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A MESSAGE FROM REVEREND JODY

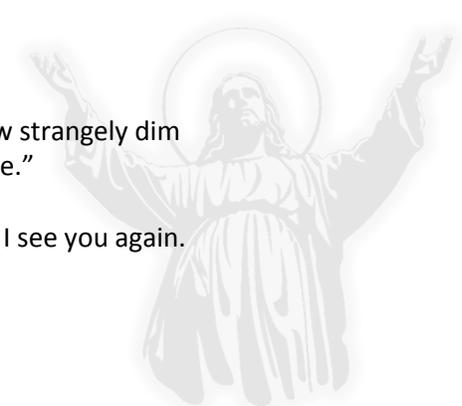
As I begin this letter, I want to thank all of you that prayed me through my two week self quarantine. It felt less like total isolation knowing that I was in your thoughts. Have you noticed that when you can't be out and about as usual, time seems to drag, and one day melts into another? I think that has been the case for a lot of us these last few months.

When all you have is time on your hands, your mind tends to focus on things that may not be helpful to your state of mind. As August inches closer we may wonder if things will ever be back to what we call normal. The blessing for us is that one thing has never changed. The Cross at Calvary gave us life. Christ has been and is with us. Forget the media, forget the unkind person at the grocery store. As the old song says:

“ Turn your eyes upon Jesus
Look full in His wonderful face
And the things of earth will grow strangely dim
In the light of His glory and grace.”

God bless you and keep you until I see you again.

Rev Jody



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

AROUND THE PARISH



OFFICE HOURS: The Parish office remains open from **9 AM - 3 PM, Monday through Thursday**. The office is **closed on Friday**. The entrance to the Church is now locked. However, you are always welcome to call the office at 231-723-7161 during office hours or email us at gslc49660@gmail.com.

ONLINE SERVICES: Good Shepherd will continue recording services each week and posting them on our website. To view services, go to <https://www.gslcman.org/>, scroll down, then click on the service you'd like to view.

COMMUNION: Until the resumption of services at the Church, Communion will continue to be available at the Church entrance on **Saturdays from 11 AM — 12 PM**.

QUILTERS: The Quilters have started meeting the **1st & 3rd Friday of each month** at First Street Beach across from the dog park at **11 AM**. All quilters and perspective new quilters are welcome to come. Bring your lunch or beverage if you like. We meet and discuss what we will do when we can get together again at Church. Some of the quilters have been working at home putting quilts together. Nancy Masters found some sheets we can use for backing - we just have to fix the fitted sheets so they can be adapted to use as backing & we are working at that. The Women of NALC newsletter has a list for NALC Disaster Response Needs & will discuss this. It is good to get together & talk about continuing to do God's work. Next meeting: **Friday, August 7 at 11 AM**.

CURCH REOPENING: Good Shepherd reopens for services beginning **the weekend of August 22 & August 23 at 5:30 PM and 9:30 AM** respectively.

COUNCIL MEETING: Tuesday, August 25 at 6:30 PM.

CONGREGATION MEETING: Usually held on the third weekend of August, the 2020 Congregation Meeting for the purpose of the election of Congregation Council members has been rescheduled for **September 12 & 13**. Accommodations will be made for congregation members to participate in the meeting in person, online, and by telephone. More information will be available as we get closer to the date of the meeting.

CONTACT INFORMATION: Can Good Shepherd keep in touch with you by email? If you haven't received a weekly email from us with links to announcements, our online worship service, and a bulletin but would like to, please let the office know.

Motion by Dennis Mikula to return the survey results to the Worship Committee. Seconded by Jackie Harms.

Worship Committee is to create the guidelines for reopening.

Deb Kelly should be mailed Council information because there have been no responses to information emailed to her.

Meeting adjourned at 7:30 PM with Our Lord's Prayer.

