



## Real God, Real Presence, Real People

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Traditional Eucharist

*Sundays at 9:30 am*

Contemporary Eucharist

*Saturdays at 5:30 pm*

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## **Prayers in a Time of Pandemic**

Let us draw near the Throne of Grace, humbly beseeching God's mercy for all people in this time of suffering and fear.

Most holy God, you are the source of all goodness, wisdom, mercy, and life. If we never before knew how much we need those great goods – how much, rather, we need you – we know now. This isn't just about our private fears or personal concerns, nor only our church or community or nation. This is about every person on the face of this planet. How vulnerable we all are, gracious Lord! How interconnected we are – and not just by social media, party affiliation, or various identity labels. No, we're bound together by our common humanity and, through that, by the possibility of infection, illness, and death by a virus.

Father, bind us together by something even greater and stronger! Bind us together with "cords that cannot be broken," because they are forged by your Son as he hung on a bitter Cross for the sake of the whole world. Bind us together with him in a fellowship of suffering: suffering with, and suffering for, our sisters and brothers according to the flesh. Bind us together in a fellowship deeper than our differences and stronger than death. Bind us together in Christ, crucified and risen from the dead for the salvation of all.

Lord, in your mercy, ***please hear our prayer.***

Bestow your Spirit of wisdom and understanding, counsel and might upon all who take counsel for the nations in this time of crisis. Give them every spiritual, moral, intellectual, and social resource they need to act for the good of the people entrusted to their care. Let them be courageous, competent, collaborative, and compassionate as they ponder what course to take.

Lord, in your mercy, ***please hear our prayer.***

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Thank you for the brilliant and dedicated scientists who seek to understand the infection's nature, to slow or prevent its spread, and to mitigate the suffering it causes. Thank you for doctors, nurses, and everyone from housekeepers to cooks, from dialysis and inhalation technicians to emergency room personnel, who are truly risking their lives for the sake of us all. Bless and strengthen them. Keep them safe from all harm – and grant them rest when they need it, for their own health's sake.

Lord, in your mercy, ***please hear our prayer.***

We plead on behalf of the many people who are quarantined and isolated because of exposure to the virus; for everyone who is already ill; and for those who are at the greatest risk of severe illness or death. Hide them under the shadow of your wings, and grant them healing and hope.

Lord, in your mercy, ***please hear our prayer.***

Lord, give courage, patience, and ingenuity to everyone whose job or business is endangered by the quarantine and uncertainty. Help us to support one another, and to patronize, as we can, local small businesses in our community. Give lending institutions, landlords, and creditors the spirit of generosity and compassion, so that personal and communal suffering is not made worse by evictions, foreclosures, fines, and bankruptcies. Most gentle and gracious Father, we pray for families with children in these difficult days. Some have only one parent. Some are already stressed by things ranging from drugs to physical abuse, from illness of body, mind, or spirit to financial fragility. Lord, some of those households will be like pressure cookers, and the children might suffer most when it "blows." Let your Spirit brood over those troubled waters. And give us eyes to see and hearts to respond as helpfully and often as we can.

Lord, in your mercy, ***please hear our prayer.***

Forgive, enlighten, and cause salutary repentance among the ignorant and flippant, the malicious and careless, the conspiracy theorists and the social Darwinists, the heedless young and the "it can't happen to me" folks of all ages. Give them the common sense that you have given to guppies and fruit flies, Lord! Help us all to think beyond our own convenience (or lack thereof); our own risks or losses; our own plans or fears. Help us to think about the least of these, our Lord's (and our) sisters and brothers, who are vulnerable in ways we really can comprehend, with your help!

Lord, in your mercy, ***please hear our prayer.***

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## **LIBRARY NEWS**

HELLO AGAIN READERS. Are you looking forward to opening up our town? I am. Of course, following all the guidelines.

So, I've been reading every day/night a true story about the Greek Civil War in the late 40's. I am learning so much about Greece. I've never really been very knowledgeable about that part of the world so am learning some history. However, it is a borrowed book from Nancy Master's history collection, so it will not go into our church library. Call Nancy if you are interested in reading it.

The two books I recently read are: "Out of the Easy" by Rita Sepetys, she also wrote "Between Shades of Gray." The second book is "Bruno, Chief of Police." Both were interesting novels. They will both be cataloged as Fiction. When I can get back into church again, I'll put them outside the Unity Room on the table.

How's the Reader's Challenge coming. Hope you are keeping track of your books read. If you read a book not in our Church collection and you found it to be a good read, let someone on our committee know and it can be purchased for our Library.

Have a good month of June. Keep on reading!

Your Good Shepherd Bookworm

(Library Committee: Sharon and Kirk Hayden, Nancy Masters, Elaine McWatt and Dolores Widgren



## THANK YOU NOTES

Dear Good Shepherd Lutheran Church,

Thank you for helping to brighten the future of Manistee's homeless pets (814.50 Received.)

