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Call

Dear friends in Christ,

Ubi caritas et amor, ubi caritas, Deus ibi est.

Where true charity and love abide, God is dwelling there; God is dwelling there.

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By the time you receive this, we will have begun our Lenten journey. Many of you will have taken on or given up something for Lent as part of your discipline. Committing to regular devotions and prayer, giving time or treasure to those in need, denying yourself something of value but not necessity, these are but a few of the ways that we honor this time. We go through the 40 days (excluding Sundays) giving focus and attention to the dark places of our lives. Certainly, if we were perfect people, there would be no need for Jesus to die on the cross.

But we aren't perfect. We make mistakes just like everyone else. We break the commandments. We hurt each other. We sin.

So we go through these days praying that we will be aware of where God is present in our lives. We pray that our hearts will be made clean and our spirits be made new. We pray that we will know of God's forgiveness and mercy.

May our Lenten discipline be one that allows God to knit us closer together as we live as today's disciples. May we work together building a community of people who are forgiven and reconciled through the work of Jesus Christ. May we let the Holy Spirit enter our hearts and transform the way we live and think and act.

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*Peace, and many blessings,
The Rev. Kathleen J. Baker, pastor*

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FAMILY PROMISE NEWS

There are currently no guests in the shelter portion of the program, but they are expecting a new family this week and another to enter the program next week.

Even though there are currently no guests in the program, the program receives about 100 calls per month for assistance. Programs are in place to help keep families in their homes by helping with utilities, back rent, etc. also with transportation so folks can get to and from work. Sheltering guests is just one part of a multi-faceted program.

Stay tuned for more information on **Fam-Jam**, Family Promise’s annual Spring Fund-raiser. **Sunday, April 26 at the Englewood in Hershey 1 – 4 p.m.**

Our next Host Week is

April 26 — May 3

Mark your calendars NOW.

**LOOKING AHEAD:
Semi-Annual
Congregational Meeting**

Good Shepherd’s Congregation Council has voted to hold the **Semi-Annual Congregational Meeting on Sunday, May 3 at 10:30 a.m. in the Nave.**

There will be one service that Sunday, beginning at 9:30 a.m., followed by the semi-annual congregational meeting at approximately 10:30 a.m.

Please plan to attend. This also will be an opportunity for all members to ask questions and make recommendations for the betterment of our parish.

**SPRING CLEANUP AT
GOOD SHEPHERD**

Join us on March 28th at 8:30 a.m. for our annual spring cleanup. Treats and beverages will be provided.



- March 2 Sallie Bruno
- March 3 Sylvia Beard
Abaigeal Jacobs
- March 4 Newton Davis
- March 5 Phyllis Vonada
- March 6 Darla Tanner
Greg Lloyd
Theresa Wix
- March 8 Daniel Walsh
- March 9 Linda Marden
- March 10 Jeremy Bridges
Angela Hazzard
- March 11 Randy Breon
- March 12 Robert Wix
- March 16 Anita Warfield
- March 22 Kristy Ulerick
- March 29 Nathan Heimbaugh
Christopher Johnson
- March 30 Mary Edna Leedy
- March 31 Gloria VanScyoc

