



Our Mission

To Share the Good News of God's grace through worshipping, teaching and reaching out to all in need of God's love.

August
2021

THE MESSENGER

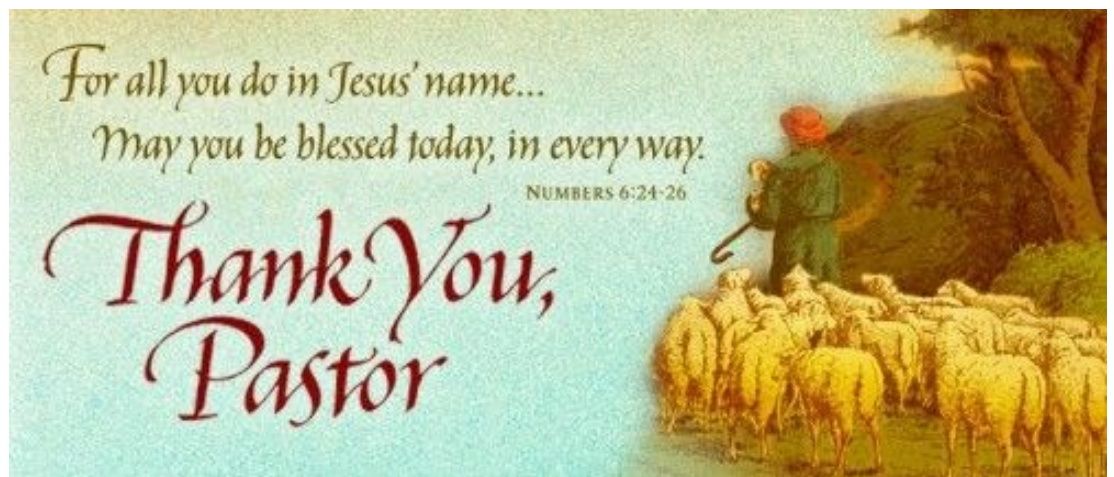
Pastor's Message

A reflection on my retirement, which is fast approaching.

Pastors come and go. Some stay longer than others. But God remains faithful. God's grace does not fail. God's love does not falter. To God be all honor and glory, now and forever.

Amen.

Pastor Steve



2021 Pledged Giving Update

Pledges Over: 10

Pledges Short: 10

Pledges Even: 14

Year to Date Over: \$815

Senior Shepherds Planning Meeting

Any interested persons who can attend are invited to the first planning session for the fall season. The meeting will be held in the Fellowship Hall at GSLC on August 24 at 2:00 p.m. Our meeting for all Seniors and others will be on September 28 at the church. Help us renew this important ministry in West Milton through our congregational efforts!

Guiding Lights Advocates Update

This month GLA was able to help single mom, Victoria, by providing diapers for 2 of her 3 children who still wear them. I am grateful she chose life for baby Wyatt and am happy GLA can help support her as she navigates through parenthood with the help of her parents. Wyatt is doing well and is a healthy baby.

This past month I was introduced to a teen mom who had aged out of the foster care system. She has a 13 month old daughter and they live in Laura. While in foster care she was not allowed to obtain a drivers license. This has made making it to her appointments and job difficult, as she is always reliant on others for transportation. Over the course of two weeks we were able to provide diapers and transportation to vital appointments. I want to specifically thank Molly Franks, The Johansens and Amy Grile for the time they volunteered to assist this particular young mom and baby.

Unfortunately, despite our efforts, this particular mom made choices that jeopardized the well being of her daughter. Even after being given a second chance, her baby was put in foster care. I pray, and ask you to join me in prayer, for the safety and well being of baby Ella. I also pray for Savannah. May she open her eyes to the many opportunities that are offered to her and take advantage of the resources available to transform her life for the better.

Thank you all for your ongoing support.

Mindy Paddock

GOOD SHEPHERD LUTHERAN CHURCH COUNCIL MINUTES

June 15, 2021 7:00 p.m.

Present: Ric Warner, Les Barker, Susan Jebens, Judy Tipton, Diana Frye, Amy Grile, Marsha Fischbach, Pastor Steve Gellatly, and David Stein
Devotions were led by Pastor Steve.

Secretary's Report: Approved as read. Motion: Les Barker Second: Amy Grile All were in favor.

Financial Secretary's Report: Approved April and May reports as read.

Motion: Judy Tipton Second: Diana Frye All were in favor.

Treasurer's Report: Approved as read. Motion: Marsha Fischbach Second: David Stein
All were in favor

Pastor's Report:

LSIM Deacon Nancy Trimble will lead our worship service on July 4 while Pastor Steve is on vacation.
Pastor Steve will officiate the marriage of Karli Grile on July 17, 2021.

New Business:

Council confirmed the distribution from our Endowment Fund to Kyle Bonner and his wife for the care of their infant daughter, Abby, who has been hospitalized since her birth in September 2020.

Old Business:

Les Barker is looking into the possibility of Good Shepherd hosting a cruise-in.

Committee Reports:

Worship:

Mission/Outreach/LSIM:

LSIM will have their next meeting on June 28. A copy of the LSIM Constitution revisions that were approved at our June 13, 2021 congregational meeting were sent to LSIM.

Kelly Jones will be our third member of the LSIM Board.

There will be no Lunch Bunch this year. Food trucks will provide free lunches this Summer.