AUGUST LIBRARY NEWS

GOOD SHEPHERD READERS! This month I outdid myself. I read four books, one history, two mysteries, and one summer reading. All were enjoyable readings, and didn't demand a whole lot of concentration. In other words, easy reading. In August I will get back to my usual historical fiction or real history.

The titles are: *Sam Houston & the Alamo Avengers* by Brian Kilmeade. I always wondered if the Mexicans took back the Alamo, how did Texas become our State. This book answers that question. Books 2 and 3 I borrowed from Mary Gossett. *S is for Silence* and *P is for Peril*. Sue Grafton authored both books. She wrote several mysteries beginning with the letters of the alphabet. The fourth book I read is the Happy Hour Bookstore book club selection for August. A delightful summer read.

When we can gather again at church, I will put books 1 and 4 on our Library table. I am getting quite a few here at home and will be happy to have a place to put them.

I hope everyone is staying well. Keep on reading, the time will come soon, I hope, when we can once again gather at God's house of worship.

The contest is still on. Remember, keep track of how many you've read so far this year. HAPPY READING.

Your Good Shepherd Bookworm (Library Committee: Sharon and Kirk Hayden, Nancy Masters, Elaine McWatt, and Dolores Widgren)



Church services as we continue moving through the pandemic and eventually transition to in-person services and activities. Discussion ensued. The Council did not accept the Report & Recommendation of the Worship Committee. It was decided that there will be no mailing. The Council will call their portions of the directory and ask congregants the survey questions over the phone. Missy Amor will call Chris Amor's portion of the directory. Missy Amor will create a google document and share with the council. Everyone can update the document with the results of their surveys. Another Council meeting is now scheduled for Tuesday, June 2nd at 6:30 PM to discuss the results of the survey. This meeting will be in the Unity room and will not be done virtually. Dennis Mikula will call John Anderson to update him on the meeting. Pastor Jim will contact First Congregational and Faith Covenant churches to see what their plans for reopening are. Walt will tell the Worship Committee that there will be no mailing.

Meeting adjourned with a prayer at 8:32 PM.

Good Shepherd Lutheran Church
Tuesday, June 2, 2020 Council Meeting Notes

This meeting took place in person, in the Unity Room, while practicing social distancing.

Present: Jackie Harms, Dennis Mikula, Walt Seidelman, Micheal Amor, Deb Hansen, Sandra Zupin, Bob Skiera, Ruth Skiera, John Anderson (via phone) Pastor Jim Friesner (via phone)

Absent: Deb Kelly, Dr. Timothy Knauff

Council made telephone calls to survey congregation members. Please see the attached survey results.

Pastor Bambas won't be available for in-person services until July 11.

Bob Skiera called Pastor Rex Benefield. He is not interested in officiating services at GSLC.

The target date to reopen for services is July 11. Service will take place on Saturday at 5:30 PM and Sunday at 9:30 AM.

THANK YOU NOTES

Posted on the Homeward Bound Animal Shelter facebook page on June 17, 2020:

A huge thank you to Good Shepherd Lutheran Church for all the wonderful donations they collected for our shelter. We have leach, cleaning supplies, laundry detergent, do and cot toys and goodies, food, blankets and so much more. Thank you so much, we appreciate all the support and love from you all.

Dear Good Shepherd,

We are so grateful for your continued support. We have been able to stay open, offering phone visits and offering material support for front porch pick-up. Thank you for being a part of this ministry. Your generosity is so appreciated. May the Lord's work flourish!

*Cathy Johnson, Center Director
Lighthouse Pregnancy Care Center*

CONGRATULATIONS ON YOUR RETIREMENT, RON GARDIN!

After 45 years of providing excellent dental care in Manistee, long-time congregant Dr. Ron Gardin announced his retirement in June. May God grant you continued health and happiness as you spend more time singing, volunteering, & enjoying time with your family.

