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A MESSAGE FROM THE PASTOR

Although I have learned that life moves quickly, it just seems that this year, our summer season has happened remarkably fast. Gone are the long days of sunlight, as well as the warm and toasty nights that begged for the use of a fan. The seeds that we planted have now given way to the produce that we are harvesting. Tomatoes, corn, beans, and cucumbers are now being picked and put away for the cold winter months.

The flower beds, in which we worked diligently to keep the weeds at bay, have reached their peak of bloom and color, as we now wait for the right time to plant the bulbs that will announce the coming of spring. And just around the corner, fall is coming, with its brilliant colors of crimson, gold, and yellow as the trees shed their leaves and prepare for the cold of winter which will bring a blanket of snow.

Four seasons, summer, spring, fall and winter. Each one, dependent upon the other. Each one, in its own way, speaking into the life of the other and sharing life with the other. Each one, being faithful, year after year, after year, to the purpose for which it was created to be a gift to the other.

St. Paul, in his letter to the Romans, has written these words, *“For as in one body we have many members, and not all the members have the same function, so we, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually we are members one of another. We have gifts that differ according to the grace given to us; prophecy, in proportion to faith; ministry, in ministering; the teacher, in teaching, the exhorter, in exhortation; the giver, in generosity, the leader, in diligence; the compassionate, in cheerfulness.”*

Real God, Real Presence, Real People

Our Mission:

To be followers of Jesus Christ by sharing God's grace and forgiveness through our loving witness and service to all.

Our Vision:

To be a congregation where God's grace and forgiveness are experienced, where all gather in love to serve the Lord, and where all witness to their faith in Jesus Christ.

Traditional Eucharist

Sundays at 9:30 am

Contemporary Eucharist

Saturdays at 5:30 pm

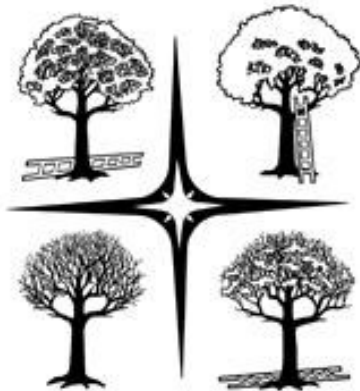
We are not all created the same, but we are all created for a purpose. What gifts, given to you, do you bring to this season of life? Some might respond by saying, "I have nothing to offer, no gift to give." Yet, if the truth be told, we all have a gift of some kind.

This is the season in the church when we begin again. After having a bit of a respite during the summer season, our programming and our committees reassemble as it were. We need your gifts.

There are many opportunities to minister at Good Shepherd to those who are a part of the Good Shepherd family and to those who are longing to find a place in our family. As our season of summer quietly fades away, I ask you to prayerfully consider what God may be calling you to do. He has given you the gift; His grace will follow. I promise.

See you in church this weekend!

Pr. Jim



**He changes times and seasons,
deposes kings and sets up kings;
he gives wisdom to the wise
and knowledge to those who have understanding.**

Daniel 2:21



The Team Jesus Project #7 began in September and will run through October. The recipient of this project will be Lutheran World Relief. Founded by Lutherans in the U.S. at the end of World War II, Lutheran World Relief (LWR) is grounded in Lutheran theology and builds on decades of experience. Its mission is to affirm God's love for people and work with other Lutherans and partners around the world to end poverty, injustice, and human suffering. LWR tackles earthquake response, disaster relief, hunger, relief school kits, personal care kits and quilts. LWR works to fight poverty and promote a more just and peaceful world by helping people help themselves.

The offerings collected for Team Jesus Project #7 will provide the necessary funding to cover the Quilt Guild's cost of mailing quilts and school kits to Lutheran World Relief. The cost is \$2.25 per quilt and \$1.40 per school bag.



