



The Shepherd's Staff

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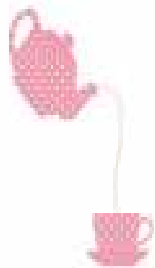
We will be using our Good Shepherd Lutheran Church website www.goodshepherdpolson.com emails, and phone calls to interact and keep the Congregation up to date and informed on activities and events.

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

9:00AM WORSHIP SERVICE STARTS MAY 07th

“Mom’s My Cup of Tea” is the theme for
Mother’s Day, May 14.

Men are needed to help serve coffee and clean up.
Check for a sign up sheet if you’d like to volunteer.



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.

THANK YOU PASTOR AL for the wonderful worship service on April 23rd.

THANK YOU
CONGREGATIONAL CARE COMMITTEE
for the excellent Easter Sunday Brunch!
Thank you to everyone for helping.



SUNDAY,
APRIL 30th

Flathead Lutheran Bible Camp staff will be giving the sermon. Pastor Don Gordineer will be presiding over Communion.

THANK YOU to everyone for serving!

MUSIC NOTES

Choir practice
TBA

All are Welcome!

THANK YOU ANGELA!



Pastor Melanie's Musings

I have recently been delighted to discover the poetry of Malcom Guite and would like to share his "Sonnet for Easter Dawn" with you. This is the Fifteenth in a series of sonnets on Lent and Easter, which were published in his book "Sounding the Seasons" by Canterbury Press. The author has given permission for use of these sonnets in church services and to copy and share them. This one is dedicated to his friend Mary who asked him to write it and to the memory of her

husband Gavin:

XV Easter Dawn

He blesses every love which weeps and grieves
And now he blesses hers who stood and wept
And would not be consoled, or leave her love's
Last touching place, but watched as low light crept
Up from the east. A sound behind her stirs
A scatter of bright birdsong through the air.
She turns but cannot focus through her tears,
Or recognize the Gardener standing there.
She hardly hears his gentle question 'Why,
Why are you weeping?', or sees the play of light
That brightens as she chokes out her reply
'They took my love away, my day is night'
And then she hears her name, she hears Love say
The Word that turns her night and ours to Day.

May we be blessed to hear the ways God says our name this Easter season!

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 9:00am.**

Confirmation: **Max McLeod**

Graduates: **John David, Aspen McKee, Noah Trosper, Casey Trosper**

Grads will receive Quilts during the worship service.

Join them all for refreshments at fellowship hour.

Sunday School: Classes will meet again in September.

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

Connections: We will wrap up our year, meeting two times this month:

Wednesday, May 03 at 5:30 pm

Breakfast for Dinner, Making Bluebird Houses

Wednesday, May 17 at 5:30 pm

Picnic at Boettcher Park

(weather permitting—we'll meet at church if it isn't nice)

ALL ARE WELCOME!

Pastor's Continuing Education: Luther Seminary's Festival of Homiletics May 15-19

Pastor's Request: I will participate in this event online, from the comfort of my office. While I will be present at church, I am hoping to view as many of the lectures and services as they happen as possible.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY MAY

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
INA CHRISTIANSEN	16
MARY JENSEN	16
BILL FOX	16
MICHAEL KROLL	26
KRISTIN NELSON	28
TIM DOLPHIN	29
ROD HANSON	29
TIAS FYANT	30

CONNECTIONS

Wed., May 03rd from 5:30-7:00pm
Wed., May 17th from 5:30-7:00pm

Youth & Family Ministry meeting:
Thursday, May 4, 4:00.

We will evaluate this year's activities and begin planning for next fall.



Montana Synod Assembly Fri. & Sat., June 2 & 3, 2023

This year it is in Great Falls.

Our delegate is Kevin Torgenrud. Pastor will be going, but plans to come home Friday evening to attend the Polson High School graduation on Saturday.

Recovery Prayer Group

Everyone is welcome: people in recovery, people concerned about other's well-being or just interested in the topic; you are welcome whether you attend this church or not and whether you attend any other recovery group or not. This will be an organizational meeting where we discuss format, frequency of meeting, etc. as well as having time for sharing and prayer.

The first meeting will be held Monday, **May 8th at 12:00pm in the Fireside Room.**

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!!**



**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!

*** The first 5
1st Graders
to register
go for FREE!**



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.*

Personal Care items are continuing to be collected for the Personal Care Bag Project which makes bi-annual distributions to 8 local agencies in Lake County. Bring your items collected from your travels: such as shampoos, conditioners, soaps, lotions, toothpastes, toothbrushes, etc. and place in the large basket next to the large table in the Narthex. Agencies receiving Personal Care Bags include Safe Harbor, Helping Hands, Office of Public Assistance, Lake County Public Health, Polson Loaves & Fishes, Transitional Living, Working Innovations and the Lake House. Agency budgets do not allow for the purchase of personal care items to have available in their offices as they work with folks who find it difficult to buy these essentials, especially when they are sending a child to school, seeking employment or conditioning themselves back into society. For further information, please contact Lynette Rundell.

**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.**



**THANK
YOU
CHOIR!**

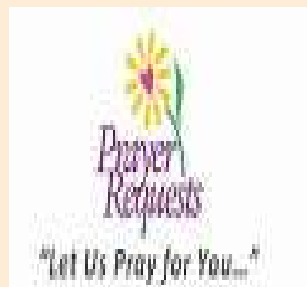


In Our Prayers

Loss & Grief: Family & Friends of

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: Judy D. (*Tony Peterson's friend*), Keith Miller (*Candy Gohl's son-in-law*), Amy (Curtner) Lucas, Marjorie Burkitt, Joyce Erickson, Dave Bjur, Jerome Hanson, Dallas Peterson, Jim Anderson, Charlie Grubb, Scott Trospen, Albert Knutson, Debbie Lindquist, Amber Steffes, Paul Hansen, Craig Erickson, Lilly Christiansen (*Marret's daughter*), Bill Burnett (*Marsha's friend*), Karen Vergeront, Anna Raymond (*Tony Peterson's friend*), Pat Radtke (*Marion Woidtke's sister*), Patricia Smout (*Tony Peterson's mom*), Wayne West (*Barb Anderson's grandson*), Linda Kirkelie (*Kari Mausshardt's mother*).

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

2023 *Council Highlights*

Next Council Meeting: **May 21st at 11:15 AM**

The Church Council last met on Apr 16th, 2023

****New windows have gone in at the Church.**

A new door & weather stripping have been replaced at the Parsonage.

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, GSCW & Quilters

Together in Worship

Together in Worship Average Year-to Date: 51

Financial Information

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

YTD Actual Contrib. & Gifts, Undesignated*	\$ 30,530.44
YTD Budgeted Income Target	\$ 41,050.02
Other Sources of Income**	\$ 864.59
Total Year-to-Date Operating Income	\$ 31,395.03
Total Year-to-Date Operating Expenses	\$ 39,567.57

*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 MAY thru OCTOBER

	1st Reading	Psalm	2nd Reading	Gospel
May 07	Acts 7:55-60	Psalm 31:1-5, 15-16	1 Peter 2:2-10	John 14:1-14
May 14 MOTHER'S DAY	Acts 17:22-31	Psalm 66:8-20	1 Peter 3:13-22	John 14:15-21
May 21	Acts 1:6-14	Psalm 68:1-10, 32-35	1 Peter 4:12-14; 5:6-11	John 17:1-11
May 28 Memorial Day	Acts 2:1-21	Psalm 104:24-34, 35b	1 Corinthians 12:3b-13	John 7:37-39