

*Good Shepherd Evangelical Lutheran Church
521 Cypress Street
Manistee, MI 49660
231.723.7161
gslc49660@gmail.com*

A MESSAGE ABOUT THE PASTOR

As you probably know, Pastor Jim Friesner has been experiencing some health challenges over the past weeks. Although we've missed his guidance and presence around Good Shepherd Church, with a compromised immune system, it's best for him to keep his distance for now. It's been challenging for everyone, especially for Pastor Jim and Norma.

As medical tests continue and as he gets closer to a diagnosis and treatment plan, please continue to keep Pastor Jim and his family in your prayers. And say an extra prayer for the congregation of Good Shepherd Lutheran Church too. The Church, despite having had its fair share of shake-ups over the past years, remains strong and committed to moving forward faithfully to be a congregation where God's grace and forgiveness are experienced, where all can gather in love to serve the Lord, and where all witness to their faith in Jesus Christ. Any bumps in the road ahead and obstacles along the way will be made smoother as we traverse the road together.

So for now, as Pastor Jim and all of the congregation await a diagnosis and treatment plan, we will work together to continue the services and ministries of Good Shepherd Lutheran Church. Many thanks to those who have already stepped up to help and many thanks to those that will help in the days ahead. A special "thanks" to Pastor Jody Bambas who has been a steady source of strength for all of us.

Prayerfully in Christ,

- *The Good Shepherd Council*

AROUND THE PARISH

BIBLE STUDY W/PASTOR JIM: Every **Wednesday at 10:30 AM**. Please note: There will be no Bible Study on Ash Wednesday.

MIDWEEK EUCHARIST: Every **Wednesday at 12:10 PM**.

TCOM (The Churches of Manistee) MEETING: Every **Wednesday at 3 PM**.

CHOIR REHEARSAL: Every **Wednesday at 5:30 PM**.

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY: Every **Thursday at 6:30 PM through April 2**.

PRAISE BAND REHEARSAL: Every **Thursday at 7 PM**.

CONFIRMATION CLASSES: Every **Sunday at 11 AM**.

YOUTH GROUP: 7th—12th Grade. Every **Sunday at 6 PM**.

MEN'S BREAKFAST: **8:30 AM on Tuesday, March 3 at the House of Flavors**.

LENTEN SOUP LUNCHEONS: Begin on **Wednesday, March 4** in the Unity Room following Midweek Eucharist. Luncheons will continue **through April 1**. If you'd like to bring in soup, bread, or dessert, please sign up at the podium. And remember to join us for lunch and fellowship!

QUILTERS: Meet on **Friday, March 6 at 10 AM**.

DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME: Don't forget to spring forward on **Sunday, March 8**.

WORSHIP COMMITTEE: Meets on **Monday, March 9 at 6:30 PM**.

PROPERTY COMMITTEE: Meets on **Tuesday, March 10 at 3 PM**.

EVANGELISM COMMITTEE: Meets **Thursday, March 12 at 6:30 PM**.

DARTBALL: **7 PM, Thursday, March 12** at Norwalk.

YOUTH & FAMILY COMMITTEE: Meets on **Tuesday, March 17 at 6:30 PM**.

Easter Lilies



If you would like to contribute to our Easter Lilies, please fill in the appropriate spaces and return this form with your donation in the offering basket or to the church office by Palm Sunday. If mailing, send this form with your donation to Good Shepherd Church, PO Box 157, Manistee, MI 49660.

Easter Lilies are given.....in Loving Memory of:

OR

....in Thanksgiving for:

By

Please print all names (including your name) as you would like them to appear in the insert.

Good Shepherd Lutheran Church



Real God, Real Presence, Real People

Our Mission:

To be followers of Jesus Christ by sharing God's grace and forgiveness through our loving witness and service to 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.

Traditional Eucharist
Sundays at 9:30 am

Contemporary Eucharist
Saturdays at 5:30 pm

DARTBALL: 7 PM, Thursday, March 19 at Onekama.

