies and adults in holy baptism. He feeds God's little lambs the very body and blood of Christ for the strengthening of faith and the forgiveness of sins.

Thanks be to God, that He takes care of and feeds His sheep.

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Spring Fling

The Alexandria Zone LWML hosted a "Mommy and Me Spring Fling" the morning of Saturday, April 18, at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, Alexandria. The event was a gathering of young mothers and their "Age Two and Under" children, complete with devotions, brunch, games, singing, prizes and information on LWML.

It was a relaxing time for young mothers and a "time to play" for the young children. We thank God for life, young mothers and their children! We honor life and the God who creates it!

A Thrivent Action Team grant was used to cover the expense of food, prizes and decorations.

Kit ideas

LWML Toolkit Kits are a collection of kit suggestions that you can use for Gifts from the Heart in your society, zone or district. These kit lists are simply a "jumping off" point to use as you share God's love and Serve the Lord with Gladness.

For example:

Cancer care

- › Washcloths (colorful, fun cloths)
- › Slipper socks
- › Devotional book
- › Hat
- › Word puzzle or Soduko book
- › Hard candy

This resource is available to download from the LWML website, www.lwml.org/mission-servants.

