



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.

September
2022

THE MESSENGER

Pastor's Message

Then God said, "Let us make mankind in our image, in our likeness, so that they may rule over the fish in the sea and the birds in the sky, over the livestock and all the wild animals and over all the creatures that move along the ground." (Genesis 1:26) Amazing things happen in the presence of God. Genesis records how the Almighty carefully knit together light and dark, heaven and earth, water and land, plants and creatures. All created by His loving and Fatherly hand. This creation that we live in is not an accident. You are not an accident. God created with a purpose in mind, says Genesis. Even after the fall brought by the first man and woman God has a plan: One will come who will crush the tempter. (Genesis 3:15) God always is ahead of what happens with a plan to create and also mend the universe. Yes, there is also a place for you in this scheme of the Almighty. You are known to Heaven and Heaven rejoices when your voice is heard as angels and creation sing praise. And you? Have you a plan? When God made a plan it was all about humanity. Yes, Jesus' plan as he came to earth was about someone other than himself. It was about you, yes, you. And your plans for tomorrow? Are they all about you? Grace did not just happen. It was a plan of Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Love, charity, blessing here on earth do not just happen. Mother church and her children plan them just as the Lord Jesus Christ planned Grace. So, again: How will we spread grace and the hope that comes from the Gospel today? Its something to ponder and plan for certainly our Lord had a plan.

Pastor Peter

Senior Shepherds News



The Senior Shepherds welcomed Dave DeHart to their September meeting to present a living history program about the WWII 101st Airborne Division. Those that attended felt the program was very informative. He presented many artifacts from that era which were very interesting to see. The military jeep he arrived in and the service uniform he wore reinforced his knowledge and passion of this topic. A question and answer period followed the presentation. Light refreshments were served.

Members of the Senior Shepherds stayed and put together the care kits we have so far. There will be another work session to finish soon. Thanks for all who donated items for the Personal Care Kits for Lutheran World Relief.



Join us on Tuesday, October 25 at 2 p.m.

Mike Kendall from D.W. Kendall Insurance Agency will join us to discuss the upcoming Medicare options.

Light refreshments will be served.

WEST MILTON SENIOR CITIZENS COMMUNITY CENTER

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

Carol Garver - Director

***Wednesday Noon Lunch
Please Call to Signup**

***Oct 12** - noon Baked Potato
Bar Lunch \$5+ bingo

***Oct 26** - noon Lunch then
music trivia / no bingo

Oct 5 - 6 to 8pm Fire Preven-
tion & Safety for seniors

Oct 20 - 9 to 11 AM - FREE
Screenings - stop in, no regis-
tration required.

Oct 24 at 1 p.m. Bingo

THURSDAYS - 1PM -
Dominos - Stop in and play

FRIDAYS @ 6 PM EUCHRE -
Everyone Welcome!

Council Meeting Highlights

September 20, 2022

The Stewardship campaign was discussed. Council agreed to use The Consecration Sunday format for this year's Stewardship campaign. Will begin planning now with tentative Consecration Sunday date of mid-November. Event will be catered. The 5-year plan has been written and reviewed. It will be presented to the congregation in a Congregational Meeting on October 9th.

Saturday, October 8th has been scheduled as a workday.

Ric announced that JoAnn Antonides will take over as custodian, as the previous cleaning crew resigned. Thanks JoAnn!

Suzie Vagedes asked about having a short Sunday School time during church, Pastor Peter and the council were in favor. Suzie will review Sunday School materials and call for teachers. The plan is to begin in October! Pastor will be leading a retreat the first weekend in October so Deacon Nancy will be filling in that weekend.

Dear Good Shepherd members,

All vibrant, thriving organizations have one thing in common - they know where they are, they know where they want to be, and they have a plan on how they will get to where they want to be. Good Shepherd Lutheran Church can be one of those organizations.

The first step in becoming what we want to be begins on Sunday, October 9, 2022, immediately following the church service that morning. During this Congregational Meeting, Council will share the 5-Year Action Plan that, with the help of the congregation, will move us in the direction we need to go.

Your input and support is vital and appreciated. See you on the 9th.

Ric Warner

Outside Church Workday

Saturday, October 8

9 a.m. to noon

*If you are able to come and help,
we would appreciate it!*



Good Shepherd Lutheran Preschool **News:**

A look at September...

We had a great September! We learned about community helpers, dinosaurs, and apples. We had an awesome Grandparent's Day!! We had approximately 60 grandparents come and enjoy the morning with us. We sang songs, ate cookies, made a craft, and even danced to the Hokey Pokey together!! We are super excited to see what October has in store for us.

