

*Good Shepherd Evangelical Lutheran Church
521 Cypress Street
Manistee, MI 49660*

A MESSAGE FROM THE PASTOR

Dear members and Friends of GSLC:

Grace and peace to you from our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ!

I confess that February 2nd is one of my favorite days. Phil sees his shadow or he doesn't as the tradition carries out hoping for a shortened winter. I believe that after February 2, there will be six more weeks of winter. Grant you, I too would like to see warmer weather, rain, and clear roads, but I also know that our Sovereign Lord already has this taken into account as He prepares the way before us.

Some traditions are fun (and I certainly enjoy this one), but I am often reminded to trust in the One who created the weather and not in the weather itself. There seems to be too much wishful thinking going around. Our hope is in the Lord and the promises He has for us and not the immediate circumstances of our day. God truly is good all the time and my prayer for our fellowship is that at all times we are an encouragement to one another. Keep being a people of prayer and trust in the Lord always.

I am hoping that Phil does not see his shadow and we have an early spring. But I am going to be thankful to our Lord either way. May you be blessed in the Lord every day regardless what it looks like outside!

Your servant in Christ,
Pastor Greene



*Happy
Groundhog
Day!
Phil*

AROUND THE PARISH



OFFICE HOURS: The Parish office is open from **9 AM - 3 PM, Monday through Thursday**. The office is **closed on Friday**. In the event that Manistee public schools close for inclement weather, the Good Shepherd office will close as well.

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.

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.

HOME VISITS: If you would like a visit from Pastor Greene and/or have communion brought to you at home, feel free to call the office.

COMMUNION: Communion by intinction and sealed communion cups are available at both services.

TEAM JESUS: Loose change offerings are being collected during worship services for the North American Lutheran Seminary (NALS) until May.

YOUTH GROUP: Meets on the **first Sunday of each month at 6 PM**. Next meeting: **February 6**.

BIBLE STUDY: Usually on **Wednesdays at 10:30 AM** and **Sundays at 9 AM**. However, there will be no Bible study on:

Wednesday, February 2
Wednesday, February 9
Sunday, February 13
Wednesday, February 16

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

PROPERTY COMMITTEE: Meets on **Tuesday, February 8 at 3 PM**.

SPRINGHILL WINTER YOUTH RETREAT: February 11 - 13, 2022 in Evert, Michigan, for youth grades 7th through 12th. Contact Lea Illig at 231-510-5321 for more information and/or to let us know if you are interested in going.

QUILTERS: Meet on Friday, **February 11 and Friday February 18 at 10 AM**. If the public schools are closed due to the weather, the Quilters won't meet.

DARTBALL: At Manistee Trinity on **February 17 at 7 PM**.

ALTAR GUILD: Meets on **Monday, February 21 at 1 PM**.

FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING: **Monday, February 21 at 6:30 PM**.

COUNCIL MEETING: **Tuesday, February 22 at 6:30 PM**.

PALM CROSSES: If you have your palm cross from last year, please bring it to Church and put it in the collection plate before **February 28**. The crosses will be burned and the ashes will be used on Ash Wednesday.



THE CHURCH TRIUMPHANT

Rest in Peace

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

Carl Meduna

Husband of Donna, passed away on January 6, 2022. A funeral service took place on February 11 at Oak Grove Funeral Home. Memorials in Carl's name can be made to Homeward Bound or Good Shepherd.

Donald Jankwietz

Passed away on January 6, 2022. A small service is planned for the immediate family.

Barbara Wehrmeister

Passed away on January 14, 2022. A funeral service was held at Good Shepherd on January 24. A memorial has been established in Barbara's name for Homeward Bound.

*"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

Jack Bauman

Kelly Bjorkquist

Keith Brown

Aiden Chambers

Cora Brinkley Cook

Diana Dutkavich

Tom Dutkavich

Tom Dutkavich, Jr.

Marc Edmondson

AJ Epperson

Pat Garber

Terry Guthridge

Marion Hilliard

Lea Illig

Jackie

John

Rick Kaminski

Mike Kelley

Carol Krull

Mike & Michelle Lange

Jon Madsen

Mark Masters

Debra McCann-Thomas

Pat McGinnis

Anthony Metiva

Michael

Pat Murdock

Nicole

Norm Olson

Terry & Rose Pierson

Jane Reeves

Susie Schoenberg

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 Donald Jankwietz

The family of Betty Lytle

The family of Carl Meduna

The family of Robert Schultz

The family of Carolyn Van Aelst

The family of Barb Wehrmeister



A NOTE ABOUT THE PRAYER LIST

You may remember reading in October of last year that an effort was going to be made to give the prayer list a makeover. As a Church family, we must always pray for one another. We want to keep our prayer list current for those who continually need our prayers and for those whose need may be short term. With a committee now in place for this purpose, the effort for the makeover is underway. 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 231-723-7161.

*Memorials were given in January to Good Shepherd in
the names of:*

**Carl Meduna
Donald Jankwietz
Barbara Wehrrmeister**

THANK YOU NOTE

Thank you, Pastor Greene for the beautiful memorial service for my husband, Carl. It was very comforting.

Thank you to my Good Shepherd family for the love, support, cards, and memorials. It meant so much to me. God bless you.

In Christian love,

Donna Meduna.

