



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

MAUNDY THURSDAY: April 06th 6:15pm This years' service will feature confession with the opportunity to kneel at the rail for a blessing, music by the choir, communion at the rail and the stripping of the altar. We leave in silence.

GOOD FRIDAY: April 07th 6:15pm The focus this year is reading the entire Passion of John, which will be surrounded with prayer and music. The choir will sing at the beginning and we will end with the Procession of the Cross and "Were You There".

EASTER SUNDAY WORSHIP 10:00am



<u>9 X 13 EGG CASSEROLES</u>	A - I
<u>PREPARED FRUIT</u>	J - O
<u>SWEET ROLLS, MUFFINS</u>	P - Z

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



LILIES AS MEMORIALS & IN HONOR OF:

Sid & Lynette Rundell	Our Parents
Jean Kvande	Gordon Kvande
Penny & Chuck Jarecki	Thora Allderdice
Peter & Susan Mangels	Ree Henning
Dallas & Michael Peterson	Sherry Schwarz
Peggy Seifert	Family Members
Jim & Judi Kase	Glenn & Esther Peterson
Melanie & Ron Martin-Dent	Ron & Lois Dent
Peter & Susan Mangels	Ilda Kackmann
Charles Larum	Stan & Pauline Larum
Melanie & Ron Martin-Dent	Wayne Martin
Candy Baszler-Gohl	Wally & Darlene Baszler
Jack & Diane Cummings	Bob Stewart
Jim & Judi Kase	Gene & Dorothy Kase
Penny & Chuck Jarecki	Lydia McCain
Melanie & Ron Martin-Dent	Honor of Dorris Martin
Dallas & Michael Peterson	Jeanie Schwarz
Penny & Chuck Jarecki	Tom Odegard
Harriet & Lilly McClung	Blanche & Kenneth Rohrenbach
Dale & Linda Stoverud	All the family members, who have passed before us.

MUSIC NOTES

Choir practice every Sunday mornings at 8:30am

All are Welcome!

EXTRA Practice Thursday April 6th @ 5:00pm



Pastor Melanie's Musings

When psychologist Dacher Keltner's beloved younger brother died and he was consumed by grief, he looked to the science he had been working on for decades and said "Man, I gotta go find awe." His research had demonstrated that awe, the feeling we get when we're in the presence of a vast mystery that transcends our understanding of the world, was one of the keys to happiness. He said "*For me, the awe practice in the grief was...go out and do a walk and look for things that amaze you, big and small... I gathered up a lot of sacred texts to stay close to. I went to "awe spots." I went into music to find what is awe-inspiring about it...I made it a practice like... religion or spirituality. And it changed my life.*"

Awe is what happened the moment when Mary heard her name and realized she was talking with the risen Jesus and not a gardener that first Easter morn. It is in the moment when Jesus walked through the locked door into the upper room and told his grief-stricken disciples "Peace be with you." It is the moment when the disciples on the road to Emmaus realized they'd been talking with Jesus all along and suddenly, he disappeared. It is the moment Thomas reached out and touched the wounds in Jesus' hands and side, saying "My Lord and my God!" It is the disciples having breakfast on the beach with Jesus after a night of catching no fish. It is the moment when Jesus took Peter aside and told him to tend his sheep.

Easter, Jesus' resurrection, is the ultimate story of awe in the Bible. Even more than Creation, even more than the Incarnation, even more than any miracle or healing Jesus ever did, we encounter the glorious transcendence of God in the risen Christ.

That same transcendence is available to us every time we come to the altar with outstretched hands to receive the body and blood of our Lord.

We don't all feel the same way about the sacrament. Our teachings and life experiences vary. Some feel it is more sacred when offered less frequently, others are like the member of our church who said "if you truly believed Jesus was present in the bread and wine, you'd come running to receive it as often as you could!" Most of the year, we offer communion twice a month. This year, during the season of Easter (April & May) we will offer communion every week except Mother's Day. For the ease of those who prepare and serve it, we will be having wafers rather than bread on some of those Sundays. It is ok if you choose not to receive it every time. But for those who long for more frequent sacramental nourishment, we pray it will be a blessing. And either way, may the Good News of Jesus' Resurrection fill you with awe this Easter.

