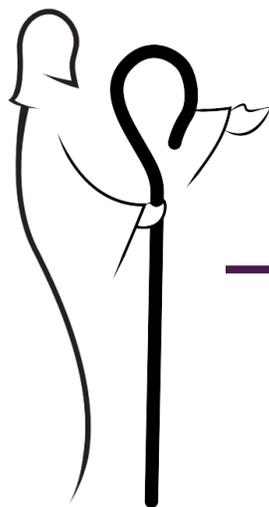


THE STAFF NEWSLETTER

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MAY

What's happening at Good Shepherd



Our long-time member, Cindy Stroud, passed away on March 31st. Please keep Bob and their family in your prayers at this difficult time.



Table Talks are currently scheduled to resume on May 12th on Thursday nights at 6:00 pm. If anything changes with the dates, we will let everyone know ahead of time.



Worship Schedule

Just a reminder that our worship service time will change to 9:30 am on the first Sunday after Memorial day, which is June 5th.



The date for Good Shepherd's turn for sponsoring the ECHO community meal has changed from its usual time in September. This year, we will be sponsoring the meal on Saturday, August 27th. Please mark your calendars and consider helping out with meal preparation. All available hands will be appreciated!

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

“So if you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth, for you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. When Christ who is your life is revealed, then you also will be revealed with him in glory.” Colossians 3:1-4

As we enter into the month of May, the joyful sound of “He is Risen” still resounds in my ears. In Him, we are forgiven. In Him, we are worthy. In Him, new life abounds in us. And the earth bears witness to this new life.

The sun shines bright, the rains nurture the grounds, and we are surrounded by the new life in God’s creation everywhere we look. Green grass, budding flowers, leaves on the trees, and new-born animals are greeted with God’s glory.

Easter has happened, and the world is born anew. And that includes you. As baptized members of the body of Christ, you are joined in the death of Jesus. And if we are joined in a death like His, we will certainly be born into the eternal life like His. In Him, you have been raised with Christ.

But this isn’t a future event. The Kingdom has come near. And your salvation is now. This is what the verse from Colossians is speaking of. Your faith has set you free. You have been made new, just as the new life springs forth all around us.

What a blessing indeed! Halleluiah!! But as the scripture says, “Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth.”

I remind you of this, because of our human tendencies. As the weather warms, sometimes, we can get caught up in all the possibilities, chores, and projects offered to us. Vacations, lawn care, bike rides, going to the park or swimming pool. These and many more options to fill our days.

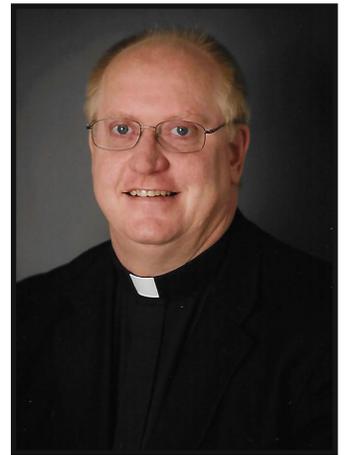
But let us not be too distracted, to be the body of Christ. These are all wonderful things in life for us to enjoy. Yet all of that new life, is still given to us by God. Yes, we need to stop and smell the roses, but let us be thankful for where, and who they came from.

And most of all, hold onto the fact, that because He is risen, you might rise also. In other words, rejoice in knowing that you have been given grace, and know that you belong to God. Enjoy the things that are on the earth, but set your minds on the God that is your creator.

Because thru it all, He lived, He died, and He was risen so that you might live anew in Him. Then also will be revealed with him in glory. Set your minds on God. Not for what you might receive, but for everything we have already received.

And may your new life be watered with God’s grace, warmed by the Son, and nurtured by His unending love. And may God be with you, until we meet again.

Pastor Mike.





COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES MARCH 20, 2022

Absent: Dianne Punzel, Gloria Oleston, Michelle Webb, Tami Schoeller

Devotions: Kris Arneson

Cordy made a motion to accept the minutes from the last meeting. Reggie seconded it. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report: Cordy asked to have a comparison of weekly expenditures to the weekly offering. Will start on the next treasurer report.

President Report: Russ read a correspondence from The Red Hat Club thanking us for letting them use the church for a gathering.

Vice President: No report.

Property and Grounds: Tractor is ready to use. Roof is repaired. There is a sermon box for large print sermons.

Parish Education: No report.

Care and Concern: The church directory will be updated. Five people have volunteered for this.

Easter: There will be no breakfast as in the past. Fellowship hour would be nice to start up. We will discuss this next meeting. There will be one service on Easter Sunday @ 10:00.

Funerals: We will meet the needs of what the family requests. Our noisy offering for Health Net is going well.

Stewardship: Cordy had the offering envelopes that have not been picked up. Council members divided them and will attempt to deliver. Otherwise, it is \$5.00 to mail each one.

