

The Shepherd's Staff

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Newsletter

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A MESSAGE FROM THE PASTOR

Dear members and Friends of Good Shepherd:

He is Risen, He is Risen indeed!

No message is more central to the hope we have in Christ than the truth that the crucified One is not in the grave, but alive and with us. Scripture tells us to abide in faith, hope, and love, knowing that the greatest of these is love. And we know love, for love is not a feeling, but the truth of who God is. We have hope upon hope because we know that because Jesus lives, we too shall live. Not just then and there, but here and now!

With spring in the air, a rekindled hope because of the resurrection, and even the hope of opening up and getting back to a freer and more normal life, as we have been blessed to enjoy in years past, and now can appreciate all the more. Regardless our circumstances, the thing to be most thankful for is the Promise of our Risen Savior.

May the Risen Lord grant you encouragement, hope, and a full measure of His love as you are daily reminded of His resurrection through the resurrection that comes to us each Spring! We are blessed by the Lord. This is most certainly true.

It is always a pleasure to serve the Risen One. May He come through us to others that they too may know the great joy which is found in the source of love and life.

Happy Easter!

Pastor Greene

AROUND THE PARISH



OFFICE HOURS: The Parish office is open from **9 AM - 3 PM, Monday through Thursday**. The office is **closed on Friday**. Although 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.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS: Good Shepherd no longer has a post office box. Please send all mail to the Church at **521 Cypress Street** where it will be delivered to a secure mailbox.

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, 521 Cypress Street, Manistee, MI 49660.

NOTICE TO ALL COMMITTEES, GROUPS, CONGREGATION MEMBERS: The Church building is now open to small groups. Please sanitize your hands when you come in. Masks are expected as is social distancing. There is also a sign-in sheet at the entrance where you should sign in and state the room(s) you are using. All congregation members are asked to sanitize the areas they have touched. Generally cleaning will also be done with an electrostatic sprayer after building use.

SIGNING IN: Please sign in at the podiums at the top of the stairs when entering the Church and let us know where you’ll be in the building. Then we’ll make sure the used areas of the Church are cleaned with the electrostatic cleaning sprayer. The sign in sheet can also serve as an attendance record for services as well as assist in contact tracing if ever the need arises.

IN-PERSON SERVICES: Good Shepherd invites you to join us for in-person services at **10:30 AM on Sunday mornings**. Services on **Saturday at 5:30 PM will resume on April 10**. Masks & social distancing are

expected. **Beginning on Easter**, the last song of each service will be sung as a group with masks on.

RECORDED SERVICES: Will continue to be available each week.

COMMUNION: Communion will continue to be distributed by Eucharistic Ministers between **11 AM and 12 noon on Saturdays**.

MIDWEEK SERVICES: Will take a hiatus during the Easter season.

BIBLE STUDY: Wednesdays at 10:30 AM in the Unity room. Please bring a Bible.

SHEP'S CUPBOARD: Good Shepherd will resume collecting food donations **after Easter**. The cupboard is bare!

LIBRARY COMMITTEE: Meets on **Thursday, April 8 at 10:30 Am**.

FELLOWSHIP & COFFEE HOUR: Will resume on the **weekend of April 10 & 11 after Saturday & Sunday Services**.

YOUTH GROUP: Will be meeting on **Sundays at 6 PM beginning April 11**.

WORSHIP COMMITTEE: Meets on Monday, **April 12, at 6:30 PM**.

PROPERTY COMMITTEE: Meets on **Tuesday, April 13 at 3 PM**.

QUILTERS: Will meet on **Friday, April 16 at 10:30 AM** and every first and third Friday of the month thereafter.

FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING: **Monday, April 26 at 6:30 PM**.

COUNCIL MEETING: **Tuesday, April 27 at 6:30 PM**.

CONTACT INFORMATION: Can Good Shepherd keep in touch with you by email? If you'd like to receive messages from Good Shepherd and links to online services, please send your email address to gslc49660@gmail.com.

