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*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.*

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## Pastor's Message

April  
2023

THE MESSENGER

Lent is coming to an end and this year has been a time of reflection for us all. I am in my third month as Pastor of Record, things are going well. I am encouraged by your spirit and willingness to take risks and look ahead. It is a special gift to be able to see outside the bubble. The council has been a particularly positive force during this time of change and reflection, I want to commend them for their willingness to deal with such times in grace and courage.

The pastoral search continues, and the committee will be reactivating itself after Easter. It is my personal expectation we will begin to see some movement in the interviewing process. The Synod is doing the best it can and is working diligently to promote us, in the meantime we are called to be both patient and persistent!

Easter will be upon us before we know it. On Sunday April 9, we begin with breakfast, have an egg hunt for children and then celebrate the resurrection! It is a grand and glorious day, and I encourage you to attend worship, if you have been waiting to begin you could hardly pick a better day. But if that day should pass, to start the week *after* Easter is, in my mind, even better! Frankly, the days that follow Easter have been to me more realistic days where the church must live out its faith. As we are no longer privileged to see the resurrected Lord as those early disciples did, we come to meet him more like St. Paul did, as those "untimely born". Every week in worship, in Word and sacrament, the Risen Christ comes to us consoling us, empowering us, compelling us.... as a gathered body we meet and then we go forth to serve the world HE died for. Easter moves from a celebrative day to a time of walking through a sin-darkened world to bring it light.

So, whenever you come, just come! And bring someone with you! The days are dark for us all, but if you are waiting for some politician in Washington or Columbus to bring you light, I've got really bad news... But I am also here to proclaim some really *good* news - that the one who brings light into the darkness, the one who became flesh and dwelt among us, is the one who still assembles with those who gather in his name, who share in his meal and who walk in his way!

The best news this death darkened world could ever hear is this, He is risen!

Pastor Craig

# Holy Week and Easter Services



*Come Worship With Us!*

**Passion/Palm Sunday - April 2, 10:30 a.m.**

**Maundy Thursday - April 6 at 6:30 p.m.**  
**Agape Meal/Communion Service**

**Good Friday Community Service - April 7 at 7:00 p.m.**  
**at Good Shepherd**

**Saturday Easter Vigil - April 8 at 7:00 p.m.**  
**(at St. John's Lutheran Church, Vandalia)**

**Easter - April 9 - 9:00 a.m. - Breakfast**  
**9:45 a.m. - Egg Hunt**  
**10:30 a.m. - Service**



## Easter Candy Needed.

In preparation for our Easter egg hunt on Easter morning, we are asking for donations of individually wrapped candies or even small gifts. The candy must fit in an Easter egg. We will be stuffing eggs after service Passion/Palm Sunday. Please stay and help stuff.





**ITEMS NEEDED:**

8 Breakfast Casseroles (recipe on right)  
 (4 cooked and brought in by 9a.m. Easter Morning and  
 4 uncooked and brought in the night before)

Coffee Cakes, Muffins, Donuts, ETC.

Fruit (strawberries, blueberries, bananas, pineapple,  
 etc.)

1 Gallon Milk

2 Gallons Orange Juice

Please let Amy know if you are able to bring something.

[ajgrile@gmail.com](mailto:ajgrile@gmail.com) or 937-312-7777

Thank you!

**Recipe for casserole:**

**Cheese Sausage Soufflé**

- 6 eggs, well beaten
- 2 cups milk
- 1/2 teaspoon dry mustard
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 6 slices white bread, crusts removed and cubed
- 1 pound bulk sausage, cooked and drained
- 1 cup grated cheddar cheese

1. Mix first four ingredients and set aside.
2. Butter a 9 x 13 baking dish.
3. Combine egg and milk mixture with bread cubes and sausage. Pour into baking dish.
4. Top with grated cheese, and refrigerate 12 hours or overnight. Bake at 350 degrees for 45 minutes.



**Michael Wayne Smith concert**

at Good Shepherd

**Saturday, April 22 @ 6 p.m.**

See page 10 for more information

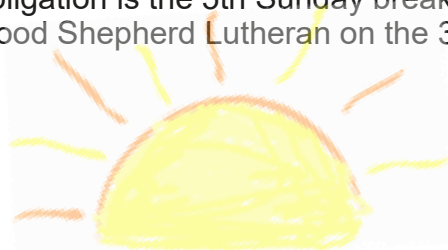
**Son Rise Breakfast**

If you can help pack sack breakfasts, meet in the church kitchen on Saturday, April 29, at 1 p.m. Hot food is also served and volunteers are needed to cook the food (some men would be great). Meet at First Lutheran Church on Sunday, April 30 at 6 a.m. Let Judy know if you can help.

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.

Thank you in advance for helping with this mission.

Serving with Christ, Judy Moncrief



# Good Shepherd Lutheran Preschool **News:**

A quick look at March...

