



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

June
2022

THE MESSENGER

Beloved:

When this newsletter finds you, Pentecost will be very much upon you. It is celebrated on June the 5th this year. That, by coincidence — or not, for God does not do coincidence — happens to also be the first Sunday in my journey with you.

Pentecost is always today, for the Spirit moves and recreates us all every day. It must be so, because everyday we need the Lord's holy correction and everyday we need his Holy Grace to reshape us.

That goes for all of us as people of God and all of us together as a congregation. We are always remade often, maybe a bit too often for some. Yet, Luther once joked that those who did not want to change better not due pray because in prayer God was met and meetings with the Almighty always bring about change . . . for the better at that.

There is much to a church: Worship, prayer, the fellowship of the faithful, the searching of the scriptures, work for the good of the faithful, and love for those who stand outside in need of life and believing. All these make up the life of a congregation and all these are to be fueled by the Holy Spirit.

Is anyone lacking in these parts of the life of the church? That nagging feeling that we are incomplete might be the Spirit asking: "Could you, please, involve yourself in that now?"

Good Shepherd, I lay before you the work of prayer. Pray the Spirit to show us what we must yet do here in this West Milton of God. Pray the Spirit give us the fire to do it. Pray the Spirit lead us to new pasture and new pastor. Pray the Spirit help us praise and celebrate God's Holy Grace.

Pastor Peter

WEST MILTON SENIOR CITIZENS COMMUNITY CENTER

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937-698-7129
Carol Garver - Director

LUNCH - 11:30 Please Call to Signup

*June 8 - Pizza \$5.00 ea.
*June 22 - FREE - Lunch &
Learn
Lunch followed by Bingo !

JUNE 7 - Tuesday -- 10 AM
Cardio Drumming - No
Charge Drop In - Have fun
and work out!

JUNE 12 - Monday -- 3
PM BRING YOUR OWN DE-
VICES- FREE - Receive help
with your phones, ipads,
computers that's easy to un-
derstand. Don't forget to
bring your passwords!

JUNE 14 - TUESDAY - 1
PM - 3 PM - Craft Day with
Kitty. **Please Call to Regis-
ter**

JUNE 23 - THURSDAY - 9
AM-11 AM -- FREE Blood
Pressure & Glucose Screen-
ings - Stop in no registration
required.

EVERY THURSDAY - 1PM -
Dominos - Stop In and Play

EVERY FRIDAY EVENING -
EUCHRE - Door Open 5:30
PM - Everyone Welcome



Indian Creek Distillery Fieldtrip



Senior Shepherds News

Seniors Field Trip to Indian Creek Distillery

Senior Shepherds enjoyed a beautiful day for a field trip to the Indian Creek Distillery on May 24. Sixteen people from the Senior Shepherds and the MU Senior Center participated in touring the building and grounds. They enjoyed snacks provided by Tom and Eva Coughnour. Snacks, business, and announcements were in a relaxed outdoor patio setting.

Business included honoring Susan Landis as the only May birthday person present. The June 28 meeting will be a presentation by Connie McCarroll. She is serving as an Episcopalian deacon. She is a former member of Good Shepherd Lutheran Church. Connie will share her thoughts about her faith journey and inter church cooperation. Carol Garver gave an update on activities at the Senior Center. She announced that the Center will host free blood pressure and free blood glucose screenings on the fourth Thursday of each month from 9 to 11 a.m. The Center also has material about Living With Brain Injury provided by the Ohio State University.

The group that gathered was not aware of the Texas violence, but we are aware of much more violence in our world. In our beautiful setting we could have recalled a verse of a favorite hymn - "This is my Father's world, Oh let me not forget, that though the wrong seems oft so strong, God is the ruler yet." Let us pray that all can live in peace.



Good Shepherd Lutheran Preschool News:

The month of May for us was short and sweet. We had our Muffins for Mother's Day event on May 9th and had a lot of fun. We ate muffins and played outside with the big parachute. On May 23rd we had our end of the year party at the park. All but one of our families was able to attend and we gave presents to our teachers and we had scrapbooks of pictures from our year together for each of the kids.

Graduation was on May 25th and went well. We had 13 students graduate from this years 4-5-year-old class. We had around 100 people in attendance and the kids sang four songs/poems. It was a lot of fun seeing them in their caps and gowns.

We do have a few spots open for next year in both of our classes. If you know of anyone who is interested in having their preschool student attend GSL Preschool, please have them call Becky Garrett at 937-524-7220.



