



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

Greetings in this season of Lent,

First, news...

Leann and I are moving! After living in Fairborn for 32 years, the house we currently own is immense and we need to downsize! Most of our children and grandchildren live in the south Dayton area, so we purchased a condo in Springboro and will be relocating there April 15th. Our new address is 52 Villa Pointe Drive, Springboro, Ohio 45066. The distance from Springboro to here is almost the same, we plan to continue our connection at GSLC.

In this vein, after having met with the Synod last week to review the current landscape for call, I decided to extend my stay with you until the end of this year or until a candidate is identified. The Synod feels the process is hopeful, but also deliberate and slow, It makes little sense to have multiple transitions, and since it is a reasonable hope that by later this year you will be considering a pastoral candidate, with the consent of council., I will remain.

To that end, I began a year-long emphasis on evangelism as I am convinced that we need to relearn what it means to be a "welcoming" congregation. I am offering a study on Sundays at 9:15 am through Palm Sunday (Mar 24) dealing with this, we began last week with nine participants, there is always room for more! More will be coming throughout the year, especially this Summer!

March is a full and busy month, not only are we preparing to move, but the church is preparing for Easter on March 31st! Before that, however, are several events in March worthy of your attention and participation. On March 10th we celebrate the baptism and first communion of Audriana Nicole Lucus, granddaughter of Donna Plunkett. On the 17th, we celebrate St. Patrick's' Day with a Celtic Service followed by a luncheon of Irish food in the community room. Of course, Palm Sunday will be a special day with the blessing and procession of Palms. Tara Iddings, the wonderful cellist who graces our annual Christmas Program, will be with us that day enhancing our musical offerings. And finally, we celebrate Easter on the 31st with breakfast at 9 am, an egg hunt on the lawn (weather permitting) prior to our festival worship featuring special music by our Chancel Choir, a trombone quartet and the Fourman family.

You will be asked to sign up on the pads during March, remember these are opportunities to invite a friend, neighbor, acquaintance or family member to come and experience your church!

Finally, mark your calendars for April 8th - the day of the big eclipse! We have ordered special sunglasses for that day and plan an "eclipse party". Bring lawn chairs so we can gather on the lawn to watch this event of a lifetime. Afterward, we will order pizza and end the afternoon with a fellowship meal to revel in the wonder of God's creation! Drinks will be provided, bring a couple bucks to offset the cost of pizza *but regardless just come and bring a friend!* As always, it is a privilege to serve with you.

In Christ,

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March
2024

THE MESSENGER



February 28 and March 6, 13, & 20

Soup Supper at 6:00 p.m. and

Service at 6:45 p.m.

and Soup Suppers

Lenten Bible Study

Sundays at 9:15 a.m. in the community room entitled:

"Gathered and Sent: How to become a more inviting congregation!"

All are invited, each week we will cover a different topic, so come as you are able! The coffee and pastries will be on! The series will end Palm Sunday, March 24. This will be to set the stage for our year-long emphasis on evangelism and strengthening our gathering here at Good Shepherd.

This year St. Patrick's Day falls on Sunday, March 17.

We will honor his memory with a Celtic Liturgy; members of the

LSIM Celtic Music Team will join our own musicians on that day

to offer the music. After worship, Pastor Craig and Leann invite you to remain for a luncheon of traditional Irish food in the Community Room.

This is a good day to invite a friend to join us for worship!

Holy Week Schedule

Passion/Palm Sunday - March 24 at 10:30 a.m.

Holy Thursday - March 28 at 7:00 p.m.

Good Friday Community Service - March 29 at 7:00 p.m. at GSLC

**Saturday Easter Vigil - March 30 at 7:00 p.m.
(at St. John's Lutheran Church, Vandalia)**

Easter - March 31 @ 9:00 a.m. - Breakfast

10:00 a.m. - Egg Hunt

10:30 a.m. - Worship

GOOD SHEPHERD LUTHERAN CHURCH
Congregational Meeting Minutes
January 28, 2024

Call to Order: President Les Barker called the meeting to order and determined that a quorum was present.

Thank you: Pastor Craig thanked Les for his hard work on council for the past 6 years and especially this past year as president.

Approval of the Annual Report: The Annual Report was presented by Les Barker. After each category there was a request for questions: President's report, Pastor's report, January 29, 2023 Congregational Meeting Minutes, 2024 Annual Budget, Annual Financial reports and remaining reports. Questions were asked regarding the 2024 staff salaries budgeted. Afterward a motion to accept the Annual Report was made by Toby Theis; Seconded by Russ Siler. All were in favor. The Annual Report was approved.

