

*Good Shepherd Evangelical Lutheran Church
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CONGREGATION COUNCIL

Although the election was conducted a little differently this year due to the covid virus, allowing votes to be cast after services in the Church as well as in the parking lot ensured the necessary quorum while keeping socially distanced and safe.

On September 12 & 13, six new Council members were unanimously voted to serve Good Shepherd Lutheran Church. New to the Council are John Anderson, Paul Bosschem, Sharon Hayden, Carl Lofis, Beth Schlinkert, and Linda Young.

The new Council members will be joining currently serving Council members Missy Amor, Debbie Hansen, Jackie Harms, Denny Mikula, and Walt Seidelman.

At the September 22 Council meeting, officers of the Council were elected. Congratulations to President Jackie Harms, Vice President Walt Seidelman, and Secretary Missy Amor.

Lastly, our appreciation goes out to Bob Skiera and Sandra Zupin whose Council terms expired in August.

Thank you for faithfully serving our church!

AROUND THE PARISH



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

SERVICES: Food Shepherd has resumed its Saturday and Sunday services at the Church. Good Shepherd will Also continue recording services each week. You will continue to receive weekly email that contains announcements, a link to the recorded service. And a corresponding bulletin. Services will also be posted on our website. To view services, go to <https://www.gslcmn.org/>, scroll down, then click on the service you'd like to view.

COMMUNION: For those not ready to return to in-person services, communion will continue to be distributed between **4 &:30 PM on Saturdays**. Now that the weather is getting cooler, communion will be distributed inside the east entrance rather than outside.

OFFERINGS: Electronic giving is available on the Good Shepherd website, <https://www.gslcman.org/>. Click on the "Support God's Work at Good Shepherd" box and follow the instructions. You are also welcome to mail your offerings to Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, PO Box 157, Manistee, MI 49660.

GREETERS, USHERS, & READERS: The Church is looking for a volunteer greeter a volunteer usher, and a volunteer reader for each in-person service. The greeter and usher will assist in making services run smoothly for everyone as we adjust to new ways of doing things. If you would like to help, please call the office.

QUILTERS: Meet on Friday October 2 and Friday, October 10 at 10 AM.

PASTOR APPRECIATION DAY: Sunday, October 11.

PROPERTY COMMITTEE: Meets on **Tuesday, October 13 at 10 AM.**

The new time is for this month only.

AA MEETINGS: 8 PM, Tuesday and Friday night AA meetings will resume on Friday, October 2 in the fellowship hall. AA has signed an agreement that holds them responsible for taking the same precautions as the Church.

HABITAT FOR HUMANITY: Will resume using the Unity Room to have a once-a-month board meeting and periodically meet with their clients. They, too, have signed an agreement holding them responsible for taking specified precautions.

CHRIST THE KING CHURCH: Christ the King has signed a similar agreement allowing them to resume services on **Sunday afternoons at 4 PM.** We do not have an exact date when they will resume services.

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 ALTAR GUILD SCHEDULE

October 4	Beth Schlinkert, Dawn Brown
October 11	Mary Gossett, Dolores Widgren
October 18	Micheal Amor, Sharon Hayden
October 25	Micheal Amor, Sharon Hayden

THE CHURCH TRIUMPHANT

Rest in Peace

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

Shirley Blaskeslee

Passed away peacefully surrounded by family on Saturday, September 26, 2020. Cremation has taken place and Shirley has been laid to rest along with her husband of early 50 years, her mother, father, and baby sister in Kaleva. A private service for family will be held at a later day.

Memorials may be made to any Special Olympics Organization.

*“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.”*



*In Our
Thoughts
and Prayers*

PARISH PRAYER CONCERNS

Manistee County Medical Care 1505 Parkdale Ave.
Leona Amerell

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.

Prayers for Parish members, family, & friends

Ian & Louise
Olive Baker
Jack Bauman
Kelly Bjorkquist
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
Vickee Sawhill
Benjamin Schultz
Dale & Laura Shoemaker
Karen Skiera
Randy Skiera
Bill Smith
Dale Sparks
Laura Stefanski
Mark Steigenga
Debra McCann-Thomas
Robert (RT) Williams
The family of Shirley Blakeslee
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 Donna O'Rorke
The family of Charles &
Rosemary Preuss
The family of Martha Roesch
The family of David & Terry Tetzlaff
The family of Irma Thompson



COMMUNITY TABLE

After a commendable 12 years of serving the community of Manistee with delicious home cooked meals, Community Table is now at a crossroads. Put on hiatus because of the pandemic, Community Table hasn't served a meal since March. Good Shepherd was recently contacted for its input on what this ministry can hope for in the future. A number of participants (from outside Good Shepherd) have suggested Community Table stay on hiatus until at least 2021. Right now, Good Shepherd doesn't have a leader for this ministry. If you are interested, have an opinion or suggestion, let Susan (that's me in the office) know. Lastly, Chris Amor stepped down from leading the Community Table ministry at Good Shepherd for many years. Our sincerest appreciation to Chris for all of his time, dedication, and expertise.



The Pumpkin Story



What's it like to be a Christian?

It's like being a pumpkin. God picks you up from the patch, brings you in and washes all the dirt off of you. He removes the seeds of doubt, hate and greed. Then He gives you a new smiling face and puts His light inside you to shine for the entire world to see.