March Readings

- March 1 Genesis 12:1-4a, Psalm 121, Romans 4:1-5, 13-17, John 3:1-17
- March 2 Psalm 128, Numbers 21:4-9, Hebrews 3:1-6
- March 3 Psalm 128, Isaiah 65:17-25, Romans 4:6-13
- March 4 Psalm 128, Ezekiel 36:22-32, John 7:53-8:11
- March 5 Psalm 95, Exodus 16:1-8, Colossians 1:15-23
- March 6 Psalm 95, Exodus 16:9-21, Ephesians 2:11-22
- March 7 Psalm 95, Exodus 16:27-35, John 4:1-6
- March 8 Exodus 17:1-7, Psalm 95, Romans 5:1-11, John 4:5-42
- March 9 Psalm 81, Genesis 24:1-27, 2 John 1-13
- March 10 Psalm 81, Genesis 29:1-14, 1 Corinthians 10:1-4
- March 11 Psalm 81, Jeremiah 2:4-13, John 7:14-31, 37-39
- March 12 Psalm 23, 1 Samuel 15:10-21, Ephesians 4:25-32
- March 13 Psalm 23, 1 Samuel 15:22-31, Ephesians 5:1-9
- March 14 Psalm 23, 1 Samuel 15:32-34, John 1:1-9
- March 15 1 Samuel 16:1-13, Psalm 23, Ephesians 5:8-14, John 9:1-41
- March 16 Psalm 146, Isaiah 59:9-19, Acts 9:1-20
- March 17 Psalm 146, Isaiah 42:14-21, Colossians 1:9-14
- March 18 Psalm 146, Isaiah 60:17-22, Matthew 9:27-34
- March 19 Psalm 130, Ezekiel 1:1-3; 2:8-3:3, Revelation 10:1-11
- March 20 Psalm 130, Ezekiel 33:10-16, Revelation 11:15-19
- March 21 Psalm 130, Ezekiel 36:8-15, Luke 24:44-53
- March 22 Ezekiel 37:1-14, Psalm 130, Romans 8:6-11, John 11:1-45
- March 23 Psalm 143, 1 Kings 17:17-24, Acts 20:7-12
- March 24 Psalm 143, 2 Kings 4:18-37, Ephesians 2:1-10
- March 25 Psalm 143, Jeremiah 32:1-9, 36-41, Matthew 22:23-33
- March 26 Psalm 31:9-16, 1 Samuel 16:11-13, Philippians 1:1-11
- March 27 Psalm 31:9-16, Job 13:13-19, Philippians 1:21-30
- March 28 Psalm 31:9-16, Lamentations 3:55-66, Mark 10:32-34
- March 29 Matthew 21:1-11, Isaiah 50:4-9a, Psalm 31:9-16, Philippians 2:5-11, Matthew 26:14-27:66 or Matthew 27:11-54
- March 30 Isaiah 42:1-9, Psalm 36:5-11, Hebrews 9:11-15, John 12:1-11
- March 31 Isaiah 49:1-7, Psalm 71:1-14, 1 Corinthians 1:18-31, John 12:20-36

From Our Treasurer: January Financials

JANUARY FINANCIAL SUMMARY

2026

	Jan.	YTD
Giving	43,798	43,798
Spending	22,142	22,142
Surplus/(Deficit)	21,655	21,655

BALANCES

General Fund	53,524
Exchange (Restricted)	35,663
Memorial	20,421
Mission Investment Fund CD	33,287
Investments	419,543

WHY WE DO WHAT WE DO...

During Lent

The Season of Lent begins on Ash Wednesday, February 18, 2026. With the coming of Lent comes some changes to our worship space and worship practices.

The color changes to purple.

One of the first things you will notice is that the altar, lectern, and pulpit paraments and the vestments of our worship leaders are purple. The baptismal fonts and all the crucifixes throughout the building are veiled in purple. Purple represents solemnity and penitence which characterize the Lenten season.

Our worship and our worship space are more somber.

There are fewer candles because the Light dims during Lent. Flowers are absent from the Chancel in keeping with the somber mood of the season. The “Alleluia” banner disappears during Lent and is placed in a Burial Box. This Burial Box remains in front of the altar as a reminder that although the “Alleluia” is hidden, it is not forgotten. This joyful word is completely removed from our worship and does not return until Easter when we proclaim the Risen Christ. The liturgical setting used during Lent is more solemn. There is no Postlude at the end of the service; the sound of silence allows for personal reflection.

We come to the rail to receive communion.

When we celebrate the Sacrament of Holy Communion during the 40 days of Lent, communicants will proceed to the rail. Whether participants kneel or stand, they always come to the table with a humble and penitent heart which is an integral component of the Season of Lent.

We worship more often.

In addition to Sunday morning, Wednesday morning, and Saturday evening, the Season of Lent affords us with additional opportunities to gather for worship. Vespers each Wednesday evening call us together for praise and reflection. The Services of the Triduum during Holy Week carry us through Jesus’ last days leading to his crucifixion and death and then culminating with the glorious Easter celebration of His resurrection!

May your Lenten journey be a time of spiritual renewal and rebirth!