Pastor Melanie Martin-Dent

Confirmation & Graduate Recognition:

We will be honoring both our confirmand and our graduates in one service, on Sunday, May 21 at 9:00 am.

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.

Easter Egg Hunt Sunday, April 9th

Connie Brownell is organizing an Easter Egg Hunt during the Easter Breakfast. All children are welcome!

Adult Sunday Bible Study: Will be on break until October.

Connections: Intergenerational Fun, Food and Fellowship will be our theme for spring. We will meet on Wed., April 12th from 5:30-7:00pm. Dinner will be served, followed by camp-style worship and board games.

ALL ARE WELCOME!

Pastor's Away Time: The Martin-Dent's will be gone following worship on Sunday, April 16 through May 2. Al Jensen from Immanuel Lutheran Homes will lead worship and preach on Sunday, April 23; and staff from Flathead Lutheran Bible Camp will preach on April 30, with Don Gordineer presiding at communion.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY APRIL

PHYLLIS PETERSON	02
DALE NELSON	04
JOHN CUMMINGS	05
SCOUT DOLPHIN	06
JORDAN QUINN	07
LINDA KNUTSON	08
DON JACOBSON	08
DARCI AMUNDSON	09
SAM BOYLE	10
ALBERT KNUTSON	11
LISA WILLIAMSON	12
BRAD TROSPER	13
MADDIE TROSPER	14
MARVIN KASCHKE	15
BOB GUNDERSON	16
MIKAYLA CROFT	18
PATTY TANGEDAL	19
BOB JAMISON	20
KEIO SALMONSON	23
ARLYN AMUNDSON	25
ROBIN ERICKSON	27
DIANE CUMMINGS	29

**9:00AM
WORSHIP SERVICE
STARTS
MAY 07th**

CONNECTIONS

**Wed., April 12th from 5:30-7:00pm
Wed., May 03rd from 5:30-7:00pm**



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).

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**

⇒ **JOB OPENINGS AVAILABLE!!**



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.



Another very successful blood drive. Lynette will provide final numbers later in April.

Thank you Lynette!

**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!



Recovery Prayer Group

Would you be interested in meeting for an inspirational reading, sharing, discussion and prayer? Anyone with an interest in recovery is welcome, whether you are in recovery yourself or concerned about family members or friends. The day, time and frequency of meeting will be determined when we know who is interested. Please contact Pastor or an Addiction Ministry Team member if you would like to be a part of this. The first meeting will be held Monday, May 8th at 12:00pm in the Fireside Room.

*Zana Niblack's memorial service
will be on Saturday, April 15th
at 2:00pm
at the Presbyterian Church.*

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 Lola Vulles

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: Sharon Sampson, Mason Niblack, Amy (Curtner) Lucas, 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 Woitke'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: **Apr 16th at 11:15 AM**

The Church Council last met on Mar 12th, 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: 58

Financial Information

Fiscal Year-to-Date February 1 through February 28th, 2023

YTD Actual Contrib. & Gifts, Undesignated*	\$ 20,486.72
YTD Budgeted Income Target	\$ 27,366.68
Other Sources of Income**	\$ 320.29
Total Year-to-Date Operating Income	\$ 20,807.01
Total Year-to-Date Operating Expenses	\$ 27,610.37

*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
9:00 AM SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICES in MAY

	1st Reading	Psalm	2nd Reading	Gospel
Apr 02 PALM SUNDAY	Matthew 21:1-11	Psalm 31:9-16	Isaiah 50:4-9a	Philippians 2:5-11
Apr 09 EASTER SUNDAY	Acts 10:34-43	Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24	Colossians 3:1-4	Matthew 28:1-10
Apr 16	Acts 2:14a, 22-32	Psalm 16	1 Peter 1:3-9	John 20:19-31
Apr 23	Acts 2:14a, 36-41	Psalm 116:1-4, 12-19	1 Peter 1:17-23	Luke 24:13-35
Apr 30	Acts 2:42-47	Psalm 23	1 Peter 2:19-25	John 10:1-10