



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

Celebrate the New School Year at GSLC!

We'll have a party in the church yard with balloons, crawl tunnels, ice cream and music after school on Wednesday, September 7 to launch our fall activities. There will be a table with information and sign-ups for Connections and other events. All are welcome! Bring your friends!

Connections

Plans are underway for fall activities on Wednesday evenings beginning in September.

We will have a meal, a brief camp-style worship, and activities for kids and adults. More details will come in next month's newsletter.



Pancake Brunch to Kick off the Fall: Sunday, September 11

The Congregation Care Committee will be having a Pancake Brunch following worship on Sunday, September 11. Pancakes, sausage, fruit, coffee and juice will be served.

Invite your friends and neighbors for a good meal and a good time!

Recovery Sunday: September 25

The Addiction Ministry Team will be sharing their experience, strength, and hope during the 9:00 am worship service at the end of September. We look forward to hearing from them.

Inspirational and Informative Luncheon: October 2

All are invited to a free lunch (Subway sandwiches) and presentation following worship following the 10:00 AM service on the first Sunday of October. Tim King, author of the book "Addiction Nation" and member of the Center of Addiction & Faith Board, was the keynote speaker at the 2021 Addiction & Faith Conference. This videotaped talk was so good, the team would like to share it with you. If you know anyone who has been touched by addiction, family member, neighbor or friend, come learn and be uplifted. Bring a friend!

MUSIC NOTES

NO Choir in August

**Pastor Peggy Paugh Leuzinger,
Director of Evangelical Mission
at the MT ELCA Synod
will be preaching and visiting with people
on Sunday, August 07
about the Faithful Innovations training.**



Pastor Melanie's Musings

As my garden begins to produce delicious results, I am reminded that one of the themes of the Sundays after Pentecost, sometimes called the “green season” because of the colors in our sanctuary, is growth. As disciples of Jesus we can experience personal growth during this time—growth in faith, hope and love. Summer can be a time of renewal, a break from the routine of the school year; a kind of Sabbath filled with the joy of outdoor activities and visits with people we seldom see. These connections with God and with one another can bring an increase in the “fruits of the Spirit”—love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. However, most churches see less people at Sunday worship this season. That trend is ameliorated to some degree here by summer visitors, but as we look toward the fall, I invite you to join me in praying for growth in the number of people participating in church activities.

COVID has taken a toll on us as it has on many churches. Our forward momentum ground to a halt as we cancelled many activities, even worship, out of care for people’s health and well-being. Some people and activities have come back. Health issues and aging have kept others away, and we are grateful to be able to offer online services to help everyone in that situation stay connected. What has happened, has happened. We cannot change the past but we can bring the strengths from the past and the lessons we have learned with us to build the future.

The foundation of all growth is the saving love of Jesus Christ. All we say and all we do as a church is in service of Him. All our worship, all our praise, all our music, all our classes, all activities, all acts of love and service have the single purpose of sharing God’s gifts of love and mercy with others. Who will be blessed by their encounter with Christ’s loving presence in our world. No one ever joined a church in order to fill the pews. No one ever joined a church to make the budget look better. If we bring that mindset to our outreach, we are dead in the water. But if we reach out with love in our hearts, longing to share the love of God with others, that is a different story.

In his first letter to the Corinthians, chapter 3, Paul puts it all in perspective:

⁶I planted, Apollos watered, but God gave the growth. ⁷So neither the one who plants nor the one who waters is anything, but only God who gives the growth. ⁸The one who plants and the one who waters have a common purpose, and each will receive wages according to the labor of each. ⁹For we are God’s servants, working together; you are God’s field, God’s building. ¹⁰According to the grace of God given to me, like a skilled master builder I laid a foundation, and someone else is building on it. Each builder must choose with care how to build on it. ¹¹For no one can lay any foundation other than the one that has been laid; that foundation is Jesus Christ.

We each have a part to play in tending God’s field/building God’s church. Grounded in prayer, I encourage you to look for opportunities to invite friends and neighbors to any of the wonderful events that will be happening this fall.

Pastor Melanie Martin-Dent

“All Things Made New”: 2022 Gathering of the Montana Synod Women of the ELCA

*“Therefore if any man be in Christ,
he is a new creature:
old things are passed away;
behold, all things are become new.”
2 Corinthians 5:17, KJV*

This convention/gathering of women will be held at Zion Lutheran Church in Lewistown, MT, on September 30 and October 1, 2022. There will be a celebration of the 35th anniversary of being Women of the ELCA. Offerings will go to Montana Suicide Prevention and Lutheran Disaster Response. Contact Pastor if you want more information.

Connections Book Discussion

Will be reading a new book this fall.

Adult Sunday School

Will meet again Sunday, October 9th at 9 am.

