



Shepherd's Voice

Give. Serve. Lead. Connect.

June 2016

From Pastor Harald Bringsjord

Pastor April Ulrich Larson was Bishop of the La Crosse Area Synod from 1992 to 2008. From 1993 – 1997, her husband Judd Larson served as Associate Pastor here at Good Shepherd and the family attended worship here. Ben, the youngest of their three children attended Central High School. Later, Ben attended Luther College in Decorah, Iowa (one of 27 ELCA colleges and universities). He then enrolled at Wartburg Seminary in Dubuque, Iowa (one of eight ELCA seminaries), for his Master of Divinity degree.

For the January interim term during his senior year at Wartburg, Ben along with two other Wartburg seminary seniors went to Haiti. Their mission was to teach Lutheran theology to members and pastors of the Lutheran Church there.

But on January 12, 2010, everything changed, when a severe earthquake hit Haiti. The death toll was staggering - over 200,000 people lost their lives.

Ben's wife, Renee, as well as Jonathan, Ben's cousin, were able to escape from the collapsed St. Joseph Home for Boys and attempted to rescue Ben. Renee tells, "We were all together on the same floor, when the building began to shake. We all kind of panicked and started running. Jonathan and I were together. Ben was hugging a pillar in the middle of the floor. I turned and I saw him, and I saw concrete starting to fall on him. I called for him and started running toward him."

At that moment the two floors above collapsed on them. Jonathan and Renee were trapped for a short time, but managed to squeeze out onto the roof of the building and called for Ben. The collapsed building continued to shift as the aftershocks continued.

The two went back to the place from where they had crawled out and called again for Ben. Renee tells that she heard Ben's voice. Covered by debris, injured and dying, Ben was singing! Renee says, "I told him I

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Give

Volunteering Within Church

Flower and Bulletin Sponsorship

The flower and bulletin sponsorship charts are on the bulletin board in the back of the welcome area. Sponsoring the flowers or bulletins is an easy way to honor special dates such as birthdays and anniversaries, or the memory of a

loved one. If you have any questions on sponsoring the flowers or bulletins, please contact Kathy or Rick in the church office at (608)788-0450.



Readers & Ushers Appreciated!

Readers and Ushers are always valued at our worship services. Please consider signing up on the chart in the welcome area at the back of the sanctuary. You can sign up for a time and day that

works for you. The readings will be sent (either by mail or email) to you early that week. Thank you so much for helping out!

Women Who Wrestle With The Word (W5)

If you would like to be a part of a regular gathering of Christian Women, you are always welcome to join W5. The group

will meet every Monday at 6:30pm in the welcome area in the front of the sanctuary.



Lydia Circle

Lydia Circle meets the 1st Tuesday of every month. Come join them for great conversations, some laughter, fun, camaraderie and a sweet desert!

If you have any questions or would like to learn more about Lydia circle, call Carol Abraham at (608)787-0609.



Good Shepherd Ministries

Altar Guild—Willing to help out on our Altar Guild? It is a very easy commitment and we would be happy to show you how it's done! Simply call Candie Luehne at (608)304-2035.

Quilting—Quilters meet at Good Shepherd every Wednesday at 12:30pm in the quilting room.

Mailing Crew—The *Shepherd's Voice* Mailing Crew is wondering if you are interested in helping out prepare the Voice newsletter with address labels and stickers? We meet the 4th Thursday of each month at 8:30am in the choir room.

Care Ministry—Care Ministries visit the homebound year round to have a small chat, give communion, and have a prayer. Interested in joining this ministry? Contact Don Skibba at 787-0498. If you or someone you know would like a visit from our care ministry team, please contact the church office at (608)788-0450.

55 Plus—55 Plus is a friendly lunch gathering for the 55+ crowd that meets every 3rd Thursday of the month at 11:30am. We gather at The King Street Kitchen located at 141 7th St S.

Serve

Enriching Life, Sharing Talents

Thank You All So Very Much...

Altar Guild—Thank you to the members who served during the month of May, Kathy & Al Johnson & Candie Luehne. During June, Arlene Dreves and Candie Luehne (10am) will be ‘on duty’.

Sara Wrobel—Thank you for sending out ‘Get Well’ cards in May. Sharon Yushta will be sending out the cards throughout the month of June.

Ann Hudson—Thank you for sending out cards and prayer shawls year round to bereaved families.

Care Ministries—Thank you to all members who are serving as Care Ministers to the faithful members of Good Shepherd who can no longer come to worship with us. Through you, our Care Ministers, the church comes to them! If you or someone you know would like a visit from our Care team, please call the church office at 788-0450.

Groups off for the Summer

Lydia Circle: Their next meeting will be Tuesday, September 6th at 1pm. 787-0679 Carol Abraham if you have any questions.