—Vicki Delp

Adult Faith Formation

Sundays at 9:45 a.m. in The Gathering Room

During the season of Lent, the Adult Faith Formation Class is studying a six-part series using “Entering the Passion of Jesus”, a DVD program presented by Amy-Jill Levine. This video-aided lesson is led by John Switaj.

The schedule of topics is as follows:

February 22	Jerusalem: Risking Reputation
March 1	The Temple: Risking Righteous Anger
March 8	Teachings: Risking Challenge
March 15	The First Dinner: Risking Rejection
March 22	The Last Supper: Risking the Loss of Friends
March 29	Gethsemane: Risking Temptation

Each lesson is a stand-alone discussion. Come to all or any of the classes. Feel free to bring guests—all are welcome!

Lenten “SOUP-ER” Suppers and Worship



On Wednesday evenings during Lent, February 25 through March 25, we will gather to share a meal and worship together.

5:30 p.m. “Soup-er” Supper in All Saints Hall

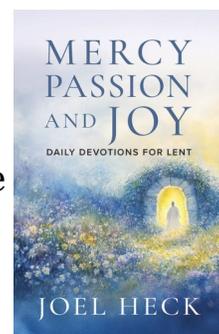
7:00 p.m. Holden Evening Prayer in the Nave

If you wish to help the Hospitality Committee by providing soup or bread or by helping with set up or clean up on Wednesday evenings, please sign up on the sheets available in the Narthex of the Nave. For more information, please contact Susan Master.

2026 Lenten Devotionals

Two devotionals are available in the Narthex and in the literature racks outside of the Chapel to enhance your Lenten journey.

Mercy Passion and Joy is centered on Scripture and the wisdom of C. S. Lewis, followed by reflections from the author, Joel Heck. Please take a booklet with you to enrich your personal devotions during this Lenten season.



Lord, I'm Listening, is a children friendly devotion that takes the reader on a soundfilled Lenten journey.

Both devotionals may be found in the Narthex and in the literature rack outside of the Chapel.



“WISDOM and WORTH”

Psalm 107:43

“Let those who are wise pay attention to these things. Let them think about the love of God.”

Churchwide Women of the ELCA has a yearly Conference of Presidents every February. This year the conference will be February 22, 2026. It's a time for all synod presidents to come together to meet and learn. We focus on Bible study, business and budget items as well as Gather, Triennial Gathering, promotions, membership and resources. We used to meet in person in Chicago. After Covid, we now meet by Zoom. This year's theme is “WISDOM and WORTH”. As requested in last year's event evaluations, we will have 3 workshop learning sessions. The first will be on Racial Justice. The second will be on 2SLGBTQIA+. The Third session will be a choice of 7 different topics.

Women of the ELCA has been about racial justice since we started a “Today's Dream; Tomorrow's Reality” (TDTR) program in 1997. Each synod sent 2 people to Chicago to be trained. We were to then return home to share our program with our synod and church women. We are now in the process of reorganizing. At the last Triennial Gathering in Phoenix, AZ, we asked for anyone interested to attend a meeting. In no time, we were standing room only. We signed up to become part of a new WELCA movement for racial justice. We're just getting started with new leadership. “for such a time as this”.

“Until justice rolls down like waters and righteousness like a mighty stream.”
As a past synodical president, I have been blessed to serve on the Churchwide President's Planning Committee for the past 2 years. I look forward to sharing our thoughts and ideas from our conference.

To our Good Shepherd congregation, we would like to invite you to join us for our Gathering Meetings.

We meet every 2nd Monday of the month except for July & August. Our meetings start at 9:30 in the Gathering Room. We enjoy our Bible Study - it's the second year of our Women of the Bible series.

We also have refreshments and share updates on opportunities to serve our church and community.

You're also invited to join Women's Workshop. They meet weekly every Tuesday for sewing projects, ministry opportunities and refreshments. Their meeting time is from 9:30a.m. - 1 p.m. throughout the year.

—Lois Griffiths

250TH USA ANNIVERSARY COMMITTEE TEA PARTY

Thirty people attended the 250th USA Anniversary Committee's Patriotic Tea Party the afternoon of Sunday, Feb. 1, in All Saints Hall. The room was decorated in a patriotic theme, and many people attended in colonial costumes or dressed in red, white and blue.

