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A MESSAGE FROM THE PASTOR

Dear Members and friends;

Our Lord and Savior is good all the time. Let us be thankful and rejoice in each day that we are given. For some, these will be the lazy, crazy days of summer. Holidays will be celebrated, remembering the gift of freedom we enjoy, fellowship with friends and family, and rejoicing (except on those really hot days) the warmth of summer. Do look around you and see the magnificence of God's creation. Enjoy the sunrises, sunsets, and all of the beauty of the earth which is all around us. The world is filled with life in abundance.

Our Lord has given us so many good things and sometimes the circumstances of life keep us from seeing clearly God's provision. We have been gathered together as a fellowship and we should rejoice in this too. The freedom we celebrate reminds us that it is because of freedom that we are able together. The pandemic reminded us how fickle those freedoms can be.

Be encouraged in this summer of celebrating with renewed freedoms and rejoice in the hope and promise our Lord gives to those who believe. May our good and gracious Lord keep you in His goodness as you celebrate each day that our Lord gives.

I am thankful to be here serving in your midst. I am looking forward to experiencing a Manistee summer. You are blessed. Live in the blessing of our Lord all the beautiful days of summer!

Your Servant in Christ,
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**. The entrance to the Church is now open during office hours.

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.

ON-PERSON SERVICES: Good Shepherd invites you to join us for in-person services at **5:30 PM on Saturdays and 10:30 AM on Sunday mornings**. Masks are now optional at services and pews will no longer be cordoned off.

ONLINE SERVICE: Good Shepherd's weekly recorded service as well as its accompanying bulletin can be found on the homepage of our website, <https://www.gslcman.org/>. Archived recordings of services are also available when you click on "Video & Bulletin" at the top of the homepage.

OFFERINGS: Electronic giving is available on the Good Shepherd website, <https://www.gslcman.org/>. Click on "Support God's Work at Good Shepherd" and follow the instructions. You are also welcome to mail your offerings to Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, 521 Cypress Street, Manistee, MI 49660.

SIGNING IN: New sign up sheets have been placed at the podiums at the entrance of the Church for those attending services. These sheets will take the place of attendance cards.

COMMUNION: If you would like to have communion brought to you at home, feel free to call the office.

SHEP'S CUPBOARD: Is open for food donations.

FACILITY USAGE: Good Shepherd is now open to members using the building for single use events. For now, facility usage will be limited to the Unity Room and the restrooms off of the west hallway. If you are interested in scheduling an event, stop by or call the office to obtain a request form.

FREE PIANO: The Yamaha piano in the Unity Room is looking for a new home and/or a new purpose. Full disclosure: it does not hold a tune. If you are interested in giving it a new life, please call the office.

FELLOWSHIP SUPPERS & COFFEE HOUR: Coffee hour after Sunday services has resumed. Fellowship suppers aren't quite ready to resume yet. If you'd like to help with suppers and/or prepare a meal once in a while, contact the office.

BIBLE STUDY: Wednesdays at 10:30 AM and Sundays at 9 AM.

PRAISE BAND: Rehearses on **Thursdays at 7 PM.**

ACCELERATED CONFIRMATION CLASSES: Sundays at 5 PM.

YOUTH GROUP: Will not be meeting during the summer.

FUNERAL SERVICE FOR BOB & RUTH TOBEY: See page 4 for details.

QUILTERS: Won't be meeting on the first Friday of July. The next gathering is on **Friday, July 16 at 10:00 AM.**

CLOSURE: Since the 4th of July falls on a Sunday, the office will be closed on **Monday, July 5.**

BAPTISM: Join us at the **10:30 AM service on Sunday, July 11** to witness the baptism of Evelyn Boss.

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

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

COUNCIL MEETING: Tuesday, July 27 at 6:30 PM.

CONGREGATION MEETING: Mark your calendar for **Saturday, August 21 & Sunday, August 22.** Included on the will be the election of three council members & the revision of GSLC's constitution. If you'd like to read the draft of the proposed constitution you can pick up a copy from the welcome desk, call or drop by the office for a copy, or read it on our website.

REMINDER: All are welcome to attend committee & council meetings, join the quilters, partake in Bible study, sing in the choir, and/or play in the band. Just join in.

THE CHURCH TRIUMPHANT

Rest in Peace

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

Jeanne Claire (Hanson) Nowak

Who attended Good Shepherd in her youth, passed away on May 5, 2021 in Grand Rapids, Michigan. A graveside service was held on Saturday, June 19, 2021 at Oak Grove Cemetery.

