



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.

March
2022

THE MESSENGER

Pastor's Message

Grace and Peace to you from God our Father and Jesus Christ our Savior! As you read this, we have passed the Transfiguration of Christ and begin the journey of Lent. I pray you will consider during this Lenten journey, where Christ dwells in your life. Is he an add on when things get tough? Is he somewhere south of your treasure and your heart? Have you lost touch with him as the guiding light in your life? It is ingrained in many of us that we are the masters or mistresses of our own ships. WE do what needs done in our lives. Worship and time in our Bibles take a back seat in our lives, often like our New Years resolutions to exercise more. Our pastor Bible study group is looking at the issues in the post modern church and how we need to look at change and relevance. One thing that stood out this week was the 3 "C"s. Christ, Community, and Culture. Christ is the spearpoint and must be first in our lives. Through Christ we establish relationships called community. How is our community in Christ doing? Finally we deal with the culture that Christ and community exist in which of course is in constant change. I would ask then, is Christ the center of your life and the life of Good Shepherd? If not, how can it move there? Then, how can we grow community in the church so that someone coming in sees our joy and wants to be part of this community? Lastly, how do we adjust to the cultural changes, yet remain true to Jesus and the Gospel? Spend time talking to each other in these terms. And for you who hang back and do not get involved, it is time to jump in with Jesus at your side to vision the future at Good Shepherd.

This will be my last month at Good Shepherd as vice pastor. Starting in April, Pastor Peter Kruse will assume the vice pastorship for the next several months during the call process. I will continue to provide for the bulk of worship until Easter and throughout Lent. It has been an honor to serve your congregation through LSIM and I will continue as I am called to. So I close with this prayer from Martin Luther,

Ah, dearest Jesus, holy Child. Make thee a bed, soft, undefiled, within my heart, that it may be a quiet chamber kept for thee. (Martin Luther 1483-1546)

Nancy Trimble LSIM Deacon and Vice Pastor

**WEST MILTON
SENIOR CITIZENS
COMMUNITY CENTER**

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

**CARDIO
EXERCISE
CLASS**

March 8 - Tuesday
10 a.m. - 11 a.m.
No Charge

**LIFELINE
SCREENING**

March 14 - Monday
All Day

**REGULAR
MONTHLY
LUNCHEONS**
**Always 2nd & 4th
Wednesday**

March 9 & March 23
Reservations
Preferred Please

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



Senior Shepherds News

Senior Shepherds and Friends are back again after a second COVID shut down!

The planning group met on February 22 to start over, with lots of ideas from past planning.

Programs at this date are not confirmed, but will be announced in Sunday bulletins and in future newsletters.

The programs selected include "Bees and The Honey They Produce," (which is scheduled for March 22; see details on page 4) "Local Police Efforts in Our Age," "Ecumenical Church Relationships," and "Dayton's Inventors." We may also sponsor a "field trip" to a local distillery in May.

Discussion about the Personal Care Kits to which we have contributed in Lenten seasons during past years was suggested as a fall project this year. Our "collection and packing time" will then be closer to the time they are delivered to the truck in Dayton.

This year, our Lenten project will be the collection of "Good Used Clothing." Once in the past we invited the community of West Milton to join us in sharing used clothing with people in need in downtown Dayton. First Lutheran Church will be our primary distribution location. Several years ago we had a successful event like this for the "God's Work, Our Hands" Sunday.

We will announce our program during Lent and hold the actual collection day on Sunday, April 3. Community members may "drive through" on Sunday, April 3, and congregational members may bring their clothing contributions to worship that morning. On that Sunday afternoon we would like volunteers to help carry donations into the church from the community members who arrive between noon and 3 p.m.



Lenten Services and Soup Suppers

Dates will be:

March 9, 16, 23, 30, and April 6

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

We need donations of soup!

Donna Plunkett and Barbara Cecil will coordinate the meals. Please let them know if you can bring soup. There will also be a sign up sheet in the narthex.



Millions of Christians all over the world will be marking the start of an important period of time on March 2, 2022 - the festival of Lent.

During Lent, many people decide to give something up that they love - perhaps chocolate, sweets or even using social media. Others might decide to take up something, like helping out more at home or making an effort to be nicer to their brother or sister.

Lent is a time to prepare for the joy and the promise of the Easter celebration. Today as in the past the message of Lent is one of Joyous Hope. Lent offers a new beginning through inner change and penance, true freedom and a new life are made possible.

