



Our Mission

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

APRIL
2022

THE MESSENGER

Pastor's Message

Grace and Peace to you from God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

It is me again. Pastor Peter has not yet taken over as vice pastor, so Amy asked that I get a message together for this month, which I am happy to do. Also, I will continue to serve after Easter as supply for the first Sunday in each month through June, unless something changes in the call process.

Max Lucado writes in *Grace for the Moment* the following about the answer to arguments:

Unity doesn't begin in examining others but in examining self. Unity begins not in demanding that others change, but in admitting that we aren't so perfect ourselves....

The answer to arguments? Acceptance. The first step to unity? Acceptance. Not agreement, but acceptance. Not unanimity but acceptance. Not negotiation, arbitration, or elaboration. Those might come later but only after the first step, acceptance.

St. Paul's letter to the Colossians in chapter 3 verse 13 says it all:

Get along with each other, and forgive each other. If someone does wrong to you, forgive that person because the Lord forgave you.

We face the day of change for Good Shepherd. The old ways of doing things are not the ways of God today. Remember, He makes all things new. There have been many conflicts, some very old, some out of the COVID pandemic, and some resting in the sin of "my way or the highway." Unity is essential in calling a pastor successfully, living the stresses of each day with one another, and in giving way to hearing God calling all of us to newness.

So with the coming of Spring, the celebration of Easter and a risen Christ, let us see our way to unity in all things. Be a blessing each day you are given.

Nancy Trimble, LSIM Deacon

**WEST MILTON
SENIOR CITIZENS
COMMUNITY CENTER**

435 W Hamilton St.
W. Milton OH
937-698-7129

Game Day

April 6
at 1:00 pm

Dominos

April 7 & 14
at 1:00 pm

Easter Lunch

April 13 - Tuesday
\$8.00

Call for Reservations

***The Center will be
closed the last 2
weeks of April for
new flooring.***

**Call Carol Garver -
for additional infor-
mation/reservations.
937-698-7129**



**Lenten Service
and Soup Supper**

April 6

**Supper at 6:00 p.m. and
service at 6:45 p.m.**

Holy Week and Easter Services



Come Worship With Us!

Palm/Passion Sunday - April 10, 10:30 am

Maundy Thursday - April 14, 7:00 pm

Good Friday - April 15, 7:00 pm

Saturday Vigil - April 16, 7:00 pm
(at St. John's Lutheran Church, Vandalia)

**Easter - April 17 - 9:00 am - Breakfast,
10:00 am - Egg Hunt
10:30 am - Service**



Senior Shepherds News

We're Back!

Fourteen people met at GSLC on Tuesday, March 22, to enjoy conversation, and a very interesting program about the benefits of honeybees to creation and humanity as well. The Creator God has certainly provided mankind with a miraculous home! Tom Davidson from New Carlisle presented an educational program about his hobby/business of providing local people with locally produced honey. His wife Fran and he have 49 hives and are working toward becoming Master Bee Keepers. Many questions were raised and answered. Peri Bonner, also a bee enthusiast, offered her insights as well.

After the program a great peach dessert was provided by Marsha Fischbach, along with napkins with bees on them to fit the theme! A short business meeting was held. We celebrated birthdays of January, February and March. Then a short discussion was held concerning the Clothing Appeal which will include community members. The final collection day will be Sunday, April 3. A drive-through collection will be available from noon until 3 p.m. Like-new clothing will be accepted.



NEXT MEETING

Tuesday, April 26, 2:00pm

There will be a presentation about challenges to the policing profession. Our guest speaker will be Chief Doyle Wright of the W.M. Police Department. One of his staff members will also speak about "scams" directed at elderly people.

Tuesday, May 24, 2:00pm

The Shepherd's May meeting will be a field trip to visit the Indian Creek Distillery. This destination will focus on the history of the property and will include a tour of the business. More information will be provided before the event on May 24.



Good Shepherd Lutheran Preschool News:

We had such a great March! We enjoyed eating some green foods for St. Patrick's day and we are so excited for spring!! On April 11th, we will be having a small donut party with the fathers of our students.

