



Our Mission: To share the Good News of God's grace through worshiping, teaching and reaching out to all in need of God's

Pastor's Message

Dear friends in Christ,

Spring has sprung! The temperatures are changing (it already feels like July or August outside as I write)! Hopefully that will moderate in May! We celebrate Pentecost in May. Pentecost is, as you know, the birthday of the church! But it is also the onset of "summer season" in church, and for many that means traveling, outdoor activities, and frankly a lessening of our church commitments. If you were hoping for time off, I've got bad news...we intend to light the fires under the boiler and charge full speed ahead!

May will likely see us meet and greet a new candidate for pastoral leadership. This person, should you discern her as the next pastor, needs to come to Good Shepherd when all the cylinders are firing, not when everyone is taking time off for the summer! Our Church Council has planned several summer activities, each an opportunity for you to invite a lapsed member, family member, or friend to come and visit Good Shepherd. People need to know we are a people who like each other, are engaged in and committed to doing mission and ministry in our community, and are excited, faithful and ever ready to be the body of Christ in the world!

Though my remaining time here as pastor is coming to an end, Leann and I intend to remain here as associate members. We have come to cherish our relationships with you all and hope to continue them! We may not be here every week, but as active members we plan to volunteer and offer our services wherever and whenever we can do some good.

I am offering a class on 1 Peter that meets AFTER worship on Sunday through the third week of May. I have felt a hunger for and commitment to adult study, and over a dozen of you agree! So, let's not miss a step, remembering the words of St. Paul, "*I am already poured out like a drink offering, and the time for my departure is near. I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith.*" (2 Tim. 4:6-7) and say with joyful acclamation: He is Risen! He is risen indeed!

Remember, we do not get a second chance to make a good first impression!

In Christ,

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May
2024

THE MESSENGER

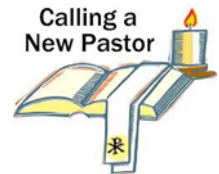


Michael Wayne Smith Concert
at Good Shepherd
Saturday, May 4 at 6 p.m.
(A love offering will be collected.)



**Pastor Rachel's
Congregational Meet and Greet
on Friday, May 17 from
2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m.**

*Please plan to attend during
one of these times to meet our
pastoral candidate.*



**Save the Date! Sunday, July 14
church service at 10:30 a.m.
at the Lange Estate
3505 Calumet Road, Ludlow Falls.
More information to follow.**



**DONATIONS
WANTED**

Union Township FISH

Needs:

- * Paper Towels
- * Bar Soap
- * Laundry Detergent
- * Toothpaste
- * Toilet Paper



Easter Service



He is
RISEN





Good Shepherd Lutheran Church

Council Meeting Minutes

March 19, 2024

Present: Pastor Craig Fourman; Molly Franks; Amy Grile, Vice President; Ray Louis; David Stein, President; Toby Theis, Suzie Vagedes; Rob Williams

Meeting was called to order by David Stein

Opening Devotion-David Stein Acts Ch 12

Secretary's Report: Motion to approve: Rob Williams, Second: Toby Theis. All were in favor.

Financial Secretary's Report: Motion to approve: Molly Franks, Second: Amy Grile. All were in favor.

Treasurer's Report: Motion to approve: Pastor Craig, Second: Rob Williams. All were in favor.

Pastor's Report: Monthly report reviewed

OLD BUSINESS: • Use of the back lot by the city. Nothing new reported • Reorganization-Council will meet on April 14th at 9-10am to plan/execute reorganization to teams. • Pre-school action item- Suzie Vagedes will talk with Treasurer, Ric Warner, to fund the Preschool Scholarship Fund. Once it is in place Suzie will notify the Preschool Board, the Director and Council President. • Pastor Fourman's Contract- Pastor Craig Fourman presented his new contract to Council. Motion to accept the contract as written: Rob Williams; Second: Ray Louis. All were in favor.

Committee Reports:

Worship: – no report

Mission/Outreach/LSIM/MUCC: Good Shepherd will host the Good Friday service.

Property: David Stein: the large circular stained glass window was straightened!

Youth/Christian Education/Preschool: The Sunday School will be reorganizing into a Pre-K to Kindergarten class and a grade-school class to provide more age appropriate curriculum. A miss you/hope you are feeling better card was sent out to Liam and Emma Hammermeister.

Stewardship: No report

Fellowship: 1. Easter morning planning: Amy Grile has sent out an email to get more casseroles and fruit volunteered for Easter breakfast, and candy for the Easter Egg Hunt. We will be filling eggs after church on Palm Sunday. 2. Michael Wayne Smith Concert May 4. Molly Franks will write up something for the Messenger to go out in the April and May editions and to go in the next Tipp City Gazette/West Milton page. Pastor Craig informed Molly that Shirley Fourman will provide lodging for Michael and his wife for the night. 3. Planning for this year's annual picnic. Our original date was taken, so we have July 14th as our new date for the picnic.

