



The Shepherd's Staff

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We will be using our Good Shepherd Lutheran Church website www.goodshepherdpolson.com emails, and phone calls to interact and keep the Congregation up to date and informed on activities and events.

If you have information that you would like to share, please contact Kelley at the Church Office. 406-883-5864

MUSIC NOTES

Choir practice, please check with Angela

Easter Breakfast Success!!
The Congregational Care Committee organized a brunch to celebrate Easter.
THANK YOU TO ALL WHO HELPED

The Vacation Bible Day Camp (VBDC) would like to thank the congregation and any visitors that attended the Easter breakfast for their generosity. There was \$990.00 in our basket. This will assist in giving all the campers a small scholarship to retain the cost at last year's level as well as other expenses. These are shared with the Presbyterian church. If you have not had an opportunity to donate, please make checks payable to GSLC memo: VBDC and place in the basket in the fellowship hall.

NEW WORSHIP SERVICE TIME:
9:00 AM
STARTING MAY 1st

Vacation Bible Day Camp

Mon., June 20– Fri., June 24

at Flathead Lutheran Bible Camp

****Space is limited to 40 children!!**

For children entering grade 1 through 6

Information & applications can be picked up from the GSLC office 406-883-5864, downloaded from our website

or
at the Presbyterian Church.

For more information, please call Marilyn Trospen at 406-249-3938
Carolyn Heinz at 406-250-8731

KIDS NEED CAMP!

HELP NEEDED!!

FLBC is short staffed, so the VBDC needs volunteers to help with the children for the week. If you can help out, even 1 day, it would be greatly appreciated & is very necessary to have a successful camp for the children. For more information, please contact Marilyn Trospen or the Church office.





Pastor Melanie's Musings

It looks like we may actually get to go to the Holy Land! All signs are “go” so far.

I was asked what I look forward to most on my trip. My first answer was “getting there”. My second and possibly truer answer is “becoming a sponge and taking in everything I can”.

I am looking forward to not being in charge of anything. To listening and learning and absorbing, while someone else does the logistics, the presentations, the meals, and the cleaning. I am looking forward to being a participant and NOT a leader.

On Holy Thursday my sermon was about receiving and giving--specifically about the importance of receiving love and having our “cup” refilled, so that we can give out of our abundance rather than running ourselves into the ground. As the lake needs water flowing through to keep it fresh and clear and blue--the fresh water that comes in to the north and water that flows back into the river at our end of the lake, so our souls need the input of God’s love so that we will have love aplenty to give to others. The same is true of inspiration.

This is a great time of year for pastors to receive fresh inspiration. I am confident that I will be inspired by this trip, going to the places where Jesus walked, seeing the hills and valleys and towns and cities in person that I have talked about and taught about for so many years while only having seen them in photos or on video. I expect to learn also from meeting and talking with others both in our group and in the places we visit. I look forward to the devotions (led by others) and Bible studies (led by others) and maybe even opportunities for worship. I look forward to eating the food. In short, I am looking forward to the entire experience! And, at the end, I expect to return home, tired but inspired, with new learning and wisdom to share with you.

Peace be with you during the days I am gone and through out the Easter season.
May your cup be refilled as well!

Pastor Melanie Martin-Dent

Pastor’s Holy Land Trip:

The Martin-Dent’s trip has been rescheduled for April 25-May 4. Their itinerary is on a bulletin board in the Fellowship Hall if you’d like to know where they are going. They appreciate your prayers for safe travel!

Confirmation

We will meet after school on Thursday, May 12 and May 26. We will finish up studying the Lord’s Prayer.

Connections Spring Book Discussion

We will be reading and discussing “Braiding Sweetgrass” by Robin Wall Kimmerer, beginning Thursday, May 12 from 6:30-7:30 pm. If the weather is nice, we may move out to the courtyard, and if it is extra nice, we may head to Boetcher Park instead. Contact Pastor, if you are interested.

Adult Sunday School

Seasons and Perspectives of Faith. We will meet again the first Sunday in October, when worship returns to the 10:00 am time.

