



GOOD SHEPHERD

LUTHERAN CHURCH

WEEKLY NEWS
WEEK OF JULY 5, 2020
5th Sunday after Pentecost



PASTORS' MESSAGE

Dear partners in ministry,

We've been planning and preparing for it, and now our return to in-person worship services is here! In this last week we sent a special email with all the instructions about what to expect for in-person worship. Those same instructions were also included as the pastor's note in the July messenger. Please look in those places for everything you need to know. And even if you are unable to attend in person, please hold our congregation, as well as Jameson Lee and his family

(Jameson will be baptized on Sunday), in your prayers!

Our re-opening team will plan to meet next week and talk through how everything went. If all goes well, we'll begin a conversation on how we might safely include communion as part of our outdoors worship. That step remains at least a couple weeks away, but please know that we will be beginning to plan for it. If you have any specific questions or concerns, feel free to reach out and share them!

As a reminder, if you do plan to attend one of the outdoors worship services this summer, we are asking everyone to sign up [HERE](#). This online sign-up includes all Sundays for July and August. Having a rough estimate of how many are planning to attend is very helpful.

Lastly, you may notice fewer activities on the GSLC calendar in July. For example, we are not planning a Sunday morning coffee time for July and August. As a staff, we are focusing our efforts on trying to figure out our ministry plans for the fall. In addition, many of our staff will be on vacation at some point this month. We hope and pray that these summer weeks will also bring a time of rest and renewal to each of you as well!

-Pastor Jeff and Pastor Larson

9 am Online Service

9:00 am Facebook Live Service - Click [here](#) for Bulletin

Click [here](#) for the GSLC Facebook page at 9:00 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

In God we can find shelter and safety. When we are tired He can give us rest and renew our strength so that we may continue to praise Him and show His glory and power to all those around us.

~Randy Gomez

10:30 am outdoor Service

10:30 am Outdoor service (in-person with physical distancing and wearing masks.)

Click [here](#) for Bulletin

Baptism of Jameson Theodore Lee

Week of July 5th

Pastor Larson will be at a Continuing Education Conference from July 6 through 10th.

Caryn Francese will be out of the office from July 9th through 14th on vacation.

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

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](#)

[Christian Education Director](#) search team continues to meet.

Over the past few weeks, the Christian Education Director search team has regularly met on Wednesday evenings to prepare the job posting as well as conduct interviews. Please see the job posting on our website at the link above. Anyone who is interested in the opening is welcome to apply. Please share the job opening on any social media accounts you may have. We will have the job posting up through July, and hope to have someone ready to start by September 1st. If you have any questions, feel free to reach out to anyone on the CED search team, which includes Gerry Hava (chairperson), Kristin Black, Mark Booher, Dana Gillin, Dawn Hall, and the pastors.

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

MINISTRY SPOTLIGHT

Massachusetts Council of Churches

<https://www.masscouncilofchurches.org/>

The Massachusetts Council of Churches is a network of individuals, congregations and denominations convinced that what binds us together in Christ is stronger than what divides us. The Massachusetts Council of Churches proclaims the vitality of the Church in Massachusetts. With Christians across the Commonwealth, we work together for a vibrant, hopeful witness of our oneness in Christ in our local churches, on Beacon Hill and with our neighbors of other faiths.

[One Church Fund](#)

The One Church Fund is a program of the Massachusetts Council of Churches.

The Massachusetts Council of Churches and its member congregations and denominations believe in One Church. We believe all parts of the body of Christ are necessary. And, at this terrible moment when so many people are suffering because of the COVID19, some parts of the body of Christ are suffering more than others. As members of the one body of Christ, we cannot say to one another, "I have no need of you."

Through the One Church Fund, the Massachusetts Council of Churches prioritizes the financial, practical, and relational support of immigrant, Black, poor, unhoused, and unaffiliated churches. Now is the time for those who can give through the One Church Fund to support both short-term financial needs and long-term relationships. Through your contribution, you are building capacity to care for all of God's people. Give generously and ask for what you need to ensure the whole body of Christ survives.

Believe in One Church: holy, brave, and just.

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PRAYING TOGETHER

God, help us cherish and not abuse the blessings of freedom and liberty, work to change our society where there is injustice and oppression, and accompany our global neighbors and companion churches striving for freedom, justice and voice. In your name we pray. Amen.

[ELCA Prayer Ventures](#)

In Our Prayers

This week. . .

Loretta Hall, Ed Johnson, Arthur Matson, Phyllis Taxiera, Kathy Allen, Jen Cinelli, 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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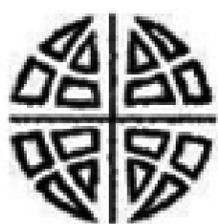
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