



January  
2021

# THE MESSENGER

---

## *Our Mission*

*To Share the Good News of God's grace through worshipping, teaching and reaching out to all in need of God's love.*

---

## **Pastor's Message**

Happy New Year! Let's hope that this year will see an end to the difficulties of the year gone by. New Years is always celebrated on Jan. 1, and in the same way, Epiphany is celebrated every year on Jan. 6. "Epiphany" has to do with 'something being made known' and specifically, Jesus is the something that is being made known or revealed to the world. Jesus is the King, God's Son. Why else would wise men travel from the east to Jerusalem and bring gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh?

The story of the wise men coming to worship Jesus is told in Matthew 2 (I commend it to your reading). Matthew 2 also tells about Joseph and Mary fleeing to Egypt with Jesus because King Herod was searching for him in order to destroy him.

So Jesus, the king, God's Son, has come into the world and some go to great lengths to worship him while another searches for him in order to destroy/kill him. What a way to begin one's life! In the midst of all this, Joseph and Mary, can easily be forgotten but their role is significant. They are caretakers and protectors. Like it or not, we all need people doing similar things for us from time to time. We need each other. Just as our Lord Jesus needed others, so too we need each other. As you begin 2021 please bear this in mind.

Happy New Year!

Pastor Steve

## 2020 Pledged Giving Update

Pledges Over: 16

Pledges Short: 15

Pledges Even: 12

Year to Date Shortage: \$9,154

Short for 2020: \$6511.88

## Calendars for 2021

It's that time of year, well actually it's past that time of year, when I usually stand before you and ask you to invest in or buy a calendar for the new year.

The cost is still the same as last year at \$7.00 each and we have 50 calendars to sell.

If anyone would be interested in a calendar, or many calendars, simply let us know by calling or e-mailing the church and we will arrange to get them to you.

We also have the blank greeting cards as well if anyone is interested in any of these. The cost of these are still the same as last year at \$7.00 for a package of 12 cards. —Thank you, Jeff Barth



## From the Gellatlys

Lori and I wish to say “thank you” for the very special Christmas greetings and gift. As we begin 2021 we do so anticipating that the new vaccines are going to get rid of Covid 19 and we can gather again for worship and fellowship without hesitation. We hope 2021 will be a good year for all. Thanks again!

# Backpack Jesus Sunday School—December 2020

This month, the students were given a Happy Birthday Jesus stocking to color and hang in their homes!



Molly and Mia Paddock



TJ and Michael Ellis colored their stockings and built a gingerbread village!



Molly and Myra Paddock coloring their stockings!



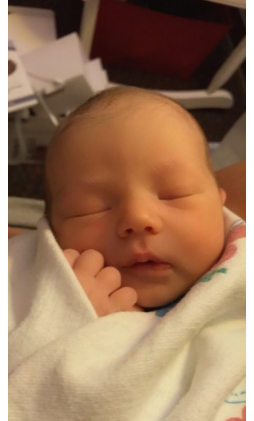
Claire and Rose Ely colored their Stockings!





## Guiding Light Advocates Update

Thank you for all of the generous donations that have been given to Guiding Light Advocates throughout this year. Thanks to your donations we have been able to assist multiple women and children who find themselves in difficult situations. Specifically, this Christmas \$180 was donated to help an expectant mother and her two daughters who had to move due to domestic violence in the home. This Christmas GLA was able to provide new clothing and diapers for the 3 children. A community food box was also donated and they were so appreciative! Additionally, GLA was able to buy clothing for a newborn baby boy who is currently homeless and living in Daybreak Youth Shelter with his teen mother. Life is messy, but you have been able to give hope to those who find themselves in hopeless situations. I will continue my efforts to help those in need and will continue to update you on these two families. If you feel called to volunteer or mentor a young mom in need please reach out to me.



Mindy Paddock - 847-975-4542



After many years of a quiet whisper calling us to adopt we have decided now is the time to make this calling a roar. This is the year we will begin the process of financially preparing to grow our family. This spring we are hosting a rummage sale at GSLC. If there are items you are wanting to get rid of please

consider donating them to our rummage sale. All proceeds from the sale will go towards our adoption fees. Please contact Mindy Paddock for further details. Thank you in advance for your consideration. More details to come as we get closer to spring.