Nick Werner provided period music and local reenactor John Pfau talked with guests about the Revolutionary War era. The party was hosted by committee members Pastor Kathy Baker, Bill and Sandy Baum, Greg Borzok, Karen Borzok, Dix McCauley and Fred Sprunk (with much-appreciated help from Don and Georgia Rehm, Vicki Delp, John Switaj, as well as the Baums' daughter Stacy Gillispie and grandson Ryan).

Looking ahead to Flag Day on June 14, the committee will hand out small Betsy Ross Flag stickers along with a brief history of our American flag for those attending services on Saturday and Sunday. I plan to read the Declaration of Independence from the front steps of the church at noon on the Fourth of July, which is a Saturday this year. Dixie offered to be flag bearer of a Betsy Ross-style flag at the event, and the committee hopes to recruit musical accompaniment. It was suggested we make chairs and lemon orange infused water available for guests.

I will send invitations to the celebration to other area congregations. Pastor Baker will close the ceremony with a blessing and will hold a brief service of thanksgiving inside the Nave for anyone wishing to attend. Finally, the committee discussed closing the anniversary celebrations with Peace Day in September. The event is based on the Treaty of Paris of Sept. 3, 1783, which ended hostilities between the United States and England. The event will include a Peace Vigil.

—Fred Sprunk

WORKSHOP NEWS

First and foremost is that we will be having an **Open House on Tuesday, March 10 from 10 – 11:30 in All Saints Hall. Drop by to see what we do on Tuesday mornings.** Light refreshments will be served.

Despite the inclement weather, we were hard at work! We donated **a tub of children's scarves to the Read to Succeed Program** that meets twice weekly in the St. Peter and Paul rooms. Lap robes were donated to the **Lebanon VA (10), Middletown Home (5), and UPMC (14)** as well as **10 Fidget Mats.**

Stop in any Tuesday mornings to see what we do! Everyone is welcome!

—Georgia Rehm



The Lutheran Camping Corporation of Central Pennsylvania

Kirchenwald, Nawakwa, & The Wittel Farm

Hi, folks! It's CAMP TIME!

Few things are more memorable and influential in a child's life than the opportunity to attend one of our fantastic church camps! But camp isn't just for kids. There are programs for adults, too! With trips to the beach, the mountains, amusement parks, etc...How about including a time to enhance your faith?

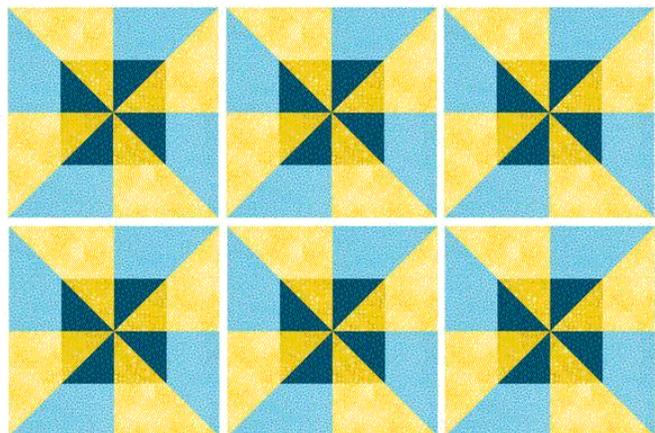
Camp brochures are published and ready for you to consider. There are programs for children and grownups alike. Our synod is blessed to have 3 venues for camping, surely one of them will appeal to your needs. Nawakwa in Adams County, Kirchenwald near Mount Gretna and the Wittel Farm near Elizabethtown, have unique programs that are fun, engaging, and help nurture our spiritual lives of faith. You can find more information online at lutherancamping.org.

Are you looking for a job this summer? Do you enjoy working with people? Especially children? Do you want to spend your summer making a difference? Do you wish you had a job where you could share your faith with others? Do you want a fun and challenging summer experience? Do you want a summer job where you can spend time outdoors in God's creation? If you've answered yes to any of these questions, life as a summer camp staff member may be for you!

Again, this year we are happy and thankful to have Phyllis Switaj as our camp person. As our liaison to our outdoor ministries, Phyllis has plenty of information on the variety of activities that are sponsored by our camps for adults, youth and children. This also means that we will enjoy the "Camp Person Discount" that is given to every member of this congregation. And who knows, maybe you'll run into Phyllis at one of our camps as she frequents just about every crafting or quilting event that is offered.