HOST FAMILIES FOR EXCHANGE STUDENTS

Christ calls us to be followers of Him. He is the perfect example of what it means to love your neighbor. There are many international high school exchange students you can show Christ's love to by opening your home as a host family home. You will help guide and direct a student who is eager to learn all about the American high school experience. A simple background check, application and three solid references are all you need to begin the journey. The student will have their own health insurance and spending money to cover personal expenses so there is very little cost involved in providing them with housing and meals at home. All that we ask of our host families is to provide a safe and loving home for their exchange student. You can sign up for a semester or an academic year student. The choice is yours! Please join us in welcoming friendship across borders through the Council for Educational Travel USA. Contact Ann Parker today! Call/text 231.690.0513 or email bigmissy37@yahoo.com.

Ministry Reports

Worship & Music – Submitted
Outreach/Evangelism – Submitted
Fellowship – No meeting
Youth & Family – Planning for Unity Fest.
Christian Education – Jr. Church to commence September 7.
Stewardship – No meeting
Finance – Submitted
Property – No meeting
Social Ministry – No meeting
Personnel – No meeting

Public Comment – None.

Action Items

Monitor to be addressed at next Council meeting
Chuck Wolverton will contact Joyce Brenner about Blessings in a Backpack.

Meeting adjourned with The Lord's Prayer at 7:50.

Next Council Meeting: Tuesday, August 27 at 6:30 PM.

Congratulations to

Clarence Schultz

*who recently celebrated 31 years of service at
Good Shepherd Lutheran Church.*

Thank you for all you do!



Men's Breakfast

8 AM, Tuesday, October 1
at

The House of Flavors

*All men in the congregation and their
friends are welcome to meet on the first
Tuesday of each month for coffee, con-
versation and whatever they chose from
the menu. No reservations!
Come join us!*

AROUND THE PARISH

BIBLE STUDY W/PASTOR JIM: Every **Wednesday at 10:30 AM**

MIDWEEK EUCHARIST: Every **Wednesday at 12:10 PM.**

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY: 6-Week No Homework Bible Study for women **every Thursday evening through October 24.** Questions? Call Laurie Seidelman at 231-462-3365.

CONFIRMATION CLASSES: Every **Sunday at 11 AM.**

MEN'S BREAKFAST: **8 AM on Tuesday, October 1** at House of Flavors.

QUILTERS: Quilters meet on **Friday, October 4 and Friday, October 18 at 10 AM.**

WORSHIP COMMITTEE: Will not be meeting in October.

STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE: Meets on Tuesday, **Tuesday, October 8 at 6:30 PM.** *Please note the new time.*

PROPERTY COMMITTEE: Meets on Tuesday, **October 8 at 3 PM.**

EVANGELISM COMMITTEE: Meets on **Thursday, October 10 at 6:30 PM.**

WOMEN'S EMMAUS WALK: **Thursday, October 10 - Sunday, October 13.**

DARTBALL: **7 PM on Thursdays, October 10 and October 17.**

NALC MI MISSION DISTRICT ANNUAL MEETING: **Saturday, October 12 at 10 AM,** Living Hope Lutheran Church in Farwell, Michigan.

YOUTH & FAMILY COMMITTEE: Meets on **Tuesday, October 15 at 6:30 PM.**

FINANCE COMMITTEE: **Monday, October 21 at 7 PM.**

COUNCIL MEETING: **Tuesday, October 22 at 6:30 PM.**

BOOK SALE: **Friday, October 25 and Saturday, October 26.** All proceeds benefit youth activities at Good Shepherd.

COMMUNITY TABLE: **Tuesday, October 29 at 5 PM.**

HALLOWEEN: THURSDAY, OCTOBER 31.