Bob & Ruth Tobey

A funeral service for Bob & Ruth is scheduled for Thursday, July 1 at 11 AM, Visitation will precede the service at 10 AM and a luncheon will follow in the Fellowship Hall. Interment will take place after the luncheon at Maple Grove Cemetery in Kaleva.

*“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 Bambas

Kelly Bjorkquist

Bob

Keith Brown

Jackie Burmeister

Aiden Chambers

Cora Brinkley Cook

Diana Dutkavich

Tom Dutkavich

Tom Dutkavich, Jr.

Marc Edmondson

AJ Epperson

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

Judy Pefley

Terry & Rose Pierson

Jane Reeves

Vickee Sawhill

Benjamin Schultz

Judie Shively

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 Tarry Bouma

The family of Jane Fortier

The family of Pr. Jim Friesner

The family of Joan Jensen

The family of Ed Knaffle

The family of Tammy Metiva

The family of Jeanne Nowak

The family of Donna O'Rorke

The family of Irma Thompson

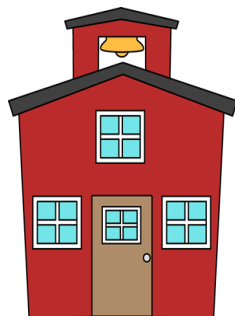
The family of Bob & Ruth Tobey



If there are any changes to the prayer list, please contact the office.

EDUCATION ASSISTANCE

To promote attendance to parochial schools from within the parish and to assist guardians with the financial burden, Good Shepherd Lutheran Church is maintaining a Good Shepherd Lutheran Church School Education Assistance Program. This program is funded by a grant of \$25,000.00 per year from the Endowment Fund and is available to all students attending Trinity Lutheran or Manistee Catholic Schools whose guardian is a voting member of Good Shepherd. Stop by or call the office to get an application. The deadline to return the application is **Saturday, July 31.**



PARISH ALTAR GUILD SCHEDULE

July 3 & 4	Beth Schlinkert, Linda Young
July 10 & 11	Mary Gossett, Missy Amor
July 17 & 18	Mary Gossett, Sharon Hayden
July 24 & 25	Beth Schlinkert, Sharon Hayden
July 4 & Aug 1	Ann Ziehm, Linda Young,



Congratulations

Lexi Zupin

On your First

Holy Comunion.

*May the blessings of Jesus
be upon you always!*

PARISH BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

July Birthdays

Richard Graham 1
Cooper Vartyak 4
Linda Phillips 6
Susan Ennis 9
Celia Neitzke 12
Scott Parker 12
Cheryl Johnson 13
Elizabeth Smalley 13
Logan Skiera 16
Michelle Thomas 17



Terry Pierson 20
A E Lorenz 21
Robert Burmeister 24
Megan Grant 28



July Anniversaries

Lee and JoAnne Erdmann 13
Ed & Ruth Peterson 27
Randy & Karen Skiera 28

Memorials were given in June in the names of

Bob & Ruth Tobey

and

Gordon Bouma

Good Shepherd Lutheran Church
Approved Minutes of 5/18/21 Council Meeting

Approved 6/22/21

Our Mission: To be followers of Jesus Christ 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 & forgiveness are experienced, where all gather in love to serve the Lord, and where all witness to their faith in Jesus Christ.

Prayer led by Pastor Jeffray Greene.

Present: Dennis Mikula, Carl Loftis, Pastor Jeffrey Greene, Jackie Harms, Micheal Amor, Deb Hansen, Sharon Hayden, Ruth Skiera, Beth Schlinkert, Linda Young

Absent: Walt Seidelman

Meeting called to order at 6:30 PM by Jackie Harms.

Motion to approve the agenda with the additions of "Mask Requirements" to New Business and "Thank You Note" from Lutheran World Relief to Communications. Second by Denis Mikula.

Motion by Deb Hansen to approve the Proposed Minutes of April 27, 2021 Council Meeting. Second by Sharon Hayden.

Financial Matters

Motion by Dennis Mikula to accept the Treasurer's Report. Second by Missy Amor.

Motion by Carl Loftis to pay the bills. Second by Missy Amor.

Motion by Sharon Hayden to approve the Pastor's Report. Seconded by Missy Amor. Pastor Greene will submit Phase II of his budget for the upgraded technology infrastructure.

Reports of the Committees

- Property
- Worship
- Finance

Reports of the Special Committees, Task Groups, Boards, Organizations, and Auxiliaries

Ad Hoc Constitution Committee continues to work on the revision of the Constitution. Next meeting is scheduled for 6/2/21.