Election of Church Council: Les Barker called for Nominations from the floor. None were brought forth.

Final Announcements: Pastor Craig reminded Council to stay after.

Motion to adjourn was made by Ric Warner, Second, Rob Williams. All were in favor. The meeting was adjourned with the Lord's Prayer

ACTION POINT: Following the Congregational meeting, the Council met briefly to vote in the new president. Dave Stein was elected.

Respectfully submitted, Suzie Vagedes

Thank You !

Please accept my sincere thanks to everyone who sent greeting cards and remembered me in their prayers following my recent fall. After spending three months in patient rehab at the hospital, including Thanksgiving, Christmas, and New Year's festivities, home looks wonderful! I am continuing treatment with home health and I'm making progress.

**Thank You,
Margaret Strozensky**



**Remember on Saturday,
March 9 spring ahead one
hour before going to bed!**



Good Shepherd Lutheran Church

Council Meeting Minutes

January 16, 2024

Present: Les Barker, President; Pastor Craig Fourman; Molly Franks; Amy Grile, Vice President; Ray Louis; David Stein; Toby Theis, Suzie Vagedes; Ric Warner, Treasurer; Rob Williams; and guest Marsha Fischbach, Call Committee Representative.

Meeting was called to order by Les Barker and floor given to Marsha Fischbach. Marsha presented the Call committee report and then accepted questions. A Zoom meeting has been arranged with Pastor Bob Abrams and the Council for Tuesday, February 20, at 6:30. Marsha voiced that the Call Committee would like to be present for the meeting. Les Barker thanked her and excused her from the meeting.

Opening Devotion - Pastor Craig

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

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

Treasurer's Report: Motion to approve: Pastor Craig, Second: Suzie Vagedes. All were in favor.

Pastor's Report: Motion to approve: Amy Grile, Second: Les Barker. All were in favor. Pr. Craig asked that the new council stay after the Congregational meeting on Jan. 28 (15 mins) to elect officers. He asked for volunteers to create a Safety Protocol for the use of the church by members and nonmembers for the Preschool. Suzie Vagedes and Rob Williams volunteered. He asked for volunteers to create an Insurance Protocol for the Preschool. Ric Warner offered to help Pastor Craig with this. Then a motion was made to appoint Les Barker and Diana Frye to the Call Committee by Rob Williams, Second: Ric Warner. All were in favor. Pastor Craig also noted that LSIM council members Diana Frye and Judy Moncrief need to be reappointed. Ric Warner so motioned, Second: Rob Williams. All were in favor.

OLD BUSINESS:

- Review 2024 Budget. Finalized version of the Budget to be presented at the Congregational meeting was presented.
- Non-Member church usage form. Les is attempting to find the previous form. If unable to find we will need to create a new form for the church secretary's guidance and use.
- Keeping the Church closed during Preschool-addressed above see Pastor's report.

Committee Reports:

Worship: Ash Wednesday Service is February 14.

Mission/Outreach/LSIM/MUCC: Food Packing Event at Abiding Christ on January 20th. Judy Moncrief asked that the left over funds from Son Rise Breakfast go to pay for the lunch at Abiding Christ for the workers at the Food Packing Event on the 20th. Motion to approve: Rob Williams, Second: Amy Grile. All were in favor.

Property: Ric Warner received a quote to have the large stained glass window realigned for \$1400. Motion to approve up to \$1500 for realignment of window: Pastor Craig, Second Dave Stein. All were in favor. Dave Stein replaced the paper towel dispensers in the bathrooms. Les Barker is transposing the TV's in the Choir room and Community room. Also will be placing a TV in the Narthex. Ric Warner also asked how long paper files need to be archived, as there is no room for him put current financial paperwork. Financial papers must be kept 7 yrs. Else, can throw away any old papers that do not have any historical significance. Any essential paperwork should be digitalized.

Youth/Christian Education/Preschool: Sunday school has continued to have children each Sunday. Suzie Vagedes will send Liam a get well/ thinking of you card.

Fellowship: Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper and Bingo planned. Amy Grile asking for new or like-new prizes for the Bingo. She has volunteers lined up for the event.

