



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



SPRING FORWARD

DAYLIGHT SAVINGS
TIME BEGINS.....MARCH 12th
MOVE YOUR CLOCKS AHEAD 1 HOUR

“That You May Have Life”

WED., MARCH 01st, 08th, 15th, 22nd, & 29th

SOUP SUPPER: 5:30PM

WORSHIP SERVICE: 6:15PM



EASTER SUNDAY WORSHIP
APRIL 09th at 10:00am

Easter Brunch served
after the service.

PALM SUNDAY: April 02nd

MAUNDY THURSDAY: April 06th

GOOD FRIDAY: April 07th



LILIES AT THE ALTAR MEMORIALS & HONORS

If you would like to order an Easter Lily for the Sanctuary on Easter day, please fill out an order envelope and place it in the box in the Narthex. Lilies may be designated in honor or memory of a loved one. We will have Easter Lilies for the altar. If you would like to take one home, they may be taken after the Easter Sunday Service. We will be taking donations (not a set price). The donations will be used for our local mission Outreach contribution. We will be gathering names of loved ones and donations on the next 3 Sundays. Loved ones names will be in the March 26th bulletin and the April newsletter.

MUSIC NOTES

Choir practice every Sunday mornings at 8:30am

All are Welcome!



Pastor Melanie's Musings

Bible characters will be joining us for Lent!

We planned our Lenten services around the portrayals of various character from Bible stories three years ago, only to be cut short by the pandemic. Our crew was lined up and were learning their lines, people were excited to see who would be portraying the next character and what would be presented. Then COVID happened, services were cancelled and we had to make do with filming the presentations on a phone.

Last year, someone asked if we'd consider doing character dramas again. What a good idea! It was too late for 2022, but we took the suggestion and are doing them this year instead.

Due to a quirk of the calendar, every Wednesday Lenten Soup and Worship service will be in March. It should make it easy to remember--if it's a Wednesday, if it's March, there will be a delicious supper of soup and bread and a Bible character waiting for you at church each week.

If you sat out the Lenten services the last couple years, this would be a great year to come back! If you've never been, this would be a great year to try it for the first time. If you have friends or neighbors who would be open to an evening at church, this would be a good year to invite them.

The word "lent" is derived from an old English word "lencten", which meant "lengthen", as in the lengthening hours of daylight in the spring. The word "lent" also denotes the season "spring" in Old German, the language of Teutonic people in northern Europe. We hope to experience a little spring in our Lent at church this year—that spring in the world around us will be mirrored by spring in our faith, as we draw close to Jesus and are warmed and filled with his presence as well as with a bowl of soup.

See you in church!

Pastor Melanie Martin-Dent

Happy Birthday, Pastor Melanie!

Confirmation:

Pastor continues meeting with Max McLeod and his family to complete his confirmation preparation.

Sunday School is at 11:15am! Classes will meet in the art room following worship, continuing with Great Stories from the Old Testament. There will be a teacher and an assistant each week, with separate activities for younger children as needed.

Adult Sunday Bible Study: Meet each Sunday at 9:00am in the Fireside Room. Discussion of gospel texts from Matthew continue. We'd love to see new faces around the table!

Connections: Family night will continue again after Easter.

Communion Class for Kids

The children of Good Shepherd are invited to a class to learn more about communion on Wednesday evenings in March, from 5:00 – 5:20 pm, before our Soup Suppers. The class will be taught by Pastor Melanie and will meet in the Sunday School room downstairs. Topics include the Passover, the Last Supper, Symbols of Communion, Ideas about Communion and Table Manners.

ALL ARE WELCOME!

CONNECTIONS

Youth & Family:

Will host Half-Day School Dismissal Camp on Wed., Mar. 15th from 11:50am-3:15pm

Contact:
Karen Gunderson at 406 253 3229 or
Connie Brownell at cbrownellmt@gmail.com
if you need more information or questions.

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. Thank you to everyone for signing up to help with services. Every bit helps in continuing keeping our Church functioning.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY MARCH

SHELLEY CROFT	05
PASTOR MELANIE	06
MATTHEW SITTER	09
KAI SALMONSON	14
CHARLOTTE KINNAMON	14
JIM DUFORD	19
KATELYNE DRUYVESTEIN	24
SARA GUNDERSON	25
JUDI KASE	25
PENNY JARECKI	27
BILLIE MERCER	27
KYLE DRUYVESTEIN	28
ALEX WOIDTKE	30



Flathead Lutheran Bible Camp

Register **NOW** for the NEW 2023 CAMPS.

**Don't wait to register,
camp & workshops fill 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

⇒ **DISCOUNTS** for early registration

⇒ **JOB OPENINGS AVAILABLE!!**



Women's Spring Retreat @ FLBC **April 21-23, 2023**

Register by March 20th to get Best Rate!
Early Bird by **March 20**: \$170 includes
speaker, lodging & 5 meals!