March went by very quickly. We had a St. Patrick's Day party and ate a bunch of green foods.

In class this month, we talked about space, St. Patrick's Day, rainbows, and construction vehicles. Next month we are looking forward to our Donuts with Dad's Day on April 17. You will also notice that we have some new class pets (butterflies)!!

Our open house was a success. We do have a few open spots in both classes; if you know of anyone interested, please let them know! Our younger class must be three by August and potty trained. Our older class must be four by August.

Our playground equipment came in at the end of February! The kids LOVE playing on it. We will be doing a fundraiser soon to finish paying it off. Enjoy the picture of our kids on the playground.



**Good Shepherd Lutheran Church invites your family to join us for Easter on April 9.**

**9 a.m. Breakfast**

**9:45 a.m. Egg Hunt**

**(outside in preschool fenced in playground  
weather permitting, otherwise inside)**

**10:30 a.m. Church Service**



### **Grand Prize !!!!!**

**Two eggs will have a certificate for one free month of Good Shepherd Preschool tuition. A \$90 value!  
(Coupon has no cash value.)**



# Good Shepherd Lutheran Church

## Council Meeting Minutes

February 15, 2023

Present: Les Barker, Vice President; Pastor Craig Fourman; Diana Frye; Amy Grile; David Stein; Toby Theis; Suzie Vagedes, Rob Williams

Meeting was called to order by Les Barker .

Opening prayer was offered by Pastor Craig.

**Secretary's Report:** Minutes were approved as written. Motion: Dave Stein, Second: Amy Grile. All were in favor.

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

**Treasurer's Report:** Motion to approve: Toby Theis, Second: Dave Stein. All were in favor.

**Pastor's Report:** Motion to approve: Dave Stein, Second: Suzie Vagedes. All were in favor.

**OLD BUSINESS:** 5-Year Plan review- Sunday service average attendance is 46.

Pastor Search- nothing new to reported

**NEW BUSINESS:** Welcome New Council members- New Council members welcomed and thanked for their willingness to serve!

Set up new Council officers- The Council members agreed to accept the nominations for the following positions: Les Barker: President, Amy Grile: Vice President, Suzie Vagedes: Secretary, Toby Theis: Financial Secretary, Ric Warner: Treasurer. As well as the following committee liaisons: Toby Theis: Worship, Suzie Vagedes: Youth/Christian Education/Preschool, Dave Stein: Property, Rob Williams: Stewardship, Diana Frye: LSIM, Amy Grile: Fellowship. Motion to accept the new officers as stated above: Toby Theis, Second: Rob Williams. All were in favor.

Luncheon for Pastor Craig- Pastor Craig stated that he appreciated the offer, but that he thought that it was unnecessary to have luncheon to introduce him, as most of the congregation already knows him. Additionally, he can meet and greet at the Shrove Tuesday Pancake dinner and Bingo next week.

Possible Ball Field in adjacent lot- Les Barker presented the information from the city regarding the proposed baseball lot: small field oriented away from GSLC's building and parking lot; maintained by the city; expect parents to park in GSLC's parking lot. Motion to accept the proposed ball field: Amy Grile, Second: Rob Williams. All were in favor.

### **Committee Reports:**

**Worship:** Lent and Easter schedule of events was reviewed.

**Mission/Outreach/LSIM/MUCC:** Clothesline presented Becky Garrett with a \$750 check for the Bulldog Bags. Does anyone have Thrivent grant money available? LifeWise is continuing to grow at Milton Union, are getting a bus as they have outgrown their van! Also, MUCC has been working with the school to keep Wednesday evenings and Sundays free of school activities to allow for church/family time.

**Property:** The parking lot lights and flag are done. Wat-Kem is coming Friday to inspect the Sump Check Valve .

**Youth/Christian Education/Preschool:** Preschool Board met Feb 13: Playground to be installed next week. Becky Garrett is planning a fundraiser once the playground is here. The Preschool has already paid the church back over half of what was loaned! Also Becky wanted to increase the monthly amount to the church from \$300 to \$350, the Board agreed. Should see the change within the next month. Open House is Sunday, March 5 from 2-4 p.m. and Graduation is May 24 at 7 p.m.

**Stewardship:** no report

**Fellowship:** no report

**Next Meeting :** March 21

**Motion to Adjourn Council Meeting:** Dave Stein, Second: Rob Williams. All were in favor.

Meeting adjourned with The Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully Submitted, Suzie Vagedes



# BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

## April 2023



# A

- 2 Gloria Shellhammer
- 6 Rose Ely  
Brian & Brianna Ely
- 11 Anna Vagedes
- 14 Matt Barker  
Emma Hammermeister
- 15 Bob Mason

- 18 Toby Theis
- 19 Kristine Hayes
- 23 Rob Williams  
Jeff & Jody Barth
- 25 Matt Grile