NEW BUSINESS: • Flags for the front lawn. David Stein will order 4 flags again this year to be placed prior to patriotic holidays this summer. • Call Committee-Pastor Craig provided optional wording for the introduction paragraph of the Call document. Council agreed with the new wording and David Stein will provide the recommended wording to Barb Cecil, head of the Call Committee, before it is resubmitted for new candidates. Barb informed David that they have a candidate name, and will be in contact with the candidate soon. They will update the Council as details become available.

Meeting adjourned with the Lord's Prayer.

Next Meeting April 16, 2024

Respectfully Submitted, Suzie Vagedes

April 2024

We had a great month of April. A lot of us are getting ready to move up to Kindergarten! Our Donuts with Dads day was a huge success and so much fun! We released our Butterflies into the yard and it was super cool. We have only a few more weeks left of school. We have our Muffins with Moms day coming up on May 13. On May 23, we will have our graduation ceremony at 7PM. We would love to invite the church congregation to come and watch.



Easter Breakfast



Easter Egg Hunt 2024

GSLC Viewing Party !



The heavens declared the glory of God and the sky above proclaimed his handiwork - it was an awesome sight to see the moon passing between the Earth and the sun. Millions all over this part of the country watched in awe!

It was dark at 3:08 in the afternoon as the moon slid into the sun.



Thanks to Pastor Craig and Leann for providing and fixing the delicious hotdog lunch and to those who donated other goodies.





BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

May 2024

- 5 Susan Landis
- 6 Bob Spittler
- 9 David & Annette Stein
- 12 Jeff Barth
- 16 Phyllis Crowe
- 21 Jerry & Peri Bonner
- 23 Denny & Jan Frantz
- 28 Barbara Menker



SERVING

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ASSISTING MINISTER

Kristine Hayes

COMMUNION ASSISTANT

Suzie Vagedes

ALTAR GUILD

Kristine Hayes

LECTOR

- 5 Kristine Hayes
- 12 Kristine Hayes
- 19 Debbie Bredeson
- 26 Debbie Bredeson

USHER CAPTAIN

- 5 Molly Franks
- 12 Jarrett Grile
- 19 Dave Vagedes
- 26 Molly Franks

SOUND

Les Barker

COUNTERS

Debbie Bredeson
& Diana Frye

FLOWERS

- 5 In celebration of David & Annette Stein's anniversary
- 12 In memory of Tom Frye, Jr.
- 19 In celebration of Denny & Jan Frantz's 54th anniversary
- 26 In honor of the Moncrief and Diley families



Pledge Giving Reports

through the end of:

March 2024

April 2024

Pledges over	7	7
Pledges under	7	11
Pledges even	20	16
Y-T-D pledge giving over:	\$4,653	\$3,233

May 2024

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
			1 9-12 Preschool 3pm Planning	2	3 9-12 Preschool	4 6 pm Michael Wayne Smith Concert
5 9:30 Choir Practice 10:30 Holy Communion 12-1 pm Adult Bible Study	6 9-12 Preschool 1:30pm Grief Share Group 7:30pm AA Mtg.	7	8 9-12 Preschool 3pm Planning	9 6:30pm Pre-school Board Mtg	10 9-12 Preschool	11
12 Mother's Day 9:30 Choir Practice 10:30 Holy Communion 12-1 pm Adult Bible Study	13 9-12 Preschool 7:30pm AA Mtg.	14	15 9-12 Preschool 3pm Planning	16 7 pm Special Council Mtg.	17 2-4p Meet and Greet 6-8p Meet and Greet	18
19 Pentecost 9:30 Choir Practice 10:30 Holy Communion 12-1 pm Adult Bible Study	20 9-12 Preschool Grad Practice & Field Day 12:30pm Lydia's Bible Study 7:30pm AA Mtg.	21 7 pm Council Mtg.	22 3pm Planning 7pm Preschool Graduation	24	25	
26 9:30 Choir Practice 10:30 Holy Communion	27 7:30pm AA Mtg	28	29	30	31	



Our Church Staff

Craig Fourman
Interim Pastor

Marsha Fischbach
Music Director

Darrell Fryman
Pianist

JoAnn A.
Administrative Asst.

Ongoing Prayers and Concerns

Jack Bredeson, Chuck Franks, Judy Gardner,
Bill Sims, Barbara Theis Judy Tipton, and Patty Tipton

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