

*Good Shepherd Evangelical Lutheran Church
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NALC DISASTER RESPONSE

When Disaster Strikes

What should NALC pastors or congregation leaders do when a natural disaster, such as flooding, tornadoes, and fires, strikes in their community or in an area where the congregation is able to or desires to provide assistance?

Since the NALC is a small church with widespread congregations, it is important that you contact us as quickly as possible when a disaster occurs in your area.

First and foremost, if the disaster is close by, make sure you are safe.

Next, contact the NALC Disaster Response Coordinator, Mary Bates (740-509-1132; disasterresponse@thenalc.org) as quickly as possible so the prayer power of the NALC can be unleashed. Be sure to also contact your [Mission District](#) to see if your local NALC Disaster Response Team can provide assistance.

NALC Disaster Response has resources and capabilities to assist in early response and longer term recovery. We can open the gates to material resources, networking, counseling, training, and volunteers.

Remember, the key is early communication! The sooner we learn of a disaster in your area, the more quickly NALC Disaster Response can respond to the needs of your community.

For more information on the NALC Disaster Response or to learn how you can help, please visit this page on the NALC website: <https://thenalc.org/nalc-disaster-response/>



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.

IN-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 optional at services.

ONLINE SERVICE: Good Shepherd's weekly recorded service & the current Sunday bulletin and 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: 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.

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

ACCELERATED CONFIRMATION CLASSES: Wednesdays at 7 PM.

PRAISE BAND: Rehearses on Thursdays at 7 PM.

QUILTERS: Will meet on Friday, September 3 and Friday, September 17 at 10 AM.

LABOR DAY: The office will be closed on Monday, September 6 in observance of Labor Day.

RETIREMENT: Please join us on Sunday, September 12 at 10:30 AM for Mark Steigenga's last performance as the Organist and Director of Music for Good Shepherd Lutheran Church. There will be a dinner in honor of Mark immediately following the service. Please RSVP at the podium or call the office to let us know how many will be in your party.

PROPERTY COMMITTEE: Meets on Tuesday, September 14 at 3 PM.

DARTBALL: Opening day for dartball is Thursday, September 23 at 7 PM. The first game will be at home against Bethany Lutheran of Kaleva.

FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING: Monday, September 27 at 6:30 PM.

COUNCIL MEETING: Tuesday, September 28 at 6:30 PM.

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY: Will be every Thursday at 6 PM beginning September 30 through November 11. Sign up and pick up more information at the podium just outside the narthex.

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.

*Memorials were given to
Good Shepherd Lutheran Church
In August
in the names of*

Bob & Ruth Tobey

&

Ed Knaffle

Notice: In an attempt to address the stagnancy of the Prayer List in the monthly newsletters and the weekly announcements, we will be making some changes in the next few months. In the meantime, if you would like to be added or removed from the list, or, if someone you placed on the list can be removed, please give the office a call at 723-7161.

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

Jack Bauman

Kelly Bjorkquist

Bob

Keith Brown

Aiden Chambers

Cora Brinkley Cook

Diana Dutkavich

Tom Dutkavich

Tom Dutkavich, Jr.

Marc Edmondson

AJ Epperson

Pat Garber

Terry Guthridge

Gerald Graham

Marion Hilliard

John

Lea Illig

Eric Johnson

Rick Kaminski

Carol Krull

Betty Lytle

Jon Madsen

Mark Masters

Debra McCann-Thomas

Pat McGinnis

Anthony Metiva

Michael

Phyllis Miller

Pat Murdock

Nicole

Norm Olson

Terry & Rose Pierson

Jane Reeves

Benjamin Schultz

Judie Shively

Dale & Laura Shoemaker

Karen Skiera

Randy Skiera

Bill Smith

Dale Sparks

Laura Stefanski

Mark Steigenga

Robert (RT) Williams

Dolores Widgren

The family of Tarry Bouma

The family of Jane Fortier

The family of Pr. Jim Friesner

The family of Jim Friesner, Sr.

The family of Bernadine Gehopolos

The family of Robert Johnson

The family of Tammy Metiva

The family of Jeanne Nowak

The family of Dennis Skiera

The family of Bob & Ruth Tobey

**“Next to the Word of God,
the noble art of music is the greatest treasure
in the world.”**

- Martin Luther

After nearly 27 years of service, Mark Steigenga will perform his last worship service at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church as Organist and Director of Music on Sunday, September 12 at 10:30 AM.

Over the years, Mark’s wealth of knowledge and understanding of music and scripture have been a large part of the lifeblood of Good Shepherd. Mark not only planned services, selected the music, and played the organ, he also directed the choir, arranged for other musicians to perform, was an unofficial photographer at Good Shepherd, established our video recorded services, attended Bible Study, and maintained our website. The list goes on and on but the point is: Mark’s impact on Good Shepherd is immeasurable and we have certainly been blessed.

Join us for a special dinner after the service on Sunday, September 12 to acknowledge Mark’s many contributions to Good Shepherd, to show him our appreciation, and celebrate his retirement.

Please RSVP on the podium outside the narthex or call the office so we can let Zupin’s Catering know how many to expect.

