



GOOD SHEPHERD

LUTHERAN CHURCH

WEEKLY NEWS
WEEK OF JULY 19, 2020
7th Sunday after Pentecost



PASTORS' MESSAGE

Dear partners in ministry,

This week, we write with three important things to share.

First, **our worship times are changing!** Starting this Sunday July 19th, we will begin worshipping **outdoors at 8:30 AM** and at **10:15 AM online**. If you are planning to come for the outdoors service, we invite you to let us know by signing up at [THIS LINK](#), as well as to wear a mask and bring your own chair. Our hope with moving the outdoors service earlier is to avoid the higher

temperatures as the morning progresses. So far, we have had about 20 people from Good Shepherd attending, and you are welcome to join.

Second, we look forward to celebrating the baptism of Leo Kotowsky (son of Kristen Pappacena and Mat Kotowsky) on July 26th at the 8:30 AM outdoors service! Having two baptisms in the month of July feels like a reason for rejoicing, especially after not gathering in person for special events like this throughout the spring. For those unable to join, please hold Leo and his family in your prayers.

And third, after much hard work over the last three months, the Christian Education Director Search team and GSLC Council share that we have hired a new Christian Education Director! Her name is Samantha Menapace, and she will start at Good Shepherd on August 10th.

Samantha grew up outside of Philadelphia and attended Saint Luke Lutheran Church with her family throughout her childhood. Along with her parents and sister, Samantha was an active member of the congregation, participating in Sunday School and Confirmation, singing in the youth band, and attending various mission trips with her congregation. Through this upbringing, she developed a passion for church life and Christian community from a young age. This passion inspired her to major in Religious Studies and Philosophy at Furman University, as well as participate in various campus ministries and live in an intentional Christian community upon her graduation. As a graduate intern in the community, Samantha encouraged faith formation in students by leading small groups and retreats, as well as planning and executing various events for staff and students on Furman's campus.

After her internship with the intentional community, Samantha pursued a Master of Divinity degree at Harvard Divinity School, graduating in 2019. At HDS, she honed her interest in fostering religious life in academic settings through a yearlong internship at Suffolk University's Interfaith Center.

Samantha loves running, reading, listening to as many podcasts as possible on many different topics - from Harry Potter to The Bachelor, mythology, and current events, just to name a few - and spending time outdoors with friends. She is excited to bring her passion for building meaningful community and leading faith formation to Good Shepherd Lutheran Church as the Christian Education Director!

We hope you will join us in welcoming Samantha in August, as well as giving thanks to the search team which included Kristen Black, Mark Booher, Dana Gillin, Dawn Hall, and Gerry Hava. We will be exploring ways to help Samantha get to know the people of Good Shepherd, and will share those opportunities once plans have been made.

Walking with you,

Pastor Jeff and Pastor Larson

8:30 am outdoor Service

8:30 am Outdoor service (in-person with physical distancing and wearing masks.)

Click [here](#) for Bulletin

10:15 am Online Service

10:15 am Facebook Live Service - Click [here](#) for Bulletin

Click [here](#) for the GSLC Facebook page at 10:15 am.

The link above will take you to our Facebook page, from there you will need to scroll to the video section to see the live stream.

If you or anyone you know would be interested in joining via telephone: Call into conference #: 435.777.2200

and enter:7327369#

For Children

[Spark Pre-Reader Bulletin](#)

[Spark Reader Bulletin](#)

[Kid's Celebrate](#)

Westborough TV will show **today's online Service at 9 am on Tuesday** on Verizon FIOS Channel 24 and Charter/Spectrum Channel 191. It will also be available from a webpage on WestboroughTV.org which will point you back to the GSLC Youtube page. (Westborough TV will also show the **previous Sunday's online Service at 4 pm on Sunday.**)

New Direction Music

God is all-Present.

He will always be there when we need Him until the end of time.

~Randy Gomez

Week of July 19th

Pastor Jeff will be on vacation through July 27th.

Monday

8:30 pm RIC Meeting

Tuesday

7:30 pm Council Meeting

Wednesday

9 am Morning Prayer Facebook Premiere

7:30 pm Holden Evening Prayer at Calumet [Live Stream](#)

For more detailed calendar, including events hosted by outside organizations

[VIEW CALENDAR](#)

IN OTHER NEWS

New England School of Lay Ministry accepting applications now!

