

Good Shepherd Lutheran Church

Shepherd's Staff

June-July 2025

Mission Sunday

Make sure to attend the Sunday, June 29th service and meet our adopted missionary Rev. Gerald Paul Stay after worship to share coffee with Rev. Paul and hear about his time in the Cayman islands. A potluck meal will follow at noon. Bring a main dish and a dessert or salad for the fellowship meal.

Pastor Paul writes a monthly newsletter.

Check out the latest one on the bulletin board by Pastor Bagnall's office.

A door offering will be collected on the 29th in support of Rev. Paul's mission work in the Caymans.



Service Time
Sun. 9:30 am

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

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Confirmation 2025

On Sunday, May 18th two of our Good Shepherd youth were confirmed during the worship service.

Congratulations to Abby Melton and Brad Horning.

Abby's confirmation verse is: *Surely goodness and mercy will follow me all the days of my life; and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever. Psalm 23:6*

Brad's verse is: *Be watchful, stand firm in the faith, act like men, be strong. 1 Corinthians 16:13*



Summer Monday Evening Services

Good Shepherd's spoken word service with communion begins on Monday, June 2nd and continues each Monday evening until Labor Day. There will be one ex-

ception. There will not be a service on June 23rd as Pastor Bagnall will be attending our Michigan District convention.

Mission & Mercy Care Support Ideas

At the July 20 Voter's Assembly we will choose the recipients for this year's Turkey Dinner Mercy Care disbursement (\$384.29) and Fortress Fund Mission disbursement (\$2,500).

If you would like to suggest a candidate for either of these funds, submit the relevant information to Pastor or the church office no later than June 29. Guidelines for recipients are avail-

able on the narthex table in a document entitled "Mission or Mercy Care."

Thank You Sunday School Teachers

This year's Sunday school program ended on May 25th, but will start back up again in September.

Thank you to all the teachers and helpers for their care in instructing Good Shepherd's youngest members in the love

of Jesus Christ.

Watch upcoming bulletins for information about VBS which will be held on Sunday evenings; July 20th & 27th and August 3rd & 10th.



Pastoral Care

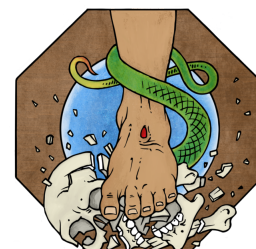
Pastor Bagnall will be on vacation June 3rd through the 8th. If you need pastoral care during his time away, contact Pastor Steele from St. Paul

Caro. His phone number is 989-550-3355.

All Things New—2025 Higher Things

The annual conference for Lutheran youth will be held on the campus of Calvin University in Grand Rapids July 29th through August 1st.

Those attending from Good Shepherd are Stephanie Melton, Emily Melton and Pastor Bagnall.



Fill A Bucket

Women's Ministry is collecting supplies to complete 30 "Flood Buckets". The buckets are used to clean up after someone has experienced flooding in their home. Take a list of supplies needed to fill one bucket, bring the supplies back to church and place in one of the pails in the narthex.

We hope to have the 30 buckets filled by the end of the summer.

If you have any questions regarding the project, please speak with Evelyn Jameson.



Items needed include:

paper towels, disposable rags, glass cleaner, cleansing powder, Liquid cleaner, bleach (1 gal.), scrub brush, 2 pairs of rubber gloves, and sponges.

Vacation Bible School

Mark your calendars for this year's VBS dates; July 20th & 27th and August 3rd & 10th. Watch future bulletins for the start time. The whole congregation is invited to join

the children for a potluck meal starting each Sunday evening at 6:00 pm.