THE CHURCH TRIUMPHANT

Rest in Peace

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

*“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.”*

PARISH PRAYER CONCERNS

Manistee County Medical Care 1505 Parkdale Avenue
Leona Amerell

Green Acres Retirement Community 1835 12th Street
Audrey Ann Amburgey, Al Kukla

The Solberg Family Home 2028 Kemmer Road
Martha Brown

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

Allan & Louise
Austin
Olive Baker
Jack Bauman
Tom Bambase
Kelly Bjorkquist
Bob
Keith Brown
Jackie Burmeister
Aiden Chambers
Cora Brinkley Cook
Diana Dutkavich
Tom Dutkavich
Tom Dutkavich, Jr.
Marc Edmondson
AJ Epperson
Jane Fortier
Jim Friesner, Sr.
Pat Garber
Terry Guthridge
Marion Hilliard
Lea Illig
Eric Johnson
Rick Kaminski
Carol Krull
Betty Lytle
Jon Madsen
Mark Masters
Debra McCann-Thomas
Pat McGinnis
Anthony Metiva



Phyllis Miller
Pat Murdock
Nicole
Norm Olson
Terry & Rose Pierson
Jane Reeves
Vickey Sawhill
Benjamin Schultz
Dale & Laura Shoemaker
Karen Skiera
Randy Skiera
Bill Smith
Dale Sparks
Laura Stefanski
Mark Steigenga
Melissa Taylor
Robert (RT) Williams
The family of Shirley Blakeslee
The family of Pr. Jim Friesner
The family of Joan Jensen
The family of Ed Knaffle
The family of Tammy Metiva
The family of Donna O'Rorke
The family of Lois Rosenow
The family of Irma Thompson
The family of Bob Tobey

LIBRARY NEWS FOR APRIL 2021

Hello Good Shepherd readers. Where did January and February go? And today we are well into March. So, are all our readers continuing to read? I have been reading “A Distant Mirror, The Calamitous 14th Century” by Barbara W.Tuchman. It has 631 pages, and I’m 75% through it. It’s not what I would call an easy read, but if you’re interested in medieval history, this is for you. I have a stack of lighter reading waiting for me, but want to finish this one first.

I would like to get recommendations from our readers of their favorite books, so how about sharing what you’re reading with us. Our contest is ongoing so do continue to keep track of your read books. All I need is your total number, but if you can keep track of titles that would be nice. If you recall, Mary Gossett was our champion reader in 2020 and was the recipient of a gift certificate to the Happy Owl Bookstore here in Manistee.

I stepped into the Library last week for the first time in a year and found several boxes and bags of books that will need to be cataloged. It’s not a hard job, just time-consuming. We could use some help if anyone has some free time. Contact anyone on the Library committee if you would like to help. Another task is to box up old books that have not circulated in 10 years and get them ready for the youth book sale.

Stay in touch and keep on reading.

Sincerely,

Good Shepherd Bookworm.



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

PARISH BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

April Birthdays

- 1 Darwin Anderson
- 5 Kyle Sparks
- 8 Betty Griegel
- 8 Curtis Luomala
- 9 Teresa Miller
- 9 Marjorie D. Johnson
- 10 Eric Zupin
- 11 Mark Bergstrom
- 11 Kay Meister
- 12 Daniel Funk
- 12 Sandy Mikula
- 13 Marjorie Heuck
- 13 Frances Holmes
- 14 Dave Majszak
- 17 Martha Brown
- 18 Scott Hansen



- 18 Pat Ziehm
- 19 Courtney Madsen
- 20 Dianna Dutkavich
- 21 Marilyn Zailyn
- 21 Kimberly Papes
- 21 Zailyn Manke
- 26 Sara Madsen
- 28 Logan Randal
- 30 Dale Shoemaker

April Anniversaries

- 21 Dode & Mary Funk



*“God writes the Gospel
not in the Bible alone,
but also on trees,
and in the
flowers and clouds and stars. “*

Martin Luther



THANK YOU NOTE

To the Library Committee:

“Thank you for the gift certificate. I will be like a kid in a candy store when I go to the Happy Owl Bookstore. God’s Blessings.”

