

# Good Shepherd Lutheran Church Shepherd's Staff May 2024

## Summer Monday Evening Services

Good Shepherd's spoken word Monday evening services will begin on June 3rd at 7:00 pm.

There will be a few Mondays throughout the summer

when Pastor Bagnall will be unavailable. Watch future bulletins and newsletters for service cancellations.

There will not be a service on Monday, June 10th.

**Service Time**  
**Sun. 9:30 am**

**Education Hour**  
**Sun. 11:00 am**  
**Sept.—May**

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## Ian's Vicarage

Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow! Our seminarian, Ian Habicht, received his vicarage placement to University Lutheran Chapel in Minneapolis, Minnesota. During this year-long "pastoral internship" he will gain hands-on experience in the work of the pastoral ministry.



## Confirmation - Sunday, May 12th

**Congratulations** to Tyler Randall Reinke who has completed his studies and will be confirmed on May 12th. Tyler is the son of Jason and Jamie Reinke.

On Sunday, May 5th the congregation is invited to witness Tyler's confirmation questioning in the sanctuary after our 9:30am service.

# April Voters Meeting Minutes

The meeting was opened with a prayer by Pastor Bagnall.

Kian Hoppe was welcomed as a new voting member.

The minutes from the January meeting were read. Bruce Hecht made a motion to accept the minutes as read. It was seconded by Ken Martin and the motion passed.

The treasurer's report was given by Roger Gnagey. Susan Hoppe made a motion to accept the report. Ken Martin seconded the motion and the motion passed.

**Communications:** None

## **BOARD REPORTS:**

**Elders-** Paul Kruse sought the voters' approval for the transfer in of Judy Boldt from Our Savior, Bad Axe. Sharon Rockwell made a motion to accept the transfer. Diane Lowe seconded the motion and the motion passed.

**Trustees-** Pete Martin reported that the floors had been buffed and the trustees received a quote of \$31,000 for solar panels on the educational wing. They are working on how long it would take to recoup the cost. The trustees asked for voter approval to remove the sink in the nursery and replace the carpeting on the south side of the educational wing. Susan Hoppe made the motion to approve the trustee request. It was seconded by Ron Guinther and the motion passed.

**Board of Education-** Anna Irwin reported that the Sunday school teachers would like to be able to attend Voters' meetings and request that the meeting time be moved if possible. After much discussion Susan Hoppe made a motion to table the vote until the July meeting. The motion was seconded and the motion passed.

**Board of Evangelism-** Judy Hahn made a motion to approve of Cindy Clements and Joann Guinther as new board members. It was seconded by Jackie Guinther and the motion passed. The board is looking into participating in the Fourth of July parade and may sponsor a movie at the theater.

**Long Range Planning-** Susan Hoppe made the motion to set the 2024 Long Range Planning division as such: 55% of the fund to the roof fund, 35% to the parking lot and 10% for parsonage repairs. It was seconded by Connie McNaughton and the motion passed. Susan Hoppe made a motion to move forward on the next project from Long Range Planning which would be the enclosure of the East and South doors. Connie McNaughton seconded the motion and the motion passed.

## **BUSINESS:**

- Amy Talaski made a motion to set Pastor's 2024 Housing Allowance at \$6,000. The motion was seconded by Bruce Hecht and the motion carried.
- Sue Pawloski made a motion to split the Fortress distribution (\$6,826.64) evenly between Lutheran Heritage, PABLO, The Garuna Foundation and Ghana Harvest. The motion was seconded by Diane Lowe and the motion passed.
- Council proposed a change to the church by-laws to exempt Sunday school teachers and those who count money from having to sign in to keep their voters status. This will be discussed along with the Voters' meeting time change at the July meeting.

- A ballot vote was taken on Good Shepherd sending in a financial donation to support Concordia University, Ann Arbor. The outcome was Good Shepherd would not send support for Concordia University.
- Gin Lounsbury gave a wrap up report about Turkey Dinner. 345 people were served with a profit of \$3,346.7. On Saturday and for clean up on Sunday there were not enough helpers. Will need to recruit younger people to help with those jobs next year.

**President's Report:** Simoni Sound System was in and took care of the speaker issue in the sanctuary. It was a problem with the installation. They are replacing the mics on the lectern and the pulpit. We have ordered a hand held microphone.

**Pastor's Report:** Pastor reported that Confirmation has been changed to May 12<sup>th</sup>. He requested that when we get the handheld mic that it would be used by those speaking during voters' meeting .

**Certificates of Appreciations** were given to Dan & Ruth Balzer, Susan Hoppe, Sam & Cindy Clements

A motion was made by Ken Martin to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded Pam Gnagey and passed.

The meeting closed with the Lord's Prayer

The next voter's meeting will be July 21, 2024 at 11:00 a.m.

Beth McCallum, Secretary

## Acts of God

An explanation of the front stained glass window panels

**Four stained glass windows were placed into the front window of the church when it was built in 1967.**

The Incarnation: God Becomes man! The star, manger, and shepherd's staff in the shape of a cross serve to illustrate the means God employed to express His love for a world which had become most unlovable. Because God in Christ has taken on the human frame, He shares our burdens and we share in His goodness. "We love Him because He first loved us."

