

*Good Shepherd Evangelical Lutheran Church
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A MESSAGE FROM THE PASTOR

Dear Members and friends of Good Shepherd:

Grace and peace to You from our Risen Lord and Savior!

We celebrate this month of new life. Celebrating our mothers through whom the Lord knit us together to live the life we've been given in the added hope that is ours knowing that because Christ lives, we too shall live. Remember your mother and give thanks. I call my 93 year old mother often and visit her across the country at least once a year. We are commanded to honor our mother and father. So, honor all mothers this month!

Life is literally springing forth as the grass greens, the trees gain their leaves, and new life abounds all around us with the blossoming of spring. This too reminds us to celebrate life. How can you not be reminded that our Lord, who created all things, brings forth new life from what once seemed bleak and desolate?

Finally, at the end of the month, we will celebrate Pentecost when our Lord graciously poured out His Holy Spirit that we might know in our hearts with joy and hope that because He lives, we have a new life in Him which springs forth to eternal life. Indeed, it is a time to celebrate, give thanks, and rejoice in all of the goodness our Lord causes to surround us. May this simple reminder encourage you to be one who prays with thanksgiving to our Good God and Risen Savior!

Blessings this month to you,
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 “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.

NOTICE TO ALL COMMITTEES, GROUPS, CONGREGATION MEMBERS: The Church building is 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. General 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 and assist in contact tracing if ever the need arises.

IN-PERSON SERVICES: Good Shepherd invites you to join us for in-person services on **Saturdays at 5:30 PM and on Sundays at 10:30 PM**. Masks & social distancing are expected. Beginning on May 1, all songs at both weekend services will be sung as a group with masks on. On May 23, the liturgy will be sung as well. Choir will resume in the fall.

RECORDED SERVICES: Will continue to be available each week. Links to the weekly recorded service, its accompanying bulletin, and the most recent announcements can be found on the homepage of the Good Shepherd website, <https://www.gslcman.org/>.

COMMUNION: Now that Saturday & Sunday services have resumed, Saturday morning communion will no longer be available. If you would like to make other arrangements or have communion brought to you at home, feel free to call the office.

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

BIBLE STUDY: Wednesdays at 10:30 AM and Sundays at 9 AM. Please bring a Bible.

SHEP'S CUPBOARD: Is open for food donations.

FELLOWSHIP & COFFEE HOUR: Coffee Hour after Sunday services has resumed. Fellowship Supper after Saturday services has not resumed yet.

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

ACCELERATED CONFIRMATION CLASS: For those who have not finished confirmation class. The first class will be on **Sunday, May 2 after the 10:30 AM service.**

YOUTH GROUP: Meets on **Sundays at 6 PM.**

QUILTERS: Meet on **Fridays, May 7 & 21 at 10:30 AM.**

MOTHER'S DAY: Monday, May 9 all day!

WORSHIP COMMITTEE: Will meet on **Monday, May 10 at 6:30 PM.**

PROPERTY COMMITTEE: Meets on **Tuesday, May 11 at 3 PM.**

AD HOC CONSTITUTION COMMITTEE: Meets on **Wednesday, May 12 at 7:30 PM.**

COUNCIL MEETING: Tuesday, May 18 at 6:30 PM. (One week earlier than usual.)

FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING: Monday, May 24 at 6:30 PM.

MEMORIAL DAY: The Church Office will be closed on **Monday, May 31** in observance of Memorial Day.

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

THE CHURCH TRIUMPHANT

“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



THANK YOU NOTES

Dear Good Shepherd Lutheran Church,

Thank you so much for your continuing support given to Lighthouse Pregnancy Care Center. Because of donations like yours we are able to share God's love through gifts of clothes, baby food, formula, diapers & wipes, but more importantly through prayer and encouragement. We continue to give our devotional materials in each bag and pray they are being read and the Holy Spirit is working in their hearts.

Thanks again for you support. God Bless.

*-Sue Johnson
Lighthouse Pregnancy Care Center*

Thank you to Scott Brown for fixing the lighting in the sacristy!

- From the Altar Guild

PARISH ALTAR GUILD SCHEDULE

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| May 1 & 2 | Beth Schlinkert, Sharon Hayden |
| May 8 & 9 | Beth Schlinkert, Linda Young |
| May 15 & 16 | Jean Schwerin, Ann Ziehm, Mary Gossett |
| May 22 & 23 | Mary Gossett, Linda Young |
| May 29 & 30 | Mary Gossett, Jean Schwerin |

PARISH BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

May Birthdays

- 2 Deborah Kelley
- 5 Sue Majkszak
- 5 Patricia Thomas
- 5 Sally Wolverton
- 11 Madison Antal
- 11 Brenten Vartyak
- 12 Chuck Wolverton
- 12 Carol Krull
- 15 Mary Gossett
- 16 Amanda Mikula
- 17 Terry Gutheridge
- 23 Brian Linke
- 27 Dolores Widgren
- 29 John M. Ziehm



- 30 Debbie Anderson
- 30 Terry Anderson
- 31 Al Kukla



May Anniversaries

- 2 Jim & Amy Wojciechowski
- 3 Gordon & Amy Grant
- 4 Jim & Marian Hilliard
- 18 Gary & Coby Lange
- 28 Bob & Lois Schultz
- 28 Noe & Debbie Solis

Good Shepherd Lutheran Church

Approved Minutes of Tuesday, 02/23/21 Council Meeting

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 and forgiveness are experienced, where all gather in love to serve the Lord, and where all witness to their faith in Jesus Christ.