**Wednesday, October 26 will be our trunk or treat day with the preschool kids. We will start at 11:30am if you are able to come and hand out candy, our kids would love it!



Son Rise Breakfast

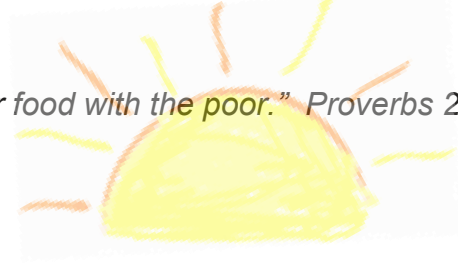
Son Rise breakfast is offered at First Lutheran Church in Downtown Dayton every Sunday morning. Various churches contribute. The LSIM obligation is the 5th Sunday breakfast. (About 4 times a year). A special collection will be taken at Good Shepherd Lutheran on the 3rd Sunday of each month to fund this mission.

If you can help pack sack breakfasts, meet in the church kitchen on October 29 at 2 p.m.

The next breakfast will be October 30th. Thank you in advance for helping with this mission.

Serving with Christ, Judy Moncrief

"The generous will themselves be blessed, for they share their food with the poor." Proverbs 22:9



Call For Sunday School Teachers!

We are getting Sunday School started back up SOON! Anyone interested in teaching call or text Suzie Vagedes at (937) 510-8637. We will have a short Sunday School Time during Church (during the Lessons/ Gospel and Sermon) on Sundays. Initially, we will teach pre-K through 6th grade, but we will be looking to grow in the future! Thanks, Suzie



Photo by Amina Filkins

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November 18 - 20, 2022
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Good Shepherd Lutheran Church

Council Meeting Minutes

August 24, 2022

Present: Les Barker, Vice President; Diana Frye; Pastor Peter; David Stein; Toby Theis; Suzie Vagedes; Ric Warner, President
Meeting was called to order by Ric Warner
Opening prayer was offered by Pastor Peter

Secretary's Report: Minutes were approved as written. Motion: Les Barker, Second: David Stein. All were in favor.

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

Treasurer's Report: Motion to approve as written: Toby Theis, Second: Suzie Vagedes. All were in favor.

Pastor's Report: Pastor Peter challenged all present to be creative and put our heads together to come up with a vision and a 5-year plan for Good Shepherd Lutheran Church to grow and thrive into the next generation and beyond!

NEW BUSINESS:

Memorial bench – Betty Lou would like a Memorial bench placed in the green area facing the portico in honor of Pastor John using the memorial funds donated in his name. Jerry Bonner offered to help pour the slab on which the bench would sit.

5 Year Plan - Planning meeting will begin immediately after council meeting tonight.

OLD BUSINESS:

Pastor search- there has been some progress in the search. No candidates' names have been provided to council to date.

Committee Reports:

Worship: Meeting has been slated for September 4:

Mission/Outreach/LSIM/MUCC: Suzie Vagedes presented ideas for promotional items to be distributed during out-reach events. Items included mugs, travel mugs, water bottles and magnets with Good Shepherd's logo and info. Each item also had an uplifting message. Suzie asked for guidance and funds to buy these. After Council discussion, Diana Frye moved to re-purpose the approximately \$900 of Guiding Light money (as Guiding Light was no longer active) to use for the purchase of the above promotional items for Mission Outreach, Les Barker seconded the motion. All were in favor. Motion passed.

LSIM: Diana Frye brought an outdated Good Shepherd pamphlet from the LSIM meeting and asked for input on updating the information. Suzie Vagedes offered to help her with this.

Property: Les Barker finished the fence. Dave Stein is working on getting the cabinets installed. Still working on an electrical issue.

Youth/Christian Education/Preschool: Youth/Christian Ed./Preschool: Preschool classes are full with a waiting list. Board voted to give the teachers a \$.50/hour pay increase and director a pay increase of \$50/month. The fence is up and the Playground will be coming in November as of our last update. Becky held an open house this morning which was a huge success. Aug 29th is 1st day of school. Sept 12th is Grand-parent's day. October Pumpkins and Trunk or Treat are being planned- Date to be announced. Stewardship and Fellowship: no reports.

Motion to Adjourn Council Meeting and begin Planning Meeting: Ric Warner, Second: everyone! Meeting adjourned with The Lord's Prayer.

