



February
2022

THE MESSENGER

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.

Pastor's Message

GUARD YOUR ATTITUDE

Max Lucado writes in *Grace for the Moment* the following devotion based on Thessalonians 2:6:

“Lord, don't you care that my sister has left me alone to do all the work?” (Luke 11:40). Martha's life was cluttered. She needed a break. “Martha, Martha, you are worried and upset about many things,” the Master explained to her. “Only one thing is important. Mary has chosen (it).” (Luke 11: 41-42)

What had Mary chosen? She had chosen to sit at the feet of Christ. God is more pleased with the quiet attention of a sincere servant than the noisy service of a sour one...

What matters more than the type of service is the heart behind the service. A bad attitude spoils the gift we leave on the altar for God.

This is a time of change for Good Shepherd and service is needed from each and every one of you. From the oldest to the youngest. From those who hold leadership positions to those who labor silently in the background. We all need to see each other as the quiet servants, not the noisy sour ones. You are facing some small hurdles, none of which are insurmountable given your faith and dedication to God. Do not let uncertainties guide your lives and decisions. Be prayerful especially in these transitional times and approach each other in support and grace. Look to this passage as St. Paul writes to the Thessalonian church:

May our Lord Jesus Christ himself and God our Father encourage you and strengthen you in every good thing you do and say. (2 Thessalonians 2:16)

One update: the LSIM pastors are going to help out in the vice pastor duties as I rotate out at the end of April as vice pastor. I will continue to provide regular altar worship/preaching monthly until a new pastor has been called. Pastor Peter Kruse will assume the vice pastor role June 1 if approved by the synod.

Be a blessing today and everyday!

Nancy Trimble LSIM Deacon

**WEST MILTON SENIOR
and COMMUNITY CENTER**

UPCOMING EVENTS

*ALL ARE WELCOME TO
ATTEND - REGARDLESS
OF YOUR AGE!*

LUNCHEONS:

Wednesday - February 9
at 11:30 a.m.

**CELEBRATING
NATIONAL PIZZA DAY**

Cost per Person \$8.00
RSVP REQUIRED
for placing order.
*Please Call Carol Garver
(937) 698-7129*

Wednesday - February 23
at 11:30 a.m.

**CELEBRATING
PRESIDENT'S DAY**

Lunch Provided at
NO CHARGE
No reservation required
Presidential Trivia

**NEW EXERCISE
CLASS STARTING**

Tuesday - February 22
10:00 a.m.- 11:00 a.m.

Dress comfortably
No equipment required
NO CHARGE

This musical (non-dancing)
class will be using drum
sticks - balls and laundry
baskets to exercise and can
be effective while seated.

*Please Reserve Your Spot by
calling Carol Garver
(937) 698-7129*

Class will be led by Robin
from Brookhaven
Retirement Community

Shrove Tuesday Pancake Dinner

March 1, at 6:00 p.m. Come for the food and stay for the fun. We will serve pancakes from 6 - 7 p.m. and then play a few rounds of Bingo. Hope to see you there!



**Why do we eat pancakes on
Shrove Tuesday?**

It was the last chance for a spot of indulgence before 40 days of fasting, and also an opportunity to use up food that couldn't be eaten during Lent. This included eggs, fat and milk, which were made into pancakes and eaten on that day.

LEARN HOW TO USE YOUR DEVICES

CELL PHONES - CHROME BOOKS - LAP TOPS Etc.

WEST MILTON SENIOR & COMMUNITY CENTER

MONDAY - February 21, 2:00 p.m.- 6:00 p.m.

Stop in with your device(s) - bring passwords and learn how to solve problems - use your digital devices and much more. This is offered by Miami County and is also available at our local libraries at no charge.



Senior Shepherds News



The Senior Shepherds did not meet in January.

February Meeting is Cancelled

Stay warm and stay well.

NEXT MEETING

Be sure to check the newsletter next month to see if a March meeting will be scheduled.

MUSIC MINISTRY NEWS...

