



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

10:00am WORSHIP starts OCT 01

SEPTEMBER

Sunday, **Sept. 03rd**—Labor Day Weekend
Diane Cummings preaching—Music Sunday
-No Communion

Sunday, **Sept. 10th**—”God’s Work Our Hands”
Pastor Brenda Frelsi—MT Synod
-Communion

Sunday, **Sept. 17th**—FLBC Highlights
Pastor Margie Fiedler, FLBC Camp Director
-Communion

Sunday, **Sept 24th**—Immanuel Lutheran
Pastor Al Jensen

Flathead Lutheran Bible Camp

3 Easy ways to Register

⇒ Call the *CAMP* office
at 406-752-6602

⇒ Emailing office@flbc.net

⇒ Online on the website: flbc.net

FLBC is excited to welcome our new
Co-Associate Directors:

Rev. Grant & Rev. Amanda Applehans

One of their roles will be overseeing the
FLBC Retreat ministry in addition to
working in areas of operations, marketing,
financial development, and programing.

They will be installed:

Sat., Oct 14th at 2:30pm



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.

MUSIC NOTES

Choir practice

Starts OCT 1st at 8:30am

See YOU in the Fall!!

Visiting Pastor's

Associate to the Bishop: Reverend Brenda Frelsi

Pastor Brenda grew up in the Midwest, but always wanted to live where there were more outdoor options. Montana has become that place. Brenda's priorities in ministry are to demonstrate kindness and to build positive relationships doing productive ministry which brings her and those she serves joy while we do God's work with our hands.

Brenda's ordination verse is Galatians 5:22-23 "By contrast, the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. There is no law against such things." She believes that when we concentrate on the joy, there is more patience and a foundation of love when differences of opinion arise. In this time of creativity and innovation in exploring how we are called to be church together, Brenda brings to the synod office a passion for rural and small town ministry. Her interests include biking, running, skiing, hiking and photography and she hopes to find partners throughout the synod for these activities. This will be Rev. Brenda's first visit with GSLC.

Executive Director of Flathead Lutheran Bible Camp: Pastor Margie Fiedler

Margie came to the camp in the fall of 2012. She had previously lived in SW Washington and served as the Associate VP of marketing for the ELCA's Mission Investment Fund serving synods in Region 1. She has contributed many of her talents and skills to create the environment and success that the camp has seen. She and her staff strive to meet the needs at FLBC for the future ability to continue to grow and expand. Over the years, Pastor Margie has graciously preached and provided staff to assist in Worship and Connections at Good Shepherd.

Director of Pastoral Care at Immanuel Lutheran Communities: Pastor Al Jensen

Pastor Al Jensen joined the leadership team as the Director of Pastoral Care in August 2020. Pastor Al is from Alabama and has been working in Pastoral Care since 1992. Before coming to Montana, he and his wife, Char, lived in Oro Valley, Arizona where he served as Senior Pastor at Resurrection Lutheran Church. Prior to Arizona, Pastor Al served parishes in Oregon for 17 years. Pastor Al has shared his message with Good Shepherd over the past couple of years when asked to preach.

Melanie

We thank you now for shepherding this small and aging flock.
We hope that your new life will have many pleasures in stock.
We admire your caring attention to those who need a comforting word.
Your visits served to make them feel peaceful and assured.
You worked to welcome families to connect with members here,
And the Half Day Camps you started will welcome children again this year.
You contributed to our music and shared your flute playing skill with all.
We will miss that alto (and that bass) when the choir meets this fall.
Your sermons linked together passages that have a common thread.
And showed us how to live by the words that Jesus said.
What the future now brings to you only time can tell.
We send you with God's blessings and truly wish you well.

Karen Gunderson
August 2023

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

SEPT 2023



MARY MARTIN	01
MOLLY SITTER	01
NOAH TROSPER	02
KAITLYN BURROWS	06
JAMES McKEE	09
JACK CUMMINGS	12
PORTIA LAKEY	12
MICHAEL PETERSON	14
LISA ROCHIN	18
TODD ERICKSON	21

The Book Club selection for Wednesday evenings at 6:15 this fall is: **The Book of Joy: Lasting Happiness in a Changing World** by Desmond Tutu, Dalai Lama XIV, Douglas Carlton Abrams

An instant New York Times bestseller Two spiritual giants. Five days. One timeless question. Nobel Peace Prize Laureates His Holiness the Dalai Lama and Archbishop Desmond Tutu have survived more than fifty years of exile and the soul-crushing violence of oppression. Despite their hardships--or, as they would say, because of them- they are two of the most joyful people on the planet. We live in world, full of all kinds of tragedies. Let's read about these two joyful men and incorporate our Christian values with their strategies to remain joyful as we move through storms, economics, politics, and human injustices.

Please call the Church Office before Sept. 12th if you would like to order a book. Each hardcopy book will cost: \$15. You can join Connections at 5:30 for a meal first or you can join us at 6:15 for Book Club.