Meeting called to order by Jackie Harms at 6:34.

Present In Person: Dennis Mikula, Beth Schlinkert, Sharon Hayden, Micheal Amor, Ruth Skiera, Pastor Jeffray Greene, Debbie Hansen, Linda Young, Jackie Harms

Present via Zoom: Walt Seidelman, Paul Bosschem, Carl Loftis

Spiritual Reflection/Prayer by Pastor Greene

Motion by Micheal Amor to approve the agenda. Supported by Linda Young.

Motion by Linda Young to accept the Proposed Minutes of January 26, 2021 meeting. Supported by Debbie Hansen.

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

Motion by Dennis Mikula to pay the bills. Second by Micheal Amor.

Pastor's Report

Pastor Greene would like to resume Wednesday Bible study, adult catechism, confirmation classes, and have confirmation in the fall.

Will take his first break after Easter.

Live-streaming of Worship Services was discussed. Upgrading our internet service would allow us to live-stream on multiple platforms simultaneously. Pastor Greene would need:

- Camera
- A volunteer to run it
- An estimated \$1000 for equipment (Pr. Greene will submit a budget for the equipment).

Pastor Greene inquired about resuming Saturday services. Linda Young, liaison to the Worship Committee, will put it on the agenda for their next meeting. Motion by Walt Seidelman to resume Saturday services as soon as possible. Second by Sharon Hayden.

Will Good Shepherd open to outside groups? Motion by Paul Bosschem to open to open to outside groups. Second by Dennis Mikula.

Pastor Greene will take a look at the heating system.

Mark Steigenga, administrator of GSLC's webpage, gave Pastor Greene the "okay" to update the page and add portals.

Pastor Greene submitted the first draft of a revised constitution. He suggested forming an ad hoc committee to explore the revision of GSLC's constitution. The committee is open to all members and will have its first meeting (in person & via Zoom) on Tuesday, March 9 at 6:30 PM. Jackie Harms will announce the meeting at the Annual Meeting on March 7.

Old Business:

Display case has been updated with names. Pastor Greene will be included soon.

Bullet points for monthly calls to the Congregation:

- Information on electrostatic sprayer used to sanitize between services/meetings.
- Reminder of rescheduled Annual Meeting scheduled for March 7 after service.
- Inquire if anyone is interested in a visit from Pastor Greene.
- Reminder of the Holy Week service schedule.

Annual Meeting rescheduled for Sunday, March 7, 2021. Walt Seidelman to take minutes while Micheal Amor is out of town.

New Business: None.

Correspondence/Communication: None to report.

Committee/Ministry Reports: Finance Committee.

Public Comment: None.

Action Items from this meeting:

- Pastor Greene to submit budget for live-streaming capabilities
- Council to make their monthly calls to the congregation
- Walt Seidelman to take & submit minutes of March 7 annual meeting.

Motion to Adjourn by Dennis Mikula. Second by Linda Young.

Meeting adjourned at 8:28 PM with The Lord's Prayer.



Easter Lilies



- In loving memory of Viola Anderson and Janet Killinger by Darwin Anderson
- In memory of Pastor Greene's Mother-in-law by Anonymous
- In loving memory of Frances Fletcher and Mr. & Mrs. Don Bouma..... by Tarry J. Bouma & Family
- In thanksgiving for the many blessings..... by Keith & Susan Brown
- In loving memory of Jo & Jane Dutkavich, Ed & Betty Lewis, and Tammy Sue Dutkavich Metiva... by Tony Metiva & the Dutkavichs
- In loving memory of Chuck & Chris Gossett by Mary Gossett
- In loving memory of Darwin Heuck..... by Marge & Lisa Heuck
- In loving memory of Walt & Eunice Holstad by Nancy Holstad
- In loving memory of Warren Johnson by Marge Johnson
- In thanksgiving for grandsons Asa, Jonah, and Fisher Marquardt by Gary & Coby Lange
- In loving memory of Darlene Loftis and Delores Sowpell by the Carl Loftis family

- In loving memory of Malissa Majkszak by Mom, Dad, David, Krista, and family
- In loving memory of Al McWatt and loved ones by Elaine McWatt
- In loving memory of The Heuck Family by Donna Meduna
- In loving memory of our parents, Joseph & Mary Kukla and Ted & Ann Mikula and all of our family members who have passed. They are deeply loved and truly missed by Sandy & Denny Mikula
- In thanksgiving for Good Shepherd Church, our church family, & Pastor Greene..... by Sandy & Denny Mikula
- In loving memory of Phil Peralta & Ernie Swanson by Bev Peralta
- In loving memory of Bill & Scott Ritola by Elaine Ritola
- In loving memory of Jack & Rick Shively and Malissa Majkszak by Judie Shively & Leonard Raczkowski
- In loving memory of C. John Widgren and all loved ones by Dolores Widgren
- In thanksgiving for all frontline workers..... by Sheila Wittmer
- In loving memory of family and friends.....by Bob & Becky Wurstner
- In loving memory of our parents by Duane & Linda Young
- In loving memory of John, Rip & Margaret, and Hilda by The Ziehms

Thank you for your donations!

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Traditional Eucharist

Sundays at 10:30 am

Contemporary Eucharist

Saturdays at 5:30 pm