



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

Our church council joins the councils of our LSIM partner congregations this month in retreat at St. John's Vandalia on Saturday, July 22 from 9 -11:30 AM. We will refamiliarize ourselves with LSIM's purpose and mission and discuss collaborative ministry for the near future. After the retreat ends, I expect to spend some time with the council debriefing the call process. (Our Bishop and her staff will also be meeting with the call committee and council this month to review the situation.)

As you know, our candidate withdrew her name from consideration last week. This was disappointing and surprising as she seemed excited about doing ministry in this congregation and community after her first interview. But receiving a different "vibe" that made her question her first impression, after a week of prayerful consideration decided to remove her name, deeming it was not a "good fit". It is hard to be rejected and disconcerting to think our second impression undid our first, but sadly, this is what happened.

On the Sunday following her decision I spoke with a member of council after worship as you gathered in the Welcome Area for fellowship. There was palpable excitement as voices chattered, laughter rang out, I said, "we need to make sure the next candidate sees this too: the warmth, the vitality, the joy!" So, as we look ahead, let's be honest and self-reflective about what she saw. Let's resolve to do better and remain faithful! Remember that "outside eyes", even if we think they are not correct, are the eyes with which others see us, so we should prayerfully and ask, "did they see the truth?" On a more positive note, July 2 and 9 a Summer Adult Education series "Lutheranism 101" continues in the community room at 9:15 a.m. A second council listening post is scheduled for July 16 at 9:15 a.m. in the community room to discuss the 5th strategic goal, to expand our physical facilities to include a multi-purpose building, and July 23 the Abiding Christ Praise Team travel comes to lead us in worship at the 10:30 hour. Resolve to attend all these events.

On the first weekend of August, we celebrate a Homecoming, first by hosting a Classic Car Show on Saturday the 5th from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. in the back parking lot and then on Sunday the 6th, inviting former members and families to return for a time of worship and fellowship. Worship that day is followed by a meal (an outdoor pizza oven will be here to provide the food), live entertainment and historic displays throughout the building celebrating our 65 years as a parish. If you have memorabilia or photos you would be willing to share, bring them to the church office before the end of July, we will have them put on display for that weekend.

Keep the faith, it's worth keeping!
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**JULY
2023**

THE MESSENGER



Les Barker

Work Day
June 10, 2023



Thank you
for all your
hard work!



Kitty Klipstine

Helped but not pictured: Suzie Vagedes, Amy Grile, Donna Plunkett, Barbara and Bob Cecil

SUMMER MUSIC

If you, or you know of someone who would like to provide music for our worship services July through August, please sign the sheet on the bulletin board. Please contact Marsha Fischbach, if you have questions or need help selecting music.

Special Worship on Sunday, July 23

The Abiding Christ Praise Team will lead us in worship with a Prayer and Praise Service of Word and Sacrament. Plan to attend, invite a friend!

IS IT CHRISTMAS IN JULY?

No it isn't; but it is the time to announce the date for our Christmas musical.

Friday, December 15 at 7:00 p.m.

Mark your calendars. All are invited to join our Christmas choir for this gift to the community. Practices are on Sundays after church beginning in October.



Council Listening Post on July 16, 2023, at 9:15 a.m.

in the Community Room.

Coffee and donuts are provided.

The topic is Goal # 5:
the addition of a new multi-purpose building.



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.”



Computer Class on June 17, 2023, given by Nathan Fields, owner of Fields Computer Solutions LLC in Laura. (937) 470-9552



June 11, 2023
Worship & Picnic
at the Lange Estate







Good Shepherd Lutheran Church

Council Meeting Minutes

May 16, 2023

Present: Les Barker, President; Pastor Craig Fourman; Molly Franks; Diana Frye; Amy Grile, Vice President; Suzie Vagedes; Ric Warner; and Rob Williams

Meeting was called to order by Les Barker.

Opening prayer was offered by Pastor Craig Fourman .

Secretary's Report: Minutes were approved as written.

Motion: Pastor Craig, Second: Ric Warner. All were in favor.

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

Treasurer's Report: Motion to approve: Rob Williams, Second: Molly Franks. All were in favor.

Pastor's Report: Motion to approve: Ric Warner, Second: Rob Williams. All were in favor.

OLD BUSINESS:

Car Show - Aug 5, 10am to 3pm. Les Barker is planning. Will charge \$5 to enter car in show. Will have placards made to give out to the first 50-75 entrants, and trophies for winners. Suzie Vagedes is rounding up food trucks for the show. So far Kona Ice and Buckeye Burgers have been contacted and are available. Suzie will reserve them this week. Les is going to contact Brian Ely to run the sound system.