We had a great turnout for families who would like to come to the preschool next year. Thank you so much for the cookies that were donated. We are almost full in both classes, so if you have anyone that you know who might want to attend the preschool next year, please have them reach out to us!

We are getting ready for a fence to go up around our green space beside the main preschool room. Once this fence is up, we can go outside and enjoy the warm weather. We are continuing to take donations for our playground. If you happen to be looking for a place to donate to, please consider helping us with our playground fund. This playground will be used by both the church families and the preschool. Thank you!



Isaiah 54:13 - And all thy children shall be taught of the LORD; and great shall be the peace of thy children.

Proverbs 20:11 - Even a child is known by his doings, whether his work be pure, and whether it be right.

3 John 1:4 - I have no greater joy than to hear that my children walk in truth.

Could every child in our community soon have the opportunity to receive weekly Bible study during the school day?! Many members of our community are hoping so. Hoffman Methodist Church hosted an informational meeting to give more details and answer questions. This program is being implemented in schools across the nation. Let's help bring it here!



About LifeWise Academy

LifeWise Academy is a Released Time Religious Instruction (RTRI) program which provides Bible based character education to public school students. Under RTRI laws, students can be released from public school during the school day to attend religious classes, provided the program is off school property, privately funded and parent permitted.

OUR PHILOSOPHY

For The Good Of Students

LifeWise Academy serves students by offering practical Bible-based education for the betterment of students' academic performance, character development and mental health. We believe all students can benefit from the message of the Bible and take great care to make all instruction relatable and helpful to those without a church or Christian background.

For The Good Of Public Schools

LifeWise Academy serves alongside educators by reinforcing and complementing their efforts. In addition to seeing improved behavior and academic performance, public schools with a local RTRI program can attract families who may otherwise opt out of public education for lack of religious instruction. LifeWise Academy is careful in adhering to federal, state and district policies and flexible in coordinating with school officials, remembering that we are serving them, not vice versa.

For The Good Of Communities

LifeWise Academy serves communities by providing a practical way for community members to positively impact rising generations. We seek out partnership with like minded individuals and organizations who desire to invest in the future of the community.

Please go to, <https://www.lifewiseacademy.org/district/3904551/milton-union-exempted-village>, for more information, and to support this program.

MUSIC MINISTRY NEWS...

HELP!

We need musicians for our bell choir. If you read music, please consider joining our bell choir.

We need to fill three positions in order to continue playing.

Please contact Marsha Fischbach if you are interested or need more information.



COMMUNITY CLOTHING DRIVE

SUNDAY, APRIL 3 - Noon to 3:00 p.m.



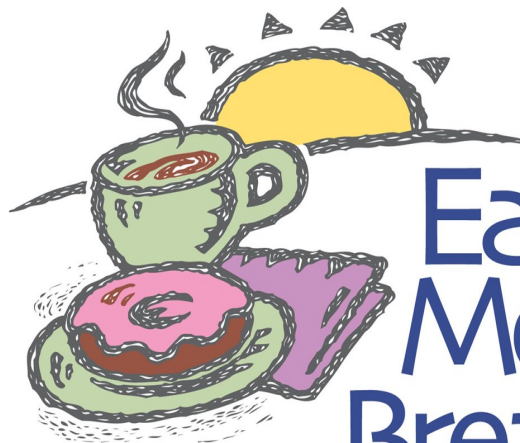
**Please donate clean, gently used clothing
for distribution to those in need.**

THANK YOU!

THE SENIOR SHEPHERDS MINISTRY LENTEN PROJECT

Easter Candy Needed.

In preparation for our Easter egg hunt on Easter morning, we are asking for donations of individually wrapped candies or even small gifts. The candy must fit in an Easter egg. We will be stuffing eggs after service Palm Sunday. Please stay and help stuff.



Easter Morning Breakfast

Donations Needed

**Sign up sheet located in narthex or
you can call or email the office.**

Thank you!

We need volunteers to form a Welcome Newcomers Task Force.

The town of West Milton has been blessed with a new housing development on the east side of town that is bringing many new families to town. This influx of families presents us with a wonderful opportunity.

This task force will take on the responsibility of determining what our outreach to these new families is going to look like, work to recruit church members to participate, and make recommendation to Council as to what the budget for this project should be.