PARISH ALTAR GUILD SCHEDULE

Sept 4 & 5	Jean Schwerin, Ann Ziehm
Sept 11 & 12	Beth Schlinkert, Missy Amor
Sept 18 & 19	Mary Gossett, Jean Schwerin
Sept 25 & 26	Sharon Hayden, Beth Schlinkert

PARISH BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

September Birthdays

Maya Ziehm	3
Elaine Ritola	3
Laura Shoemaker	9
Leona Amerell	11
Sandra Kuenzli	11
Deborah Tageson	15
Candy Wittlieff	15
Mitchell Ziehm	15
Sharla Tetzlaff	17
Karen Kobeck	18
Anthony Metiva	21



Sandra Zupin	22
Mya Ziehm	24
Ruth Skiera	25
Brad Blakeslee	30



September Anniversaries

- 1 Tom & Micheal Amor
- 11 Duane & Linda Young
- 14 Bob & Jackie Burmeister

Let your light so shine
Matthew 5:16

Good Shepherd Lutheran Church
Minutes of Tuesday, July 27, 2021 Council Meeting
Approved 8/24/21

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

Devotions/Prayer by Pastor Jeffray Greene.

Call to Order by Jackie Harms at 6:33.

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

Motion by Sharon Hayden to approve the agenda with the additions of "Prayer List" and "Voting Members" to "Old Business" as well as "Distribution of Communion," "Bereavement Committee" and acknowledgment of the retirement of Mark Steigenga to "New Business." Second by Dennis Mikula.

Motion to approve Proposed Minutes of 6/22/21 Council meeting with a correction on the adjournment time. Supported by Paul Bosschem.

Financial Matters

Motion by Dennis Mikula to accept the Treasurer's Report. Second by Deb Hansen.

Motion by Sharon Hayden to pay the bills. Second by Beth Schlinkert.

Pastor's Report presented. Motion by Walt Seidelman to proceed to Phase III of the technology infrastructure up-grade. Second by Missy Amor.

Reports of the Committees

Motion by Walt Seidelman to approve the Finance Committee Report. Second by Dennis Mikula.

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

No reports submitted.

Old Business

Annual Report to the State of Michigan Corporations Division.
See attachment.

Education Assistance: Application deadline 7/31/21. Applications to be given to Executive Committee.

Congregation Meeting on Aug 21 & 22

- Missy Amor to take minutes of the meeting.
- Missy Amor to create ballots.
- Linda Young and Debbie Hansen to cross-reference a list of donors and an attendance list to create a voting member list.
- Missy Amor and Jackie Harms to hand out ballots at the meeting.

The Prayer List needs to be cleaned up. Creation of a “Prayer Team” to be explored prior to the next council meeting.

New Business

Motion by Carl Loftis to continue with communion distribution as it currently is. Second by Beth Schlinkert.

Call Committee update. Sandy Kuenzli stepped down. Laurie Seidelman will fill the opening on the committee.

Event for Mark Steigenga scheduled for September 12. A committee to organize the event is being created by Beth Schlinkert and Judy Pefly

A re-upping of the Bereavement Committee (which has been paused due to covid) was discussed.

Communications & Public Comments

Thank You Notes

Motion by Walt Seidelman to adjourn at 8:09. Second by Dennis Mikula.
Adjourned with Our Lord’s Prayer.

THANK YOU NOTE

Dear Pastor Greene and Friends at Good Shepherd Church,

I would like to thank all of you who sent me cards & prayers for a speedy recovery from my new hip replacement at the end of July and my stay at the Maples in Frankfort after that. All was appreciated. My payers are with our Call Committee to find the right Pastor and all work together for the good of Good Shepherd Church.

In Christian Love,
Dolores Widgren

Delegate Report

Lutheran Week 2021, Aug. 3-6, 2021

Corpus Christi, TX

Tom and Micheal Amor

Tom and I would like to thank the membership of GSLC for voting us delegates to the NALC Lutheran Convocation, earlier this August. It was an honor & privilege to represent our church at the bi-annual convocation.

The business of the NALC was showcased in a flier that was shared in the bulletin. For Tom and myself, there were many epiphanies and ah-ha moments that we would like to share with the congregation.

There are currently 470 congregations in the NALC. These are divided up into 38 Mission Districts. GSLC is part of the Michigan Mission district, along with 8 other churches. Our Mission District Dean is The Rev. Steve Hartten in Stevensville, Michigan. All churches in the Mission District are encouraged to identify a Congregational Coordinator for emergency disaster relief supplies. There is a warehouse located in Owasso, Michigan. It would be a great project for our Noisy Offering. They also need gift cards (Home Depot, Lowes, Walmart).

On Tuesday, Aug. 3, I was the GSLC delegate attending the all day conference of the Women of the NALC Gathering. It was an enlightening & uplifting experience. It was a blessing to receive communion with the Women of the NALC. There are a variety of opportunities, needs & resources that I was made aware of while attending the Gathering. The women of GSLC can easily connect at the district and national levels doing online Bible studies using the YouVersion Bible app. The WNALC will be hosting a FB online study called Rejoice in the Lord Always. This will be starting in October. They are hoping women will meet at their churches and join with other women's groups online. There is always a need for quilts & supply kits for the NALC disaster relief.

The Big Takeaways:

- GSLC is Blessed. Pr. Greene, Tom and I met with other representatives from our Mission District. We are fortunate to have an interim pastor & the resources to employ a full time pastor when one accepts our call.
- There is a critical shortage of persons attending the seminary and there are a variety of ways to support seminarians either financially, emotionally, and spiritually.
- The leadership of the NALC could benefit from our prayers. They are spread thin and especially with COVID-19, are not able to support the Mission Deans and others in leadership roles, when they need it most. Many churches are without Pastors, Supply Pastors, and Lay ministers. Congregations are hurting.

Tom and I would like to encourage everyone to take the time to go to the NALC website at thenalc.org and view the information & variety of resources available to us as a church and as individuals. There are many opportunities for us as a church to get involved within our Mission District, at the national level and globally. God is worldwide and the NALC presence is too

Respectfully submitted,

Missy Amor

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Traditional Eucharist

Sundays at 10:30 am

Contemporary Eucharist

Saturdays at 5:30 pm