W5: Their next gathering will be Monday, September 12th at 6:30pm.

55 Plus: Their next friendly lunch will be Thursday, September 15th at 11:30am at The King Street Kitchen.

Causeway Caregivers

Causeway Caregivers exists to help! As we enter this busy time of year in and outside our homes, give Causeway a call if you need assistance or have a few hours to volunteer.

Simply call Causeway (608)775-9999 or visit our website: causewaycaregivers.org

Ushers Schedule

June 5 **8:30am:** Al & Laurie Bushek, Al & Kathy Johnson, David & Barb Foye

10am: Karl & Julie Noll, Matt & Karen Mattes, Judy Christopherson, Teresa Opitz

June 12 **8:30am :** Verlene Morrison, Norma Overby, Keith & Mary Isaacs

10am: Heidi Kwiatkowski, Gundi Bay, Don & Darcy Skibba

June 19 **8:30am:** David & Barbara Kilpatrick, Marc & Nancy Oelke, Al & Kathy Johnson

10am: Jeff & Sharon Yushta, Norm & Joanne Jerome, Art & Betty Olson

June 26 **8:30am:** Glen & Susan Larson, Bill Klein

10am: Duane & Linda Schoen, Marv & Darryle Clott

Lead

Raising Up Spiritual Leaders

Calling All Musicians!

Our “Sounds of Praise” worship band invites you to help us lead the worship here at Good Shepherd. “Sounds of Praise” is intended to bring together the greatest number and variety of instruments possible, presenting special music and enhancing our wide variety of hymn styles. Whatever type of instrument

you play, “Sounds of Praise” welcomes you! Please call Randy Lyden at (608)779-9669 or email randy@gslacrosse.org to be a part of this growing and exciting praise band!



Make a joyful noise unto the Lord!

The Sanctuary Choir

The Sanctuary Choir rehearses between services every Sunday from September through May and new members are always welcome!! If you would like to join our Sanctuary Choir, please contact Karl Greenfield at 715-214-8528 or at karl@gslacrosse.org

The Gloria Dei Choir

We rehearse between services on Sundays from September through May in the Mattes Center and new members are always welcome! If your children would like to be a part of the Gloria Dei Choir, please contact Darlene Lassig at (608)788-5686 or at darlene@gslacrosse.org.



Hand Bell Choir

Practices are on Sunday evenings 5:30pm for adult bell choir and 6:30pm for youth bell choir. If you have any questions please contact Linda Jerome at linda@gslacrosse.org.



Remember also your Creator in the days of your youth, *Ecclesiastes 12:1*

High School Youth Group

(Grades 9-12) Good Shepherd’s High School Youth Group is a group that meets on Wednesday evenings at 6pm throughout the year. Fellowship and games 6–7p with a bible study at 7p. You aren’t the only Christian at your school! Come hangout with

other awesome teens just like yourself. Social events throughout the year along with a yearly mission trip. Want to learn more? Contact Stephanie Andersen at stephanie@gslacrosse.org or just drop in and check it out for yourself!

Connect

Bridging Our Community To Our World

Our next Mobile Meals Is July 24 to July 30

Thank you all for delivering Mobile Meals in May!! Mobile Meals of La Crosse delivers 33,000 meals annually to the homebound, largely through the efforts of local churches like ours. The 2016 schedule is up and the **yellow bus is up for June 12th to June 18th for you to sign up.**

Need more information?

Call 784-4623 or go online at mobilemealsoflacrosse.org. Pick-up place is Franciscan/Mayo at the Market Street door and the pick-up time will be 11am. Please allow 1 1/2 to 2 hours delivery time. We are route #1.



Local Food Pantry Needs



West Avenue Food Emergency Relief (WAFER) is asking for **Tuna** during the month of **June**. Thank you for all the donations given in May!

Please leave all donations in the grocery cart near our bulletin boards in the Welcome Area. A monetary gift may also be given to help support WAFER. Simply make your check out to Good Shepherd, and indicate WAFER in the check memo area.

4-H Club

The Mormon Coulee 4-H Club was first established in 1946 making the club one of the oldest in La Crosse County! 4-H clubs are made up of children from kindergarten through high school. We meet the second Sunday of each month at 5pm in the Mattes Center. We are always

looking for eager volunteers to showcase their talents or for new members. If anyone is interested, or has any questions, please feel free to contact Kim Young at (608)796-0099 or e-mail kkymmm@gmail.com.



Boy Scouts & Girl Scouts Meet at Good Shepherd

Boy Scouts—Troop 22 meets at 6:45pm weekly on Tuesday's in the Mattes Center.

