



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.

July
2021

THE MESSENGER

Pastor's Message

On July 4, the USA will be 245 years old. I'm old, but thankfully not that old. I'm reminded that God is the same yesterday, today, and tomorrow. So, no matter your age, God is faithful to you. Always has been. Always will be.

And that means everything - God is faithful to me. Oh yah, I try to be faithful to God. Sometimes I'm really good. Sometimes not so much. Through good times and bad times, God is faithful to me.

You are baptized and in the waters of baptism God sealed promises upon you; God promised to always be with you, to always forgive you, and to always give you life. God is always faithful to those promises.

Pastor Steve

2021 Pledged Giving Update

Pledges Over: 9
Pledges Short: 8
Pledges Even: 17
Year to Date Over: \$1,478
Short for 2020: \$6511.88

Report from LSIM meeting 6/28/21 and Ministry Opportunities!

Kelly Jones and Diana Frye attended their first LSIM board meeting and got a good exposure to the "behind the scenes" work of our cooperative efforts. The meeting began with prayer and general reports. The board approved the proposed budget for 2021/2022 - Fiscal year begins July 1. New business included the introduction of four members of Emmanuel Ministries, which uses the sanctuary of the Worship and Community Center at St. Marks. They rent their space. The Fairborn Historical Society also rents space at the WCC at St. Marks. The EM group invited members of LSIM congregations to help them with a "Fun/Fellowship/Outreach Day" to be held at the site on Thursday, August 19 from 5:00 until 7:00 p.m. They will provide refreshments and games and backpacks for school children who pre-register. We were invited to help supply some back packs and school supplies. And they could use help in passing them out. They hope to give out about 320 packs in about one hour! Children must attend with a parent. Last year Shirley Fourman assisted with this project.. See Shirley, or Kelly or Diana or Pr. John for more information!

The board passed a resolution inviting St. John's Lutheran Church of Vandalia, and Pr. Prill, to join the group.

An All-Council Annual Retreat is being planned for this fall. Dates to be announced soon. Subject: The Post Covid Church. A new LSIM brochure was distributed for comments or corrections.

The next LSIM Board Meeting is Monday, July 26 at 7:00pm. The meeting was closed with prayer.

- Pr. John Johansen

Check out Good Shepherd's website at www.goodshepherdwestmilton.org. The website has been redone thanks to J.T. Burcham through LSIM.

LSIM won an award at the recent Southern Ohio Synod Assembly. The award was for the best online worship presentation in the synod.

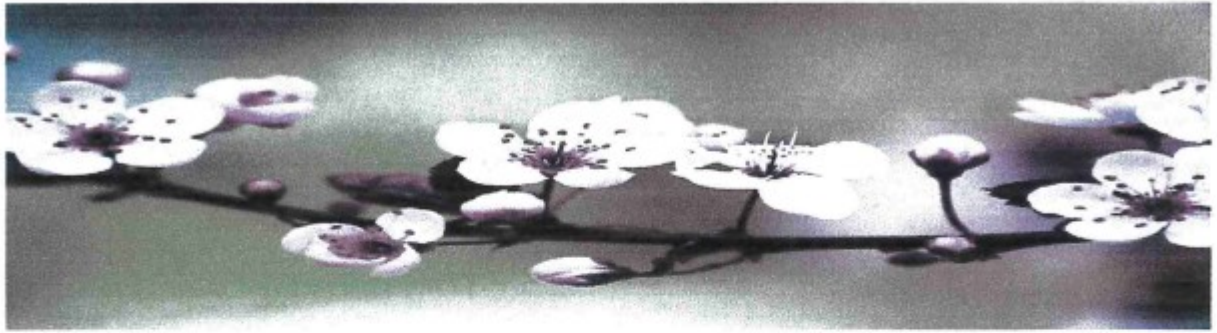
Good Shepherd now has a full compliment of representatives to LSIM. They are; Diana Frye, Kelly Jones, Pastor John Johansen, and Pastor Steve.

The last piece of news is to say that the LSIM worship presentations are changing. Most significantly is that the Sunday morning worship is becoming a Sunday evening vespers service. Be sure to check out all of the LSIM offerings at LSIM.square.space.com

Senior Shepherds to Resume Activity in September!

Thanks be to God that the pandemic seems to be coming to an end! Next month, on August 24 (Fourth Tuesday) at 2 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall at GSLC, all people who are interested in planning for September, October, November, and December – are invited to share their ideas about the future of the Senior Shepherds. The first official meeting of all who are interested will be on September 28 at 2 p.m. at the church. All who are interested in the Seniors' activities and ministries are welcome to attend. You will be welcome even if you didn't attend before, or even if you don't think you are old enough to attend, or even if you don't like to be with active "Seniors." Kelly Jones and Pastor John will serve as leaders for this renewed adventure!