Next Meeting: September 21, 2022
Respectfully Submitted,
Suzie Vagedes



OUR CHRISTMAS MUSICAL WILL BE BACK THIS DECEMBER!

The musical will be presented on Friday, Dec. 16, at 7:00 p.m.

You, your family, and friends are all invited to participate.

You don't need to be a member of our congregation.

Practice will begin on October 16 after our worship service.

Those attending other churches will arrive as soon as they can.

All practices are on Sunday until production week.

A practice schedule will be available at our first practice.



LIFEWISE ACADEMY IS AT MILTON-UNION THIS FALL

LifeWise Milton-Union is now enrolling students.

Classes start Tuesdays November 1, 2022

Registration deadline is October 18, 2022

Register and find more information at: lifewiseacademy.org/milton-unionoh

Looking for ways to volunteer or support financially?



BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

October 2022



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6th Meaghan Overla
 9th Noah Barth
 10th Bob & Barb Cecil
 12th Jack Bredeson
 13th Connie Louis
 Mark Knife

15th Ann Siler
 16th David Hayes
 18th Molly Franks
 21st David Stein
 23rd Trevor Grile
 29th Amy Grile

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SERVING

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ASSISTING MINISTER

Ric Warner

COMMUNION ASSISTANT

Barbara Cecil

ALTAR GUILD

Susan Langley
Susan Landis

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LECTOR

2 Jeff Barth
 9 Jeff Barth
 16 Barbara Cecil
 23 Barbara Cecil
 30 Barbara Cecil

USHER CAPTAIN

2 Barbara Cecil
 9 Jarrett Grile
 16 Dave Vagedes
 23 Molly Franks
 30 Barbara Cecil

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Les Barker

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FLOWERS

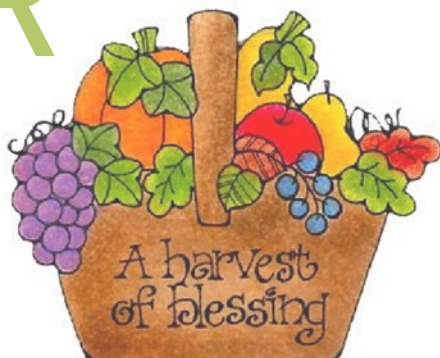
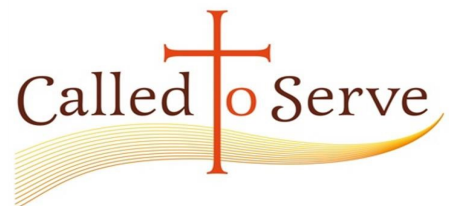
2 open
 9 in honor of Noah Barth's birthday
 16 in honor of Bob & Barb Cecil's 62nd anniversary
 23 open
 30 in honor of Rusty & Marla Baker's Nov 3 anniversary

COUNTERS

Debbie Bredeson
Diana Frye

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Pledge Giving Reports

through the end of: September 2022





Pledges over 12

Pledges under 10

Pledges even 14

Year to date pledge giving over \$3,918

OCTOBER 2022

| SUN | MON | TUE | WED | THU | FRI | SAT |
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| 2 10am Choir Practice 11am Holy Communion | 3 9-12 Preschool 7:30 pm AA Mtg. | 4 | 5 9-12 Preschool 3-5 pm Planning | 6 | 7 9-12 Preschool | 8 9am Church Work Day |
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| 16 10am Choir Practice 11am Holy Communion 12:15pm Christmas Program Practice | 17 9-12 Preschool 12 Lydian's Study 7:30 pm AA Mtg. | 18 | 19 9-12 Preschool 3-5 pm Planning 7:00 pm Council Meeting | 20 | 21 9-12 Preschool | 22 |
| 23 10am Choir Practice 11am Holy Communion 12:15pm Christmas Program Practice | 24 9-12 Preschool 7:30 pm AA Mtg. | 25 2pm Sr Shepherds | 26 9-12 Preschool 3-5 pm Planning | 27 | 28 9-12 Preschool | 29 2pm Pack Son Rise Breakfast |
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Our Church Staff

Pastor Peter Kruse
Interim Pastor

Ric Warner
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Music Director

JoAnn Antonides
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Prayers and Concerns

Susan Baker, Chuck Franks, Aaron & Renee Johansen,
Bill Sims, Jeff Theis, Ron Timmons, Judy Tipton,
Patty Tipton, Rhonda Vance, Trace Vallance and for the
next pastor of Good Shepherd Lutheran Church

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