



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

Pastor's Message

September
2023

THE MESSENGER

As we enter September, I am working a new schedule. I have cut back my work week as I seek "reentry" into full retirement! I plan to be off for some weeks during September through December - LSIM has agreed to cover our vacancies so there will be continuity at in the pulpit, and I will continue to meet with leadership for planning purposes. My new agreement extends through the end of this year.

August was a busy and fulfilling month. The Homecoming Weekend and Car Show were well attended and appreciated! We took in a new member, Chloe Howard, through the sacrament of Holy Baptism on August 20. September will also be full of good things to do!

LSIM Deacon Nancy Trimble will be our guest preacher on September 3 as Pastor Craig takes a Sunday off. A four-week Adult Bible study on the Book of Revelation will commence on Sunday, September 10 at 9:15 am in the Community Room. The coffee will be on! I call it, "*Pastor Craig's Guide to the End of the World!*" It will run through Sunday, October 1. Plan to attend and bring a friend! On that day also Choir begins rehearsing at 9:30 in the sanctuary.

Preschool starts again after Labor Day and we will be providing "prayer partner sheets" in September so volunteers can "partner" with one of our 35 pre-school students, throughout the school year, perhaps to invite them to events at the church. Watch for this opportunity as soon as we are able to get the roster for the preschoolers later this month!

September 10 is ELCA's "God's Work Our Hands" Sunday. We plan to engage in a service project to reach out in the name of Christ to our community by staying after church to enjoy a provided lunch, and pack at least 50 personal toiletry bags for our homeless friends at First Lutheran in Dayton.

Our Worship leaders look ahead to the great festival days in the Fall: Reformation Sunday, All Saints Sunday, Consecration Sunday, Advent Night the season of Advent, and, of course, Christmas Eve. Planning is currently underway! The council and call committee continue to await contact by our bishop's office to restart the call process. We will keep you informed of any progress or news via email blasts as information warrants it. There is lots going on, so keep the faith, it's worth keeping!

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Painting the Community Room
Thanks to: Les Barker, Ric Warner and Rusty Baker
and also thanks to Suzie Vagedes for taping the room



Son Rise Breakfast bag packing volunteers on July 29, 2023
Judy, Debbie, Donna, Ann, Kristine- not pictured Barbara

MAKE A JOYFUL NOISE TO THE LORD!

JOIN OUR CHANCEL CHOIR

OUR CHOIR PRACTICES EACH SUNDAY BEFORE WORSHIP AT 9:30 A.M. PRACTICE BEGINS SEPTEMBER 10 AND WE SING EACH SUNDAY THROUGH MAY. WE ALSO PRESENT A CHRISTMAS MUSICAL EACH DECEMBER, AND SING FOR ANY SPECIAL SERVICES DURING THE YEAR.

IF YOU LOVE TO SING, JOIN THIS WONDERFUL MINISTRY.

ALL ARE WELCOME!

HELP OUR CHOIR GROW

THE SHEPHERD'S BELLS

IN ORDER FOR THE SHEPHERD'S BELLS TO CONTINUE, WE NEED TWO MORE RINGERS IN OUR BELL CHOIR. YOU DO NEED TO READ MUSIC. PRACTICES ARE ON WEDNESDAY EVENINGS EVERY OTHER WEEK; AND WE PLAY ONCE A MONTH AND AT SPECIAL SERVICES INCLUDING OUR CHRISTMAS MUSICAL. IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO JOIN US AT A PRACTICE TO SEE IF THIS IS SOMETHING YOU WOULD LIKE TO DO, PLEASE CONTACT MARSHA FISCHBACH, MUSIC DIRECTOR.

**GIVE IT A TRY. THIS IS ANOTHER GREAT MINISTRY
YOU CAN BE A PART OF.**



MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

"THE SOUNDS OF CHRISTMAS"

Friday, December 15, 2023

7:00 p.m.

Practice begins in October after worship.

**Join us and bring friends, family, or anyone who likes to sing.
(High School age and up)**

**If they attend church elsewhere, they may join our practice after
their own worship service.**

WHAT'S NEW? Check out our newly designed website at:
goodshepherdwestmilton.org

Judy Tipton's New Address:
Brookdale Senior Living
95 W Wenger Rd Apt 109
Englewood OH 45322



Welcome new member
Chloe Howell,
who was baptized on Sunday,
August 20, 2023

LIFEWISE
ACADEMY
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LIFEWISE ACADEMY IS AT MILTON-UNION THIS FALL

LifeWise Milton-Union is now enrolling students.

Classes started Tuesdays, August 29, 2023

Looking for ways to volunteer or support financially?

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

Bulldog Bags

Mission: To provide food for students who need nourishment throughout the weekend.

Reason: We know that some student's nutritious meals only come from being at school. We want to help supplement items so that children are not hungry when they arrive at school each Monday.