URGENT APPEAL:

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.



**HANDBELL
CHOIR**

Preschool News:



We had such a great January! We learned about Arctic Animals, our Five Senses, and the season of Winter. We have also been enjoying chapel each week.

We are looking forward to February. We are having a Valentine's Party on February 14. We will also be opening our registration for next year in February for those families who are already attending our preschool and in March registration will be open for everyone else.

In the next few months, you will see some construction happening in the green space outside the preschool room. We are going to be fencing in the yard and putting up a playground. We are looking for some help with paying for this. If you would like to donate to our playground fund, please give me a call, Becky Garrett (937-524-7220). If you have a club or group that might like to donate, please feel free to give them my number. This is a picture of the playground that we are purchasing.



Some New Titles but Familiar Faces

For many years Betty Lou Johansen has faithfully shared her musical gift with us. As of December 31st, 2021, she is officially retired as our piano accompanist. Thank you so much Betty Lou for your hard work and devotion to our church.

Darrell Fryman who has acted as a supply pianist in the past, has agreed to stay on in an interim role. If you have not already done so, please welcome him.

In other news, Breanna Ely has decided to step down from her role as Administrative Assistant as of January 1st. Thank you Breanna, for all your hard work.

Amy Grile had been acting as interim Administrative Assistant during Breanna's leave and has agreed to stay on. Her office schedule is Monday - Friday from 12:05 PM to 4:05 PM.



Opportunities to Support LSIM Outreach Ministries



Love. Grow. Serve.

Volunteers seem to be needed everywhere. Good Shepherd has needs! And we get help from LSIM and our synod as we seek our next pastor.

Good Shepherd needs another member from our congregation to serve on the LSIM Board! Next meeting will be Monday, February 21, at 6:30 p.m.

At our LSIM board meeting on January 24, we became aware of many opportunities to support our shared mission. So, mark your calendars, and see if you have the gifts and time to serve.

The traditional (now after several years) Celtic (Irish) Service will be held after St. Patrick's Day. This year it will be on March 20 at 3:00 p.m. Musicians needed!

Plans for an Easter Vigil Service will be announced soon. It will be on Saturday evening, April 16. Again, special music will be requested.

LSIM, in cooperation with Emanuel Ministries, new owners of the St. Mark's building in Fairborn, will be holding a Southern Ohio Amazing Grace Day Camp in Fairborn from July 31 -August 5. This will involve 3 synod camp leaders, and 30 young people will be accepted as campers. A camp coordinator is needed. A manual of responsibilities will be provided.

Volunteers to assist camp leaders are needed. Volunteers to help with snacks, and noon lunches are needed. More information will be provided in the coming months. Pray about how you might be involved in this - even for one day of the week.

There are many pieces of furniture and church furniture, including two good pianos that will be for sale (from St. Mark's). The inventory may be listed soon, some will be offered on E-Bay. Talk with Deacon Nancy if you know of someone, or some church that might be interested in these items.

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



*We all have a part to play in finding our next pastor. Some, like those on the call committee, have an obvious role. The rest of us can support our Call Committee, our Council and most importantly... **we can all pray.***

Praying for Our Church

A season without a pastor is one of the most important seasons in the life of a church. During this time, pray that your church would remain humble and unified. Pray that they would be patient and wait on the Lord's timing. Pray that they would be productive, recognizing that the church is still the church – even without a pastor. Pray for evangelistic faithfulness, recognizing that the Great Commission still applies – even without a pastor. There are so many ways to pray for your church during the search!

The Flower Chart is up!

The cost is \$25.00 to give flowers and altar candle. After service the flowers are yours to take home or give to someone of your choosing.

You can sign up on the chart in the narthex, or call/email the office and we will get you added.

If you would like to give in honor of a special occasion or in memory of a loved one, please note it on the chart or let Amy know and she will note it in the bulletin.



Thank you to all who attended the Annual Congregational Meeting. The discussions were insightful and the tone of the meeting was reflective of a unified desire to have our church be here for generations to come.