Voters' Meeting - July 20th, 11:00 am



April Financial Report

submitted by Allison Schulz; Treasurer

Year to Date:

	<u>Income</u>	<u>Expenses</u>	<u>Difference</u>
Current	\$43,124.84	\$53,265.07	-\$10,140.23
Missions	\$2,695.56		
LRPF	\$564.00		
Com. Ser.	0.00		
Facility Use	<u>70.00</u>		
Total:	\$46,454.40		

Checking acct.	\$21,942.32
Dedicated accts.	<u>\$21,662.56</u>
Balance	\$279.76

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

April:

Current	\$12,178.75
Expenses	<u>\$14,943.45</u>
Difference	-\$2,764.70

Homebound Members

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

Loretta Hacker
6152 Greenland Rd.
Cass City, MI 48726

Pat Sontag
4484 Hartsell Rd.
Cass City, MI 48726

Dale Leslie
Woodland Acres AFC
3855 Downingtown Rd.
Snover, MI 48472

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

John Jameson
3385 Cass City Rd.
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Shirley Kappen
3192 Cass City Rd.
Cass City, MI 48726

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

Bruce Hecht
2620 N. Bliss Rd.
Caro, MI 48723

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.



Rooted in Christ, Growing in Stewardship

The heartland is now awash in various hues of green. The doldrums of winter give way to the colors of spring. Now, the promise of spring gives way to the growth of summer. Fields are planted and sprouted. Gardens are planted. Flowers adorn the beds of neighborhood homes and roadside ditches. Green is the shade of life!

Green growth is also the hue of the faithful steward. The seed of faith planted in human hearts in the waters of Holy Baptism grows as it is nurtured in the Word proclaimed and ingested in the Holy Supper. This faith does indeed save. But our stewardship of the Gospel is also designed to bear fruit for God's glory and the benefit of our neighbor.

To consider this, let us look at the hymn, "Fruitful Trees, the Spirits Sowing" (LSB 691). It is very much a stewardship hymn!

Fruitful trees, the Spirit's sowing, May we ripen and increase, Fruit to life eternal growing, rich in love and joy and peace.

- The tree of faith is not planted in us by us. It is the Spirit's work! We do not claim the title "steward." Rather, we are created for it (Gen. 1:26–28).

- He is the One who makes it grow in us. The fruits of the Spirit are borne out because we, by grace through faith, are connected to the vine that is Jesus (John 15).

Laden branches freely bearing Gifts the Giver loves to bless; Here is fruit that grows by sharing, Patience, kindness, gentleness.

- Our stewardship is NOT about what we do. It is about what the Holy Spirit does in and through us. That is the fruit that we bear. His fruit for His purposes.
- But that fruit is lived out through us. The world sees the fruit of our stewardship of the Gospel in lives lived connected to Word and Sacrament.

Rooted deep in Christ our Master, Christ our pattern and our goal, Teach us, as the years fly faster, Goodness, faith, and self-control.

- Stewards have been created and redeemed to reflect the image of Jesus in the world. He is the pattern. We reflect to others around us the Light of the Gospel He has shone on us.
- This reflection comes when

Christ's goodness flows from us to others.

Fruitful trees, the Spirit's tending, May we grow till harvests cease; Till we taste, in life unending, Heaven's love and joy and peace.

- Just as the Spirit has created us for stewardship of the Gospel, so also does He cause our faithfulness! He calls, gathers, enlightens, sanctifies and KEEPS us in this faithful stewardship of the Gospel.
- The ultimate goal of our faithful stewardship is eternity. For us. For our neighbor. All worked out by the Spirit.

Green is the color of the world right now. It is also the color of our stewardship and it is growing in us as we are connected to the vine, Jesus! God grant our growth in Him!