CONNECTIONS

Youth & Family Ministry Events:

- 1. Good Shepherd Volunteers Needed:** GSLC will be sponsoring a free camp at the Church on one Wednesday a month for children from Linderman, on days when school is dismissed at 11:50 (Professional Development Half Days.) Our goal is to help parents who do not have childcare on those early dismissal days. We are looking for volunteers to share arts & crafts, singing or other musical skills, building skills or playing games. If you have a great idea, we'd like to hear it. Some volunteers will also be reading to campers or helping them with homework. Our first two camps are Sept 13 and Oct 18. If you can help, please contact Connie Brownell 406 261-2389 or Karen Gunderson 406 253-3229.
- 2. Sunday School: Good Shepherd Volunteers Needed** to serve as Teachers and Helpers for Sunday School for K-6. Curriculum is provided. Sunday School will start October 1 st at 11am after church. This is not a full year position, we have pairs of teachers rotating either every month or 2 weeks. Please contact Connie Brownell for more information.
- 3. Adult Bible Class** will begin Oct 1 at 9am, before church. This video course is called "The Gospel of Matthew: Life in the Way of God. The curriculum is produced by Faith+Lead Academy and includes handouts for each lesson. Thanks to Marion and Jim for using their Thrivent gift card to secure this popular class for us. If you are ever out of town, you can complete your viewing online but you must be registered to accomplish this. Contact Connie (406 261-2389 or cbrownellmt@gmail.com) to request an invitation that will allow you to be added to the class.
- 4. Connections** has been happening for several years. The Wednesday evening gathering at 5:30pm on Wednesdays was created to bring a camp-like, intergenerational opportunity to meet members of the church and invited friends in an informal evening. In the past this included a meal, a short worship and a story time/craft for children while the adults discuss a book in Book Club. Flathead Lutheran Bible Camp counselors & pastors will conduct this format once a month. The other Wednesday evenings are being planned so look for them in the upcoming bulletins.

Thank you, Connie Brownell



**53rd Annual
HARVEST DINNER**

**TUESDAY, OCTOBER 17th
4:00—6:00 pm**

Take out Dinner

**Fundraiser for:
Lake Co. Search & Rescue
&
Polson Senior Center**

****More details will be in the Bulletins
& the October Newsletter**

SAVE THE DATE!!

CHANGES.....!!! Many things are in motion at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church. Inside the Church, outside the Church and even the street around the Church!

Jesus embraced change. He was in constant motion sharing His message. Through us.. His message is continuing its motion.

Thank you for continuing to share Our journey together at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church.

Blood Drive



**September 19th, 2023
at the GSL Church
11:30am—5:30pm.**

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

Saturday, September 23rd will be another

**Community Charity Sewing Day
10:00am—3:00pm**

Mary Jamison's "Stitch Time":

There were ten people that participated in the last sew. We were joined by two ladies from the community who are thrilled to help create donation items.

They'll let their sewing friends know about the next sew day, and took a stack of pre-cut fabric home to make quilt squares.

All the blankets that were on the alter railings were made by Candy Bazler-Gohl. She dropped those off and picked up a bunch of yardage to make more!

Diane Byers came again and taught us how to make the bags that the quilts and bears or quilts and pillows are delivered in for state, tribe and police agencies.

Two bags, three pillow cases, a bear and a stack of quilt blocks were completed. Nine bears and additional bags were cut out in preparation for the next event.

Many thanks to Marion Woidtke, Jacque Christiansen, Peggy Siefert, Barb Dolphin, Candy Bazler-Gohl, and Pastor Melanie for the gift of their time and talents.

Thank you Mary Jamison.

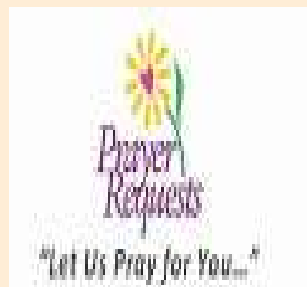
In Our Prayers

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: Ralph Brownell, James Guthrie, Patricia Smout (*Tony Peterson's mom*), Kathie Pierce (*Barb Dolphin's sister*), Drew Evans (*Lois & Dave Abell's great-grandson*), Judy D. (*Tony Peterson's friend*), Keith Miller (*Candy Gohl's son-in-law*), Bill & Marjorie Burkitt, Joyce Erickson, Dave Bjur, Jerome Hanson, Dallas Peterson, Scott Trosper, Albert Knutson, Debbie Lindquist, Amber Steffes, Craig Erickson, Lilly Christiansen (*Marret's daughter*), Bill Burnett (*Marsha's friend*), Anna Raymond (*Tony Peterson's friend*), Pat Radtke (*Marion Woidtke's sister*), Linda Kirkelie (*Kari Mausshardt's mother*).



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

2023 *Council Highlights*

Next Council Meeting:

September 10th at 10:15 AM

The Church Council last met on August 13.

Peter gave a Temple Talk with an update of the financial condition of the 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.

Our Ministers: All Who Have Been Baptized Into Christ

Our Pastor:

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	

Our Special Groups:

Trust Fund, GSCW & Quilters

Together in Worship

Together in Worship Average Year-to Date: 48

Financial Information

Fiscal Year-to-Date Jan 1 through Jul 31st, 2023

YTD Actual Contrib. & Gifts, Undesignated*	\$ 80,951.72
YTD Budgeted Income Target	\$ 95,783.38
Other Sources of Income**	\$ 1,809.79
Total Year-to-Date Operating Income	\$ 82,761.51
Total Year-to-Date Operating Expenses	\$ 98,374.88
Total YTD Net Difference	\$-15,613.37

*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 thru September

10:00 AM SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICES start in October

	1st Reading	Psalm	2nd Reading	Gospel
Sep 03	Jeremiah 15:15-21	Psalm 26:1-8	Romans 12:9-21	Matthew 16: 21-28
Sep 10	Ezekiel 33:7-11	Psalm 119:33-40	Romans 13:8-14	Matthew 18: 15-20
Sep 17	Genesis 50:15-21	Psalm 103:[1-7] 8-13	Romans 14:1-12	Matthew 18: 21-35
Sep 24	Jonah 3:10--4:11	Psalm 145:1-8	Philippians 1:21-30	Matthew 20: 1-16