If you would like to get involved,, you can contact the church office or speak to Council President Ric Warner. Thank you for your prayerful consideration of this very important outreach.



Thank you as always to our “Planners.” This wonderful group meets Wednesdays from 3 –5, to make mats for the homeless. Although the solemn realization of the needs of area homeless is not lost on the group, they have a great deal of fun meeting each week to make these mats. Everyone is welcome to come and you do not need any special skills to participate.

*“The King will reply, ‘Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me.’
Matthew 25:40*



Opportunities to Serve

Volunteer to help with Worship service:

Assisting Minister
Greeter
Usher
Audio/Video
Nursery
Altar Guild
Lector

Or volunteer to help with:

Sunday School
Luth Youth
Yard Work/Upkeep

Other Ministries

Chancel Choir
Bell Choir
Son Rise Breakfast
Clothesline
Planning Group
Panera Bread
Senior Shepherds
Guiding Light Advocate

SHROVE TUESDAY



*Pancake
Supper*



& Bingo!





***Lenten Soup Suppers and
Holden Evening Prayer Service***

GOOD SHEPHERD LUTHERAN CHURCH COUNCIL MINUTES

February 15, 2022 7pm

Council members present: Les Barker, Vice-President; Diana Frye; Dave Stein; Toby Theis; Suzie Vagedes; and Ric Warner, President(Zoom). Also, out-going member Marsha Fischbach present to read minutes and give final Worship report.

Meeting was called to order by Les Barker.

Devotions were led by Diana Frye.

Secretary's Report: Approved as written. Motion: Dave Stein Second: Les Barker All were in favor.

Les Barker asked Marsha to give her Worship report early as a curtesy.

Worship Report: Marsha updated the council on plans for the upcoming Lent and Easter season. She asked for consensus from council on several details for the Lenten/Easter services and the following was agreed upon:

Midweek Lenten Sevices: soup at 6pm. Service at 6:45pm. Ric will contact Donna Plunkett to see if she will organize the suppers again this year. We will need a lay person to lead the Wednesday night service on March 9, 23 and April 6.

On Sundays during Lent we will have communion at the rail and return to continuous on Easter Sunday.

There will be a breakfast and then the Easter Egg Hunt before church on Easter morning. Worship report submitted, see addendum. Marsha Fischbach was excused after her report.

Financial Secretary's Report: Approved as written with one correction: "Rent for Building Use (AA-Donation" should be moved from the "IN/OUT ACCOUNTS:" to "CURRENT:" Motion to approve with correction: Diana Frye Second: Dave Stein All were in favor.

Treasurer's Report: Approved as written. Motion: Diana Frye Second: Dave Stein All were in favor.

Pastor's Report: no report

Administrative Assistant Report: no report

NEW BUSINESS:

Diana Frye made a motion to remove the Tabled mortgage payoff motion. Second: Toby Theis All were in favor.

Diana Frye made a new motion to make double payments on the mortgage until we get a new pastor. Second: Suzie Vagedes All were in favor.

Committee assignments: Suzie Vagedes will take on Council Secretary and Youth/Christian Education/Preschool. Toby Theis will take on Worship, Diana Frye will continue as Mission/Outreach/LSIM/MUCC, Les Barker will continue as Vice President and Property, Dave Stein with assist with Property, and Ric Warner with continue as President.

OLD BUSINESS:

Pastor Search- no news

Committee Reports:

Mission/Outreach/LSIM/MUCC: no report

Property: 1. Moving forward with playground equipment for the Preschool. Good Shepherd has loaned the money to the Preschool and they have ordered it from a Troy business. Estimated to be installed in October of this year. Good Shepherd will install a fence around the playground. Les will buy materials soon in order to install when the ground thaws/weather permits.

2. Preschool is asking if they can use the old kitchen for the 3 year old classroom. If so, then we would bring the nursery in to this room also, and use the current nursery room as a conference room.

3. Speakers are getting repaired, and sound system adjusted. Lift needed to reach ceiling fixtures- looking for a used one; running about \$7000-\$9000.

Youth/Christian Education: Les reported that Young Spirits has disbanded after 40 years. JTI will return this May after cancelling last year.