Registration costs after March 20th:

March 21-Apr 6 \$185 lodging and 5 meals

Saturday ONLY: \$95 includes 2 meals
and Saturday activities

SCHOLARSHIPS- A limited number of
\$100 scholarships are available on a first
come, first serve basis.

Discover purpose, joy and balance by
enjoying a weekend away. A retreat set
aside to care for yourself within a loving
and supportive community of faith.
Bring a friend, your mother, sister,
daughter, granddaughter (age 14 and up).



VBDC Committee will meet every 2nd Thursday of the month, 1:00pm at the Church to plan for the July camp. Contact Marilyn Trosper, if you have questions.

Blood Drive



American Red Cross

March 21st
at the GSL Church
12:00pm—5:00pm.

Thank you Lynette for continuing to serve as our Church coordinator for this vital community outreach.

Thank You for your commitment.

**Ecumenical Vacation Bible Day Camp
June 19 – 23, 2023
at Flathead Lutheran Bible Camp**

**For children entering:
1st – 6th grade (Fall 2023)**

**Register Now –
Space is limited to 40 children**

\$75 per child – Camperships Available!

Easter Breakfast

9 X 13 EGG CASSEROLES A - I

PREPARED FRUIT J - O

SWEET ROLLS, MUFFINS P - Z

Please contact Congregational Care to help work on setting up and in the kitchen. **Thank You!**



Join the Fun!

Cooperative Games,
Arts & Crafts & Swimming,
Wrapped Lunch & Snacks provided

**Bible Theme
“Holy Trinity, Wholly Love”**

Forms and detailed information are available at any of the churches listed below or you may contact: Marilyn Trosper (please leave a message 249-3938) or Carolyn Heinz (250-8731)

Ecumenical Vacation Bible Day Camp is sponsored by Good Shepherd Lutheran Church (883-5864), Polson Presbyterian Church (883-5807) and Dayton Community Presbyterian Church

Immanuel Lutheran
— COMMUNITIES —
OPPORTUNITIES TO GIVE:

- Life Plan Community
- Independent Living
- Senior Living at Immanuel Lutheran Communities
Plans for a facility in Polson ongoing.

ilcorp.org

406-752-9624 Pastor Al Jensen joined the leadership team as the Director of Pastoral Care.

In Our Prayers

Loss & Grief: Family & Friends of Ken Newgard

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 Vandenburg, Curtis Berg, Steven Sorensen, Justin Borders, Gabriel Barnes, Jayson Sorensen, Mark Newkirk, Kory Newgard, *all who currently serve and who have served.*



Ongoing Health: Mason Niblack, Lola Vulles, Amy (Curtner) Lucas, Mikala Peterson, Joyce Erickson, Amber Steffes, Jerome Hanson, Dallas Peterson, Charlie Grubb, Jim Anderson, Marjorie Burkitt, Scott Trospen, Albert Knutson, Debbie Lindquist, Dave Bjur, Craig Erickson, Paul Hansen, Lois Johnson (*Rick Johnson's mother*), Karen Vergeront, Lilly Christiansen (*Marret's daughter*), Pat Radtke (*Marion Woidtke's sister*), Bill Burnett (*Marsha's friend*), Patricia Smout (*Tony Peterson's mom*), Wayne West (*Barb Anderson's grandson*), Linda Kirkelie (*Kari Mausshardt's mother*), Anna Raymond (*Tony Peterson's friend*).

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

2023 *Council Highlights*

Next Council Meeting: **Mar 12th at 11:15 AM**

The Church Council last met on Jan 15th, 2023.

Comment Box is located in the Narthex

- If you have any suggestions and/or comments for Council to discuss, please write down and place in the box.

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: 54

Financial Information

Fiscal Year-to-Date January 1 through January 31st, 2023

YTD Actual Contrib. & Gifts, Undesignated*	\$ 10,712.72
YTD Budgeted Income Target	\$ 13,683.34
Other Sources of Income**	\$ 9.29
Total Year-to-Date Operating Income	\$ 10,722.01
Total Year-to-Date Operating Expenses	\$ 15,033.18

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

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



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10:00 AM SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICES

	1st Reading	Psalm	2nd Reading	Gospel
Mar 05	Genesis 12:1-4a	Psalm 121	Romans 4:1-5, 13-17	John 3:1-17
Mar 12	Exodus 17:1-7	Psalm 95	Romans 5:1-11	John 4:5-42
Mar 19	1 Samuel 16:1-13	Psalm 23	Ephesians 5:8-14	John 9:1-41
Mar 26	Ezekiel 37:1-14	Psalm 130	Romans 8:6-11	John 11:1-45

PALM SUNDAY, APRIL 02nd