Have you ever wanted to learn more about Lutheran theology or the Lutheran church? Have you

ever wondered why we do the things we do in worship? Now is your chance to dive in! The New England Synod School of Lay Ministry is an opportunity for spiritual growth, fellowship, and learning together.

The school is organized as a two-year commitment of study, using occasional weekend retreats and study groups. One year focuses on Lutheran theology and confessional heritage, church history, world religions and current ministry issues. The other year includes learning about the Old and New Testaments, biblical studies, leadership, and the arts of ministry.

If you are interested in learning more, talk with Ernie Zimmermann (GSLC member and graduate of the School of Lay Ministry), Pastor Jeff, or Pastor Larson, and also visit the School of Lay Ministry website at <https://nesynod-slm.com/>

The next cohort begins with a retreat in September, and an application deadline of August 1st.

Learning Update

Hello Sunday School Friends! Over the Summer months the staff and Learning Committee members will be reaching out for opinions and ideas about fall programming. We want to be sure we are providing Faith Formation resources that are useful and usable. Keep an eye out for the email with our ideas and please feel empowered to provide feedback as well as share your own thoughts on what would be most welcome for your household. We look forward to your responses and thank you in advance for your time!

New Prayer Station

In our pandemic survey of a few months ago, a number of respondents expressed interest in a prayer station. Sexton Steve Brevik delivered! Our beautiful prayer patio features a new wooden frame strung with rope. A small kit lies at the foot of the frame, full of fabric strips and a Sharpie. Anytime you wish to make space for prayer, you are welcome to come to our prayer patio to find it. If you wish, write the name of a person or situation you're praying for and tie it to one of the ropes. Good Shepherd will hold it in prayer alongside you.

Westborough Ecumenical VBS will be Virtual August 3-7 2020!

Join our adventure! We will be traveling the Rocky Railway and learning every day how Jesus pulls us through! VBS is being designed for all ages and will include

- Pre-recorded Openings and Closings
- Live Interactive Sessions
- Zoom Crew Meetings
- A variety of indoor and outdoor activities
- Interactive Music Videos

Don't miss the fun of the Rocky Railway, sign up today!

- Hilary and the VBS Board

Westborough Ecumenical VBS will happen August 3-7, 2020. Please visit the [Westborough Ecumenical VBS Facebook page](#) for updates, music, and the [ONLINE REGISTRATION FORM](#)

Music to Start Your Day

Kirby Stalley continues "Music to Start Your Day" since we are not able to make music together in person.

Kirby sends an email each morning and posts to the Good Shepherd Facebook page with one of his favorite pieces of music that brings him joy or peace. He hopes you will listen and that it will give you a nice way to start your day during this most anxious time. If you would like to receive these emails, please email Kirby at kirby.stalley@goodshepherdcares.org

PRAYING TOGETHER

Heavenly Father, we pray for businesses that are struggling or reopening or have shut down, and for their owners, their employees and all the other people and businesses they impact. We ask you to help them make decisions and implement new health precautions that take into consideration the well-being and needs of their employees, the people they serve and their community. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

We are church together, many members of the one body of Christ. As such we pray, dear Lord that the Spirit will unite us in our commitment to condemn sexism, Antisemitism, white supremacy and racism against indigenous people and people of color, whenever and wherever these sins occur. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

[ELCA Prayer Ventures](#)

In Our Prayers

This week. . .

Loretta Hall, Ed Johnson, Arthur Matson, Phyllis Taxiera, Kathy Allen, Jen Cinelli, Nathan Grant, River Hutchison, Mike Grams, Jamie Rivera, J.P. Anzede, Cathy Dorey, Kathryn Grasse, all those affected by addiction, all those affected by mental illness, all military personnel and first responders, for those who have contracted COVID-19.

If you or someone you know would like to be remembered in our prayers, call the church office or email prayercircle@goodshepherdcares.org. Names remain on this list for four weeks. Let us know if you'd like to renew, add, or remove a name.

[REQUEST PRAYER](#)

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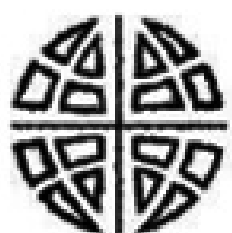
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