PARISH PRAYER CONCERNS

Manistee County Medical Care 1505 Parkdale Ave.
Leona Amerell, Donna O'Rorke

Green Acres Retirement Community 1835 12th Street
Audrey Ann Amburgey, Lois Rosenow, Bob Tobey,
Al Kukla

Prayers for those in the military

Alana Bergstrom, James Dutkavich, Thomas Dutkavich III, Spencer Linke and all those who are serving or have served.



THE CHURCH TRIUMPHANT

Rest in Peace

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

Martha Roesch

Mother of Sheila Wittmer, passed away on May 29. A private family service was held in Sandusky, Ohio. Memorial contributions may be sent in Martha's name to the Humane Society of Erie County, 1911 Superior Street, Sandusky, OH, 44870.

David & Terry Tetzlaff

Grandparents of Shayla Tetzlaff, passed away on May 29 and June 1 respectively. A graveside service was held at the Grant Township Cemetery in Freesoil on June 7.

John Kuenzli

A private memorial service for John Kuenzli, husband of Sandy Kuenzli, took place on July 8. People wishing to honor John's commitment to community & education can make donations to the Benevolent & Protective Order of Elks, 432 River Street, Manistee, MI 49660.

Mary Kukla

Mother of Sandy (Dennis) Mikula, passed away on June 26. A private service was held on June 11.

Irma Thompson

Sister –in-law of Martha Brown & Mother of Allen (Teresa) Thompson, passed away on June 29. The family suggest gifts in remembrance of Irma be directed to Good Shepherd Lutheran Church Choir or Altar Guild. A private service is scheduled for Saturday, August 1.

Ed Knaffle

Lont-time congregant and former choirmaster, passed away on July 13. A private memorial service will be scheduled in the future and a funeral service will take place at a later date.

Snowplowing & salting of parking lots (tabled until later this year)
Mailbox/drop box: Susan contacted the postal service and will meet with a representative to determine the type of box that would suit the Church's needs as well as meet the postal service requirements. It is advised that the Church keep the post office box while making the transition to a mailbox at the Church. The postal service will contact Susan to set up an appointment.

Evaluation of having AA meetings after the latest loosening of restrictions in Michigan. Motion by Dennis Mikula to not allow outside groups to meet until Church meets. Second by Jackie Harms. Outside groups will not use the building until the Church officially re-opens. Susan to call Francis Holmes. ✓

Walt Seidelman called finance chair Scott Brown for a written report on Finance Committee's decision to not pursue 501© (3) status for the purpose of filing an application for loan from the Paycheck Protection Program created to mitigate the financial sufferings of businesses (including churches) during the pandemic. No written report received.

Walt to call absent Council members, Hansen, Zupin and Kelley and update them on this meeting.

Workbee at Pastor Jim's took place on May 5. ✓

New Business:

- a. It was decided that June and July calendars will show Council and Committee meetings but no other activities. Ministry Committees should be encouraged by Council liaisons to begin meeting again. Can be done virtually or in person if proper social distance is observed.
- b. Resignation of Chris Amor as Council member. (Letter of resignation included in Council packet.) Motion by Dennis Mikula to accept the resignation. Motion regretfully accepted.

Correspondence/Communication:

Statement from *Echo* His Love included in Council packet.

Thank you from Homeward Bound included in Council packet.

Committee/Ministry Reports:

Worship & Music Committee Report and Recommendation included in Council Packet. Draft letter and survey to be sent by mail to all congregation members asking for their thoughts and feelings about

Good Shepherd Lutheran Church
Minutes of May 26, 2020 Council Meeting Agenda

Approved 6/23/20

Because of a statewide shutdown due to the coronavirus, this meeting is being conducted online.

Called to order at 7:05 by Walt Seidelman

Those Present: Sandra Zupin, Jackie Harms, Ruth Skiera, Bob Skeira, Dennis Mikula, Debbie Hansen, James Friesner, Walt Seidelman, Micheal Amor, Dr. Timothy Knauff

Those Absent: John Anderson

Spiritual Reflection/Prayer by Walt Seidelman

Missy Amor motioned to accept the agenda. Sandra Zupin seconded.