The Paddock's  
847-975-4542



GOOD SHEPHERD LUTHERAN CHURCH COUNCIL MINUTES  
November 17, 2020

Present: Ric Warner, Les Barker, Rusty Baker, Pastor Steve Gellatly, Amy Grile, and Susan Jebens. Eva Coughnour, Heidi Spittler, and Marsha Fischbach joined the meeting on Zoom.

Devotions were led by Amy Grile.

**Secretary's Report:** Approved as read. Motion: Amy Grile Second: Pastor Steve  
All were in favor.

**Financial Secretary's Report:** Approved as read. Motion: Susan Jebens Second: Marsha Fischbach.  
All were in favor.  
The PPP Loan amount needs to be added to the Financial Secretary's Report.

**Treasurer's Report:** Approved as read. Motion: Les Barker Second: Amy Grile  
All were in favor  
We are currently paying our insurance quarterly. We want to change it to monthly.

**Pastor's Report:**  
We received a refund from Worker's Comp.  
The Good Samaritan Fund was used once.  
There are two candidates for PreSchool Director.  
Pastor Benjamin Prill has accepted a call to St. John's in Vandalia. His first service will be on November 29.  
Our seating for our 6:00 Christmas Eve service is full. There are still seats available for the 9:00 service.  
Ron Shellhammer is at home on Hospice Care.

**New Business:**

Les Barker moved that Midwest Landscapes be used for snow removal this year. \$95 for snow plowing and \$85 for salting the lots. Marsha Fischbach seconded the motion. All were in favor.  
Les Barker moved that we renew our One Call phone service. Rusty Baker seconded the motion. All were in favor.  
A date will be set for painting our hallway and fellowship/preschool room.

**Old Business:**

**Endowment Fund Bylaw**

Adding an Emergency Clause under Item 2.1, Council has approved the wording of a Bylaw to our Constitution regarding our Endowment Fund. Marsha Fischbach made a motion to present this to our congregation for approval at our annual meeting. Pastor Steve seconded the motion. All were in favor.

**Committee Reports:**

**Worship:** Preparations are underway for our Christmas Eve services.

**Mission/Outreach/LSIM:** Our church will participate in the MUCC bell ringing on December 4. We are still in need of donations of grape jelly and mac & cheese for the MUCC food baskets given out at Christmas. The Senior Shepherds Hats & Gloves Christmas project was successful. Thanks to all who participated in our outreach projects this year.

**Property:** Les Barker is testing LED's for all of our lights.

**Stewardship:** Results from our Stewardship campaign will be available in the coming weeks.

A motion to adjourn was made by Susan Jebens, and the meeting was closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,  
Marsha Fischbach

**Good News! Help us get the word out!**



We are making plans for Fall 2021 and we are excited! Good Shepherd Lutheran Preschool will reopen for the 2021-2022 school year for the 3 and 4/5 year olds. Beginning January 4th, we will begin advertising open enrollment. We will post this information on the front digital board and our website, where parents can also access the Registration Form. In addition, we will have an OPEN HOUSE on Sunday, February 14 from 1 to 4 pm. This will be open to the community so people can see the preschool rooms, ask questions and get registered. If anyone wants to take a tour of the preschool before the Open House, Lori will be available to meet the families.

So please, help get the information out! We want to have a full group this upcoming year.

### **Do You Have Pictures From Our Church?**

If you have any pictures of church activities and/or people that you no longer want, please send or give them to Barbara Cecil and she will put them in the history file.



**MARK YOUR  
CALENDAR!**

### **Congregational Meeting Reminder**

Please mark your calendars for the January 24th Congregational Meeting. The meeting will immediately follow the worship service.



# Pastor Benjamin Prill's Ordination



Bishop Suzanne Darcy Dillahunt, bishop at the Southern Ohio Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, and Ben

Pastor Benjamin Prill, our former LSIM Vicar, was ordained at St. John's Lutheran Church, Vandalia, Ohio on December 19, 2020. He is now the Pastor of St. John's Lutheran Church in Vandalia. Congratulations and best wishes!