Stewardship: no report

Fellowship: no report

Amy will take over as Interim Treasurer with Ric Warner's assistance. If no one has taken over treasurer position by next year (once Ric is off council) he will take the position.

Our next meeting will be March 15, 2022.

A motion to adjourn was made by Diana Frye, second by Dave Stein. All in favor. The meeting was closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,
Suzie Vagedes

**Do you pride yourself in your lawn mowing capabilities
OR are you able to work a ride mower and not mow things
that aren't supposed to be mowed? If so we need you!**

Our church needs the lawn mowed once a week. If we can get several people willing to help, we can set up a rotating schedule and perhaps you will only have to mow once a month, or less!

if interested email David Stein at davidb1stein@gmail.com



BIRTHDAYS

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|----|--------------------|----|----------------|
| 2 | Gloria Shellhammer | 18 | Toby Theis |
| 6 | Rose Ely | 19 | Kristine Hayes |
| 11 | Anna Vagedes | 23 | Rob Williams |
| 14 | Matt Barker | 25 | Matt Grile |
| | Emma Hammermeister | | |
| 15 | Bob Mason | | |

ANNIVERSARIES

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|----|-----------------------|
| 6 | Brian and Breanna Ely |
| 23 | Jeff and Jodi Barth |

*Did we miss your birthday or anniversary?
Let us know. Just send an email to:
office@goodshepherdwestmilton.org*

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SERVING

ASSISTING MINISTER

Ric Warner

COMMUNION ASSISTANT

David Stein

ALTAR GUILD

Debbie Bredeson

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LECTOR

- | | |
|----|---------------|
| 3 | John Johansen |
| 10 | John Johansen |
| 17 | Jeff Barth |
| 24 | Jeff Barth |

USHER CAPTAIN

- | | |
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| 3 | Barbara Cecil |
| 10 | Jarrett Grile |
| 17 | Dave Vagedes |
| 24 | Molly Franks |

SOUND

Rusty Baker

COUNTERS

Victoria Hammermeister
Debbie Bredeson

FLOWERS

3 OPEN

10 Diana Frye

17 OPEN

24 Patty & Emil Tipton

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Pledge Giving Report

through the end of March

Pledges over 11

Pledges under 6

Pledges even 18

Year to date pledge giving over \$12,841.00

APRIL 2022

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
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3 9:30am Chancel Choir 10:30 am Holy Communion 12-3pm Clothing Drive	4 7:30 pm AA Meeting	5	6 3-5 pm Plarn Soup Supper 6:00pm Lenten Service 6:45 pm	7	8	9
10 PALM SUNDAY 9:30am Chancel Choir 10:30 am Holy Communion	11 7:30 pm AA Meeting	12	13 3-5 pm Plarn	14 MAUNDY THURSDAY 7:00 pm	15 GOOD FRIDAY 7:00 pm	16 Saturday Vigil (St. John's Lutheran Church, Vandalia at 7 p.m.)
17 EASTER 9:00 am Breakfast 10:00 am Egg Hunt 10:30 am Holy Communion	18 12:00 pm Lydia Bible Study 7:30 pm AA Meeting	19 7:00 pm Council Meeting	20 3-5 pm Plarn	21	22	23
24 9:30am Chancel Choir 10:30 am Holy Communion	25 7:30 pm AA Meeting	26 Senior Shepherds 2:00pm	27 3-5 pm Plarn	28	29	30

Our Church Staff

Nancy Trimble
LSIM Deacon/
Vice Pastor

Ric Warner
Church Council
President

Marsha Fischbach
Music Director

Amy Grile
Administrative Asst.

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Lutheran Church**
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Prayers and Concerns

Susan Baker, Chuck Franks,
Abby Bonner, Jeff Theis,
Judy Gardner, Bill Sims,
Butch Traylor, Terri Fryman,
Ron Timmons, Aaron &
Renee Johansen and
Wanda Brandt.

REMINDER

**Congregational Meeting on
April 3, following service.**

The purpose of the meeting will be to consider the proposal for Pastor Peter Kruse to become our Interim Pastor for 6-months beginning on June 1, 2022.

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PASTORAL CARE

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HERE