Funeral Planning: New documents are available to assist you in making your plans and sharing them with your loved ones as well as your pastor. These were developed in the Adult Sunday School class this winter and have been approved by the worship committee and Council. They will be in the Narthex on the table.

Faithful Innovations: Are you interested in helping grow our church? Come to a conversation with Pastor Peggy Paugh-Leuzinger, Director of Evangelical Mission for the Montana Synod over Zoom on Thursday, May 12 at 1:00 pm to learn about the Faithful Innovations program. Participating congregations bring a team to a series of online trainings, meet with a coach, plan and implement experiments in outreach in order to share God’s love in our community. Several neighboring ELCA churches are participating and have given it good reviews.

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY
MAY**

ZACKARY BOYLE	01
BRENT AMAN	01
TONY PETERSON	03
BEN RIVER	03
CHRIS BALSTAD	04
SPRING McKEE	04
SHERRY DAVIS	05
RISSA KROLL	05
VICKIE SALWAY	08
SHELDON McLEOD	08
REANNA TROSPER	08
KEITH ERICKSON	12
MARY JENSEN	16
BILL FOX	16
MICHAEL KROLL	26
KRISTIN NELSON	28
TIM DOLPHIN	29
ROD HANSON	29
TIAS FYANT	30



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OPPORTUNITIES TO GIVE:

ilcorp.org

For more information call 406-752-9624
Pastor Al Jensen, Director of Pastoral Care.

Flathead Lutheran Bible Camp

Register now for the 2022 CAMPS.

Now Hiring: Summer 2022 Staff!

The application to be a part of FLBC staff in 2022 is now open!

Visit <https://flbc.net/employment/> to learn more and find instructions for applying.

**Don't wait to register,
camps are filling up quickly!**

3 Easy ways to Register

⇒ Call the CAMP office
at 406-752-6602

⇒ Emailing office@flbc.net

⇒ Online on the website: flbc.net



Pastor Melanie's Camp Update....

**FLBC Choir Camp (STAR Camp)
June 26-July 1:**

We are restarting choir camp after a two-year break and want to make it possible for any young person who is entering 3rd grade through those who graduate this spring to participate in this amazing experience!

Explore inspirational music, sing harmony with people of many ages, make friends, have fun, enjoy camp and participate in a talent show Wednesday evening and concert Friday at noon.

Bill and Marjorie Burkitt's grandson Jacoby Holte is leading the music program this year, Pastor Melanie will be among the camp pastors and her Flathead Flute Friend and local artist Margery Christenson will be leading the art program.

There is also a drama option led by Gretchen Munding of St. John's Lutheran in Helena.

If you know any child in this community who would like to spend a week at FLBC, contact Pastor. She'll do her best to make it happen.



Dear Pastor Melanie,
Christ is Risen! Christ is Risen indeed! Alleluia!

I wanted to take a moment to introduce myself, my name is Jamie Lennon and I have the pleasure of serving Lutheran World Relief as one of our Congregational Engagement Managers. As such, I have the very great and humbling privilege of sharing gratitude and updates with congregations like Good Shepherd Lutheran who share their love and generosity with our neighbors around the world through their partnership with LWR.

Thank you for all the ways you are caring for God's people.

Ways to Give:

You can give online at lwr.org/match.

This link can be used for your congregational gift or by your individual members.

You can also give by **mailing a check** to:

Lutheran World Relief,
PO Box 17061,
Baltimore, MD 21297-1061.

Please write "Ukraine match" in the memo line.

In gratitude,

Jamie Lennon
Manager, Congregational Engagement
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Grads will receive Quilts during the worship service & join them for refreshments at fellowship hour.