Upcoming Events

Register at lutherancamping.org/upcoming-events/



Women's Quilting Weekend at Kirkenwald

**Starts Friday, March 20—7 p.m.
Ends Sunday, March 22—2 p.m.**

Bring your own projects or learn techniques from experienced quilters. Cost for the event is \$190.

Spring Equinox Campfire at The Wittel Farm

**Friday, March 20
7 p.m.**

Celebrate the first day of Spring Music, poetry, and sing-along

This is a free event!



Summer Camp Open House at Kirchenwald or Nawakwa Sunday, March 15 or April 12 2 p.m. until 4:30 p.m.

You are invited to visit Kirchenwald or Nawakwa on March 15 or April 12. Take a tour of camp with members of our summer staff and see what camp is all about. As a bonus, we will give a \$10 gift certificate for the camp store to every brand new camper! This is a free event.

**SUMMER CAMP 2026
REGISTRATION NOW OPEN!**
To register for upcoming events and for more information about Summer Camp 2026, go to LutheranCamping.org Or, contact Good Shepherd's Camp Person, Phyllis Switaj. As our Camp Person, Phyllis' participation at the annual training meeting gets every member of Good Shepherd \$20 off of registration.

Harrisburg Area Food Pantry

Needed Items — The Basics

Canned Items

baby food
fruit juice
meats (tuna, stew)
peanut butter
soups
spaghetti sauce
tomatoes
vegetables

Packaged Items

baby formula
cereal
crackers
mac & cheese dinners
powdered milk
pudding
jello
ramen noodles
rice
spaghetti

Other items: Cake mix, flour, pancake mix
condiments: jam, jelly, mustard, ketchup, salad dressing, salt (no sugar due to mice)
toiletry items: soap, shampoo, toothpaste, deodorant. baby diapers.

MARCH 1 is Food Pantry Sunday.

Health Ministries Wish List Christ Lutheran Church 124 South 13th Street, Harrisburg

Items needed:

Bayer contour blood glucose test strips
Tussin CF cough medicine
honey • lice shampoo • allergy eye drops
sugar-free cough drops • shoe inserts
men's & women's socks • underwear
t-shirts • chapstick • toothpaste
toothbrush • deodorant • soap
back supports/braces
HP LaserJet toner, 85A & 83A
quality orthotics (knee, ankle, wrist braces)
muscle rub pain relief cream
hot/cold packs for muscle pain
coffee • tea • sugar • powdered creamer

Worship Sponsorships

Flowers \$25

Bulletins \$30

Lamps \$10

March 1
March 8
March 15
March 22
March 29

No flowers		McCauley
No flowers	Stewart	McCauley
No flowers		
No flowers		Wendt
	McCauley	

A master calendar is posted in the Narthex of the Nave. Please sign up and return your completed form to the church office.

Sponsorship Form

Please return this slip with your contribution to the church office. Dedications are printed in the bulletin each week. For Sunday, _____, 2026