Creation of the Church: The Body of Christ!

The Body of Believers which we call the Church are a creation of God. He has brought them into the unsinkable ship which rides the seas of life. The mast-head of the ship is the cross. "I believe in the one, holy, Apostolic, Christian Church; the Communion of Saints."

The Holy Spirit: The Presence and Power of God at Work! The dove, symbol of the Spirit of God, as well as the flames surrounding it serve to express the ongoing, dynamic and yet peace-

ful nature of God who guides and directs the Christian Church. "The God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, that you may abound in hope through the power of the Holy Spirit."

The Victory: Life-New Life!

The crown with inlaid cross symbolizes the victory given by Christ to every Christian. It is a victory experienced daily. Though we wear the crown of life-with-God even now, the fullness of joy is found in an eternity with God. "In your presence is fullness of joy;

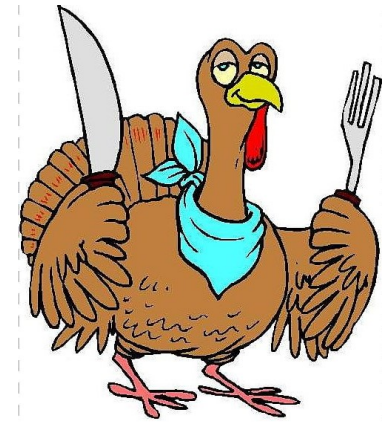
## Thank you

Thanks to all that helped and/or contributed to the turkey dinner. It was a very busy Friday, Saturday and Sunday including hauling food, cooking turkeys, making dressing and jellos, baking pies, setting up the takeout area and setting up the dining room with names too numerous to mention. The members of our congregation are amazing and make a great team. This also includes our youth who worked along side the adults and completed any task ask of them. I am very grateful to all as it seemed

that everyone recognized how they could contribute and took care of things on their own. Special thanks to the Clements for donating the rolls for this year's dinner. They were yummy! Thanks again. Our congregational family is AWESOME!

*Gin Lounsbury*

Profit from the dinner totaled \$3,346.72, 10% which will go toward a Mercy Care organization to be determined at the July Voters' meeting.



A special thanks to Gin Lounsbury for taking on the task of organizing and leading our Turkey dinner team.

## Greenhouse Hop

On Saturday, May 18th at 9:00 am meet here at Good Shepherd for coffee, treats and a map to explore the many small local Thumb greenhouses. Those who

went last year were impressed with how many greenhouses there were and what they had to offer. If you have any questions speak with Gin Lounsbury



## Quilting

The Good Shepherd quilters will meet for their last quilting sessions until fall on Tuesday, May 14th & 28th. They start work at 10:00 am and usually finish around 2:00 pm. Bring a lunch and join in or drop in and work for as long as you

are able. While spring cleaning or going to garage sales consider what older sheets you could donate to the quilters. They use them for backings or for the inside of a quilt.

If you would like to help out by assembling quilt tops at home this summer, speak with Sharon Rockwell or Joann Guinther.

# LLL Michigan District Convention

Join the Michigan LLL District at their annual convention hosted at St. Lorenz Lutheran Church Worship & Event Center in Frankenmuth, Michigan on Saturday, May 11, 2024.

All are welcome to attend.

Guest speakers are Lutheran Hour Ministries staff members Jeff Craig-Meyer, President, U.S. Ministries and Rev. Dr. Chad Lakies, Vice President, Ministry Engagement focusing on Energizing Mission.

Join other LCMS Michigan District Board of Directors for a day of spiritual growth with inspirational presentations to encourage and equip you as partners in His mission.

Doors open at 9 a.m. with the convention beginning at 9:30 a.m.

No cost to register – free-will offerings will be gathered during the event to assist the MI LLL District with meal costs in addition to supporting the Michigan Division of the Orphan Grain Train.

Please register by May 3 for meal and seat count for the day.

Send your name, address and contact information of all attendees and return to Philip Krauss, MI LLL District Treasurer, 112 Marshall St. PO Box 74, Brooklyn, MI 49230.

If you have any questions or need more information you can contact Dennis Engelhard, MI LLL District President by phone: 989.670.8028; By email: dennisengelhard59@gmail.com.

The theme for the convention is as follows: *“I will sing of the Lord’s great love forever; with my mouth I will make your faithfulness known through all generations. I will declare that your love stands forever; that you established your faithfulness in heaven itself.”* Psalm 89:1-2.

# Thumb Zone LWML Retreat- Baby Shower

All women are invited to LWML’s retreat on Saturday, May 11th from 10am-3pm at St. Peter’s Lutheran in Kinde.

Bring a new “Onesie” (any size) to be given to Orphan Grain Train.

Sign up to attend by filling out a registration slip posted on the bulletin board in the educational wing hallway.

If you have any questions, speak with Allison Schulz.



Our Saturday morning Women’s Bible Study will resume in the fall.

# Women of Good Shepherd

Did you know that every woman at Good Shepherd is a member of Women’s Ministry?