Matthew 5:16 & II Corinthians 4:6

PARISH BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES



4	Loretta Staff		
5	Danielle Faubert		
7	Donna Meduna		
7	Sean Garcia	18	Lilly Bjorkquist
8	Krista Wojciechowski	18	Nancy Holstad
9	Callie Shively	19	Isabella Willim
10	Vincent Williams, Jr.	20	Marcel Wittlieff
11	David Majkszak	21	Charles Neitzke
12	Nancy Masters	21	Josie Ziehm
12	Rev. Karen Yakimow	24	Dennis Mikula
12	Eric Onstott	25	Robert Schultz
15	Cindy Sobaski	26	Lisa Heuck
16	Joanne Erdmann	28	Corky Solis
17	Angela Caro	28	Becky Wurstner
17	Cathy Walter	31	Thelma Gregg

October Anniversaries

5	John & Debbie Ziehm	10	Paul & Lea Illig
8	Eric & Sandra Zupin	24	Charles & Celia Neitzke
9	Brenten & Kelly Vartyak	26	Dennis & Sandy Mikula



Good Shepherd Lutheran Church
Minutes of Tuesday, July 28, 2020 Council Meeting
Approved 8/25/20

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by sharing God's grace and forgiveness
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Our Vision: To be a congregation where God's grace and
forgiveness are experienced,
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and where all witness to their faith in Jesus Christ.

Meeting called to order by Walt Seidelman at 6:30 PM.

Present: Bob Skiera, Walt Seidelman, Dennis Mikula, Ruth Skiera, Missy Amor, Deb Hansen, Jackie Harms

Present Remotely: Dr Timothy Knauff

Present by Telephone: John Anderson

Absent: Pastor Jim Friesner, Sandra Zupin

Spiritual Reflection/Prayer by Walt Seidelman

Motion by Dennis Mikula to approve agenda with the addition of the Convocation in New Buisness. Second by Missy Amor.

Motion by Bob Skiera to approve the Proposed Minutes of June 23, 2020 Meeting, Second by Deb Hansen. Minutes approved.

Motion by Deb Hansen to approve June 26, 2020 Special Council Meeting notes. Second by Bob Skiera. Notes approved.

Motion of Dennis Mikula to approve Proposed Minutes of July 7, 2020 Council Meeting. Second by Jackie Harms. Minutes approved.

Motion by Micheal Amor to approve the Treasurer's Report. Second by Deb Hansen.

Dennis Mikula motioned to approve payment of the bills. Bob Skiera seconded.

Motion by Deb Hansen to accept Dr. Knauff's Activity Report. Second by Missy Amor.

Old Business:

The deadline for tuition assistance requests will be Friday, September 25, 2020. Walt Seidelman to inform the Endowment Committee in writing of the deadline.

Currently, tuition assistance is available for students in kindergarten – 12th grade. Will preschoolers be eligible? Will be researched by Missy Amor and put on the August Council meeting agenda.

Display Case now contains the updated frame. Four photos need to be taken and included. Tabled until after the August Council meeting.

Snowplowing & salting of parking lots is tabled until later this year.

Mailbox/drop box: Susan and the Post Office representative have been playing phone tag. Tabled again.

New Business:

Lutheran World Disaster Relief information was forwarded to Mary Gossett.

Motion by Jackie Harms to reschedule Congregation Meeting from August 22 & 23 to September 12 & 13. Second by Missy Amor. Dr. Knauff suggested having a Zoom meeting. Will need 40 participants for a quorum.

Walt will write a letter and include alternative methods for meeting. Newsletter will include notification of rescheduled meeting.

Open seats and terms of Council members were discussed. It was noted that there can be up to 18 Council members. It was also noted that the Nominating Committee is to be picked by the Executive Board. A motion was made by Jackie Harms to appoint all Council members to the Nominating Committee. Second by Deb Hansen. Motion approved.

Possible candidates for the Council include Sharon Hayden (1 year term), Linda Young (3 year term), and John Anderson (2 year term), Sandra Zupin, Beth Schlinkert. Terry Anderson,

and Paul Bosschem.

Please let Susan know who is interested in being on Council by August 4.

An inquiry from a congregation member came in regarding use of the Unity Room in October for a baby shower. It was agreed that it would be put on the calendar. Should anything arise due to the pandemic, the event is subject to cancellation.

Good Shepherd is allotted two delegates to attend the Convocation. No one voiced an interest.

Correspondence/Communication: Thank you from Lighthouse Pregnancy Center.

Committee/Ministry Reports: Finance Report received.

Adjourned with The Lord's Prayer at 6:30 PM.

Next Council Meeting: Tuesday, August 25, 2020 at 6:30 PM.

With

Gratitude and Appreciation

Happy Pastor Appreciation Month

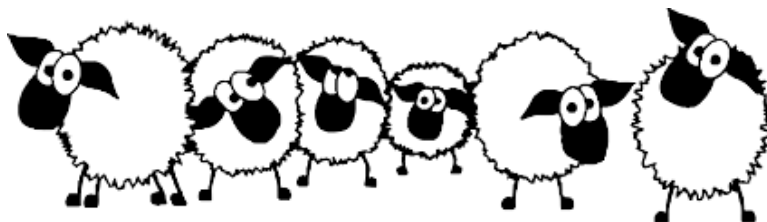
to

Pastor Jim Friesner, Reverend Jody Bambas, & Dr. Timothy Knauff

As a shepherd looks after his (her) scattered flock when he (she) is with them, so will I look after my sheep. I will rescue them from all the places where they were scattered on a day of clouds and darkness.

Ezekiel 34:12

From your flock at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church





*But ask the animals, and they will teach you;
the birds of the air, and they will tell you;
Ask the plants of the earth, and they will teach you;
and the fish of the sea will declare to you.
Who among all these does not know
that the hand of the Lord Has done this?
In his hand is the life of every living thing
and the breath of every human being.*

Job 12: 7-10

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Traditional Eucharist

Sundays at 9:30 am

Contemporary Eucharist

Saturdays at 5:30 pm