Old Business

Monthly calls to the congregation

The boat donated by Sandy Kuenzli was sold for \$1500.

The Direct Your Dollars/Family Fare/Spartan Nash Receipts fundraiser was discussed. The Youth Group is no longer interested in running this fundraiser. It was suggested that the receipts be donated to the Friends of Orchard Beach. That decision was tabled until there is more information on the fundraising program.

Discussion on the Education Assistance Program was discussed.

Guardians who are voting members of the congregation can apply for tuition assistance at area parochial schools. Applications are available in the Church office. The deadline to return the completed application is July 31, 2021.

Note: this information will be available in the weekly announcements and the newsletter.

New Business

Annual Report to the State of Michigan Corporations Division is filed every September.

Motion by Carl Loftis to open the facility for use by congregation members. For now, use will be limited to the Unity Room. The member will be asked to sign the facility usage form as well as a covenant with instructions related to safe practices during the time of covid-19. Seconded by everyone.

Council decided the east entrance doors will now be open during office hours with discretion.

Motion by Missy Amor to make mas-wearing optional at worship services after the first Sunday in June. Seconded by Carl Loftis.

Pews will no longer be cordoned off after the first weekend in June.

Communications & Public Comments

“Thank You” note from Lutheran World Relief for the gift of \$437.

Meeting adjourned at 7:50 PM.

Special Session: Council members only. All others were dismissed. The Council continues its preparation to create a call committee.



GOD THE FATHER

CREATES

Lutheran Week

Corpus Christi, Texas

August 2-6, 2021

This year, Pastor Jeffray Greene and Good Shepherd Lutheran Church's delegates, Missy & Tom Amor, will be attending Lutheran Week. Read here for more information from the NALC:

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*.

The 2021 Lutheran Week of the North American Lutheran Church will draw our attention to the person of God, the Father. Continuing the six-year cycle focusing on the persons and work of the Holy Trinity, the Braaten-Benne Lecture series and the NALC Mission Convocation will each aspire to point to the nature and being of God, the Father, who is creator of heaven and earth!

Lutherans will necessarily remember Martin Luther's Small Catechism, affirming the first article of the Apostle's Creed: *I believe in God the Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.*

And the subsequent question: *What does this mean?*

The Catechism explains:

'I believe that God has made me and all that exists. He has given me and still preserves my body and soul with all their powers. He provides me with food and clothing, home and family, daily work, and all I need from day to day. God also protects me in time of danger and guards me from every evil. All this he does out of fatherly and divine goodness and mercy, though I do not deserve it. Therefore I surely ought to thank and praise, serve and obey him. This is most certainly true.

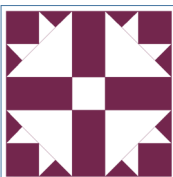
" (The Small Catechism, Martin Luther, Augsburg/Fortress, 1979.)

At first glance, Luther's explanation of this article appears to focus attention on the "work" of God the Father, that He has made me and all creatures, providing for us richly and daily with all that we need! The Father does all this, however, because of who He is — because it is His nature not only to create, but also to provide, and all this, He does, *"out of fatherly and divine goodness and mercy, though I do not deserve it."* Dr. Luther was always careful to emphasize that all we have and are, indeed, our justification and eternal salvation are not because of us and our words or deeds, but solely the proper work of God, growing out of the heart and being of God. For God the Father not only creates, but also redeems and sanctifies us, through the gift of His Son and Holy Spirit. Luther writes in the Large Catechism:

"He has created us for this very purpose, to redeem and sanctify us. Moreover, having bestowed upon us everything in heaven and on earth, he has given us his Son and his Holy Spirit, through whom he brings us to himself. As we explained before, we could never come to recognize the Father's favor and grace were it not for the Lord Christ, who is a mirror of the Father's heart. Apart from him we see nothing but an angry and terrible judge."

(Apostle's Creed, Article III, *Book of Concord*, Tappert, Fortress Press, 1959)

As we focus on the person, nature and being of God the Father, we understand Him fully through the Lord Jesus Christ, mirror of the Father's heart, revealed by the Holy Spirit, because of the Father's divine goodness and mercy! Join us for Lutheran Week 2021!



QUILTERS will not meet on Friday July 2nd but will meet on Friday July 16th. Have a safe 4th of July everyone. Also, if anyone has any old sheets (preferably cotton) that they'd like



to donate to the Quilters (looking especially for twin size) they could be used for quilt backing. Thank you!

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Traditional Eucharist

Sundays at 10:30 am

Contemporary Eucharist

Saturdays at 5:30 pm