We serve as caretakers of our congregation by supporting and helping Pastor and church council care for the members of our church. I often think of our role as that of Mom, we do everything we can to make sure things go smoothly and that all feel cared for.

Our responsibilities include:

- Providing food for – suppers, funeral dinners, Sunday school snacks, coffee hour, bake sales, etc.
- Knitting shawls for the sick.
- Sending cards or visiting shut-ins.
- Organizing pot-lucks/dinners for special occasions such as Mission Sundays, meetings, celebrations.

- Care and cleaning of the kitchen.
- Providing money or supplies needed for organizations in our community.
- Organizing special social activities such as Greenhouse Hop, Loon games, game nights, Spirit games, etc.

We have a central committee of women elected by all women to organize these events and activities for the congregation. The committee meets six times a year to discuss events coming up and develop a plan to complete the task. This involves asking the women of the congregation to help in a variety of ways and there are always those willing to help. But every year it seems to get harder to find women willing to take the leadership roles. As our

congregation ages and are unable to work, we need more women willing to step up and take on these roles. If you receive a call or letter asking you to take on a committee member position, before you say no we ask that you pray on it. Remember you will have backing of all the women of Good Shepherd and the Lord to help and guide you. God

*Bless You!*



## Women’s Ministry Officers

President      Gin Lounsbury  
 Secretary     Traci Schulz  
 Treasurer     Allison Schulz

Chairperson of:

Caring Ministry   Chris Weippert  
 Church Care       Amy Talaski  
 Fund Raising      Joann Guinther  
 Service Projects   Diane Lowe  
 Social Activities

Women’s Ministry  
 Annual Meeting  
 and  
 Election of Officers:  
 Sunday, June 2nd, after worship

# Congratulations Graduates

Congratulations to High School graduate Erica Horning, daughter of Frank & Shannon Horning. And to Charlotte Schulz who graduated from Concordia University, Ann Arbor with a Master's degree in Education this past winter.

Women's Ministry invites the congregation to a special breakfast on Sunday, June 2nd at 8:30 am to celebrate and honor our graduates and our confirmand; Tyler Reinke. Watch for a sign up sheet for what you can donate to the breakfast.



# Prayer Chain

The prayer chain is a group of people in our congregation that are ready to support you by praying for you. To place yourself or another person on

the prayer chain, call Chris Weippert at 670-0524 or Joann Guinther at 872-4967.



# Homebound Members

Barb & Alan Rogers  
5260 Black River Rd.  
Naubinway, MI 49762

Loretta Hacker  
6152 Greenland Rd.  
Cass City, MI 48726

Ruth Balzer  
6391 Beechwood Dr.  
Cass City, MI 48726

Bea Rhinehardt  
Stonegate Health Campus  
2525 DeMille Blvd.  
Lapeer, MI 48446

Lois Moslander  
2760 Phillips Rd.  
Cass City, MI 48726

Dale & Audrey Leslie  
3204 Leslie Rd  
Decker, MI 48426-9747

Joanne O'Dell  
4334 Krapf Rd.  
Cass City, MI 48726

Shirley Kappen  
3192 Cass City Rd.  
Cass City, MI 48726

Marcia Hoffman  
Heritage Hill Assisted Living  
1430 Cleaver Rd.  
Caro, MI 48723

*Consider sending a card or note of encouragement to a member who is unable to be with us for worship.*

# March Financial Report submitted by Roger Gnagey; Treasurer

**Year to Date:**

	<u>Income</u>	<u>Expenses</u>	<u>Difference</u>
<b>Current</b>	\$37,260.62	\$37,836.07	-\$575.45
<b>Missions</b>	\$2,469.50		
<b>LRPF</b>	\$605.00		
<b>Com. Ser.</b>	0.00		
<b>Facility Use</b>	<u>40.00</u>		
<b>Total:</b>	\$40,375.12		

**Thumb National CD**

Total: \$529,746.93

**Church Extension Fund**

Total: \$13,671.02

**March:**

<b>Current</b>	\$15,252.50		
<b>Expenses</b>	<u>\$12,622.42</u>	Checking acct.	\$40,273.67
<b>Difference</b>	\$2,630.08	Dedicated accts.	<u>\$31,474.65</u>
		Balance	\$8,799.02

Copies of the monthly reports are available on the Narthex table.



- May 3**  
Selma Schulz
- May 5**  
Marcia Hoffman
- May 11**  
Jim Jamieson
- May 15**  
Abby Strong
- May 16**  
Brandi Kruse

- May 17**  
Eli Reinke
- May 18**  
Frank Horning
- May 19**  
Jackie Guinther
- May 20**  
Rich Witherspoon
- May 21**  
Amos Moses Clements
- May 22**  
Shirley Kappen
- May 27**  
Killion Clements  
Adam Habicht  
Isaiah Schuette
- May 29**  
Jerry Guinther  
Judy Hahn  
Tim Kramer



- May 12**  
George Lapp & Allison Schulz  
Johann & Traci Schulz
- May 19**  
Don & Jane Phillips
- May 25**  
Steve & Jennifer Bagnall  
Doug & Connie Britt
- May 28**  
Greg & Tess Russell