



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.

Pastor's Message

After our LSIM All Council retreat this past month, the call committee and council debriefed the call process. As you know, our candidate withdrew her name from consideration, which was both disappointing and surprising for all concerned. Regardless, we are ready for a reset and plan to move ahead having learned from our experience. Working with our LSIM partner, we will continue to cover the pulpit at GSLC, and I have contractually extended my time with you through Christmas Eve and arranged with Deacon Nancy and LSIM to cover several weeks between now and the end of the year to give me a "soft landing" back to full retirement as soon as a candidate can be interviewed and called. Deacon Nancy and I will continue to cover all pastoral care needs during this time (I am primary, she is my backup) and I will continue to work with Council, Committees and planning to move GSLC ahead as we continue our search for a full-time pastor.

I am excited for the Homecoming Weekend, The Car Show on Saturday is the first of many, I hope, and the Worship service on Sunday, a Festival of Hymns (our Chancel Choir is also singing that Sunday) will be followed by an outdoor fellowship that includes wood fired pizzas and live entertainment (by the Fourman Family) as well as displays throughout the building celebrating our 65 years. On August 13th we will have a third council listening post at 9:15 in the morning regarding Goal # 2, the addition of a second worship service. Remember, this is about our council listening, answering questions, and considering possibilities based upon the five-year plan you adopted last December. It only works if you show up! Next month, following a well-attended course on Lutheranism, I will provide a schedule for a couple of Fall Adult Bible Studies. My office hours will resume on Wednesdays, 10am – 2 pm. With mom's surgery they were hit and miss during June and July, but she is doing well, and I plan to keep that schedule for the remainder of this calendar year.

September 10 is ELCA "God's Work Our Hands" Sunday, a day annually set aside for ELCA congregations to do a service project to reach out in the name of Christ and serve our community. I propose we stay after church that day, enjoy a provided lunch and pack personal toiletry bags for our homeless friends at First Lutheran. I have secured funding for all materials needed through a Thrivent Team grant, so plan to stay that day, have lunch, and pack Personal Toiletry bags for those in need! Lots going on, keep the faith, it's worth keeping!

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**August
2023**

THE MESSENGER



Betty Lou's new address:

**6441 Bethany Village Drive, Apt 327
Centerville, OH 45459**



On Sunday, June 25, 2023, Betty Lou joined us for the dedication of the bench she donated in memory of Pastor John and a picture she donated to the church.



Thank you to the Church Council members who represented Good Shepherd at the LSIM Council Retreat on Saturday, July 22. We appreciate your service and dedication to the church.

Council Listening Post on August 13, 2023, at 9:15 a.m.

in the Community Room.

Coffee and donuts are provided.

The topic is Goal # 2, to add another worship opportunity.



Homecoming Weekend

Saturday, August 5 and Sunday, August 6

On Saturday, August 5, we host a Car Show on our back lot from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Food trucks and activities will be available.

On Sunday, August 6, we are inviting old (and current) members to come home to worship! All are treated to a special Homecoming Service, a provided meal, and displays throughout the building showing past and future mission. There will be games, treats and live music on the lawn with more surprises. So mark your calendars for this full and busy Homecoming Weekend at GSLC, invite friends and neighbors.

Remember our mission is *“to share the Good News of God’s grace through worshiping, teaching, and reaching out to all in need of God.”*





Check out our newly designed website at:
goodshepherdwestmilton.org



A big thanks to Ric Warner (and his grandson) for getting the new website setup. We appreciate you both!

The new Good Shepherd Lutheran Church website is now active. Take a minute and give it a look. All you have to do is go to goodshepherdwestmilton.org

The site is still a work in progress. Any and all feedback is welcome. Send your suggestions to: JoAnn at gslcwmilton@gmail.com or Ric Warner at: fredrickwarner@gmail.com. or and

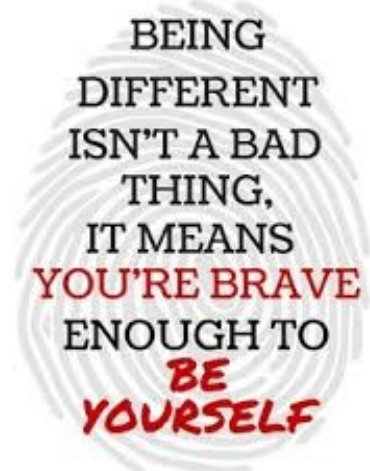


Membership Sunday, July 16, 2023

Welcome Pat Porter to the GLSC family!
 Also joining as associate members are Pastor Craig & Leann Fourman.



The Abiding Christ Praise Team
 lead us in worship with a Prayer and Praise Service of Word and Sacrament on Sunday, July 23.





BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

August 2023

- 4 Ric Warner
- 7 Toby & Barbara Theis
- 10 Ric & Arlene Warner
- 15 Michael Williams
- 18 Dave & Suzie Vagedes



- 22 Shirley Fourman
- 22 Ryan Barker
- 26 Matthew Bredeson
- 26 Jose & Lynne Lopez

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SERVING

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ASSISTING MINISTER

Barbara C.

COMMUNION ASSISTANT

Marsha F.

ALTAR GUILD

Debbie B.

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LECTOR

- 6 Judy M.
- 13 Judy M.
- 20 Debbie B.
- 27 Debbie B.

USHER CAPTAIN

- 6 Barbara C.
- 13 Jarrett G.
- 20 Dave V.
- 27 Molly F.

SOUND

Les B.

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FLOWERS

- 6 In celebration of Barb and Toby Theis' anniversary
- 13 In celebration of Ric & Arlene Warner's anniversary
- 20 In memory of Ruth & Bob Tinnerman by Barb & Bob Cecil
- 27 available

COUNTERS

Susan L.
& Ralph B.

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Pledge Giving Reports

through the end of:

June 30, 2023

Pledges over	8
Pledges under	11
Pledges even	19

Year to date pledge giving over : \$ 4,570.00

August 2023

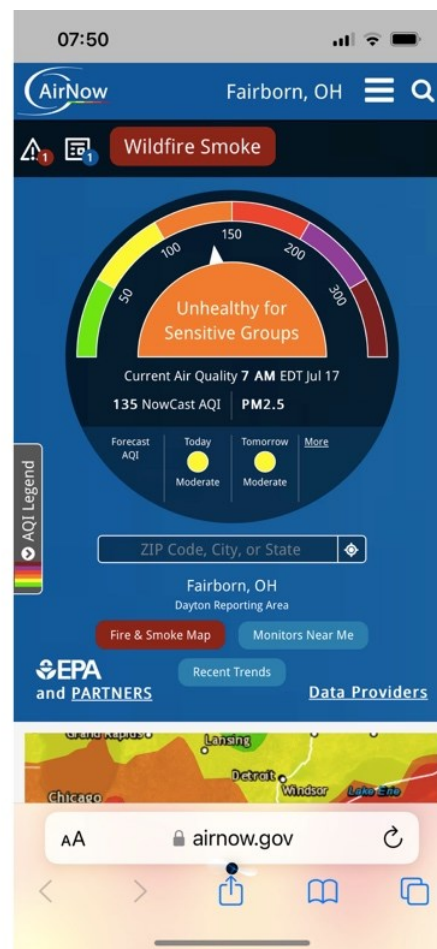
SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
		1	2	3	4	5 10-3 Car Show
6 Homecoming Service 10:30 Holy Communion Provided Meal	7 6:30 Preschool Board Mtg. 7:30 pm AA Mtg.	8	9 3pm Planning	10	11	12
13 9:15 Council Listening Post 10:30 Holy Communion	14 7:30 pm AA Mtg.	15 7pm Council Meeting	16	17	18	19
20 10:30 Holy Communion	21 7:30 pm AA Mtg.	22 10 Preschool Parent Mtg.	23 3pm Planning	24	25	26
27 10:30 Holy Communion	28 Preschool 1 st day 7:30 pm AA Mtg.	29	30	31		

Air Quality – Why is it important?

Our air quality in the Dayton area has been affected by the wildfires in Canada. When the wind is from the North or Northwest, the wildfire smoke drifts over this region of the U.S. and greatly impacts our air quality. I went for a bike ride last week and when I returned, I had a stuffy nose and burning, watery eyes. It wasn't until later that I learned that the "Air Quality Index" was in the red, "Unhealthy" category. The weatherman said that all people should avoid outside activities, especially vigorous activities for long periods of time. Prior to this, I had heard mention of ozone layers being unhealthy but never had really learned about air tracking and how to track it on a daily basis.

Since my bike ride, I have read and listened to some important tips on how to track air quality and what to do with the information once you find it. A great resource to find current air quality is www.airnow.gov. You put in your zip code and this is what you will see:

You can use this information to determine if you should be outside to work or play on any given day.



Exposure to particulate matter in the air can be dangerous even for people who don't have lung or breathing problems like asthma. Your risk can be reduced by following the guidelines in this infographic from the CDC and by being more intentional about your outdoor activities.

You can learn more at www.cdc.gov/ephttracking.
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LSIM Faith Community Nurse



Our Church Staff

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Interim Pastor

Marsha Fischbach
Music Director

Darrell Fryman
Pianist

JoAnn A.
Administrative Asst.

Prayers and Concerns

Judi Gilbertson, Kristine Hayes, Erika Lumbra, Bill Sims,
Jeff Theis, Judy Tipton, and Patty Tipton

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