Honoring Grads
May 22

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In Our Prayers

Loss & Grief:

In the Service of our Country:

Kyle Klusacek (*Rod & Sharon Hanson's Grandson*), Joe Turnage, Brian Coffeen, J.D. Udem (*Rick & Sharon Procopio's grandson*), Tyler Dyk, Donald Vandebussche, Curtis Berg, Steven Sorensen, Justin Borders, Gabriel Barnes, Jayson Sorensen, Mark Newkirk, Kory Newgard, *all who currently serve and who have served.*



Ongoing Health: Peggy Hartman (*Ron Martin-Dent's sister*), Marjorie Burkitt, Wayne West (*Barb Anderson's grandson*), Albert Knutson, Lilly Slagle (*Marret Christiansen's daughter*), Patricia Smout (*Tony Peterson's mom*), Dave Bjur, Jan Wicklund, Blanche Rohrenbach, Debbie Lindquist, Linda Kirkelie (*Kari Mausshardt's mother*), Steve Woidtke, Pat Radke (*Marion Woidtke's sister*), Joan Platco (*Ramona Mahoney's friend*), Sue Dell'Angelo & Family (*Jim Woidtke's sister*), Ruth Hank, Hal Butts (*Mary Jo & Rick Johnson's friend*), Anna Raymond (*Tony Peterson's friend*), Kari Jo Comstock (*Rick & Mary Jo Johnson's daughter*), Karen Vergeront, Scott Trosper, Craig Erickson, Jeff & Shirley Jacobson.

Thank you for your prayers and thoughts during this difficult time.

2022 *Council Highlights*

Next Council Meeting: **May 22nd at 10:15 AM**

The Church Council last met on Apr 24th, 2022. A Faith Innovations Team is being assembled to help gather information on growing the Church, if you are interested please signup in the Narthex for the first meeting on Thurs., May 12 at 1:00pm Thank you!

Our Ministers: All Who Have Been Baptized Into Christ

Our Pastor: Rev. Melanie Martin-Dent

Our Support Staff:

Office Administrator	Kelley Druyvestein
Minister of Music	Angela Claver
Financial Secretary	Lynette Rundell

Our Congregation Council Members:

Executive Board

President	Kevin Torgenrud
Vice President	Jack Cummings
Secretary	Vince River
Treasurer	Peter Mangels

Liaisons to Committees

Worship, Service & Music	Candy Baszler-Gohl
Youth & Family Ministry	Connie Brownell
Congregational Care	Karen Gunderson
Stewardship	Sherry Nelson
Property & Management	Gary Wipplinger

Our Special Groups:

Trust Fund

MEMORIAL SERVICE for
NORMA KNUTSON & MIKE KNUTSON
Will be on SATURDAY, MAY 14th at 11:00am
At Good Shepherd Lutheran Church

Prayer Shawls are available to give to anyone in need of comfort. We have some that are ready to give, along with a prayer card. Also, we would appreciate any assistance in making them. Yarn & instructions available. **Thank you to the knitters**, who have created beautiful shawls. We now have some ready. Thank you!

The Sunshine Ministry

Barb Dolphin will be sending a card for birthdays, get well and to anyone you feel needs a special note. Please have their name & address and call Barb at 883-4592.

Together in Worship

Together in Worship Average Year-to Date: Join US in Church!

Financial Information

Fiscal Year-to-Date January 1 through March 31st, 2022

YTD Actual Contrib. & Gifts, Undesignated*	\$ 29,776.76
YTD Budgeted Income Target	\$ 38,500.02
Other Sources of Income**	\$ 1,636.92
Total Year-to-Date Operating Income	\$ 31,413.68
Total Year-to-Date Operating Expenses	\$ 38,249.14

*Undesignated contributions & gifts includes offerings designated as "non-synod"

**Includes Thrivent Choice & "synod only" designated offerings



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9:00 AM SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICES

	1st Reading	Psalm	2nd Reading	Gospel
May 01	Acts 9:1-20	Psalm 30	Revelation 5:11-14	John 21:1-19
May 08	Acts 9:36-43	Psalm 23	Revelation 7:9-17	John 10:22-30
May 15	Acts 11:1-18	Psalm 148	Revelation 21:1-6	John 13:31-35
May 22	Acts 16:9-15	Psalm 67	Revelation 21:10, 22-22:5	John 14:23-29
May 29	Acts 16:16-34	Psalm 97	Revelation 22:12-14, 16-17, 20-21	John 17:20-26