The question was asked by Russ as to the number of members watching the livestream. He suggested that maybe on that site we could have a way to allow the members to contribute. During the week there are approximately 125 watching the livestream.

Several of the long-time members have been heard suggesting that the church will not survive much longer. This may be having a negative effect on the current members and giving the wrong message. This is something that we cannot control and we need to stay positive.



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Easter Service: April 17 @ 10:00.

Pastor's Report: The week of April 18-24 the pastor will be on vacation. Dianne will be getting a fill-in for the Sunday service.

Kudos to Kris and Russ for helping with opening and closing the church.

The Synod Assembly this year is at the Kalahari. Two who volunteered going are Ericka and Chad. Tammy has also volunteered and her stay will be paid for due to no youth going. Tammy will be a big help in the group as Pastor Mike will be busy with other business at the meetings. A motion was made to pay for Tammy's stay and was agreed on by all.

Next month's newsletter will have two months of council minutes.

Pastor Mike stated that a very nice job was done by all who helped with the funeral.

Lenten Services: Pastor Mike is happy that there are members attending.

Pastor Mike will have his initial doctor's appt. On April 12th. Pastor Mike's wife will be having a procedure this Monday. We will all be praying for all to go well.

Per the Synod we now can have get-togethers at the church. To start fellowship up again we will be looking for date to start up as a celebration. We will discuss a date that will work for all.

New and unfinished business: We may be looking at just a coffee hour after the Easter service. The council will take care of this. A sign-up sheet will be out by next week.

For questions about filling any supplies in the church, ask Pastor Mike.

A question was asked about how to make the church more visible to all in the community. We have discussed this in the past and the cost may be prohibitive.

A motion was made by Reggie to accept all the reports and Kris seconded this.

Meeting started: 11:25

Meeting adjourned: 12:25



PROPOSED COUNCIL MINUTES APRIL 3, 2022

Present: Pastor Michael Rahlf, President Russ Frye, President elect Dianne Punzel, Treasurer Reggie Hare, Secretary Gloria Oleston, Property & Grounds Terry Seltz, Worship & Music Tami Schoeller, Care & Concern Kris Arneson, Stewardship Cordy Madorin

Absent: Michelle Webb

The meeting was called to order at 11:50 am.

Devotions: Pastor Mike

The secretary's minutes from the March 20 meeting were read. Two corrections were made; the spelling of Tami Schoeller's name from Tammy to Tami. Also, added that the meeting adjourned with the Lord's Prayer. Cordy Madorin made a motion to approve the minutes, Gloria Oleston seconded and the motion carried.

Treasurer's report: Reggie reports that our income in March lags behind our expenses and she will continue to update us monthly.

Pastor Mike's report:

- Shared with the council Facebook donation tool information as it relates to streaming services. Discussion followed and will continue at the next meeting.
- Holy Week services are being planned. Pastor will meet with Dianne Punzel and Tami Schoeller to complete details
- Synod Assembly is May 6&7. Chad & Erica Nelson, Tami Schoeller will attend.
- Pastor will have the day off May 8.
- Spring decluttering date will be set by Pastor and Terry Seltz.
- Easter flowers will be delivered April 14. Tami and Dianne will be present. Flowers need to be arranged April 16 @ 10am when Pastor is at church.
- Our finances need to be stabilized long term. Pastor is looking into ways to accomplish this, possibly with changes being made regarding our underutilized land.

President's report: Russ thanked the council/congregation for allowing him and Pam to use the Fellowship Room for their baby shower on April 24 from 1 to 3 pm. All church members are invited.

President elect: Dan Milbrandt will preside at the April 24 worship service when Pastor is on vacation. The CROP Walk is April 24, beginning at Cargill United Methodist Church at 1 pm. The council is encourage to participate.



PROPOSED COUNCIL MINUTES—Page 2 APRIL 3, 2022

Property & Grounds: Terry has completed the lawn mowing schedule. Dates for the biannual clean up/work days will be set soon.

Parish Ed: No report

Worship & Music: Tami reports music for Easter has been planned.

Care & Concern: Kris reports there will be Fellowship time with coffee and treats after the Easter Service.

Stewardship: Cordy reports worship attendance has been steadily growing. We will save money by eliminating children's envelopes and the extra envelopes such as those designated for heat, etc.

Terry Seltz made a motion to accept all reports, seconded by Tami Schoeller, and it carried. No new or unfinished business. Motion made by Dianne Punzel, seconded by Tami Schoeller and carried.

The next council meeting is May 1 when there is also a new member welcome planned. Meeting adjourned with the Lord's Prayer at 12:56 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Gloria Oleston



Mark your calendars! The #StampOutHunger Food drive is coming soon! Participating is easy. Simply leave a bag of nonperishable

food next to your mailbox on Saturday, May 14th, and your letter carrier will handle the rest. Thank you for your support!