QUILTERS: Meet on Friday, March 20 at 10 AM.

FINANCE COMMITTEE: Monday, March 23 at 6:30 PM.

COUNCIL MEETING: Tuesday, March 24 at 6:30 PM.



Good Shepherd Recycles!

The blue bins in the narthex are specifically for recycling paper and cardboard. Please join us as we do our small part to keep more trash out the landfills. The paper and cardboard from Good Shepherd is taken to the recycling center at Manistee Catholic Central and is a source of funds for the school. Good Shepherd also supports Christian education!

As Good Shepherd explores new ways to be better stewards of the earth, consideration is given to ease of use, convenience, and cost. Stay tuned for more information to come.

In the meantime, please be sure to throw paper and cardboard into the blue bins for recycling. **And remember: do not to put styrofoam, napkins, or tissue into the bins. They are not recyclable.**

PARISH PRAYER CONCERNS

Manistee County Medical Care 1505 Parkdale Ave.
Leona Amerell, Mary Kukla, Donna O'Rorke

Green Acres Retirement Community 1835 12th Street
Audrey Ann Amburgey, Gary Hansen, Lois Rosenow, Bob Tobey,
Irma Thompson, Al Kukla

Nancy's House 6339 Miller Road
Rosemary Preuss

Prayers for those in the military
Alana Bergstrom, James Dutkavich, Thomas Dutkavich III, Spencer Linke
and all those who are serving or have served.



THE CHURCH TRIUMPHANT

Rest in Peace

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

Walter Seidelman

Father to Walter (Laurie) Seidelman, passed away on January 25, 2020.
A memorial service was held on January 31 at First Reformed Church
in Holland.

Doris Bowling

Passed away on February 3, 2020. A memorial service will be held at Good
Shepherd Lutheran Church on Saturday, February 29 at 11 AM. Visitation takes
place at 10 AM and a luncheon will follow the service.

John Kuenzli

Passed away peacefully on February 26, 2020.
Information on funeral services is not yet available.

*"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."*

New Business

Tithe.ly – 15 new categories to choose from, Walt would like to lead a
"How To" meeting
Approve Benevolences – motioned by Pastor, seconded by Denny

Correspondence included in packets.

Committee / Ministry reports- Motion by Denny, seconded by Missy

Action items from November meeting

Committees are to inform church when meetings are scheduled or can-
celled. Please put in bulletin, Susan needs to know by the Thursday
before the meeting.

Tuition assistance committee- tabled

Committee reports need to be in by Jan 2. To get in the annual report.

Public comment- Ron Gardin wanted us to know why he left council, to pe-
ruse (trailways??) and also wanted to let us all know he was not leav-
ing the church.



DARTBALL SCHEDULE

7 PM Thursday, March 12 at Norwak
7 PM, Thursday, March 19 at Onekama

PARISH ALTAR GUILD SCHEDULE

| | |
|------------------|--------------------------------|
| Feb 29 & March 1 | Beth Schlinkert, Jean Schwerin |
| March 7 & 8 | Sharon Hayden, Missy Amor |
| March 14 & 125 | Sharon Hayden, Missy Amor |
| March 21 & 22 | Linda Young, Mary Gossett |
| March 28 & 29 | Linda Young, Mary Gossett |

Good Shepherd Lutheran Church
Approved Minutes of the December 15, 2019 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 & forgiveness are experienced, where all gather in love to serve the Lord, and where all witness to their faith in Jesus Christ.*

Walter Seidelman- called to order 3:20pm

Absent- Susan

Prayer by Pastor Jim

Approval of the Agenda- Motioned by. Pastor Jim, seconded by Denny
Under new business we added b.) approval of benevolences

No public comment

Approval of minutes from November 26th 2019 meeting, Motion by Chris Amor,
seconded by Missy Amor