*- Mary Gossett
Library Contest Winner*

PARISH ALTAR GUILD SCHEDULE

April 1	Beth Schlinkert, Sharon Hayden
April 4	All angels on deck
April 10 & 11	Linda Young, Mary Gossett

You are invited to join us for

HOLY WEEK SERVICES

Palm Sunday

Sunday, March 28, 10:30 AM

Maundy Thursday Service

April 1 at 7 PM

Good Friday Service

April 2 at 7 PM

Easter Vigil

Saturday, April 3 at 8:30 PM

Easter Worship

Sunday, April 4 at 10:30 AM

Feast of the Resurrection



*Palm Sunday, Good Friday, & Easter Sunday recorded services
will be available on our website at
<https://www.gslcman.org/>.*



Good Shepherd Lutheran Church
Minutes of Tuesday, January 26, 2021 Council Meeting
Approved 2/23/21

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by sharing God's grace and forgiveness
through our loving witness and service for 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.

Called to order by Jackie Harms at 6:38.

Present: Micheal Amor, Pastor Jody Bambas, Carl Loftis, Walt Seidelman,
Beth Schlinkert, Linda Young, Paul Bosschem, Ruth Skiera, Jackie
Harms, Sharon Hayden, Dennis Mikula

Spiritual Reflection/Prayer led by Pastor Jody Bambas.

Motion by Sharon Hayden to approve the agenda with the additions of a
discussion on the Help Fund, a discussion of services after January,
and a discussion on Lent services. Second by Carl Loftis.

Motion by Paul Bosschem to approve the Proposed Minutes of December
17, 2020 Meeting. Second by Carl Loftis.

Motion by Paul Bosschem to approve the Proposed Minutes of December
22, 2020 Meeting. Second by Beth Schlinkert.

Motion by Paul Bosschem to approve the Proposed Minutes of December
29, 2021 Special Council Meeting with the deletion of Missy
Amor as "present". Second by Debbie Hansen.

Motion by Sharon Hayden to approve Treasurer's Report. Second by
Missy Amor.

Discussion on the Help Fund: Missy Amor contacted attorney John
Yakimow who stated that the pastor and Council President ap-
prove Help Fund disbursements. Until a pastor is hired, the Presi-
dent and another Council member will approve Help
Fund disbursements.

Motion by Dennis Mikula to approve the payment of bills. Second by Walt Seidelman.

Old Business:

Display case has been updated with new photos. Digital photos to be sent to Tom Amor who will put names on them.

Mailbox: The new mailbox has been installed. Address change began on January 18.

Monthly calls to the Congregation. Remind congregation of Annual Meeting.

Motion by Sharon Hayden to approve the Proposed Agenda of Annual Meeting scheduled for January 31, 2021. Second by Linda Young.

New Business:

Pastor Jeffray Greene, recommended by the NALC for the position of Interim Pastor, will visit this weekend and give the sermon on Sunday. Missy Amor to pick him up at the airport. Susan to make reservations at the Ramsdell Inn. Motion by Sharon Hayden to have President Jackie Harms and Finance Committee discuss compensation package with Pastor Greene. Pastor Jody Bambas will not be available to officiate on the weekend of the 13th of February.

Beth Schlinkert and Judy Pefley would like to offer dine-in and take-out soup lunches after Wednesday services in Lent. All agreed. Soup lunches will start the week after Ash Wednesday.

Unclaimed property: Good Shepherd received \$10,698.48 from the Unclaimed Property division of the Michigan Department of Treasury.

Correspondence/Communication:

Thank you note from Martha Brown to the Quilters.

Thank you note from Tom & Lou Ann Zelenak for gift cards.

Thank you note from Susan Nowak.

Committee/Ministry Reports:

Finance Committee Report

Public Comment: None

Meeting adjourned at 8:26 with Our Lord's Prayer led by Jackie Harms.

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Traditional Eucharist

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Contemporary Eucharist

Saturdays at 5:30 pm