Have you ever had the wonderful experience of seeing a baby take their first step? Some babies are hesitant – not quite sure; others just “go for it”, and then wonder about what they did; but still some never look back and keep going – they “step out in faith”. That’s what Jesus invites us to do, take that “step in faith”, trust Him, “Come”, like He invited Peter. Matthew 14:28-31.

Right now, with the cost of everything going up, it’s difficult to put our complete trust in Jesus that He will provide for us financially. The temptation to cut our financial giving to the church is very strong. But Jesus said, “I am here.” Peter saw the waves of water – we see other “waves” in our lives. What are your “waves?”

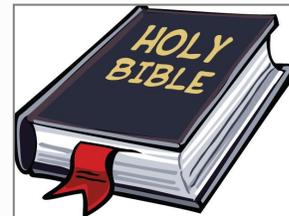
Keep up the good work, just like the baby walking – keep going!

~Cordy Madorin

Thank you if you followed the “Lenten Prayer Calendar” for Good Shepherd Lutheran. Please continue to uphold Good Shepherd in your daily prayers, as well as each member (including the one reading this), our ministries, Pr. Mike, and the leadership. Prayers do work!

Gospel Lessons for May

- ◆ May 1 – John 21:1-19
- ◆ May 8 – John 10: 22-30
- ◆ May 15 – John 13:31-35
- ◆ May 22 – John 14:23-29 or John 5:1-9
- ◆ May 29 – John 17:20-26



Jonathan Itnyre 5/3
 Jake Oja 5/5
 Alana Schneider 5/7
 Johnny Bogner 5/8
 Tom Carpenter 5/8
 Aaron Waltz 5/8
 Abby Bogner 5/9
 Melissa Olson 5/14

Gracie Hilker 5/16
 Ginny Carpenter 5/22
 Rollie Kraus 5/24
 Robin Kuter 5/26
 Jordan Graffin 5/27
 Rob Oja 5/31
 Chad Punzel 5/31

Maury Martin & Susan Slauson
 5/29



Did you add Declutter Day to your May calendar? That's also the day I'll collect aluminum cans.

That's 9 - 12 on Saturday, May 14th. We'll really miss you if you're not there.

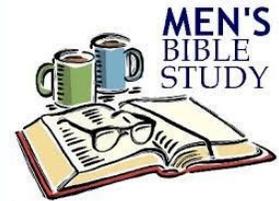
Thanks a lot.

~Terry Seltz



O Lord, help me remember
That when the world goes wild,
You remain Calm.
Amen

The men's Bible study group has resumed meeting on Wednesday mornings at 8:00 am at the Eagle Inn restaurant in Janesville.




**MARCH 2022
SNAPSHOT**

- 24 MONTHS OF RENT PAID TO KEEP FAMILIES HOUSED
- 1,068 NIGHTS IN A LOCAL MOTEL FOR THE HOMELESS
- 263 SENIORS RECEIVED A SENIOR STOCKBOX
- 239,824 MEALS PROVIDED

Thank you for helping ECHO's mission of meeting housing, food and other basic human needs and addressing the barriers to self-sufficiency.



ECHO is looking for a Public Relations and Development Manager, who will assist the Executive Director with creating a strategic marketing plan to support philanthropic culture along with event and marketing operations. The ideal candidate has excellent communication and multitasking skills, a positive attitude, and a strong work ethic. Go to <https://echojanesville.org/careers/> for more information.



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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1—John 21:1-19 <u>11:15 am</u> Council Meeting	2 Church Office Closed <u>7:00 pm</u> Boy Scouts	3	4 <u>8:00 am</u> Men's Group	5	6	7
8—John 10: 22-30 <u>10:00 am</u> Worship Svc	9 Church Office Closed <u>7:00 pm</u> Boy Scouts	10	11 <u>8:00 am</u> Men's Group	12 <u>6:00 pm</u> Table Talk	13	14 <u>9:00 am—12:00 pm</u> Church Declutter Day
15—John 13:31-35 <u>10:00 am</u> Worship Svc <u>10:00 am</u> Deadline for newsletter articles (June Newsletter)	16 Church Office Closed <u>7:00 pm</u> Boy Scouts	17	18 <u>8:00 am</u> Men's Group	19 <u>6:00 pm</u> Table Talk	20	21
22—John 14:23-29 or John 5:1-9 <u>10:00 am</u> Worship Svc	23 Church Office Closed <u>7:00 pm</u> Boy Scouts	24	25 <u>8:00 am</u> Men's Group	26 <u>6:00 pm</u> Table Talk	27	28
29—John 17:20-26 <u>10:00 am</u> Worship Svc	30 Church Office Closed Memorial Day <u>7:00 pm</u> Boy Scouts	31				

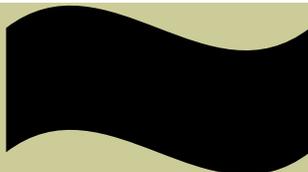
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