



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.

MAY
2022

THE MESSENGER

Pastor's Message

Peace be with you, Good Shepherd Lutheran Church.

This article is a short introduction. As you certainly have heard, I will be your "Transitional Pastor," beginning June 1st and I am your Vice Pastor as of the beginning of April. Many of you have met me as I have preached at Good Shepherd a few times since Pr. Gellatly retired.

My short history is that I have served in Donnelsville and New Carlisle since 1995 and we have crossed paths in those years on a number of occasions. I came to Donnelsville from a call in North Dakota. That was my first call. I had a life prior to ministry. My former profession was in manufacturing engineering and my last employer was General Motors. Yes, I have an accent. It is German. I was born and spent my youth there and have been in America for almost 50 years, but a remnant accent lingers.

My beloved, Linda, is a Deacon in the ELCA and you may have met her as she has preached at your church for pulpit supply. We raised 2 daughters. Adelaide teaches High School Chemistry in Cincinnati, and Joy studies Anthropology, Archeology, and Museum studies at Bryn Mawr College in Pennsylvania. She hopes to tend museum collections after graduation.

I have served Arise in Christ Evangelical Lutheran Church in Donnelsville since its founding in 2012, when First Lutheran, Donnelsville and St. Mark's Lutheran in New Carlisle joined together to create it.

Arise in Christ has been your partner in ministry through Lutheran Saints in Ministry since you joined it and serves Jesus with you as your neighbor in Christ. As such they share me with you in the conviction that our temporary partnership will strengthen the body of Christ by being beneficial to you and them alike. It is always a joy in heaven when the people of Christ work as brothers and sisters, side by side, to bring the Good News to all.

The arrangement between Good Shepherd, Arise in Christ, the Southern Ohio Synod, and me is that I will serve you about 50% of my time and will see to Arise in Christ's affairs the rest of the time. This arrangement will

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**WEST MILTON
SENIOR CITIZENS
COMMUNITY CENTER**

435 W Hamilton St.

W. Milton OH

937-698-7129

No new information for this month due to the Center being closed the last 2 weeks of April.

For information on May Events please call the center.

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



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start on June 1st and last 6 months. To make that possible, Arise in Christ moved its worship time to 9AM and Good Shepherd will begin its Sunday Worship at 11AM. Warning! Don't get ahead of yourselves! This change does not start until Sunday, June 5.

I am convinced that God listens to our prayers. As a result, I invite you today to go on a prayer journey as a congregation. I invite you to pray for your next pastor. I expect that the Lord has, even today, a person in mind that is even now being prepared to come and serve West Milton. Therefore, pray that the Lord make Good Shepherd ready to meet whomever the Lord has raised up to serve you. The Lord has taught us to pray that his "will be done," and I invite you be in prayer that the Lord reveal his will among us and reveal it speedily. Pray also for the Call Committee and those at Synod who will help them do their work. Surely our prayers will be heard before the throne of the almighty and the Lamb and surely the Lord's will for Good Shepherd will be done, and surely it will be a joy to us when it is revealed.

Look what great things the Lord has entrusted us with here on earth. A life to live and a world to tend, a place in his Kingdom and a portion in the body of Christ. These precious gifts are ours by the will of the Father and the gift of Jesus the Son and caring touch of the Holy Spirit. In this and all times, Rejoice, yes Rejoice because great is your tomorrow here on earth and in heaven beyond our sight. You are the Lord's flock and precious possession.

Pastor Peter

Many Thanks!

Thanks so much for the prayers, many cards and good wishes for my recent recovery. I now need to get stronger so I can have surgery on June 13. (I had heard that gall bladders can really be a big pain. Now I know that is true!!)

Pastor John Johansen

Senior Shepherds News

The GSLC Senior Shepherds met on Tuesday, April 26, for a very interesting and informative meeting with West Milton's finest – Chief of Police Doyle Wright, Admin. Sgt. Ryan Ingle and Officer Ben Davis. They have 9 officers on staff, and in 2020 they handled 3,000+ calls. Their Core Values are Service, Integrity and Respect. They have 5 marked cars and a budget of \$1,200,000.