Motion to approve Treasurer's report by Missy Amor, seconded by Jackie Harms

Motion to approve bills by Chris Amor, seconded by Debbie Hansen

Pastor's Report

Old Business

- a. Message monitor- use USB, no change
- b. Vacant seat on council- Terry Anderson was asked, but declined. Denny Mikula said he would ask Shelia Whitmer.
- c. Parking lot on Highway- Discussed chaining lot to close off, also placing tow signs
- d. Tuition asst. Committee- table till next meeting

Prayers for Parish members, family, & friends



Alan & Louise
Olive Baker
Jack Bauman
Kelly Bjorkquist
Shirley Blakeslee
Bob
Keith Brown
Jackie Burmeister
Aiden Chambers
Cora Brinkley Cook
Diana Dutkavich
Tom Dutkavich
Tom Dutkavich, Jr.
Marc Edmondson
Jane Fortier
Jim Friesner, Sr.
Pastor Jim Friesner
Pat Garber
Terry Guthridge
Gary Hansen
Mary Heuck
Marion Hilliard
Lea Illig
Eric Johnson
Rick Kaminski
Ed Knaffle
Duane Keith,
Paul Byro's son
Carol Krull
Coby & Gary Lange
Betty Lytle
Brett Madsen
Jon Madsen
Pat McGinnis
Anthony Metiva
Tammy Sue Metiva

Phyllis Miller
Pat Murdock
Nicole
Norm Olson
Terry & Rose Pierson
Jane Reeves, daughter of
Bob & Ruth Skiera
Vicke Sawhill
Benjamin Schultz
Dale & Laura Shoemaker
Karen Skiera
Randy Skiera
Bill Smith
Dale Sparks
Laura Stefanski
Mark Steigenga
Robert (RT) Williams
Ann Ziehm
John Ziehm
The family of Doris Bowling
The family of Richard Guthridge
The family of Doug Jensen
The family of Joanne Shannon
Kohan
The family of John Kuenzli
The family of Sue Bosscherm
Kuechenmeister
The family of Charles Preuss
The family of Walter Seidelman

THANK YOU NOTES



The Valentine's Dinner was a huge success! Everyone who attended enjoyed good food, fellowship, and fun. Thank you to everyone that supported this great event! Thanks to Chris Amor and his youthful crew for preparing and serving.

- *The Youth Group*

Dear Good Shepherd Family,

Thank you so much for all your love, prayers, and support
During this difficult time.

We appreciated the thoughtful flowers—the lily was beautiful! We
are blessed to be so loved.

- *Walt & Laurie Seidelman*

Dear Church Family,

We greatly appreciate all the expressions of sympathy, card, and prayers for the recent loss of our dear sister Joanne Kohan. Our grief and sorrow run deep and to know we have our Church Family praying for us is a true comfort.

Thank you,

- *Gary & Beth Schlinkert*

LIBRARY NEWS

HELLO GOOD SHEPHERD READERS. It is now February 13, so I must tell you about two new books I've read since my last news letter. They are both interesting and fun to read. But before I tell you their titles, how are you doing on reading January's selections? One of our readers took home "I'll Always Write Back", and she gave me a one sentence review. Thank you Sandy Mikula. Sandy said "New book in Library - Two pen pals from different countries is eye opening with a wonderful ending." The other book from January has not been taken out yet. It's written by a Christian author who felt that only God could save his life. He is a 9/11 survivor from the Pentagon attack. A riveting read and true. I really like reading true life stories, and I'm sure many of you would too. Why not give it a try?

Now, the two new books are: WHERE THE CRAWDADS SING by Delia Owens. The NYT Book Review says "Owens here surveys the desolate marshlands of the North Carolina coast through the eyes of an abandoned child. And in her isolation that child makes us open our own eyes to the secret wonders - and dangers - of her private world." This is fiction, but should make one think about that kind of life. This book was donated.

The second book is a fun read. THE HIRED GIRL by Laura Amy Schlitz. Wall Street Journal says "What a heroine...Brava to Laura Amy Schlitz, whose enchanting writing has brought such a spectacular character to young people's literature." And, Publishers Weekly (starred review) "Schlitz has crafted another exquisite literary gem, one told entirely via Joan's vivid, humorous, emotionally resonant diary entries." This story is classified as historical fiction, youth interest, but I found it fun to reminisce about my own teen years. Give it a try. I think all ages would enjoy it. This book was purchased for the Library.

