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Jesus the Good Shepherd

Prelude

Sylvia Gallian

Welcome

O'Derald Gingerich & Susan Allison Jones

Call to Worship & Opening Prayer

Shout with joy to the Lord!
Worship the Lord with gladness.
Come before him, singing with joy!
Know that the Lord is God!

**He made us, and we are his.
We are his people,
the sheep of his pasture.**

Enter his gates with thanksgiving;
go into his courts with praise.
Give thanks to him and bless his name.

**For the Lord is good.
His unfailing love continues forever,
and his faithfulness continues
to each generation.**

Song VT 437 The Lord is My Light

Psalm 23 (NRSV)

**The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want.
He makes me lie down in green pastures;
he leads me beside still waters; he restores my
soul.
He leads me in right paths for his name's sake.
Even though I walk through the darkest valley,
I fear no evil; for you are with me;
your rod and your staff—they comfort me.
You prepare a table before me in the presence of
my enemies;
you anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows.
Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me
all the days of my life,
and I shall dwell in the house of the LORD
my whole life long.**

Song HWB 355 Saviour Like a Shepherd Lead Us

Confession & Words of Assurance

**Patient and loving God, we stand at the gate and
peer through.
We keep creating our own ways, believing that we
know what is in our own best interest, and we
ignore the voice of the one Shepherd who will
guide us to peace and hope.
We wander aimlessly and then wonder why we get
so lost.
Help us stop and listen to the Shepherd's voice.
Let us place our trust in the Shepherd who has
never failed us, who loves and guides our lives.
For we ask this in Christ's Name. AMEN.**

Even though we have wandered and have become lost, the shepherd calls to us. We can place our trust in his loving care. For we are the sheep of his pasture, blessed and given hope. AMEN.

Scripture 1 Peter 2:19-25; John 10:1-10

Musical Meditation The Lord's My Shepherd
sung by Sounds Like Reign

Sermon Lou Lewis

Song of Response HWB 352 Gentle Shepherd

Sharing and Congregational Prayer

Announcements

Song VT 640 My Shepherd Will Supply my need

Benediction

We have been refreshed and restored.
We have been called and guided.
Let us go forth knowing who our true shepherd is,
following his path, secure in the knowledge
that goodness and mercy will follow us
all the days of our life. Amen.

Postlude

Worship Service

May 07 Living Stone - Chosen People Susan Allison Jones
Acts 7:55-60, Psalm 31:1-5, 15-16 1 Peter 2:2-10
John 14:1-14
May 14 MEDA Dean Shoemaker & Byron Shantz
May 21 Wilmot Ignited Worship Service St Agatha Hosts

May 28 Pulpit Exchange Louise Widemann
Steinmann Mennonite Church
Acts 2:1-21 Psalm 104:24-34, 35b 1 Corinthians 12:3b-13
John 20:19-23

Upcoming Events

Tuesday Morning Quilting & Matt Weaving 9:00 am
Apr 30 Formation Hour - The Art of Hope
May 2 Formation Hour - The Art of Hope
May 21 (Long Weekend) Worship at St. Agatha
May 04 Team Leaders Meeting 7:00 pm
June 03 Meeting with Threshold Commons 9:30 am
June 04 Semi-Annual Meeting

Birthdays

Dale Weber - May 1

Prayer Requests

Please pray for Mel & Pate Jantzi as medical staff determine Mel's health issues and as he recovers.

Keep Frank Hinz in your prayers as he grieves the loss of his sister Margaret McIntosh. The funeral was on Saturday in Listowel.

Please keep Sandra Bean and her family in your prayers as they marked the one year anniversary of Ralph's death. (April 16)

Congregational Notes

Mark your calendars for June 3 if you are interested in attending the second congregational meeting with Threshold Common's. A summary of the conversation from our first meeting will be available soon.

Formation Hour - April 30 & May 2 The Art of Hope: Healing the Wounded City. This will be a chance to engage with Derek Cook's writings addressing the issue of poverty. You do not have to read the book to participate. There are copies in the library.

Beyond The Congregation

Grace Lao Mennonite Church is hosting their annual Egg Roll Sale Sat May 06. Pick up time 9:00am - 4pm at 575 Lancaster St. Price \$2.00 for an eggroll box of 10 eggrolls for \$20 Sign up sheet in the foyer bulletin. Order deadline May 2, 2023

Food and Bottle Drive Fundraiser at Zion United Church
Sat May 6, 2-4pm accepting non-perishable food items in support of our community pantry and empty cans/bottles in support of Zion's children & youth. Stay for backyard games and beavertails (available for purchase) in our parking lot!

Menno Singers Concert - A Light Exists in Spring.
Saturday May 06 at 7:30PM. At the St Jacobs Mennonite Church. For tickets, visit Mennosingers.com

This Living with Loss program is a four-week peer support group for adults 18+ , offering a compassionate space to connect with other people who are grieving. It is led by two trained peer support volunteers. Date: Tues from May 9th - 30th Time: 6-8 p.m. Location: Interfaith Community Counselling Centre 23B Church Street, New Hamburg. Space is limited. Registration and an intake are required. To register please call 519-662-3092

The Rockway Mennonite Collegiate Golf Classic is happening on **Monday, May 29 at Grey Silo Golf Club**. Register as a single, a pair or get a team of 4 together. Under 18? Ask an adult to golf with you! Details at www.rockway.ca/golf

DaCapo Chamber Choir Concert May 13 & 14

Restoration Sat May 13, 7:30pm Sun May 14, 3pm Trillium Lutheran Church. Featuring a DaCapo alumni choir and the premiere of A Great Tide of Love by director Leonard Ennes. Buy tickets Tickets for all of our concerts are general admission. All tickets are pay-what-you-can and can be purchased online (with no service fees) or at the door (cash only). As a point of reference, previous years' ticket prices were as follows: \$25 for adults, \$20 for seniors (65+), \$15 for post-secondary students, and \$5 for youth & children (18 & under)

Ministry Team Leaders:

Ministry Coordinator & Facilities – John Good

Worship and Formation – Lil Quanz

Fellowship – Fern Good, Marcia Kastner, Susan Wagler

Pastoral Care, Missions and Service - All members

Member at Large (Ministry Team) - Ross Shantz

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To Book the Church call the Church Office @ 519-634-5030.
Church Office Hours: Edna will be in the office Monday and Thursday (9:30- 1:30). Please have all bulletin announcements in no later than Wednesday..

Protocols We wish to create a safe environment for people to gather together in our building. We invite all to enter into this new way of being community together with gratitude to our God that we can adapt to new ways of being a faithful community. We invite you to enter into the space in ways that you are comfortable with and that respect others. If you have concerns please talk to a member of the protocol committee.