Property:

We are still researching Cleaning Companies to clean our church.

Matt Paddock has volunteered to work at the church. He will start by helping mow the lawn. We also need to clean and fix the gutters on the church.

Youth/Christian Education:

Our Preschool is full for the 3 year old class. There are still a few openings for 4 & 5 year olds.

Stewardship:

A motion to adjourn was made by Les Barker, and the meeting was closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,
Marsha Fischbach

Volunteers Appreciated!

Some of us are going to do some inside cleaning of the kitchen and Fellowship room on Wednesday, August 4 starting at 9 AM. If you'd like to help, come and join us!

Thanks!
Barbara Cecil



Preschool Update

Hi Church! My name is Becky Garrett and I am the new director for the preschool. I am very excited to be back to teaching after staying home with my kids for 6 years. I will be the director and also the 4-5 year olds teacher.

I graduated from Milton-Union in 2005 and Wilmington College in 2009. My high school sweetheart, Ben and I got married right after college in the summer of 2009. I taught for 5 years in Piqua and then had our son, Matthew, who is going into first grade. Our daughter, Lydia, is 3 and will be attending the preschool this year.

Staci Granato is our 3 year olds teacher. Staci and her husband, Jordan have three beautiful girls. Sadie, who is in first grade. Elaina, who will be at the preschool this year and Zoey, who is 1. Staci graduated from Milton-Union in 2005 and has a lot of experience with working and teaching children.

We are looking forward to sharing lots of stories this year with you in your newsletter. Please feel free to reach out with any questions that you have. We would love to have your child/grandchild or neighbor at the school so please share with them that we are still trying to fill up our 4-5 year old class. Thank you and God Bless.



Luth Youth Greeting Cards

There are still greeting card packs left. They are \$7 per pack. These are beautiful cards that are blank inside for you to write anything you would like. If you are interested, see Jeff Barth or email the church and we will get you your cards.

IT'S A

HAPPY RETIREMENT

and FAREWELL LUNCHEON

FOR

PASTOR STEVE AND LORI GELLATLY

ON

SUNDAY, AUGUST 15, 2021

IN THE CHURCH FELLOWSHIP ROOM

RIGHT AFTER CHURCH SERVICES

IF YOU HAVEN'T MADE RESERVATIONS FOR THE ABOVE CATERED LUNCH, PLEASE CALL BARBARA CECIL AT 937-698-6559 OR EMAIL HER AT barbara_cecil@msn.com. (There is a _ between the first and last name). SURE HOPE YOU CAN COME AS WE BID FAREWELL TO PASTOR STEVE AND LORI !!



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BIRTHDAYS

ANNIVERSARIES

- 1 Justin Lopez 21 Molly Paddock
- 4 Ric Warner 22 Shirley Fourman
- 10 Michaelle Lightcap Ryan Barker
- 15 Michael Williams 25 Wanelle Menker
- 20 Mindy Paddock 26 Matthew Bredeson
- David Menker

- 7 Toby & Barbara Theis
- 10 Ric & Arlene Warner
- 18 Dave & Suzie Vagedes
- 26 Jose & Lynne Lopez

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Did we miss your birthday or anniversary? Please let us know! Send an email to: office@goodshepherdwestmilton.org

SERVING

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ASSISTING MINISTER

COMMUNION ASSISTANT

ALTAR GUILD

Kristine Hayes

Debbie Bredeson

LECTOR

USHER CAPTAIN

- 1 Kristine Hayes
- 8 Kristine Hayes
- 15 Debbie Bredeson
- 22 Debbie Bredeson
- 29 Debbie Bredeson

- 1
- 8 Jarrett Grile
- 15 Dave Vagedes
- 22 Judi Franks & Molly Franks
- 29 Barbara Cecil

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NURSERY

SOUND

- 1 Ann Siler
- 8 Ann Siler
- 15 Kathy Williams
- 22 Kathy Williams
- 29 Donna Plunkett

Russ Baker

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*If you cannot serve on an appointed day,
It is your responsibility to find someone to serve in your place.*

August 2021

Sun

Mon

Tue

Wed

Thu

Fri

Sat

1	2	3	4	5	6	7
10:30a - Holy Communion	7:30p - AA Meeting		9:00am - Church Cleaning 3-5p - Plarn	9:00a - Bible Study		
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15	16	17	18	19	20	21
10:30a - Holy Communion Retirement Luncheon	7:30p - AA Meeting	7:00p - Council Meeting	3-5p - Plarn	9:00a - Bible Study		
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
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Prayers and Concerns

Susan Baker, Chuck Franks,
Carol Simcox, Mary Jane Smith,
Grant Hibner, Matt Louis, Dick
Stalinsky, Nicole Tipton, Kelly
Jones, Abby Bonner, Bill Sims,
Marie Kopp, Susan Tully, David
Stein, Drew Protzman, Molly
Paddock, Judy Gardner, Butch
Traylor, Ron Timmons, Bob
Sudman, Savannah and baby
Ella, the family of Sylvia Hacker
Werts



- 1 Open
- 8 Ric & Arlene Warner - In celebration of their 30th anniversary!
- 15 Bob & Barb Cecil - In memory of Bob & Ruth Tinnerman and in honor of Pr. Steve and Lori's retirement.
- 22 Open
- 29 Open