Don't forget our one year challenge. Whoever reads one book a month, or more, will receive a prize at Christmas 2020. You keep track and let me know your progress. So far Sandy Mikula is the leader. She read I'LL ALWAYS WRITE BACK from our January listing.

Thanks Good Shepherd Readers for your interest in reading. Keep on reading, a wonderful and enjoyable way to learn.

Your Good Shep;herd Bookworm

(Library Committee: Sharon & Kirk Hayden,
Nancy Masters, Elaine McWatt, and Delores Widgren.)



LENTEN SOUP LUNCHES

Join us for soup & fellowship every Wednesday in the Unity Room after Midweek Service

beginning March 4 through April 1.

And if you can, sign up at the podium to bring your favorite soup, bread or dessert to share with others.



NEWS FROM THE QUILTERS

The quilters will begin meeting again every first and third Friday of the month beginning Friday, March 6.

Curious about quilting? Looking for a new hobby?
Everyone is welcome to join us - if you can cut squares or tie knots (don't necessarily have to be able to sew) we would love to have you join us!



PARISH BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

MARCH BIRTHDAYS

- 3 Deborah Ziehm
- 3 Bev Peralta
- 10 James Madsen
- 12 Ricky Baker
- 12 Jim Hilliard
- 12 Lea Illig
- 12 Alexis Zupin
- 13 Ethan Illig
- 14 Sue LaPoint
- 15 Mike Ennis
- 16 Dixie Lindroth
- 18 Kylar Thomas
- 19 Patsy Callesen
- 20 Betty Lytle
- 23 Lucas Zupin



- 24 Kim Jankowiak
- 24 Jackie Burmeister
- 25 Marilyn Lague
- 30 Norman Olson
- 30 Jamie Antal
- 31 Karl Hoadley

MARCH ANNIVERSARIES



- Terry & Rose Pierson 4
- To & Dianna Dutkavich 6



HOLY WEEK



Palm Sunday

Saturday, April 4 t 5:30 PM

Sunday, April 5 at 9:30 AM

Services will be held in the Church Nave

Maundy Thursday Service

April 9 at 7 PM in the Church Nave

Good Friday Service

April 10 at 7 PM in the Church Nave

Easter Vigil

Saturday, April 11 at 9 PM

Will begin in the Church Nave

Easter Worship

Sunday, April 12 at 9:30 AM

Feast of the Resurrection

In the Church Nave

Easter Brunch

In the Unity Room immediately following Easter
Worship

TEAM JESUS PROJECT #9

Project #9 benefitting Homeward Bound Animal Shelter continues through the end of March. In addition to the weekly noisy offerings, Good Shepherd is also collecting donations of items requested by Homeward Bound. Here's a list of things they are always in need of:

Cat /Kitten Food - Canned (wet)/Dry

Dog/Puppy Food - Canned (wet)/Dry

HE Laundry Detergent (**high demand**)

Garbage bags (kitchen size)

Bleach (**high demand**—shelter uses a large bottle a day)

Pet Safe Ice-Melt

Dish Soap

Hand sanitizer

Disinfectant wipes

Newspapers (for lining cat cages)

Blankets

Cloth Towels

Paper Towels

Treats

Toys for dogs and cats

Brand Name Flea Meds (K9 Advantix, Advantage, Advantage Multi)

Animal carriers and crates



shutterstock.com - 753143161

Note: Some items like food, treats, etc. should be new but used towels, blankets, pet carriers, etc. are great too if they have been laundered or have been cleaned.



Men's Breakfast

**8:30 AM, Tuesday, March 3
at**

The House of Flavors

All men in the congregation and their friends are welcome to meet on the first Tuesday of each month for coffee, conversation and whatever they chose from the menu.

No reservations!