As we move forward may we continue to be mindful that even when our opinions differ we are all looking to accomplish that which is God's will.

We serve a God who makes all things possible!

GOOD SHEPHERD LUTHERAN CHURCH COUNCIL MINUTES

December 20, 2021 7:00 p.m.

Present: Deacon Nancy Trimble, Diana Frye, David Stine, Judy Tipton, Amy Grile, Les Barker, Marsha Fischbach, and Ric Warner

Devotions were led by Deacon Nancy Trimble.

Secretary's Report: Approved as read. Motion: David Stein Second: Deacon Nancy All were in favor.

Financial Secretary's Report: Approved as read. Motion: Diana Frye Second: David Stein All were in favor.

Treasurer's Report: Approved Motion: Les Barker Second: Amy Grile All were in favor.

New Business:

Our congregational meeting will be on January 23 after worship. Committee reports from council for the Annual Report are due by January 10.

Council is looking into updating our website.

The following motion remains as tabled:

A motion was made by Diana Frye, and seconded by Judy Tipton, that we pay off our mortgage with Endowment Fund interest money; and that such money each month would go toward a new pastor's salary. After much discussion, the motion was tabled. Motion to table: Susan Jebens Second: Amy Grile Motion carried.

Old Business:

There was a lengthy discussion about the call process for a new pastor.

We are in need of volunteers to run for Church Council.

Committee Reports:

Mission/Outreach/LSIM: St. Johns, Vandalia, is officially in LSIM. First Lutheran in Xenia is considering joining LSIM. Young Spirits will continue this year. The MUCC helped 85 people with their holiday gift baskets. The distribution was held at Good Shepherd this year.

Youth/Christian Education: Victoria Hammermeister and Amy Grile are working on an idea to offer a "kids club" experience here at Good Shepherd in 2022. It would be open to all kids in the community. Please offer any suggestions for a name for the group. Any help you can offer to start this exciting new outreach for our church would be appreciated.

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

Respectfully submitted,
Marsha Fischbach

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BIRTHDAYS

- 1 Zach Vagedes
- 3 Betty Lou Johansen
- 5 Russ Siler
- 20 Emil Tipton
- 21 Susan Baker
- Debbie Bredeson
- Tarah (Langley) Smoker

ANNIVERSARIES

- 7 Matt & Mindy Paddock

*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

Barbara Cecil

COMMUNION ASSISTANT

Amy Grile

ALTAR GUILD

Ann Siler
Suzie Vagedes

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LECTOR

- 6 Marsha Fischbach
- 13 Marsha Fischbach
- 20 Jeff Barth
- 27 Jeff Barth

USHER CAPTAIN

- 6 Barbara Cecil
- 13 Jarrett Grile
- 20 Dave Vagedes
- 27 Molly Franks

SOUND

Les Barker

COUNTERS

Diana Frye
Susan Langley
Ralph Blakely

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FLOWERS

- 6 Jeff & Jodi Barth
- 13 OPEN
- 20 Jeff & Jodi Barth
- 27 Open



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Pledge Giving Report

through the end of January

Pledges over 10

Pledges under 7

Pledges even 18

Year to date pledge giving over \$14,255.00

FEBRUARY 2022

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
		1	2 3 -5 pm Plarn	3	4	5
6 9:30am Chancel Choir 10:30 am Holy Communion	7 7:30 pm AA Meeting	8	9 3 -5 pm Plarn	10	11	12
13 9:30am Chancel Choir 10:30 am Holy Communion	14 7:30 pm AA Meeting	15	16 3 -5 pm Plarn	17	18	19
20 9:30am Chancel Choir 10:30 am Holy Communion	21 12:00 pm Lydia Bible Study 6:30 pm Pre- school Board Meeting 7:30 pm AA Meeting	22 7:00 pm Council Meeting	23 3 -5 pm Plarn	24	25	26
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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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Prayers and Concerns

Susan Baker, Chuck Franks, Abby Bonner,
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