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## SERVING

### ASSISTING MINISTER

Ric Warner

### COMMUNION ASSISTANT

Barbara Cecil

### ALTAR GUILD

Debbie Bredeson

### LECTOR

- 2 Kristine Hayes
- 9 Kristine Hayes
- 16 Jeff Barth
- 23 Peri Bonner
- 30 Peri Bonner

### USHER CAPTAIN

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

### SOUND

Jarrett Grile

### FLOWERS

- 2 Available
- 9 In memory of Tom Frye's birthday, from Diana
- 16 In celebration of Emma Hammermeister's 8th birthday
- 23 Jodi & Jeff Barth's 40th anniversary
- 30 In memory of Jodi Barth's mom

### COUNTERS

Susan Langley  
& Ralph Blakley

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### **Pledge Giving Reports**

through the end of: March 2023

Pledges over 8

Pledges under 9

Pledges even 21

Year to date pledge giving over : \$6,522

# April 2023

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
						<b>1</b>
<b>2</b> Passion Sunday 9:30 am Choir Practice 10:30 am Holy Communion	<b>3</b> No Preschool 7:30 pm AA Mtg.	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b> No Preschool No Planning	<b>6</b> 6:30pm Agape Meal/Maundy Thurs. Service	<b>7</b> No Preschool 7pm Community Good Friday Service	<b>8</b> 7pm Saturday Vigil @ St. John's Vandailia
<b>9</b> Easter Sunday 9 am Breakfast 9:45 am Egg Hunt 10:30 am Holy Communion	<b>10</b> 9-12 Preschool 7:30 pm AA Mtg.	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b> 9-12 Preschool 3pm Planning	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b> 9-12 Preschool	<b>15</b>
<b>16</b> 9:30 am Choir Practice 10:30 am Holy Communion	<b>17</b> 9-12 Preschool 11:30 Lydia's Study 6:30 pm Preschool Board Mtg.	<b>18</b> 7 pm Council Meeting	<b>19</b> 9-12 Preschool 3pm Planning	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b> 9-12 Preschool	<b>22</b> 6 pm Michael Wayne Smith Concert
<b>23</b> 9:30 am Choir Practice 10:30 am Holy Communion	<b>24</b> 9-12 Preschool 7:30 pm AA Mtg.	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b> 9-12 Preschool 3pm Planning	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b> 9-12 Preschool	<b>29</b>
<b>30</b> 9:30 am Choir Practice 10:30 am Holy Communion						



# LENT WEDNESDAY SOUP SUPPERS







**Free Concert at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church  
April 22, 2023 at 6 p.m.**

## Michael Wayne Smith

Michael is a Christian singer / songwriter from Oak Ridge, TN and has been traveling in ministry with his family since 2009 proclaiming the love of Christ through his music.

Before launching his own ministry, Michael wrote songs for other gospel artists. His song, My Home, is perhaps his most well known, becoming a #1 hit at many radio stations across the country.

When Michael released his first CD Welcome Home, the first radio single "Everything's Fine" became an instant hit and began opening doors for him and is still his most requested song to this day.

No, 10 years later, he is still going strong with no plans of slowing down. He has released a total of 7 studio album, 16 radio singles, a "Live" concert DVD and currently has 2 more projects in the works.

Michael grew up influenced by different styles of music, but his primary interest has always been southern / country gospel. This is evident when you hear his songs. Over the years, he has explored other Christian music genres, including praise and worship and traditional hymns.

In 2019, Michael started working on 2 new projects. One of them being his first ever Christmas album. The title of the album is appropriately titled Peace On Earth and was released in November 2019, followed by a 6 week tour of Christmas concerts.

Due to the recent pandemic, this other project was placed on hold but is expected to be released in the late October 2020. This new album will feature 11 new songs that will encourage and uplift.

When you hear his songs like "Everything's Fine", "Until The Storm Is Over", or "This Too Shall Pass", you know they are coming from the heart of someone who has experienced trials just like anyone else. These songs allow you to connect with him and help remind you that God is our refuge and we can turn to Him in difficult times and trust His divine plan for our life.

When you have Michael Wayne Smith in your church or concert event, you will experience music that not only lifts your spirit but will draw you into God's presence. His songs come from the heart and will find their way into yours!

Michael and Kelley have been married for 27 years and have two daughters. Kerri, the oldest, is an elementary school teacher and is also involved in her church's music ministry while Kasey is currently in college and is engaged to a young preacher from Maryland.

Michael and Kelley attend Big Emory Baptist Church in Harriman, TN.



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## Our Church Staff

**Craig Fourman**  
Interim Pastor

**Marsha Fischbach**  
Music Director

**Darrell Fryman**  
Pianist

**JoAnn Antonides**  
Administrative Asst.

## ***Prayers and Concerns***

Chuck Franks, Julie Jenkins, Bill Sims,  
Barbara Theis, Jeff Theis, Judy Tipton, Patty Tipton, and  
for the next pastor of Good Shepherd Lutheran Church

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