PARISH ALTAR GUILD SCHEDULE

February 5 & 6	Mary Gossett, Tarry Bouma
February 12 & 13	Sharon Hayden, Missy Amor
February 19 & 20	Beth Schlinkert, Sharon Hayden
February 26 & 27	Sharon Hyden, Jean Schwerin

PARISH BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

February Birthdays

- 1 Benjamin Raines
- 1 Ann Parker
- 2 Grace Krentz
- 6 Clarence Schultz
- 7 John Hoch
- 7 Debbie Solis
- 8 Stephanie Linke
- 8 Marilyn Zawacki
- 9 Damien McEntaffer
- 10 Micheal Amor
- 10 Donald Meister
- 10 Dale Sparks
- 11 John Yakimow



- 12 Alice Axce
- 13 Ava Rae Bladzick
- 13 Sheila Wittmer
- 15 Karen Skiera
- 23 Chris Amor
- 23 Spencer Linke
- 25 Bruce Hansen
- 27 Lee Erdmann
- 28 Audrey Ann Amburgey



February Anniversaries

- 13 Donald & Jean Cameron
- 20 Don & Kay Meister

Proposed Minutes of the Annual Meeting of the Congregation Sunday, January 23, 2022

1. Prayer Pr. Green led the attendees in prayer. Four attendees were virtual. (Ed/Ruth Peterson, Paul/Ginny Bosschem)
2. Call to Order Council: President, Jackie Harms, called the meeting to order at 11:38 AM, EST.
3. Approval of the Agenda: Motion made by Walt Siedelman to approve, second by Deb Hansen, MC
4. Approval of Minutes Annual Congregation Meeting, March 7, 2021 Action tabled. Walt will follow up Special Congregation Meeting for Elections, August 21 & 22, 2021 Motion made by Beth Schlinkert to accept, second by Sandra Zupin, MC
5. Election of Trustee to the Good Shepherd Living Memorial Endowment Fund: Motion by Gary Schlinkert to elect Terry Anderson as the Trustee to the Endowment Committee, second by Dawn Brown, MC
6. Election of delegates: Motion by Walt Siedelman to make the delegates a 2-year commitment with Tom and Micheal Amor fulfilling the second year of the two-year process. Second by Bruce Hansen, MC
7. Vote on amendments to the NALC Constitution: Motion by Tom Amor to approve the amendments to the NALC Constitution, second by Gary Schlinkert, MC.
8. Reports included in Annual Report
 - a. President's Report
 - b. Pastor's Report
 - c. Committee Reports
 - Altar Guild
 - Bereavement
 - Finance

Property: Property Committee Chair Dennis Mikula spoke to the congregation regarding the south parking lot on Cypress Street. The Church is paying for maintenance and it does not get used. Lea Illig made a motion which was amended by Tom Amor to give council permission to negotiate and sell the south parking lot property. Second by Bruce Hansen, MC

Quilters

Worship & Music

Youth

Good Shepherd Living Memorial Endowment Fund

Treasurer's Report

9. Proposed 2022 Budget: Motion by Walt Seidelman to approve the budget, second by Dennis Mikula, MC

10. Member Comments: Laurie Seidelman spoke with the attendees about the updated prayer list.

11. Acknowledgements: *Ruth Skiera was acknowledged for her hard work on the budget. *Many thanks to Pr. Greene for his guidance, leadership and hard work for our church. *The Council Members and the Endowment Trustees for the donation to the Armory Youth Project *Thanks to Linda Young for her efforts finding an organist and music director.

12. Lord's Prayer

13. Adjournment 12:00 PM

Respectfully submitted by Micheal Amor 1/24/22

A Note on Safe Harbor

Although Good Shepherd no longer hosts Safe Harbor, the Church still supports Safe Harbor through Echo His Love.

Good Shepherd Lutheran Church

Minutes of Tuesday, December 30, 2021 Council Meeting

Approved 1/25/22

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 at 6:31 PM by Jackie Harms.

Present: Micheal Amor, Debbie Hansen, Ruth Skiera, Carol Loftis, Dennis Mikula, Pastor Jeffray Greene, Jackie Harms, Beth Schlinkert, Linda Young

Present via Zoom: Paul Bosschem

Absent: Walt Seidelman

Devotions/Prayer by Pastor Greene.

Motion by Beth Schlinkert to approve the agenda with the addition of "Stewardship" to "Old Business." Second by Debbie Hansen.
Motion carried.

Motion by Missy Amor to approve the proposed minutes of November 30, 2021 Council meeting. Second by Dennis Mikula. Motion Carried.

Financial Matters

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

Carl Loftis motioned to pay the bills. Second by Debbie Hansen. Motion Carried.

Motion by Missy Amor to approve the Proposed Budget for 2022. Second by Dennis Mikula. Motion carried.

Pastor's Report

Reports of the Committees

Finance Committee did not have a quorum at last night's meeting.

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

Personnel Committee for the task of hiring an organist had nothing to report.

Old Business

Carl Loftis, Bob Wurstner, and Missy Amor will be on the Stewardship Committee.

New Business

It was decided to resume "Team Jesus" at the services this weekend. The first recipient of the loose offerings will be the North American Lutheran Seminary (NALS). Offerings for the NALS will be collected until May, 2020.

Communications & Public Comments

"Thank You" notes from the Armory Youth Project, Echo His Love, Lighthouse Pregnancy Center,

Adjournment

SHEP'S CUPBOARD

It's a little bare! Please help to fill it up again by donating shelf-stable foods like canned fruit, canned vegetables, canned beans, canned soup, canned fish, pasta, pasta sauce, rice, peanut butter, and other easily prepared foods.

Shep thanks you!



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Traditional Eucharist

Sundays at 10:30 am

Contemporary Eucharist

Saturdays at 5:30 pm