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A MESSAGE FROM THE PASTOR

For more than 45 years, my maternal grandparents lived in the same house. I spent most of my summers there and often thought to myself, “Boy if these walls could talk.”

Their home seemed to always be the hub for all the extended family. My grandmother, being the eldest of 11 children seemed to guide the others in our family’s difficult times. My maternal great grandfather died suddenly at age 63, my maternal great grandmother and one of her children died in a horrific house fire. My grandparents themselves said good-bye to 2 of their children who died in early adulthood. Everyone was always ‘laid-out’ in the family home before being taken to the church for the funeral. My grandparent’s home was a safe place.

It was a massive building. Originally built as a two-family home, all exterior walls as well as all interior walls were at least 2 feet thick. The house was built in the mid 1800’s and it was constructed with solid brick. Each room had at least one window and one exterior door with an overhead transom. The transoms kept us cool in the summers. After buying the house, my Grandfather installed a couple of interior doorways so that it could be used as a single-family home.

I have written all of that to say this. I have always held a dream close to my heart. I’ll share it with you now. I have always dreamed that one day, in my retirement, I would buy it back and live in the side that my grandparents mostly used and rent the other side. Then, in my last days, I would be in my safe space and be able to recall and give thanks for those to whom I have said good-bye and would soon see again.

Just a few weeks ago I found myself



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

near the ‘family’ home so I took a quick drive by. The garden that my Grandfather once had was gone as were the apple tree and the lilac bushes. So was the honey suckle vine that completely enveloped the south end of the front porch. That they were gone was ok, since they disappeared several years ago. But I was not ready for what I was about to see. The front door on the second unit had been changed. Gone was the 150-year-old walnut door and transom. In their place was a boxed in transom covered with vinyl siding and one of those 3 over 3 window steel doors was now in place. My heart sank. How could they do something so deplorable to a building girded in such strength and beauty. Then it hit me as hard as anything has ever hit me. In my spirit, God’s Spirit spoke, “Jim, you can’t go back to what was. It is forever gone. You can only move forward.”

Change is unavoidable. Sometimes we control the change but most times we don’t. Yesterday is gone and tomorrow never comes. We can only hold to the One who changes not. As we move forward in the light of God’s Holy Spirit, we trust the God of change, knowing that it’s true, Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today and forever. We need not fear.

See you in church this weekend.

Pr. Jim

AROUND THE PARISH

LABOR DAY: The Church office will be closed on **Monday, September 2, Labor Day.**

MEN’S BREAKFAST: 8 AM on Tuesday, September 3 at House of Flavors.

QUILTERS: Quilters will once again be meeting every first and third Friday at **10 AM starting Friday, September 6.**

JUNIOR CHURCH: Begins on **Saturday, September 7.**

CONFIRMATION CLASSES: Start on **Sunday, September 8 at 11 AM.**

WORSHIP COMMITTEE: Meets on **Monday, September 9 at 7 PM.**

STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE: Meets on Tuesday, **September 10 at 8 AM.**

- Chuck Wolverton will draft letter regarding council elections and notice of call vote.
- Chuck Wolverton will notify Bob & Jackie Burmeister that they are approved as delegates to the NALC convocation.
- Property Committee to determine locations of security cameras and request an estimate from EPS Security.
- Copies of “18 Shocking Facts About Church Embezzlement” to be distributed to Council members.

Adjourned with The Lord’s Prayer at 8:29.

Next Council Meeting: July 23, 2019 at 6:30 pm.

*Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers,
for by doing that
some have entertained **angels** without knowing it.*

Hebrews 13:1



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.

al verification is required.

- e. It was suggested that a request for Mission Congregation support from Trinity Lutheran Church, in Warrenton, VA be considered in the Church's budget in the fall.
- f. A review of Pastor Hartten's meeting with GSLC was favorable.

Correspondence / Communications: A written message from Jackie Burmeister, Secretary of the Call Committee, was read to the Council.

Ministry Reports / Abiding in the Joy of Christ
Worship and Music: no meeting
Outreach / Evangelism: written report
Fellowship: none
Youth/Family: Took kids golfing, planning Unity Fest
Christian Education: none
Stewardship: written report
Finance: written report
Property: Parking lots have been sealed and striped. Haglunds to install outdoor rug when weather is dry. Amor's will put storm window up for \$422. Ad hoc Fellowship Hall Committee is at a standstill. One tankless water heater has been sold for \$600. There will be no Property Committee meeting in July unless needed.
Social Ministry: none
Personnel: none

Public Comment: Susan Nowak encouraged members to read the Good Shepherd constitution and the NALC Call Process Manual (on the NALC website) for answers to their questions about the process.

Action Items and Responsibilities from the May 21, 2019 Council Meeting:

- Committees are to review the Continuing Resolutions and propose updates.
- Pastor to coordinate with EPS regarding server for security cameras.
- Chuck coordinate with Bob S. re: Active Shooter Training for the congregation.
- Chuck email Fund Raising Policy to Susan.
- Chuck prepare articles on "Blessings in a Backpack" program.
- Dennis will coordinate letter to AA re: facility use requirements.