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY
AUGUST**

JIM WOIDTKE	03
JACK MAUSSHARDT	05
TED MAUSSHARDT	05
DONNA JACOBSON	07
KARI MAUSSHARDT	11
MARION WOIDTKE	12
MARY JAMISON	13
JIM KASE	14
BARB GRINDE	18
ESTHER LIVINGSTON	18
CHUCK JARECKI	19
JoNETTA FOX	21
THOMAS HUMBACH	23
JANE LARABY	23
CHRISTINE McCABE	23
KANYON DOLPHIN	25
CAROL JOHNSON	30



**NORTHRIDGE LUTHERAN CHURCH
IN KALISPELL
WELCOMES**

Pastor Carol Seilhymer

Her ordination will be

Aug 24th at 5:30pm

**Pastor Carol previously served the
congregations of Plains / Thompson Falls**

**Pastor Andrew Wendle at
Eisvold Lutheran Church in Lakeside
will be moving to Wisconsin soon.**

Labor Day Work Weekend

September 2-5, 2022

FREE (by donation)

**Join us this coming Labor Day
weekend for one last summer
celebration with your family!
Enjoy all that FLBC has to offer during
this great family retreat: swimming,
stand up paddleboarding, crafts in the
Art Barn, sailing, and much more!
Come to help us with some work
projects or join us for a weekend of
relaxation, or both!**

**Either way, there will be fun, worship,
and more for all.**

Register by August 19th!

<https://flbc.net/labor-day-weekend/>

**Mark your calendars for the
FLBC Golf Classic, October 7th 2022
at Polson Bay Golf Course! Join us as we
golf for camperships! Register as a team
of 4 or as a free agent. Can your business
or organization/congregation/family be a
tournament sponsor or donate a raffle
item? Your support ensures no one is
turned away due to inability to pay.**

Flathead Lutheran Bible Camp

Register now for the 2022 CAMPS.

**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**





YOUTH & FAMILY MINISTRY

is gearing up for this fall with some activities and gatherings. There is still time to help with these youth & family ministry activities. If you would like more information about upcoming events, please contact Connie Brownell at cbrownellmt@gmail.com

STEWARDSHIP would like to remind everyone to look at the online giving option for Church offering & special designations on our website at www.goodshepherdpolson.com

WORSHIP COMMITTEE would like to encourage everyone to consider signing up to help with ushering, communion and scripture reading. These are vital areas to Sunday's Worship service.

Good Shepherd logo T-Shirts & Sweatshirts are available for purchase. Please contact Kelley in the office during the week, if you would like to see all the many styles to choose from.



FLATHEAD CHERRY FESTIVAL

OUTREACH COMMITTEE

Would like to Thank everyone for helping with the booth at the Cherry Festival. This outreach is an important place to be representing our Church in a large Community activity.



2022

In Our Prayers

Loss & Grief: Jan Wicklund
Loss & Grief: Shirley Jacobson
Loss & Grief: Lois Crippen



In the Service of our Country:

Kyle Klusacek (*Rod & Sharon Hanson's Grandson*), Joe Turnage, Brian Coffeen, J.D. Undem (*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: Karen Aubert (*Cora Salmonson's sister-in-law*), Lilly Slagle (*Marret Christiansen's daughter*), Roger Woitke (*Jim's brother*), Dave Bjur, Daryle Peters (*Ron's cousin*), Bill Burnett (*Marsha's friend*), Haley Fyant, Blanche Rohrenbach, Patti Kinnamon, Patricia Smout (*Tony Peterson's mom*), Wayne West (*Barb Anderson's grandson*), Steve Woitke, Scott Trospen, Linda Kirkelie (*Kari Mausshardt's mother*), Debbie Lindquist, Albert Knutson, Joan Platco (*Ramona Mahoney's friend*), Marjorie Burkitt, Karen Vergeront, Craig Erickson, Jeff Jacobson, Anna Raymond (*Tony Peterson's friend*).

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

2022 *Council Highlights*

Next Council Meeting: **Aug 21st at 10:15 AM**

The Church Council last met on July 24th, 2022.

Temple Talk

will be Aug. 14th during the Worship service.

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.

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

Together in Worship

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

Financial Information

Fiscal Year-to-Date January 1 through June 30th, 2022

YTD Actual Contrib. & Gifts, Undesignated*	\$ 70,616.70
YTD Budgeted Income Target	\$ 77,000.04
Other Sources of Income**	\$ 1,688.81
Total Year-to-Date Operating Income	\$ 72,305.51
Total Year-to-Date Operating Expenses	\$ 77,874.94

*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
Aug 07	Genesis 15:1-6	Psalm 33:12-22	Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16	Luke 22:32-40
Aug 14	Jeremiah 23:23-29	Psalm 82	Hebrews 11:29 --12:2	Luke 12:49-56
Aug 21	Isaiah 58:9b-14	Psalm 103:1-8	Hebrews 12:18-29	Luke 13:10-17
Aug 28	Proverbs 25:6-7	Psalm 112	Hebrews 13:1-8, 15-16	Luke 14:1, 7-14