NEW BUSINESS:

- We need two new officers for 2024.
- Village Manager Jeff Sheridan is asking meet with to Good Shepherd discuss community use of our back parking lot and to put in walkways through our property to access a planned pickle-ball court on adjacent land to our north (behind IGA). Les Barker offered to go to the meeting with Pr Craig.

Motion to adjourn Dave Stein, Second: Ric Warner. All were in favor. Meeting adjourned with the Lord's Prayer. Next Meeting February 20, 2024 at 6:30

Respectfully Submitted, Suzie Vagedes



February News

We had a wonderful February. We did have some sickness, but hopefully with the warmer weather coming that will all go away! In February, we had a Valentine's Party and really enjoyed handing out our Valentine's cards to everyone. Our themes for the month were Valentines and Zoo Animals. For the month of March, we will be learning about the 4 seasons, the Earth, and Construction workers/vehicles.

Open House

Sunday, March 3, 2-4PM

This open house is for anyone looking to have their child/ren come to the preschool in the fall for the 2024-2025 school year. Please share this with your family and friends!

3 year old class: MW, 9:15-12:00, \$140 a month (9 spots open), must be potty trained and 3 before Aug. 1, 2024

4-5 year old class: MWF, 9:15-12:00, \$170 a month (12 spots open), must be 4 before Aug. 1, 2024

SHROVE TUESDAY 2-13-24

Pancake Supper





& Bingo!



BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

March 2024



M

5 Rusty Baker
 7 Leah Ford
 9 Diana Frye
 16 Susan Langley
 Nova Rogers

17 Rebecca Mason
 18 Emil & Patty Tipton
 22 Jonathan Bredeson
 25 Breanna Ely
 30 Jerry Bonner
 31 Mimi Klepstine Clay

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SERVING

ASSISTING MINISTER

Kristine Hayes

COMMUNION ASSISTANT

David Stein

ALTAR GUILD

Debbie Bredeson

LECTOR

3 Jeff Barth
 10 Jeff Barth
 17 Judy Moncrief
 24 Judy Moncrief
 31 Judy Moncrief

USHER CAPTAIN

3 Barbara Cecil
 10 Jarrett Grile
 17 Dave Vagedes
 24 Molly Franks
 31 Barbara Cecil

SOUND

Rusty Baker

FLOWERS

3 available
 10 available
 17 Barbara & Bob Cecil in memory of Brittanie
 24 Jeff Barth in memory of his mom
 31 available

COUNTERS

Debbie Bredeson
& Diana Frye



Pledge Giving Reports

through the end of:

February 2024

Pledges over	4
Pledges under	12
Pledges even	18
Y-T-D pledge giving over:	\$4,422

March 2024

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
					1 9-12 Preschool	2
3 9:15 Lenten Study 9:30 Choir Practice 10:30 Holy Communion	4 9-12 Preschool 7:30pm AA Mtg.	5	6 9-12 Preschool 3:30pm Planning 6pm Soup Supper 6:45pm Service 7:30pm Bell Pract	7	8 9-12 Preschool	9
10 Daylight Savings 9:15 Lenten Study 9:30 Choir Practice 10:30 Holy Communion	11 9-12 Preschool 1:30pm Grief Share Group 7:30pm AA Mtg.	12	13 9-12 Preschool 3:30pm Planning 6pm Soup Supper 6:45pm Service 7:30pm Bell Pract	14	15 9-12 Preschool	16
17 St Pat's Day 9:15 Lenten Study 9:30 Choir Practice 10:30 Holy Communion Irish Lunch	18 No Preschool 12:30 Lydia's Circle 1:30pm Grief Share Group 7:30pm AA Mtg.	19 7 pm Council Mtg.	20 9-12 Preschool 3:30pm Planning 6pm Soup Supper 6:45pm Service 7:30pm Bell Pract	21	22 NO Preschool	23
24 Passion/Palm Sunday 9:15 Lenten Study 9:30 Choir Practice 10:30 Holy Communion	25 9-12 Preschool 1:30pm Grief Share Group 7:30pm AA Mtg	26	27 No Planning	28 Maundy Thursday	29 NO Preschool 7 pm Good Friday Service	30 Easter Vigil
31 Easter Sunday 9:00 Breakfast 10:00 Egg Hunt 10:30 Holy Communion						



Our Church Staff

Craig Fourman
Interim Pastor

Marsha Fischbach
Music Director

Darrell Fryman
Pianist

JoAnn A.
Administrative Asst.

Ongoing Prayers and Concerns

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