Congratulations Graduates !!

IT'S A SUMMER



AND WELCOME LUNCH FOR
PASTOR PETER KRUSE

AT GOOD SHEPHERD LUTHERAN
CHURCH

SUNDAY, JUNE 12, 2022

AFTER CHURCH AT ABOUT 12:30 PM

WEAR CASUAL CLOTHES TO CHURCH AS
WE HOPE TO EAT OUTSIDE UNDER SUNNY
SKIES AND A TENT RIGHT AFTER SERVICES!
BRING A COVERED DISH – SALAD,
VEGETABLE AND/OR DESSERT!



HAMBURGER AND HOT DOG



SANDWICHES WILL BE FUNISHED AND
GRILLED BY CHEF LES BARKER AND COM-
PANY!! BE SURE TO SIGN UP!



HAPPY FATHER'S DAY!

June 19, 2022



Special thanks to Deacon Nancy Trimble for sharing your Sundays with us ! We will miss you!



FISH Union Township is still in need of a trustee. They also need 1 or 2 people to answer the phone and take calls of request for needs the first and third Wednesdays of the month.

Contact Ralph Warner (937) 672-7303.

Needs: paper products and personal care items.

SPECIAL MUSIC

If you, or someone you know, would like to provide special music for our Summer Worship, please sign up on the schedule on the bulletin board. If you need any help or more information, please contact Marsha Fischbach, Music Director, at 937-581-6036.



Opportunities to Serve

Volunteer to help with Worship service:

Assisting Minister
Greeter
Usher
Audio/Video
Nursery
Altar Guild
Lector

Or volunteer to help with:

Yard Work/Upkeep

Other Ministries

Chancel Choir
Bell Choir
Son Rise Breakfast
Clothesline
Planning Group
Panera Bread
Senior Shepherds
Guiding Light Advocate

Remember!!!
NEW SERVICE
TIME 11:00 AM
BEGINNING
JUNE 5TH
Coffee and pastries
at 10:30 AM

**GOOD SHEPHERD LUTHERAN CHURCH
COUNCIL MINUTES**

April 19, 2022 6:30 p.m.

Present: Diana Frye; Amy Grile, Administrative Assistant; Pastor Peter Kruse; David Stein; Toby Theis; Suzie Vagedes; Ric Warner, President.

Meeting was called to order by Ric Warner. Devotions were led by Pr. Peter.

Secretary's Report: Approved as written. Motion: David Stein Second: Diana Frye All were in favor.

Financial Secretary's Report: Approved as written. Motion: Suzie Vagedes Second: Diana All were in favor.

Treasurer's Report: Ric added that Diane Timmons is helping us reconcile Quickbooks. Approved as written. Motion: Toby Theis Second: David Stein All were in favor.

Pastor's Report per Pr. Peter: St. Mark's donated the candelabras used in the Easter Service to GSLC. They are disbanding and are liquidating/donating their assets. They will send us an inventory list. If there is anything that we could use let them know and they will donate it to us. Pr. Peter Re-registered GSLC with the state to maintain our tax exempt status. Must be done every 5 years. Pr Peter is already coming on Wednesdays to meet with preschoolers. Starting in June he is planning to be here Mon. and Wed, and at Arise in Christ on Tues. and Thur. Contract for his position as Transitional Pastor has been signed and is to be filed at GSLC.

Administrative Assistant's Report: Molly from LSIM will be sending us bulletins and over-head weekly. Amy will continue to publish Newsletter and maintain Facebook.

Pr. John is improving. Amy and Nancy are working on his replacement for last 2 Sundays in May. Easter breakfast very successful, 72 in worship. JT Burcham/LSIM is maintaining our website. Discussion followed regarding our inability to update our information.

NEW BUSINESS:

Amy Grile presented information on Lifewise Academy and is seeking Council's support to use GSLC as a backup building if needed:

Lifewise Academy is a Bible study for public school kids. Amy is on the steering committee to bring the academy to Milton Union Schools. Guidelines: 1. Must be off-site from the public school. 2. No school funds are to be used. 3. Voluntary with parent permission. Hoffman United Methodist Church has offered their building for the classes. Tentatively, classes would be throughout the day on Tuesdays. The pilot program would involve Elementary age children. Transportation will be needed to shuttle students back and forth. Amy Grile was made aware of this endeavor through MU Council of Churches and Becky Garrett (our preschool director) and Becky's sister, Julia Circle. Julia is chair of the steering committee.