Action Items and Responsibilities from this meeting:

- Chuck Wolverton to write letter to Mission Church in Warrenton, VA.
- Gary Schlinkert and Chuck Wolverton working on voting list.
- Gary Schlinkert to be notified about parties interested in being on Council by July Council meeting.
- Everyone is encouraged to contact members about being on the Council.

PROPERTY COMMITTEE: Meets on Tuesday, **September 10 at 3 PM.**

EVANGELISM COMMITTEE: Meets on **Thursday, September 12 at 6:30 PM.**

INSTALLATION OF COUNCIL MEMBERS: Will take place **Saturday and Sunday, September 14 and 15.**

YOUTH & FAMILY COMMITTEE: Meets on **Tuesday, September 17 at 6:30 PM.**

BIBLE STUDY W/PASTOR JIM: Starts on **Wednesday, September 18 at 10:30.**

MIDWEEK EUCHARIST: Begins on **Wednesday, September 18 at 12:10 PM.**

CHOIR REHEARSAL: Resumes on **Wednesdays at 7 PM** beginning **September 18.**

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY: 6-Week No Homework Bible Study for women begins on **Thursday, September 19 at 6:30 PM** and will run **every Thursday evening through October 24.** Questions? Call Laurie Seidelman at 231-462-3365.

CROSSWAYS ADULT BIBLE STUDY: Resumes on **Sunday, September 22 at 11:10 AM.**

FINANCE COMMITTEE: **Monday, September 23 at 7 PM.**

COUNCIL MEETING: **Tuesday, September 24 at 6:30 PM.**

BIBLE STUDY W/PASTOR JIM: **Wednesday, September 25 at 10:30 AM.**

MIDWEEK EUCHARIST: **Wednesday, September 25 at 12:10 PM.**

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY: **Thursday, September 26 at 6:30.**

CROSSWAYS ADULT BIBLE STUDY: **Sunday, September 29 at 11:10.**

INSTALLATION OF PASTOR JAMES FRIESNER: **Sunday, September 29 at 4 PM.** A reception will follow.

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	Duane Keith,
Audrey Ann Amburgey	Paul Byro's son
Olive Baker	Gary Lange
Stacey Batzer	Betty Lytle
Jack Bauman	Jon Madsen
Kelly Bjorkquist	Pat McGinnis
Shirley Blakeslee	Anthony Metiva
Doris Bowling	Tammy Sue Metiva
Keith Brown	Pat Murdock
Jackie Burmeister	Nicole
Aiden Chambers	Norm Olson
Cora Cook	Donna O'Rorke
Diana Dutkavich	Terry & Rose Pierson
Tom Dutkavich	Jane Reeves, daughter of
Tom Dutkavich, Jr.	Bob & Ruth Skiera
Marc Edmondson	Vickee Sawhill
Jane Fortier	Dale & Laura Shoemaker
Jim Friesner, Sr.	Karen Skiera
Pat Garber	Bill Smith
Rick & Terry Guthridge	Dale Sparks
Gary Hansen	Laura Stefanski
Marion Hilliard	Mark Steigenga
Lea Illig	Irma Thompson
Doug Jensen	Bob Tobey
John K.	Robert (RT) Williams
Karen	The family of Norman Klenow
Rick Kaminski	The family of Betty Lewis
Ed Knaffle	The family of Charles Preuss
Carol Krull	



of getting more cameras in the future, start with a kit of eight. Maintenance takes place every 6 months. Maintenance includes software updates, cleaning, and general check-ups of all equipment. Maintenance is currently \$31 a month. An initial 36-month contract is required and then it becomes month to month. Quote on cameras will depend on where cameras are to be installed and the amount of labor required to install them. Subject matter referred to Property Committee.

- b. Chuck Wolverton presented the Council with copies of an email from Pastor David Wendel dated June 17, 2019 regarding the inability of the Call Committee "to come to consensus, or even a strong majority on any of the pastoral candidates which have been submitted for consideration so far." Chuck Wolverton also presented copies of a letter from Bob Burmeister, Call Committee Chairman, to Council members dated June 22, 2019 stating that the majority (six to three) of the Call Committee voted to "advance Interim Pastor James Leroy Friesner for the position of permanent pastor for Good Shepherd Lutheran Church." The NALC Call Process manual states "there should be at least two-thirds of the committee in support of recommending the pastoral candidate." A motion was made by Dawn Brown to accept the Call Committee report. Seconded by Gary Schlinkert. Motion carried. A motion to schedule a special congregation meeting on July 21 was made by Gary Schlinkert and seconded by Bob Skiera. Motion carried.
- c. Chuck Wolverton and Gary Schlinkert are compiling a list of voters by going through Church service attendance & communion cards. Sue Majkszak is compiling a list of donors.
- d. GSLC Cash Handling Procedures update by Gary Schlinkert: Making progress.
- e. Active Shooter Training for interested congregants is being explored by Bob Skiera.
- f. Christian Ed, Outreach, Social Ministry, Fellowship, and Personnel committees are to update their continuing resolutions.