They told us about some of the services they provide. They offer a Citizen's Police Academy – a 9-week class to familiarize citizens with the operations of the police department. Also, they do a reading program at the M-U Library during the summer, visited our preschool, etc. There is a drug take back box at the city building for anyone to drop off prescription and/or expired drugs.

We watched a presentation about identify theft and fraud and Sgt. Ryan explained how it can happen and what to do if it does. If you think you've been scammed, call 937-440-9911. They are having an open house with both the police and fire departments on May 16 from 6-8:00 p.m. and invited us to attend.

Marsha Fischbach provided appropriate refreshments – donuts – don't all police officers like donuts??



L-R: Doyle Wright, Ben Davis, and Ryan Ingle

*Save
the
Date*

NEXT MEETING

Tuesday, May 24, 2:00pm

Our next get together will be held at the Stanley Mill Farm and Indian Creek Distillery in New Carlise on May 24th – if you want to carpool, let Eva Coughnour (937)657-5924 know and meet at the church parking lot at 1:30 p.m. – more details to follow!

Good Shepherd Lutheran Preschool News:

The month of April seemed to have flown by so quickly. We learned about butterflies, ponds and frogs, and plants. We had our father figures come in for a Donuts with Fathers party. We watched caterpillars make chrysalis and then turn into butterflies. At our party we were able to let the butterflies go.

For the month of May we are looking forward to having a Muffins with Moms party, a party at the park for our families, and graduation day on Wednesday, May 25, at 7PM. You are invited to come and watch our graduation ceremony.

We do have a few spots open for next year in both of our classes. If you know of anyone who is interested in having their preschool student attend GSL Preschool, please have them call Becky Garrett at 937-524-7220.



We want to say a HUGE thank you to all the workers that have been coming out to help get our new fence set up! The kids are so very excited to see the work getting done.

We have a new Administrative Assistant!

If you get a chance stop in and welcome JoAnn Antonides. You may already know her. She is a long time member of the community and has been employed by Hoffman United Methodist for many years. We are sure she will make an excellent addition to the Good Shepherd Staff.





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

The Senior Shepherd's Clothing Drive was a great success!
Thank you, to all who donated.





Easter

**GOOD SHEPHERD LUTHERAN CHURCH
COUNCIL MINUTES
March 15, 2022**

Council members present: Les Barker, Vice President; Diana Frye; Dave Stein; Toby Theis; Suzie Vagedes; Ric Warner, President; Also, Deacon Nancy Trimble; Amy Grile, Administrative Assistant; and guest Pastor Peter Kruse

Meeting was called to order by Ric Warner.

Deacon Nancy gave opening prayer.

Secretary's Report: Approved as written. Motion: Les Barker, Second: Toby Theis. All were in favor.

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

Treasurer's Report: Approved as written. All were in favor.

Pastor's Report: No report.

Administrative Assistant's Report: Church attendance has averaged 35 people each Sunday. Lenten Wednesday services have averaged 30 people. We will order flowers for Easter through Andy's again this year. Amy Grile and Suzie Vagedes will organize the Easter breakfast and Easter egg hunt. Sending out donation list this week. Amy will be updating the red book (church registry).

NEW BUSINESS:

Financial recommendations from Judy Moncrief: Letter provided prior to council meeting was discussed. See addendum. Ric Warner will provide council with a report of the funds that are appropriate to use for capital expenditures as well as amounts in those funds for next meeting, so that council can discuss using same to further pay down the mortgage. Tabled until next meeting.

Contacting non-attending members: In order to update our member registry Deacon Nancy has offered to script a message for council members (and other elders of Good Shepherd) to use as a template for calls to members who have stopped coming to church.

Post call budget: Pastor Craig Fourman provided an estimated budget of what a Pastor's compensation package might look like. See addendum "Income and Assets" . Discussion of package and options followed.

Interim pastor proposal: Moved to end of meeting.