*Manistee County Humane Society  
Homeward Bound Animal Shelter*

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Because of you:

- Safe Harbor remains open
- MANNA is feeding more new families
- Our staff can safely prepare for a new normal
- Emergency needs are still met.

Hope is not lost! By all of us joining together we are proof of Jesus' love and a promise that no one is being left to fight COVID-19 alone.

Prayers for strength, blessings, & continued good health,

*Robin Paulus  
Executive Director  
ECHO His Love*

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Thank you to all the friends and family of Good Shepherd who have come through for us with sanitizing wipes, masks, hand sanitizer, and other virus-fighting supplies when they've been hard to find over the past months. The supplies, your thoughtfulness, and your prayers are comforting at a time when it's sometimes hard to keep anxiety at bay.

*The Staff of Good Shepherd Lutheran Church*

We pray for the one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church throughout the world, and for our own little portion within it. Many of us cannot worship together or receive the Holy Sacrament, your own Medicine of Immortality. Many of our pastors, priests, deacons and deaconesses, monks and sisters and lay religious, are unable to care for their flock – your flock – as they usually do. Keep us steadfast in faith, courageous in hope, and unflagging in charity. By the power of your most Holy Spirit, keep us united with your beloved Son, our common Lord and Savior, the Shepherd of our souls, and our Good Physician. Increase in us the hunger for your Word, for prayer, and for acts of forgiveness and compassion. Use us, as we are able, to further your purpose and will, and to share your unchanging love – especially among the poor, the ill, the struggling, the dying.

Lord, in your mercy, ***please hear our prayer.***

We pray for everyone who, even in this time of common suffering and crisis, refuses to turn to you. We might think that a pandemic is a board of sufficient strength to impart faith when whacked upside an unbelieving head, and we are astonished when it isn't so! Let our words, actions, and lives be as lanterns filled with the presence and love of Jesus. Let everything we say and do be signs of your grace and mercy. Lord, we are bold to pray: Redeem this time of pandemic, so that many hearts may be softened, and many lives may be overwhelmed by a flood of repentant faith in Jesus, their Savior, Lord, and God.

Lord, in your mercy, ***please hear our prayer.***

We know that other needs continue to be urgent, dear Father! We ask the Spirit's help in remembering them before you. And, for the sake of your dear Son, we pray that you may heed all our prayers and graciously answer them in accordance with your will, to your glory and for the welfare of your people.

**AMEN.**



*Prayers written by Cathy Ammlung.*

## 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](mailto: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**.

**COUNCIL MEETING: Tuesday, June 2 at 6:30 PM** in the Unity Room.

**FATHER'S DAY: Sunday, June 21.**

**COUNCIL MEETING: Tuesday, June 23 at 6:30 PM.**

**FOURTH OF JULY: July 4.**

**COUNCIL MEETING: Tuesday, July 28 at 6:30 PM.**

**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.

## PARISH PRAYER CONCERNS

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

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



VIII. Micheal Amor motioned to approve bills. Jackie Harms seconded. Approval to pay bills.

### IX. Old Business

A. Magill Parking Lot Signs: Signs haven't been purchased yet. Bob Skiera will get a price on the signs and put it on the next agenda. It was also suggested that the Magill parking lot not be plowed next winter.

B. Tuition Assistance Committee meeting was scheduled and then cancelled. Missy Amor will reschedule and set up a Zoom meeting.

C. Still working on the display case photographs.

D. Team Jesus: The Guatemala mission trip has been cancelled. Incoming funds for Team Jesus received after March 31 will go toward the next (undetermined) project. Sandra Zupin will take donations to Homeward Bound from Team Jesus Project #9.

E. Kitchen Committee has purchased a freezer and it has been delivered.

X. New Business: None

XI. Correspondence/Communication: None to Report

XII. Committee/Ministry Reports: None to Report

XIII. Action Items from this meeting:

- Sandra to deliver donations to Homeward Bound.
- Missy Amor to schedule Tuition Assistance Committee meeting.
- Bob Skiera to obtain price of parking lot signs.

XIV. Motion by Bob Skiera to approve benevolences. Seconded by Jackie Harms. Motion carried.

XV. Meeting adjourned with a prayer at 7:28 PM.

Good Shepherd Lutheran Church  
Minutes of March 24, 2020 Council Meeting

Approved April 28, 2020

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*Because of a statewide shutdown due to the coronavirus, the meeting was held remotely.*

- I. Meeting called to order by Walt Seidelman at 6:55 pm.
- II. Present: Micheal Amor, Deb Hansen, Sandra Zupin, Ruth Skiera, Bob Skiera, Chris Amor, Walt Seidelman, Jackie Harms, Dr. Tim Knauff. Absent: Dennis Mikula, Deb Kelley, John Anderson, Pastor James Friesner
- III. Spiritual Reflection-Prayer by Walt Seidelman
- IV. Sandra Zupin motioned to approve the agenda. Bob Skiera second ed. Agenda approved.
- V. The portion of the meeting with Dr. Tim Knauff took place prior to the start of the official Council Meeting. Please see the notes submitted by Dr. Knauff and the minutes of the meeting for more information.
- VI. Motion by Sandra Zupin to approve the proposed minutes of February 25 meeting. Second by Micheal Amor. Motion by Chris Amor to approve proposed minutes of March 10 meeting. Both motions approved.
- VII. Motion by Micheal Amor to approve the Treasurer's Report. Second by Sandra Zupin. Approved.