New Business:

- a. Open Council Positions for August Election.
- b. Walt Siedelman motioned to schedule Council elections for August 17 and 18, 2019 with no nominations from the floor. Seconded by Dennis Mikula. Motion carried. More discussion on elections at July Council meeting.
- c. Motion by Ron Gardin to approve Bob and Jackie Burmeister as delegates of Good Shepherd to the NALC Convocation. Bob Skiera seconded. Motion carried.
- d. Reimbursement request forms are located outside the Finance Office. Du-

Good Shepherd Lutheran Church
Minutes of June 25, 2019 Council Meeting
Approved 7/23/19

Meeting Called to order by Chuck Wolverton at 6:30 PM.

Present: Dennis Mikula, Gary Schlinkert, Gary Lange, Pastor Jim Friesner, Chuck Wolverton, Bob Skiera, Ron Gardin, Dawn Brown, Paul Illig, Ruth Skiera, Walt Seidelman

Guests: Micheal Amor, Randy Skiera, Sandy Zupin, Davalyn Hansen, Dave Triplett

Absent: Chris Amor, Jackie Harms

Prayer by Pastor Jim Friesner

Gary Schlinkert motioned to approve agenda. Dennis Mikula seconded. Motion carried.

Public Comment: Sandra Zupin announced the tentative date of August 25 for the church picnic. The picnic will take place at noon after the Sunday service. Youth & Family Committee will host but all committees to have a responsibility. A kick-off meeting is scheduled for July 11. *(Note: the July 11 meeting was later cancelled and rescheduled for July 17 at 6:30 PM.)*

Motion to approve minutes of May 21, 2019 Council meeting with the addition of "Outreach Committee" as the appropriate committee in X. New Business a) made by Dawn Brown. Seconded by Bob Skiera. Motion carried.

Pastor's Report submitted in writing. Attendance is up. Gary Schlinkert asked if Pastor Jim gets and follows-up with visitors' attendance cards. Pastor Jim responded affirmatively.

Motion by Dawn Brown to pay this quarter's benevolences. Seconded by Pastor Jim. Motion carried. Motion by Gary Schlinkert to accept the Treasurer's Report. Seconded by Dennis Mikula. Motion carried. Motion by Gary Schlinkert to pay the bills. Seconded by Dawn Brown. Motion carried.

Old Business

- a. Dave Triplett of EPS Security addressed the council regarding security cameras. Cameras would be digital. Viewing can be done from in-house computer. Either four, eight, or sixteen cameras in a "kit." If there's a possibility

THE CHURCH TRIUMPHANT

Rest in Peace

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

Norman Edward Klenow

Brother of Ruth Peterson & Uncle of Missy Amor passed away on August 10, 2019. A funeral mass was held on August 16 at Holy Family Catholic Church in East Tawas, Michigan.

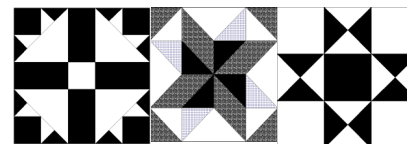


"May God grant peace to their memory, comfort to their families, and grace to us all as we seek to live our lives to God's glory."

RETURN OF THE QUILTERS

After taking the summer off, the quilters will begin meeting again on the first and third Fridays of each month at 10 AM beginning Friday, September 6.

The group welcomes all newcomers!



6-WEEK NO-HOMEWORK WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

Women's Bible Study picks up again on **Thursday, September 19 at 6:30 PM and runs every Thursday through October 24.** Interested? Sign up at the podium outside the narthex and help yourself to a schedule. The book, *"Living Like You Belong to God"* is available in the Church office for \$6.84.

"Come explore the beauty of holy living and see why true holiness and true happiness always go together."

Feel free to bring a friend!

THANK YOU NOTE

Thank you for your support with Safe Harbor. Looking forward to partnering with you in 2019-2020.

Blessings,
Lisa Clarke

PARISH ALTAR GUILD SCHEDULE

September 7 & 8	Jean Schwerin, Ann Ziehm
September 14 & 15	Dolores Widgren, Mary Gossett
September 21 & 22	Sally Wolverton, Ruth Skiera
September 28 & 29	Norma Friesner, Sharon Hayden
September 29	Micheal Amor & All Angels

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, or Beth Schlinkert.

PARISH BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES



Jason Wojciechowski	1		
Elaine Ritola	3		
Laura Shoemaker	9	Tony Metiva	21
Leona Amerell	11	Irma Thompson	22
Sandra Kuenzli	11	Sandra Zupin	22
Doris Bowling	14	Ruth Tobey	24
Deborah Tageson	15	Mya Ziehm	24
Candy Wittlieff	15	Shirley Blakeslee	25
Mitchell Ziehm	15	Ruth Skiera	25
Sharla Tetzlaff	17	Brad Blakeslee	30
Karen Kobeck	21		

September Anniversaries



Tom & Micheal Amor	1
Bob & Ruth Tobey	3
Bob & Jackie Burmeister	14
Bryan & Michelle Thomas	14