After discussion Ric Warner made a motion to support the Bible study program with the use of GSLC as a backup site with stipulation that the program would not interfere with daily church activities.

Second: Suzie Vagedes Motion passed.

Pastor sharing opportunity: Pastor Anne Marie Winters (of Troy) is a Lutheran pastor serving an Episcopal church. There may be a possibility of us sharing her with the Episcopal's.
Administrative Assistant search/temp: Amy's last day as Admin. Assist. is this Friday, April 22. We will need someone to check the voicemail daily and bring mail in. Ric will ask members help with this.

11:00 service configuration: After discussion tentative plan is to put "Coffee hour" before service so if people come at regular time they will have coffee, pastries and fellowship.

OLD BUSINESS:

Pastor search: Nothing to report. Ric will e-mail Bob to update.

Contacting non-attending members: Amy is finishing the list, Nancy will provide scripting.

Committee Reports:

Worship: Marsha Fischbach has temporary pianists covered until the first of the year. Starting in January Darryl Fryman will be accompanist full-time.

Mission/Outreach/LSIM/MUCC: St. Mark's is having LOMO Day Camp August 1st-5th. Asking for volunteers to provide snacks. First Lutheran Church needs 5th Sunday Coordinator. Since Covid they have been going to Abiding Christ to cook meals, bag and take to First Lutheran.

Property: David is buying materials and building new cabinets for new preschool room (old kitchen). A workday has been set to start installing fence on Saturday, April 23, 9:00 am.

Youth/Christian Education/Preschool: No report

Stewardship: No report

Fellowship: No report

Our next council meeting will be May 17, 2022.

A motion to adjourn was made by Diana Frye and the meeting was closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,
Suzie Vagedes

BIRTHDAYS

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8 Linda Tinnerman
9 Matt Paddock
12 Nathan Tinnerman
15 Myra Paddock
20 Logan Lightcap

21 Judi Franks
21 Judy Moncrief
23 Austin Menker
23 Clyde Doughty
30 Steve Louis

ANNIVERSARIES

5 Luke & Victoria Hammermeister
7 Jason & Nikki Tinnerman
14 Russ & Ann Siler
19 Raymond & Susan Landis
Chuck & Linda Tinnerman
25 Lester & Paula Barker
28 Clyde & Martha Doughty

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SERVING

ASSISTING MINISTER

5 Barbara Cecil
12 Barbara Cecil
19 Barbara Cecil
26 Kristine Hayes

COMMUNION ASSISTANT

Susan Langley

ALTAR GUILD

Amy Grile

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LECTOR

5 Barbara Cecil
12 Barbara Cecil
19 Jeff Barth
26 Heidi Spitler

USHER CAPTAIN

5 Donna Plunkett
12 Jarrett Grile
19 Dave Vagedes
26 Molly Franks

SOUND

Les Barker

COUNTERS

Susan Langley
Ralph Blakeley

FLOWERS

5 Victoria & Luke Hammermeister's Anniversary
12 OPEN
19 OPEN
26 Martha & Clyde Doughty's Anniversary
& Clyde's Birthday

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Pledge Giving Report

through the end of May

Pledges over 13

Pledges under 7

Pledges even 16

Year to date pledge giving over \$10,884

JUNE 2022

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
			1	2	3	4
5 11:00 am Holy Communion	6 7:30 pm AA Meeting	7	8	9	10	11
12 11:00 am Holy Communion 12:30 Church Picnic	13 7:30 pm AA Meeting	14	15	16	17	18
19 Happy Father's Day! 11:00 am Holy Communion	20 7:00 pm Council Meeting 7:30 pm AA Meeting	21	22	23	24	25
26 11:00 am Holy Communion	27 7:30 pm AA Meeting	28 Senior Shepherds 2:00pm	29	30		

Our Church Staff

Pastor Peter Kruse
Interim Pastor

Ric Warner
Church Council
President

Marsha Fischbach
Music Director

JoAnn Antonides
Administrative Asst.

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Prayers and Concerns

Susan Baker, Abby Bonner, Chuck Franks, Judy Gardner,
Aaron & Renee Johansen, Pastor Johansen, Bill Sims,
Jeff Theis, Ron Timmons, Judy Tipton, Patty Tipton,
Butch Traylor, for the next pastor of Good Shepherd Lutheran
Church and the people of Ukraine.

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PLACE
STAMP
HERE