Deb Hansen motioned to approve minutes of April 28 meeting. Dennis seconded. Minutes approved.

It was noted that income is up compared to last year. Expenses down because of shutdown. Bob Skiera motioned to accept the report. Jackie Harms seconded. Treasurer's Report accepted.

Dennis Mikula motioned to pay the bills. Sandra second.

Motion by Dennis to accept Kr. Knauff's Report. Bob Skiera seconded. Report accepted. Motion by Dennis Mikula to accept the new contract with Dr. Knauff. Seconded by Bob Skiera. Contract approved.

Business & Action Items from 4/28/20 Council Meeting

Budget to Dr. Knauff ✓

Purchase of Magill Parking Lot Sign by Bob Skiera ✓

Tuition Assistance Program & Tuition Assistance plan to Endowment Committee ✓

Michael Amor to send Tuition Assistance Committee report to Church office ✓

Worship Committee recommendation for remote communion ✓

Unknown Stewardship Committee purchase of \$511 was for offering envelopes. ✓

Council's telephone calls to congregation ✓

Display Case still pending.

Prayers for Parish members, family, & friends

Alan & Louise
Olive Baker
Jack Bauman
Kelly Bjorkquist
Shirley Blakeslee
Bob
Keith Brown
Jackie Burmeister
Aiden Chambers
Cora Brinkley Cook
Dave
Diana Dutkavich
Tom Dutkavich
Tom Dutkavich, Jr.
Marc Edmondson
Jane Fortier
Jim Friesner, Sr.
Pastor Jim Friesner
Pat Garber
Terry Guthridge
Marion Hilliard
Lea Illig
Eric Johnson
Rick Kaminski
Carol Krull
Betty Lytle
Jon Madsen
Pat McGinnis
Anthony Metiva
Tammy Sue Metiva
Phyllis Miller
Pat Murdock
Nicole
Norm Olson

Terry & Rose Pierson
Jane Reeves, daughter of
Bob & Ruth Skiera
Vickey Sawhill
Benjamin Schultz
Dale & Laura Shoemaker
Karen Skiera
Randy Skiera
Bill Smith
Dale Sparks
Laura Stefanski
Mark Steigenga
Debra Thomas
Robert (RT) Williams
The family of Doris Bowling
The family of Richard Guthridge
The family of Gary Hansen
The family of Doug Jensen
The family of Duane Keith
The family of Ed Knaffle
The family of John Kuenzli
The family of Mary Kukla
The family of Brett Madsen
The family of Charles &
Rosemary Preuss
The family of Martha Roesch
The family of David & Terry Tetzlaff
The family of Irma Thompson



2020 VISION | MISSION CONVOCATION

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the NALC will be hosting the first ever Virtual Mission Convocation. You can virtually hear from Bishop Dan Selbo on the 2020 Vision, participate in elections and voting, and hear updates from across the NALC.

Friday, August 7, 6-9 p.m. ET
Saturday, August 8, 2-6 p.m. ET
Cost: \$25 (voting delegates), \$0 (visitors)

It is easier than ever to attend the NALC Mission Convocation. With no need to travel, and minimal registration costs, all pastors and delegates are encouraged to attend. Good Shepherd has been allotted two delegates. If you would like to participate in the convocation as a delegate/voting member, please call the Church office. Good Shepherd will cover the \$25 fee.

Members of the congregation are also encouraged to join in as well! It's expected that this opportunity will increase participation significantly.

If you would like more information on the Convocation, please go to <https://lutheranweek.com/>.