___ Flowers ___ Bulletins ___ Lamps

___ To the Glory of God ___ In Memory Of ___ In Honor Of ___ In Celebration Of

Submitted by: _____

Amount: _____ Deadline: Wednesday 9 a.m. prior to the upcoming Sunday

March 2026

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>1 Food Pantry Sunday 8:30 a.m. W & S (Nave/YouTube) 9:45 a.m. Adult Faith Formation (Gathering Room) 11 a.m. W & S (Nave)</p>	<p>2 6:30 p.m. Cub Scout Pack 42 (ASH)</p>	<p>3 10 a.m. Workshop & Shawl Ministry Open House (St. Lydia/ASH) 10 a.m. Ready for School, Ready to Succeed (Sts. Peter/Paul)</p>	<p>4 9:30 a.m. W&S (Chapel) 5:30 p.m. Souper Supper (ASH) 7 p.m. Lenten Vespers (Nave/YouTube) Choir Rehearsal</p>	<p>5</p>	<p>6 11 a.m. Ready for School, Ready to Succeed (Sts. Peter/Paul)</p>	<p>7 1 p.m.—3 p.m. private event (ASH) 5 p.m. W&S (Chapel)</p>
<p>8 8:30 a.m. W & S (Nave/YouTube) 9:45 a.m. Adult Faith Formation (Gathering Room) 11 a.m. W&S (Nave)</p>	<p>9 9:30 a.m. W/ELCA (Sts. Peter/Paul) 6:30 p.m. Cub Scout Pack 42 (ASH) 6:30 p.m. Council (Gathering Room)</p>	<p>10 9:30 a.m. Workshop (St. Lydia/ASH) 10 a.m. Ready for School, Ready to Succeed (Sts. Peter/ Paul) 7 p.m. Prayer Shawl Ministry (Martin Luther)</p>	<p>11 9:30 a.m. W&S (Chapel) 5:30 p.m. Souper Supper (ASH) 7 p.m. Lenten Vespers (Nave/YouTube) Choir Rehearsal</p>	<p>12</p>	<p>13 11 a.m. Ready for School, Ready to Succeed (Sts. Peter/Paul)</p>	<p>14 5 p.m. W & S (Chapel)</p>
<p>15 April Call Deadline 8:30 a.m. W & S (Nave/YouTube) 9:45 a.m. Adult Faith Formation (Gathering Room) 11 a.m. W&S (Nave)</p>	<p>16 6:30 p.m. Cub Scout Pack 42 (ASH)</p>	<p>17 9:30 a.m. Workshop (St. Lydia/ASH) 10 a.m. Ready for School, Ready to Succeed (Sts. Peter / Paul)</p>	<p>18 9:30 a.m. W&S (Chapel) 5:30 p.m. Souper Supper (ASH) 7 p.m. Lenten Vespers (Nave/YouTube)</p>	<p>19</p>	<p>20 11 a.m. Ready for School, Ready to Succeed (Sts. Peter/Paul)</p>	<p>21 5 p.m. W & S (Chapel)</p>
<p>22 8:30 a.m. W & S (Nave/ YouTube) 9:45 a.m. Adult Faith Formation (Gathering Room) 11 a.m. W&S (Nave)</p>	<p>23 6:30 p.m. Cub Scout Pack 42 (ASH)</p>	<p>24 9:30 a.m. Workshop (St. Lydia/ASH) 10 a.m. Ready for School, Ready to Succeed (Sts. Peter /Paul)</p>	<p>25 9:30 a.m. W&S (Chapel) 10 45 a.m. Mission & Ministry (Gathering Room) 5:30 p.m. Souper Supper (ASH) 7 p.m. Lenten Vespers (Nave/YouTube)</p>	<p>26</p>	<p>27 11 a.m. Ready for School, Ready to Succeed (Sts. Peter/Paul)</p>	<p>28 8:30 a.m. Spring Cleanup 5 p.m. W & S (Chapel)</p>
<p>29 8:30 a.m. W & S (Nave/ YouTube) 9:45 a.m. Adult Faith Formation (Gathering Room) 11 a.m. W&S (Nave)</p>	<p>30 6:30 p.m. Cub Scout Pack 42 (ASH)</p>	<p>31 9:30 a.m. Workshop (St. Lydia/ASH) 10 a.m. Ready for School, Ready to Succeed (Sts. Peter /Paul)</p>				



Easter Decoration Fund



Please return this form with your contribution (any amount would be appreciated) to the church office (or in the offering plate) **by March 29, 2026** if you'd like to contribute toward this effort.

Dedications will be printed in the bulletin on Easter Sunday—April 5.

___ To the Glory of God

___ In Memory of: _____

___ In Honor of: _____

___ In Celebration of: _____

Submitted by: _____ Amount: _____

Our Purpose

To be the eyes, ears, hands, feet, and voice of Jesus.

Guiding Principles

When you see us at our best, you will see us in worship and living our faith by being:

- welcoming/accepting
- generous and giving
- supportive and caring
- active/involved
- joyful
- spiritual/faithful

Adopted by the Congregation Council of Good Shepherd on October 11, 2020



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Holy Eucharist

5:00 p.m. Saturday (Chapel)

8:30 a.m. Sunday (Nave)

11:00 a.m. Sunday (Nave)

9:30 a.m. Wednesday (Nave)