Homecoming- Will plan the homecoming gathering for Aug 6 and advertise the 5th and 6th as Homecoming Weekend! Les will work with Amy Grile to print out fliers for the weekend's schedule of events. Amy has also compiled an invitation list of past members. Suzie is booking the Wood Fired Catering Co. to provide the lunch after church on Sunday. Estimated cost \$1000.

Will use Facebook and Good Shepherd's website to reach past church members and distribute fliers at spring and early summer Car Shows in the area, as well as at local businesses to attract the community.

Website- Ric Warner has gotten the goodshepherdwestmilton.org website up and running, and he is now working with his grandson to redesign it and get it ready for use! Amy has offered to help with the site.

NEW BUSINESS:

Michael Wayne Smith has been booked to return in May of 2024!

Molly Franks asked that members without e-mail or texting capabilities be kept updated on current church happenings by phone. A list of these members was compiled. Molly offered to make calls to these members so we are all in the communication loop. Thanks Molly!

Committee Reports:

Worship: no report.

Mission/Outreach/LSIM/MUCC: no report

Property: Spring clean up Work Day is scheduled for June 10 at 9am. Rob Williams and Ric Warner will take on the mowing dates for Dave and Annette Stein during Dave's recuperation.

Youth/Christian Education/ Preschool -Playground update: Becky Garrett has received a letter from the IRS regarding missing information from the 2020 tax filing. She contacted a local CPA, and with his help, has submitted the requested paper work to the IRS.

Sunday School – last day will be Sunday, May 20. We will restart in the fall.

Fellowship: June 11, Worship and Picnic at the Lange Estate on Calumet Rd. 9am-2pm. Pr. Craig will have JoAnn make sign-up sheets for the Sunday clipboards to get a head count. Church will provide water and lemonade or else members may bring their own drinks.

Due to conflicting schedules, a motion to cancel the June Council meeting was made by Pr. Craig, Second: Ric Warner. All in favor.

Next Meeting: July 22 at St John's Lutheran Church following LSIM All Council Retreat 8:30 am-1pm

Motion to Adjourn Council Meeting: Molly Franks, Second: Pastor Craig. All were in favor.

Meeting adjourned with The Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully Submitted, Suzie Vagedes



BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

July 2023

6 Jodi Barth
 7 Marsha Fischbach
 10 Les Barker
 14 George & Judi Franks
 15 Marla Baker
 15 Carol Simcox
 16 Claire Ely
 17 Steve & Connie Louis



25 Martha Doughty
 27 Dick & Donna Plunkett
 29 Pat Porter
 29 David Vagedes
 30 Chuck Franks
 31 Michelle Mason
 31 Donna Plunkett

SERVING

ASSISTING MINISTER

Ric Warner

COMMUNION ASSISTANT

Les Barker

ALTAR GUILD

Connie Louis

LECTOR

2 Judy Moncrief
 9 Kristine Hayes
 16 Barbara Cecil
 23 Barbara Cecil
 30 Barbara Cecil

USHER CAPTAIN

2 Judi & Molly Franks
 9 Jarrett Grile
 18 Dave Vagedes
 23 Molly Franks
 30 Barbara Cecil

SOUND

Jarrett Grile

FLOWERS

2 in memory of Rita Stitz and Dave McDavid by Jodi Barth
 9 available
 16 in celebration of George & Judi Frank's 62nd anniversary
 23 available
 30 available



COUNTERS

Debbie Bredeson
& Diana Frye



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July 2023

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
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2 9:15 Lutheranism 101 Class 10:30 Holy Communion	3 7:30 pm AA Mtg.	4 	5	6	7	8
9 9:15 Lutheranism 101 Class 10:30 Holy Communion	10 7:30 pm AA Mtg.	11	12 3pm Planning	13	14	15
16 9:15 Council Listening Post 10:30 Holy Communion	17 7:30 pm AA Mtg.	18	19	20	21	22 8:30a LSIM Retreat @ St. John's and Council Meeting
23 10:30 Holy Communion / Abiding Christ Praise Band	24 7:30 pm AA Mtg.	25	26 3pm Planning	27	28	29 2 pm Sun Rise Breakfast Packing
30 10:30 Holy Communion	31 7:30 pm AA Mtg.					



Our Church Staff

Craig Fourman
Interim Pastor

Marsha Fischbach
Music Director

Darrell Fryman
Pianist

JoAnn Antonides
Administrative Asst.

Prayers and Concerns

David Stein, Chuck Franks,
Julie Jenkins, Bill Sims, Barbara Theis, Jeff Theis,
Judy Tipton, and Patty Tipton

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**4th of
July**

**IN GOD
WE TRUST**