Lent IS A TIME TO
GROW
CLOSER TO **JESUS**

Preschool News:



We had such a great February! We learned about our letters with Valentine's activities. We learned about Groundhog Day and zoo animals. We had a lot of fun at our Valentine's Day party!!

We are having our preschool open house on MARCH 6 from 2-4PM. If you know of any families who have children who will turn 3, 4 or 5 by August 1st, please share this information with them. We are looking forward to a lot of families coming out to meet us on MARCH 6.

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!



***Everyone of any age
is invited to attend ...***

a gathering of the Senior Shepherds on Tuesday, March 22, at 2 p.m. to hear a presentation by Fran and Tom Davidson on bees and honey they produce. They are in the process of becoming Master Bee Keepers through the University of Florida and will share information on becoming a bee keeper.

If you are interested, they also offer classes.

2 Types of Christians: Which Are You?

"We always talk about what we love. If we are not talking often of Jesus, what must that say of our love for him? Every Christian is either a missionary or an impostor."

Doug Ponder
2014 29 Oct



Charles Spurgeon's voice was said to boom when he preached, enabling thousands at a time to hear him without the aid of modern amplification. It seems fitting that such a voice was known for uttering weighty words. Imagine the mood at the Metropolitan Tabernacle as these words traveled past column after column, row after row, filling the ears and piercing the hearts of all who were present:

"Every Christian is either a missionary or an impostor. You either try to spread abroad the kingdom of Christ, or else you do not love him at all. It cannot be that there is a high appreciation of Jesus and a totally silent tongue about him. That man who says, 'I believe in Jesus,' but does not think enough of Jesus ever to tell another about him... is an impostor."

You can find the rest of this article by going to: <https://www.christianity.com/church/missions-and-evangelism/2-types-of-christians-which-are-you.html>

Or you can find the link on our facebook page.

MUSIC

MINISTRY

NEWS...

**WE STILL
NEED YOU!**

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.*



LSIM Report

Notes from LSIM Meeting, February 21, 2022

The LSIM board met at Arise In Christ Lutheran Church in Donnellsville and on Zoom.

Diana Frye and Pastor John represented Good Shepherd Lutheran Church. All reports were approved and future activities were reviewed. A tentative budget for the next fiscal year was reviewed.

Dates to put on your calendars:

Sunday, March 20, Celtic Worship Service

at Abiding Christ Lutheran Church, Fairborn at 3 p.m.
The LSIM board will meet again following the service.

Saturday, April 16, Easter Vigil Service

at St. John's Lutheran Church, Vandalia at 7 p.m.

Week of August 1-5, Amazing Grace Day Camp

at St. Mark's Community Center, for children in the Fairborn area.

2022 Council members were installed on February 6th during Sunday Service. Our Good Shepherd Lutheran Church Council members are:

Toby Theis, David Stein, Diana Frye, Suzie Vagedes and Les Barker.

Not pictured: Ric Warner, Council President.



Congregational Meeting Summary

The congregation met on January 23 for our annual Congregational Meeting. After an opening prayer by Pastor John Johansen the minutes from the last congregational meeting were read and accepted. Then, the proposed 2022 Operating Budget was presented, discussed, and approved. Copies of the approved budget are available in the Annual Report or by contacting Amy Grile at the church office.

The next agenda item was the election of Council members. There were three openings on Council this year. Amy Grile and Marsha Fischbach were leaving Council due to the completion of their second three-year term. We want to thank them both for dedicated and faithful service. Judy Tipton also asked to be relieved of her Council duties. We were only able to fill two of those vacancies so far with the election of Suzie Vagedes and Toby Theis. If you are able and willing to serve, please let Ric Warner or Amy know.

The final agenda item was a presentation and discussion of our call process options. After much discussion, the congregation overwhelmingly voiced support for the option of pursuing a full-time pastor as opposed to a part-time pastor or a sharing arrangement with another church.

After the meeting, when the results of the call process discussion were communicated to the Synod, we were told that they would begin immediately to look for candidates for us to interview. That was really good news because, up until now, the Synod has been reluctant to send anyone our way. We are now in a position to start moving forward again.



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

GOOD SHEPHERD LUTHERAN CHURCH COUNCIL MINUTES

January 18, 2022 6:30 p.m.