Goal: To be able to find the funds and volunteers to include all students K-5th grade who need food for the weekends. This amounts to about \$46,000.00.

How it works: Once a week, on Thursday, a group of volunteers get together at the school, with the help of high school students, we package bags of food. It takes about two hours and then the food gets passed out on Fridays to go home with the students who have been approved to take home a Bulldog Bag. The bags typically include 12 items, such as cereal, Nutri-Grain bars, crackers, applesauce, fruit cup, snack items, etc.

How you can help: We are asking all congregations, groups and individuals to consider a commitment to sponsoring students for next year. You can sponsor one or more children, per month or per year. If you have any questions or would like to volunteer to help, please call Becky Garrett (937-698-6511) or email her at ragarrett15@gmail.com. Checks/cash can be sent to Bulldog Bags, P.O. Box 93 West Milton, OH 45383. Please mark on the check- Bulldog Bags. Thank you for your help!

Sponsorships:

Sponsor 1 child- 1 month- \$19.00 Total: \$ _____

Sponsor 1 child- 2 months- \$38.00 Total: \$ _____

Sponsor 1 child- 5 months- \$95.00 Total: \$ _____

Sponsor 1 child- 1 year- \$170.00 Total: \$ _____

Sponsor 30 children- 1 month- \$570 Total: \$ _____

Sponsor 30 children- 1 year- \$5130 Total: \$ _____

****Does your child need food?** Please fill out the form that is sent home at the beginning of the school year by the elementary teachers. By opting-in to the program, your child will start receiving bags of food each Friday. You can also talk to Mrs. Berner in the elementary counselor's office.



BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

September 2023

- 4 Rob & Kathy Williams
- 9 Lynne Lopez
- 10 Jack & Debbie Bredeson
- 15 Raymond Landis



- 16 Beckett Ely
- 20 Luke Hammermeister
- 27 Heidi Spitzler
- 30 Jan Frantz
- Scott Moncrief
- Kathy Williams

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SERVING

ASSISTING MINISTER

Kristine H.

COMMUNION ASSISTANT

Suzie V.

ALTAR GUILD

Kristine H.

LECTOR

- 3 Jeff B.
- 10 Jeff B.
- 17 Ric W.
- 24 Ric W.

USHER CAPTAIN

- 3 Barbara C.
- 10 Jarrett G.
- 17 Dave V.
- 24 Molly F.

SOUND

Rusty B.

FLOWERS

- 3 available
- 10 available
- 17 available
- 24 in celebration of Abby Bonner's 3rd birthday

COUNTERS

Diana F.
& Debbie B.



Pledge Giving Reports

through the end of:	<u>July 2023</u>	<u>August 2023</u>
Pledges over	10	10
Pledges under	9	9
Pledges even	10	19
Year to date pledge giving over :	\$ 4,932.00	\$5,371

September 2023

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
					1 9-12 Preschool	2
3 9:30 Choir Practice 10:30 Holy Communion	4 Labor Day No Preschool 7:30 pm AA Mtg.	5	6 9-12 Preschool 3pm Planning	7	8 9-12 Preschool	9
10 9:30 Choir Practice 10:30 Holy Communion	11 9-12 Preschool 7:30 pm AA Mtg.	12	13 9-12 Preschool 3pm Planning	14	15 9-12 Preschool	16
17 9:30 Choir Practice 10:30 Holy Communion	18 9-12 Preschool 11:30 Lydia's Circle 7:30 pm AA Mtg.	19 7pm Council Meeting	20 9-12 Preschool 3pm Planning	21	22 9-12 Preschool	23
24 9:30 Choir Practice 10:30 Holy Communion	25 9-12 Preschool 7:30 pm AA Mtg.	25	27 9-12 Preschool 3pm Planning	28	29 9-12 Preschool	30

Good Shepherd Lutheran Preschool



News:

We are BACK!!

We are so excited to start this fall! We have a whole group of very excited kids coming this year. This September we will be learning about community helpers, oceans and apples. We will also be inviting all of the grandparents to preschool on the 11th.

In a few weeks you will have the opportunity to become a prayer partner for one of our students. We are so excited to be able to connect to the church this way. Please prayerfully consider becoming a prayer partner for our students.

We do have one opening in the 4's class and one opening in the 3's class if you know of anyone who would like to send their preschooler to us.



Homecoming Weekend August 5 & 6, 2023



Thank You





Our Church Staff

Craig Fourman
Interim Pastor

Marsha Fischbach
Music Director

Darrell Fryman
Pianist

JoAnn A.
Administrative Asst.

Ongoing Prayers and Concerns

Chuck Franks, Judi Gilbertson, Bill Sims,
Judy Tipton, and Patty Tipton

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In a world
where you can be
anything,
Just Be Kind



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