*In June and July, memorials were given to
Good Shepherd Lutheran Church
in the name of*

John Kuenzli,

Mary Kukla,

&

Irma Thompson

- e. Based on the Governor's latest orders at this time in the pandemic, AA meetings of 10 or less members are allowed. It was decided that Good Shepherd would suspend AA meetings at the Church while the Church continues to be closed.
- f. Thank you note from Lighthouse Pregnancy Center.
- g. Committee/Ministry Reports:
 - Property committee: Dennis Mikula canceled contract with Larsen's Landscaping. Carpets were cleaned. Bob Skiera spoke with manager of Wild Wild West to clean up the debris left in the Cypress Street parking lot after winter plowing. Thanks to Bob for servicing the lawn mower. Clarence will rake and mow grass.
- h. The possibility of remote communion was discussed.

Action Items from this meeting:

- Walt to send Dr. Knauff copy of 2020 budget.
 - Magill parking lot sign will be purchased.
 - Snowplowing bill will be paid but will remain on agenda as "old business" until it can be addressed again in the fall.
 - Susan to research appropriate dropbox/mailbox for Church.
 - Jackie Harms will schedule a virtual meeting of the Worship & Music Committee to discuss remote communion.
 - Missy Amor to send a report from the Tuition Assistance Committee to the Church office.
 - Walt to call Scott Brown, Finance Chair, for a written report on decision to not become a 501© (3).
 - Ruth to investigate an unknown \$511 purchase by Stewardship Committee.
 - Council will call congregation again. Talking points:
 - 1) Give an update on Pastor Jim,
 - 2) Let them know Dr. Knauff is available for pastoral care,
 - 3) Ask if they have any questions.
 - Walt to contact absent members, Deb Hansen, Sandra Zupin, and Deb Kelley, to inform them of what transpired at this meeting.
 - Workbee at Pastor Jim's yard on Tuesday, May 5 at 10 AM. Walt Seidelman to email everyone on Monday to confirm.
- Meeting adjourned at 8:30 with The Lord's Prayer.

Motion by Chris Amor to approve minutes of March 24 Council meeting.
 Second by Jackie Harms. Motion by Chris Amor to approve minutes of April 7 Council meeting. Second by Micheal Amor.
 Minutes of both meetings approved.

Ruth Skiera reported that income has been down but expenses have been down as well. Walt Seidelman will send Dr. Knauff the budget that was passed in January. Bob Skiera brought up an outstanding bill for \$700 for snowplowing. Bill will be paid but will continue as "Old Business" and be relevant once again in the fall. Bob Skiera made a motion to accept the Treasurer's report. Dennis Mikula seconded it.

Denny Mikula motioned to pay the bills with a second by Bob Skiera.
 Old Business:

- a. Magill parking lot sign (sans post) is estimated to cost \$142. A sign will be purchased and set out for service when needed using the removable posts used for handicapped parking.
- b. A plan has been formulated by the Tuition Assistance Committee (Walt Seidelman, Michael Amor, and Gary Schlinkert) to request Endowment Committee for \$25,000 annually. The total amount will be divided equally among Good Shepherd Lutheran Church students attending parochial schools.
- c. Display Case is still in the works.

New Business:

- a. All activities on the May calendar have been cancelled except for the May Council meeting which will take place virtually on the 26th of May at 6:30 PM.
- b. A contract with Dr. Tim Knauff has been agreed upon. Dr. Knauff will receive \$200 a month for his work with Good Shepherd. Bob Skiera motioned to accept the contract terms. Jackie Harms seconded the motion.
- c. Dr. Knauff will provide a report on his calls and contacts at each Council meeting.
- d. A dropbox and/or mailbox was discussed to limit trips to the post office and for congregants to drop offerings in. Bob Skiera motioned to purchase a box for under \$500. Second by Dennis Mikula. More research needed to determine what type of box would be most suitable and what the Postal Service requires.