PARISH PRAYER CONCERNS

Manistee County Medical Care 1505 Parkdale Ave.
Leona Amerell, Doris Bowling, Mary Kukla, Doug Jensen

Green Acres Retirement Community 1835 12th Street
Audrey Ann Amburgey, Gary Hansen, Lois Rosenow, Bob Tobey,
Irma Thompson

Prayers for those in the military

Alana Bergstrom James Dutkavich Thomas Dutkavich III

Prayers for Parish members, family, & friends

Alan & Louise
Audrey Ann Amburgey
Sherry Anderson
Olive Baker
Stacey Batzer
Jack Bauman
Kelly Bjorkquist
Shirley Blakeslee
Doris Bowling
Keith Brown
Jackie Burmeister
Aiden Chambers
Cora Cook
Diana Dutkavich
Tom Dutkavich
Tom Dutkavich, Jr.
Marc Edmondson
Jane Fortier
Jim Friesner, Sr.
Pat Garber
Rick & Terry Guthridge
Gary Hansen
Marion Hilliard
Lea Illig
Doug Jensen
John K.
Rick Kaminski
Ed Knaffle
Carol Krull

Duane Keith,
Paul Byro's son
Gary Lange
Betty Lytle
Jon Madsen
Pat McGinnis
Anthony Metiva
Tammy Sue Metiva
Pat Murdock
Nicole
Dawn Nietering
Norm Olson
Donna O'Rorke
Terry & Rose Pierson
Jane Reeves, daughter of
Bob & Ruth Skiera
Vickey Sawhill
Dale & Laura Shoemaker
Karen Skiera
Bill Smith
Dale Sparks
Laura Stefanski
Mark Steigenga
Irma Thompson
Bob Tobey
Robert (RT) Williams
The family of Norman Klenow
The family of Betty Lewis
The family of Charles Preuss



Chuck Wolverton thanked all Council members who whose terms are expiring or will be resigning from the Council. Chuck will be resigning from the Council, one year early, after the August meeting. Election of new Council members will take place on Sunday, August 18th.
Message Monitor responsibility - inconclusive.

New Business

A proposed Congregational Compensation Agreement that was approved by the Finance Committee was distributed to Council members by Chuck Wolverton. This proposed Agreement will be valid through the end of the year. Ron Gardin raised the question of who approves the Pastor's vacation time. It was suggested that the Personnel Manual may contain that information.

A Pastor-Council Covenant was suggested by Pastor Wendell after the last pastor left Good Shepherd. Pastor Hartten has reviewed Chuck Wolverton's current draft of the Covenant and a copy has been sent to Pastor Wendell. A discussion ensued regarding the content of the document. It was concluded that the first sentence of Article 5 be omitted from the Covenant. Also, Article 12, "Council commits to pray for Pastor and the Parish. Likewise, Pastor commits to pray for Council and the Parish" be added to the Covenant. Walt Seidelman moved to adopt the Covenant as amended. Gary Schlinkert seconded. Motion carried. Chuck Wolverton will make the changes to the Covenant, sign and date it, and give it to Jackie Harms, Council Secretary, to sign and date.

Chuck Wolverton read the Letter of Call, signed it, and gave to Jackie Harms for her signature. Walt Seidelman motioned to adopt the Congregation Compensation Agreement, The Letter of Call, and the Amended Pastor-Council Covenant. Gary Schlinkert seconded. Motion carried.

Blessings in a Backpack indicated in a facebook post that they are in need of money before September. Chuck Wolverton will check with Joyce Brenner.

Thank you notes from North American Lutheran Seminary, Habitat for Humanity, and Holy Trinity Lutheran Church in Virginia.

Good Shepherd Lutheran Church
Approved Minutes of July 23, 2019 Council Meeting

Meeting called to order by Chuck Wolverton at 6:30 PM

Present: Dennis Miklula, Chuck Wolverton, Dawn Brown, Ruth Skiera, Chris Amor, Paul Illig, Ron Gardin, Gary Schlinkert, Walt Seidelman, Jackie Harms

Guests: Sandy Mikula, Carl Loftis

Excused: Gary Lange, Pastor Jim Friesner, Bob Skiera

Prayer and Devotions

Motion by Dennis Mikula to add Blessings in a Backpack as “b” in New Business. Seconded by Dawn. Motion carried. Amended agenda approved.