***Please join us to celebrate
the sixtieth anniversary of
George and Judi Franks***



***With a card shower
July 14, 2021***

***Please send an anniversary card
with a memory or personal message
to arrive on or before the big day to:***

P.O. Box 30

Laura, Ohio 45337

Thank you!

George Jr., Bill, Amy, Molly

Chris and Chuck Franks

Luth Youth Greeting Cards

There are still greeting card packs left. They are \$7 per pack. These are beautiful cards that are blank inside for you to write anything you would like. If you are interested, see Jeff Barth or email the church and we will get you your cards.

IT'S A

HAPPY RETIREMENT

and FAREWELL LUNCHEON

FOR

PASTOR STEVE AND LORI GELLATLY

ON

SUNDAY, AUGUST 15, 2021

IN THE CHURCH FELLOWSHIP ROOM

RIGHT AFTER CHURCH SERVICES

WE ARE NOW TAKING RESERVATIONS FOR THE LUNCH SO PLEASE CALL BARBARA CECIL AT 937-698-6559 OR EMAIL HER AT barbara_cecil@msn.com. (There is a _ between the first and last name). SURE HOPE YOU CAN COME AS WE BID FAREWELL TO PASTOR STEVE AND LORI !!



BIRTHDAYS

6	Jodi Barth	25	Martha Doughty
7	Marsha Fischbach	27	Logan Welhener
10	Lester Barker	29	Dave Vagedes
15	Marla Baker	30	Chuck Franks
	Carol Simcox	31	Donna Plunkett
16	Claire Ely		Michelle Mason
			Michele Elliott

ANNIVERSARIES

14	George & Judi Franks
16	Pr. Steve & Lori Gellatly
17	Steve & Connie Louis
27	Dick & Donna Plunkett

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

SERVING

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ASSISTING MINISTER

Barb Cecil

COMMUNION ASSISTANT

ALTAR GUILD

Connie Louis

LECTOR

4	Marsha Fischbach
11	Marsha Fischbach
18	Pr. John Johansen
25	Pr. John Johansen

USHER CAPTAIN

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11	Jarrett Grile
18	Dave Vagedes
25	Judi Franks & Molly Franks

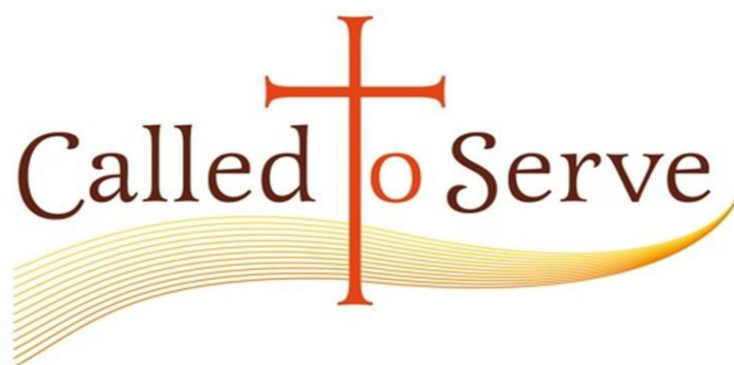
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4	Paula Barker
11	Paula Barker
18	Victoria Hammermeister
25	Victoria Hammermeister

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

July 2021

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 9:00a - Bible Study	2	3
4 10:30a - Holy Communion	5 7:30p - AA Meeting	6	7 3-5p - Plarn	8 9:00a - Bible Study	9	10
11 10:30a - Holy Communion	12 7:30p - AA Meeting	13	14 3-5p - Plarn	15 9:00a - Bible Study	16	17
18 10:30a - Holy Communion	19 7:30p - AA Meeting	20 7:00p - Council Meeting	21 3-5p - Plarn	22 9:00a - Bible Study	23	24
25 10:30a - Holy Communion	26 7:30p - AA Meeting	27	28 3-5p - Plarn	29 9:00a - Bible Study	30	31

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Prayers and Concerns

Susan Baker, Chuck Franks, Carol Simcox, Mary Jane Smith, Grant Hibner, Matt Louis, Dick Stalinsky, Nicole Tipton, Kelly Jones, Abby Bonner, Bill Sims, Kathryn Grisso, Marie Kopp, David Hayes, Susan Tully, David Stein, Drew Protzman, Molly Paddock, Susan Langley, Sharon Tipton, the family of Bill Tipton, Judy Gardner, Emma Nelson



- 4 Jeff & Jodi Barth - Celebration of Jodi's, David's, and Reta Stitz' birthdays!
- 11 George & Judi Franks - In celebration of their 60th anniversary!
- 18 Brian & Breanna Ely - In celebration of Claire's 7th birthday!
- 25 Chuck Franks - In celebration of his birthday!