PARISH BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

August Birthdays

Karen Larson	3
Pastor Phillip Norstrand	3
Bryan Thomas	4
Jack Bjorkquist	5
Harold Lytle	5
Tammy Dutkavich	5
Debbie Thomas	6
Marilyn Dugall	10
Randy Skiera	13
Hailey Zupin	13
Noah Antal	15
Shayna Tetzlaff	16
Ila Marie Prickett	17



Haileigh Williams	17
Shanna Tetzlaff	18
Paul Bosschem	22
Coby Lange	23
Bob Tobey	23
Gary Lange	24
Tom Dutkavich	29
Carl Loftis	30
Lois Schultz	30

August Anniversaries

Jack & Janice Bjorkquist	17	John Hoch & Cathy Walter	27
Terry & Debbie Anderson	24	Marcel & Candy Wittlieff	29
Dawn & Scott Brown	24	Bob & Ruth Skiera	28
Bob & Becky Wurstne	25	John & Karen Yakimow	29
		Rudy & Evelyn Linke	29



Good Shepherd Lutheran Church
Minutes of Tuesday, April 7, 2020 Council Meeting
Approved 4/28/20

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forgiveness are experienced,
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and where all witness to their faith in Jesus Christ.

Because of a statewide shutdown due to the coronavirus, this meeting was conducted remotely.

Called to order at approximately 6:30 PM

Present: Dr. Tim Knauff, Walt Seidelman, Sandra Zupin, Deb Hansen,
Missy Amor, Dennis Mikula, Bob Skiera, Ruth Skiera
Absent: Jackie Harms, Pastor Jim Friesner, John Anderson, Deb
Kelley

Spiritual Reflection-Prayer

Denny Mikula motioned to approve agenda. Second by Bob Skiera. Motion carried.

Approval of Notes of Meeting with Dr. Tim.

Old Business:

A phone list of members & guests was created and given to Walt Seidelman.

Walt distributed portions of the list to Council members. All members received lists except for Bob Skiera and Dennis Mikula. Sandra Zupin will give Denny and Bob their sections of the list.

All Council members called their portion of the congregation except for Denny and Bob. They will call after receiving their directories. The general response to phone calls by the Council was favorable. Council will continue to call members and guests approximately once a month or more often when warranted.

Pastor Jody Bambas has agreed to continue serving Good Shepherd. Bob Skiera stated that he was told it wasn't necessary to call Rex Benfield.

No inquiry was made about local retired pastors who may be interested in being a supply pastor because Pastor Jody has agreed to continue to serve Good Shepherd.

Sandra Zupin will update Debbie Kelley about this meeting and Walt will call John Anderson & Jackie Harms to update them on this meeting.

New Business:

The CARES Act can be addressed by the Finance Committee. Walt will contact chair of committee, Scott Brown.

Action Items from this meeting:

Sandra Zupin to give Dennis Mikula and Bob Skiera their portions of the directory.

Dennis and Bob will call the members and guests listed in their portions of the directory.

Sandra Zupin to update Deb Kelley on this meeting

Walt Seidelman to update Jackie Harms and John Anderson on this meeting.

Walt Seidelman to contact Scott Brown of the Finance Committee regarding the CARES Act.

Motion to Adjourn/ Prayer by Dr. Knauff at approximately 7:30 PM.

Good Shepherd Lutheran Church
Minutes of Tuesday, April 28, 2020 Council Meeting
Approved 5/26/20

Because of a statewide shutdown due to the coronavirus, this meeting was conducted remotely.

Meeting called to order at 6:35 by Walt Seidelman.

Present: Ruth Skiera, Dennis Mikula, Bob Skiera, Walt Seidelman, Jackie Harms, Missy Amor, Chris Amor, John Anderson, Dr Timothy Knauff
Absent: Sandra Zupin, Deb Hansen, Debbie Kelley, Pastor Jim Friesner

Spiritual Reflection/Prayer: Walt Seidelman, Psalm 46

Motion by Missy Amor to approve agenda. Second by Dennis Mikula.