Public Comment: Carl Loftis brought up the possibility of offering absentee ballots for voting at congregation meetings. This would require an amendment to the Church Constitution. The possibility would first have to be presented to the Council. Then the Council would put it on the agenda for the Annual Meeting in January.

The minutes of the June 25 Council Meeting will be amended to include Walt Seidelman as present and the cost for installation of the storm window will be changed from \$122 to \$422. Motion by Gary Schlinkert to approve the amended minutes. Seconded by Chris Amor. Motion carried.

Pastor’s Report – None Submitted.

Motion by Gary Schlinkert to approve Treasurer’s Report. Seconded by Ron Gardin. Motion carried. Motion by Dennis Mikula to approve payment of the bills, , Seconded by Dawn Brown. Motion carried.

Old Business

Dennis Mikula reported that the Property Committee approved the purchase of security cameras. Motion by Dawn Brown to move forward with the purchase and installation of security cameras. Seconded by Chris Amor. Motion carried.

New Cash Handling Procedures to be implemented this weekend. Updated Continuing Resolutions – None submitted.

THE CHURCH TRIUMPHANT

Rest in Peace

“We have once again been reminded that we have not here an abiding city.”

Memorials were given in September in the name of

Barbara Olson



“May God grant peace to their memory, comfort to their families, and grace to us all as we seek to live our lives to God’s glory.”

BOOK SALE FUNDRAISER

For Our Youth

Friday and Saturday, October 25 & 26.

Please consider donating your old books, CD’s, DVD’s, albums, etc. to Good Shepherd Lutheran Church and then stop by the sale to purchase new ones!



THANK YOU NOTE

Relay for Life was another success this year... Good Shepherd was well represented and our congregation raised nearly \$1000 toward the fight to cure cancer. Thank you to all who helped, whether you bought a luminary bag, donated for the silent auction or at the Easter breakfast, or helped make the beautiful quilt that was donated—it all helps! This is a charity that is near and dear to me, and to others at Good Shepherd as well. From the bottom of my heart, I thank you all.

Coby Lange.



DARTBALL SCHEDULE

7 PM, Thursday, October 10 at 7 PM
at home vs Trinity Onekama

7 PM, Tuesday, October 17
at Trinity Frankfort

ABORTION PETITION

If you weren't at church on August 10 or 11 and missed the petition drive to end dismemberment abortion, there is still time to sign a petition. You can contact Mary Gossett, Elaine McWatt, Laurie Seidelman,

PARISH BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES



October Birthdays

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|----|-----------------------|----|------------------|
| 3 | Ginny Bosschem | 15 | Cindy Sobaski |
| 4 | Loretta Staff | 16 | Joanne Erdmann |
| 5 | Danielle Faubert | 17 | Angela Caro |
| 6 | Gary Hansen | 18 | Lilly Bjorkquist |
| 7 | Donna Meduna | 18 | Nancy Holstad |
| 8 | Mary Funk | 19 | Isabella Willim |
| 8 | Krista Wojciechowski | 20 | Marcel Wittlieff |
| 9 | Kris Randall | 21 | Charles Neitzke |
| 9 | Jacklyn Petters | 21 | Josie Ziehm |
| 9 | Callie Shively | 24 | Dennis Mikula |
| 10 | Vincent Williams, Jr. | 25 | Robert Schultz |
| 11 | David Majkszak | 26 | Lisa Heuck |
| 12 | Nancy Masters | 28 | Corky Solis |
| 12 | Rev. Karen Yakimow | 28 | Becky Wurstner |
| 14 | Noah Breland | | |
| 14 | Erin Coe | | |

October Anniversaries



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| John & Deborah Ziehm | 5 |
| John & Sandy Kuenzli | 6 |
| Eric & Sandra Zupin | 8 |
| Brenten & Kelly Vartyak | 13 |
| Pastor Jim & Norma Friesner | 15 |
| Charles & Celia Neitzke | 24 |
| Denny & Sandy Mikula | 26 |