Happy Birthday

June 2

Paige Schulz
Traci Schulz

June 3

Judy Boldt
Michael Melton
Bridget Miller

June 14

Connie Britt
Ned Clements

June 16

John Jameson

June 17

Christopher Schuette

June 18

Ron Rockwell

June 19

Melonise Johnson

June 20

Don Phillips

June 21

Taylor Kubacki

June 23

Becca Sulicki

June 24

Jalaine Schneeberger

June 25

Patty Peruski

June 27

Abbey Halabis

June 29

Sara Kramer

July 4

Ian Habicht

July 5

Sam Clements
Ryan Parr

July 6

Joann Guinther
Ron Weippert

July 10

Steve Ewald

July 11

Stacie Dorsch

July 15

Brian Guinther
Alex Kubacki
Bella Sulicki

July 17

Marilyn Biefer
Brandon Sulicki

July 18

Roger Gnagey

July 25

Connie Schulte

July 26

Ken Martin

July 30

Dana Ewald



Happy Anniversary

June 3

Jason & Jamie Reinke

June 7

Woodrow & Abby Strong

June 12

John & Marnie Hacker
Grant & Paige Schulz

June 18

Mark & Carol Stoeckle

June 19

Dean & Cindy Kruse

June 23

Stephen & Dana Ewald

June 25

Brandon & Becca Sulicki
Craig & Lisa Weaver

June 29

Mark & Melissa Halabis

July 1

Dan & Ruth Balzer
Bill & Connie Roemer

July 2

Carl & Carla Cifka

July 8

Roger & Pam Gnagey

July 13

Paul & Brandi Kruse

July 24

Billy & Darlene Johnson

July 27

Glenn & Patty Peruski

Those Serving in June & July 2025

ACOLYTE

June 1 Ali Kramer
8 Brad Horning
15 Abby Melton
22 Max Kubacki
29 Isaiah Schuette
July 6 Bailey Shrader
13 Ali Kramer
20 Brad Horning
27 Abby Melton

ELDER

June 1 Jason Reinke
8 Frank Horning
15 Paul Kruse
22 Rich Witherspoon
29 Russ Biefer
July 6 Ken Martin
13 Grant Schulz
20 Frank Horning
27 Mike Melton

COMMUNION ASSISTANT

June 1 Ron Pawloski
8 Ed Talaski
15 Steve Ewald
22 Adam Kubacki
29 George Lapp
July 6 Scott Shrader
13 Chris Irwin
20 Ron Pawloski
27 Ed Talaski

SERVICE ASSISTANT

June 1 Garrett Reinke
8 Kian Hoppe
15 Rylan Kruse
22 Garrett Reinke
29 Rylan Kruse
July 6 Blayk Santos
13 Brady Halabis
20 Chris Matthews
27 Kian Hoppe

USHERS

June 1 Ken Martin, Blayk Santos
8 Scott Shrader, Tim Kramer
15 Pete Martin, Mike Melton
22 Ron Pawloski, Frank Horning
29 Ken Martin, Blayk Santos
July 6 Russ Biefer, Rich Witherspoon
13 Scott Shrader, Tim Kramer
20 Pete Martin, Mike Melton
27 Ron Pawloski, Frank Horning

ORGANIST

June 1 Substitute Organ Service
8 Dan & Ruth Balzer
15 Dan & Ruth Balzer
22 Stephanie Melton
29 Stephanie Melton
July 6 Dan & Ruth Balzer
13 Stephanie Melton
20 Substitute Organ Service
27 Dan & Ruth Balzer

HOSTS

June 1 Russ & Marilyn Biefer
8 Ed & Amy Talaski
15 Mike & Diane Lowe
22 Kruse Family
29 Frank & Shannon Horning
July 6 Ron & Sharon Rockwell
13 Chris & Anna Irwin
20 Ron & Sue Pawloski
27 Scott & Tana Shrader

FINANCE Gin Lounsbury & Shannon Horning

June 1 Susan Hoppe
8 Ed Talaski
15 Diane Lowe
22 George Lapp
29 Shawna Schuette
July 6 Sharon Rockwell
13 Susan Hoppe
20 Ed Talaski
27 Diane Lowe

ALTAR GUILD

June– Pam Gnagey & Beth McCallum
July - Chris Weippert & Joann Guinther