Prior to our regular council meeting, our Church Council and Call Committee met with Bishop Dillahunt and Pastor Bob Abrams on Zoom. The meeting was to clarify some questions we had about the Call Process.

In attendance were Call Committee Members: Bob Spitler, Donna Plunkett, Marsha Fischbach, and Barb Cecil (Zoom).

Council Members present: Diana Frye, Deacon Nancy Trimble, Amy Grile, Judy Tipton, Marsha Fischbach, Ric Warner, Les Barker, and David Stein.

Call Committee Members were excused after the Zoom meeting.

Devotions were led by Deacon Nancy Trimble.

Secretary's Report: Approved as read. Motion: Dave Stein Second: Amy Grile All were in favor.

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

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

Pastor's Report: The Chapel for our pre-school is going well Deacon Nancy, will be with us through March. Pastor Craig Fourman, Abiding Christ, will retire in June.

Administrative Assistant Report:

Supply pastors are scheduled through March. We will have our Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper and bingo again this year.

New Business:

Tabled motion **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.

We will no longer subscribe to One Call Now.

We will continue saving hard copies of paperwork.

It was moved by Marsha Fischbach, and seconded by Les Barker, to

accept the resignation of Treasurer Susan Jebens. All were in favor. Due to the above resignation, Council approved the removal of Susan Jebens as a signer at Huntington Bank. Council approved Les Barker and Amy Grile as the current signers.

A motion was made to move our Money Market Account from Huntington Bank to Edward Jones. Motion: Les Barker Second: Diana Frye All were in favor

Old Business:

Further discussion was held concerning our search for a new pastor.

Three nominees are now needed for our Church Council. Judy Tipton has asked to be removed from her council position.

The 2022 budget is ready to be presented at our annual congregational meeting.

Council members approved a gift of \$1,000 to community member Jessica Brown, She has been ill for a long time, and now has to move out of state for continued treatment. This will help pay for some of those expenses. We were made aware of her situation as a member of the Milton-Union Council of Churches.

Motion: Les Barker Second: Amy Grile All were in favor.

Council Reports:

Worship: (no report)

Mission/Outreach/LSIM:

Junior Teen Institute and Young Spirits will continue this year.

Property:

Still trying to provide better sound on our YouTube broadcast. A large Christmas wreath was donated to our church. Preschool playground work will begin in the Spring. Les Barker made a motion for Good Shepherd to finance the playground for our preschool. Deacon Nancy seconded the motion. All were in favor.

Youth/Christian Education: (no report)

Stewardship: (no report)

Fellowship: (no report)

Our next council meeting will be February 15, 2022.

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

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|----|------------------------------|----|----------------|
| 4 | Nikki Tinnerman | 25 | Breanna Ely |
| 5 | Rusty Baker | 29 | Ed Menker |
| 7 | Leah Ford | 30 | Jerry Bonner |
| 9 | Diana Frye | 31 | Mimi Klipstine |
| 16 | Susan Langley
Nova Rogers | | |
| 17 | Rebecca Mason | | |
| 22 | Jonathan Bredeson | | |

ANNIVERSARIES

18 Emil and Patty Tipton

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

Kristine Hayes

COMMUNION ASSISTANT

Barbara Cecil

ALTAR GUILD

Debbie Bredeson
Kia Blankenship

R

LECTOR

- 6 Kristine Hayes
- 13 Kristine Hayes
- 20 Peri Bonner
- 27 Peri Bonner

USHER CAPTAIN

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

SOUND

COUNTERS

Susan Langley
Ralph Blakely

FLOWERS

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- 6 OPEN
- 13 Susan Langley
- 20 Bob & Barbara Cecil
- 27 OPEN



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Pledge Giving Report

through the end of February

Pledges over 11

Pledges under 6

Pledges even 19

Year to date pledge giving over \$12,706.00

MARCH 2022

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
		1 Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper and Bingo 6:00–8:00pm	2 3 –5 pm Plarn Ash Wednesday Service 7:00pm	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 Soup Supper 6:00pm Lenten Service 6:45pm	10	11	12
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Our Church Staff

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Ric Warner
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President

Marsha Fischbach
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Amy Grile
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Prayers and Concerns

Susan Baker, Chuck Franks, Abby Bonner,
Judy Gardner, Butch Traylor, Ron Timmons,
Bill Sims, Aaron & Renee Johansen, Terri Fryman
The families of Marie Kopp and Kathryn Grisso.

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