OLD BUSINESS:

Pastor search: Synod's search continues, no updates have been given to Good Shepherd.

Committee Reports:

Worship: David Wion will play piano for Sunday services through Easter

Mission/Outreach/LSIM/MUCC: LSIM: from Diana Frye -discussed Judy Moncrief's letter. MUCC: from Les Barker "JTI is going great", There is a possibility that Young Spirits might come back next year under new directorship. FISH needs more paper products. Ric will send FISH a check.

Property: Front sign getting repaired, remains under warranty. Speakers were fixed, cost \$350. Working on restoring power to lighting at front of building. Dave Stein will publish a mower list and is working to recruit volunteers to mow this summer. Ric and Les will plan a work day before Easter. Les planning to buy fence for preschool playground area as soon as able.

Youth/Christian Education/Preschool: Preschool had a successful Open House, filling the 3 yr. old class for the fall. Increased tuition and registration slightly for fall. Also added a discount for siblings. Deacon Nancy will send out Easter invitations to preschoolers.

Stewardship: No report

Fellowship: First Soup Supper had a good turnout.

Deacon Nancy and Pastor Peter Kruse were thanked and excused from the meeting.

Interim pastor proposal: See addendum. Council discussed proposal provided by Pastor Craig as a preliminary to having Pastor Peter Kruse serve as interim pastor. It was discussed whether Ric Warner should call a Congregational Meeting to present the proposal to the congregation and take a vote before Council proceeded.

The meeting was adjourned 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



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BIRTHDAYS

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|----|------------------|----|----------------|
| 5 | Susan Landis | 28 | Barbara Menker |
| 6 | Bob Spitler | 29 | Susan Jebens |
| | Dawson Tinnerman | | |
| 12 | Jeff Barth | | |
| 16 | Phyllis Crowe | | |
| 18 | Connie McCarroll | | |

ANNIVERSARIES

- 19 Mark and Susan Knife

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

SERVING

A

ASSISTING MINISTER

Kristine Hayes

COMMUNION ASSISTANT

Toby Theis

ALTAR GUILD

Kristine Hayes

LECTOR

- 1 Judy Moncrief
- 8 Judy Moncrief
- 15 Heidi Spitler
- 22 Heidi Spitler
- 29 Heidi Spitler

USHER CAPTAIN

- 1 Barbara Cecil
- 8 Jarrett Grile
- 15 Dave Vagedes
- 22 Molly Franks
- 29 Barbara Cecil

SOUND

Jarrett Grile

COUNTERS

Debbie Bredeson
Diana Frye

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FLOWERS

- 1 OPEN
- 8 Annette & David Stein
- 15 Jodi Barth
- 22 OPEN
- 29 OPEN



Pledge Giving Report
through the end of March
Pledges over 13
Pledges under 7
Pledges even 15
Year to date pledge giving over \$11,711.00

MAY 2022

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
1 9:30am Chancel Choir 10:30 am Holy Communion	2 7:30 pm AA Meeting	3	4 3 -5 pm Plarn	5	6	7
8 9:30am Chancel Choir 10:30 am Holy Communion	9 Preschool Board Meeting 7:30 pm AA Meeting	10	11 3 -5 pm Plarn	12	13	14
15 9:30am Chancel Choir 10:30 am Holy Communion	16 12:00 pm Lydia Bible Study 7:30 pm AA Meeting	17 7:00 pm Council Meeting	18 3 -5 pm Plarn	19	20	21
22 9:30am Chancel Choir 10:30 am Holy Communion	23 7:30 pm AA Meeting	24 Senior Shepherds 2:00pm	25 3 -5 pm Plarn	26	27	28
29 9:30am Chancel Choir 10:30 am Holy Communion	30 7:30 pm AA Meeting	31				

Our Church Staff

Nancy Trimble

LSIM Deacon/
Vice Pastor

Ric Warner

Church Council
President

Marsha Fischbach

Music Director

JoAnn Antonides

Administrative Asst.

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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,
Wanda Brandt and Pastor John Johansen.

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