Prayers for Parish members, family, & friends

Alan & Louise	Pat Murdock
Olive Baker	Nicole
Jack Bauman	Norm Olson
Kelly Bjorkquist	Terry & Rose Pierson
Shirley Blakeslee	Jane Reeves, daughter of Bob & Ruth Skiera
Bob	Vickee Sawhill
Keith Brown	Benjamin Schultz
Jackie Burmeister	Dale & Laura Shoemaker
Aiden Chambers	Karen Skiera
Cora Brinkley Cook	Randy Skiera
Diana Dutkavich	Bill Smith
Tom Dutkavich	Dale Sparks
Tom Dutkavich, Jr.	Laura Stefanski
Marc Edmondson	Mark Steigenga
Liz, Richard, & Addison Elliott	Robert (RT) Williams
Jane Fortier	Ann Ziehm
Jim Friesner, Sr.	John Ziehm
Pastor Jim Friesner	The family of Doris Bowling
Pat Garber	The family of Kathleen Chmielewski
Terry Guthridge	The family of Richard Guthridge
Mary Heuck	The family of Gary Hansen
Marion Hilliard	The family of Doug Jensen
Lea Illig	The family of Duane Keith
Eric Johnson	The family of John Kuenzli
Rick Kaminski	The family of Brett Madsen
Ed Knaffle	The family of Charles & Rosemary Preuss
Carol Krull	
Betty Lytle	
Jon Madsen	
Pat McGinnis	
Anthony Metiva	
Tammy Sue Metiva	
Phyllis Miller	





# GOD THE FATHER CREATES

Lutheran Week 2020

**Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania**

**August 3—7, 2020**

Every year, the North American Lutheran Church gathers for **Lutheran Week**. The week is more than a conference, more than a church festival and much more than a business meeting. The NALC Lutheran Week is all of that and more. This year's theme is *God the Father Creates*. For more information as it develops, please visit the website at <https://lutheranweek.com/#>.

*Happy  
Father's  
Day!*

The living, the living, they thank you, as I do this day;  
fathers make known to children your faithfulness.

*Isaiah 38:19*

*Congratulations!*

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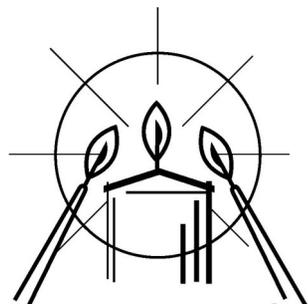
*Lauren Brown & Tyler Sievert*

Who were married during a small service

on

Saturday, April 25, 2020

(Lauren is the daughter of Dawn & Scott Brown.)



*Two Become One*

## PARISH BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

### JUNE BIRTHDAYS

McKenna Grant	June 1
Jaelyn Thomas	June 1
John Kuenzli	June 2
Katherine Willim	June 3
Elaine Kaminski	June 6
Sharon Hayden J	June 11
Joan Jensen	June 16
Garrett Brown	June 17
Ruth Peterson	June 17
Ann Ziehm	June 17
Donald Jankwietz	June 23
Lula Sundbeck	June 23
Charles Antal	June 24
Kaleb Shoemate	June 26
John Traeger	June 28

### JULY BIRTHDAYS

Richard Graham	July 1
Scott Parker	July 1
Cooper Vartyak	July 4
Lauren Brown	July 5
Austin Brown	July 5
Linda Phillips	July 6
Ella Bobo	July 7
Susan Ennis	July 9
Taylor Brown	July 11
Celia Neitzke	July 12
Cheryl Johnson	July 13
Elizabeth Smalley	July 13
Ada Bobo	July 16
Logan Skiera	July 16
Michelle Thomas	July 17
Zachary Dalke	July 20
Terry Pierson	July 20
A E Lorenz	July 21
Jason Amor	July 22
Dominic Morrill	July 23
Robert Burmeister	July 24
Megan Grant	July 28



### JUNE ANNIVERSARIES

Charles & Sally Wolverton June 24



### JULY ANNIVERSARIES

Lee & Jo Anne Erdmann	July 13
Ed & Ruth Peterson	July 27
Karen & Randy Skiera	July 28