Ben and wife, Reverend Charmaine Webster



Ben, the Reverend Peter Kruse, pastor of Arise in Christ Lutheran Church Donnelsville, Ohio and the Reverend Craig Fourman pastor of abiding Christ Lutheran Church in Fairborn

# J

## BIRTHDAYS

## ANNIVERSARIES

3 Kea Blankenship

20 Marie Kopp

5 Billie Conn  
Camden Spitler

22 Barbara Theis  
Andy Baker

21 John & Betty Lou  
Johansen

7 Jason Tinnerman

29 Jarrett Grile

8 Mary Jane Smith  
Carter Tinnerman

Margaret Strozensky

30 Kitty Klipstine

19 Suzie Vagedes

*Did we miss your birthday or anniversary? Please let us know! Send an email to:  
office@goodshepherdwestmilton.org*

# A

# N

## SERVING

### ASSISTING MINISTER

Kristine Hayes  
Mimi Klipstine

### COMMUNION ASSISTANT

### ALTAR GUILD

Susan Langley  
Susan Landis

# U

### LECTOR

3 Kristine Hayes  
10 Kristine Hayes  
17 Barbara Cecil  
24 Barbara Cecil  
31 Barbara Cecil

### USHER CAPTAIN

3 Brian Ely  
10 Jarrett Grile  
17 Dave Vagedes  
24 Lori Gellatly & Barbara Cecil  
31 Lori Gellatly & Barbara Cecil

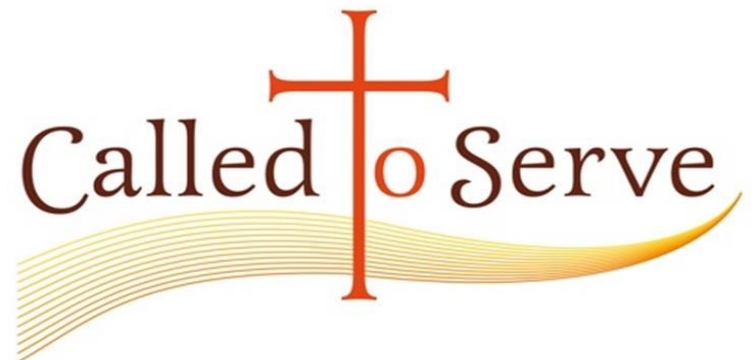
# A

### SOUND

Jarrett Grile

# R

# Y



*If you cannot serve on an appointed day,  
It is your responsibility to find someone to serve in your place.*



# January 2021

**Sun**

**Mon**

**Tue**

**Wed**

**Thu**

**Fri**

**Sat**

					1 Happy New Year!	2
3 10:30a - Holy Communion	4 7:30p - AA Meeting	5	6 3-5p - Plarn	7	8	9
10 10:30a - Holy Communion	11 7:30p - AA Meeting	12	13 3-5p - Plarn	14	15	16
17 10:30a - Holy Communion	18 7:30p - AA Meeting	19 7:00p - Council Meeting	20 3-5p - Plarn	21	22	23
24 10:30a - Holy Communion <u>Congregational Meeting</u>	25 7:30p - AA Meeting	26	27 3-5p - Plarn	28	29	30
31 10:30a - Holy Communion						

## Our Church Staff

**Rev. Steve Gellatly**  
Pastor

Home Phone  
937.667.6527

Cell Phone:  
937.623.1600

**Ric Warner**  
Church Council  
President

**Marsha Fischbach**  
Music Director

**Betty Lou Johansen**  
Pianist

**Breanna Ely**  
Administrative Asst.

**Good Shepherd  
Lutheran Church**  
1209 South Miami St.  
West Milton, Ohio 45383

Phone 937.698.5826

E-Mail: [office@goodshepherdwestmilton.com](mailto:office@goodshepherdwestmilton.com)

Website: <http://www.goodshepherdwestmilton.org>

## Prayers and Concerns

Susan Baker, Chuck Franks, Carol Simcox, Mary Jane Smith, Grant Hibner, Matt Louis, Mia Paddock, Kim Van Winkle, Dick Stalinsky, Alene Oliver, Judy Gardner, Nicole Tipton, John & Carol Garver, Kelly Jones, Marsha Fischbach, Richard Booher, Sharon King, Ron Shellhammer, Barb Theis, Abby Bonner, the family of Dennis Bohlender, Connie McCarroll and family, Kelli, Tim Donohoo, Connie Louis, Kellie Mahaney, Jodi Barth and family, the family of Gary Grisso, Pauline Hopkins, the family of Harold Simmerman, Clem Meyer



- 3** Open
- 10** Pastor Steve and Lori Gellatly - In honor of their new grandson!
- 17** Open
- 24** Open
- 31** Open