Girl Scouts—Troop 4172 meets every other Monday from 5pm to 7pm in the Mattes Center.



If you have any questions about Scouts, please call the church office at 788-0450 and we can connect you with the group leaders.

Stewardship

Memorials & Special Gifts

Good Shepherd gratefully acknowledges and sincerely appreciates your gifts over and above your regular giving. The following gifts were received from April 19th through May 22nd 2016.

WAFER

Connie Lee
Evelyn Lee
Don & Darcy Skibba
Ramon & Connie Erickson
Norm & Joanne Jerome
Jim & Sue Bugge
Gerald Knutson

Debt Reduction

Duane & Laurie Peterson
Monty & Lois Gilbertson
Bob & Jeana Briggs

Louise Christenson Memorial

Carmen Nelson

Thrivent Choice Dollars

Margaret Garves
Shanon Torgerud



Leona Knutson Memorial

Harald & Andrea Bringsjord
Greg & Paula Thompson
William & Elizabeth Tauscher
Steven & Kelly Thompson
Doris Thompson
Elizabeth Bean
Jim & Jan Quinn
Marilyn Senn
Glenn & Lila Seager

Les Munson Memorial

Vernon & Peggy Garves
Harald & Andrea Bringsjord
Art & Betty Olson
Richard & Ruth Strand

Dave & Ione Harder
Millie Hamann

Jack Kilpatrick Memorial

Karl & Julie Noll

Evelyn & Connie Lee Memorial

Gordy & Carol Powell

John Rheingans Memorial

Jerry & Bonnie Hallum

Katie Beran Memorial

Joe & Tami Beran

Joyce Wilcox Memorial

Michelle Wilcox

What is *Simply Giving*®?

The *Simply Giving*® Program is an automated stewardship program that helps church members live generously. It's a convenient, safe and simple way for individuals to make automatic payments to Good Shepherd through electronic funds transfer (EFT) directly from checking or savings accounts. Thrivent Federal Credit Union has contracted with industry leader

Vanco Services, LLC to provide electronic payment processing services at reduced rates—so your generosity goes further. Learn more by contacting the church office at (608) 788-0450 or by visiting thriventcu.com/personal/simple-giving-program.



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Giving Tree—Giving In A Unique Way

Do you know about our Giving Tree? If not, this is a unique way to sponsor items or services used within our church. Our giving tree is located in the corner by the main entrance in the welcome area. Select the tag (s) that mean the most to you and return them and the donation in the envelopes provided by either placing it in the offering plate, dropping it off at or mailing it to the church office.

Church Numbers

Weekly Sunday Attendance

Date	8:30am	10:30am
04/03/16	147	125
04/10/16	122	148
04/17/16	115	108
04/24/16	110	136

Weekly Envelope Offerings

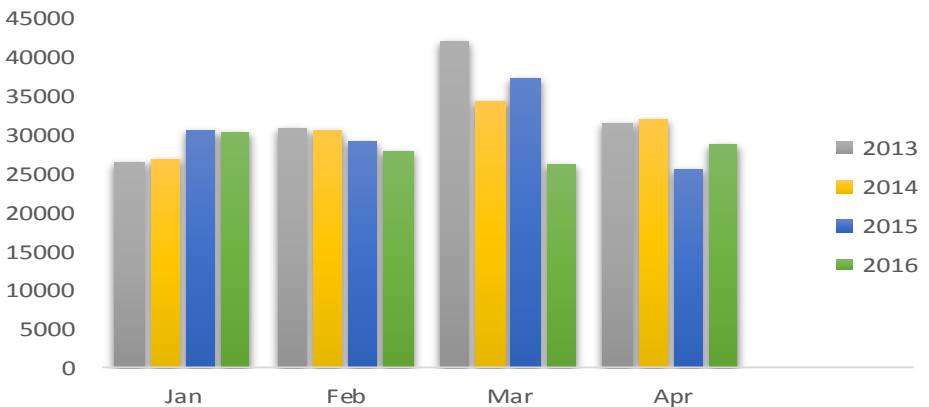
Date	Weekly	% Budget
04/03/16	\$6,870.13	86%
04/10/16	\$7,851.39	99%
04/17/16	\$6,339.68	80%
04/24/16	\$7,596.00	95%
Totals	\$28,657.20	90%

Envelope Offering Comparison

April 2016	April 2015	% Difference
\$28,657.20	\$25,598.42	11.9%
YTD 2016	YTD 2015	% Difference
\$133,176.01	\$ 145,583.29	-8.5%

If you would like to view the complete financial statements that are shared with the Council, please contact Rick in the church office at rick@gslacrosse.org or by calling the church office (608)788-0450.

Envelope Offerings by month



Around the Parish...

Reminder

Beginning June 5th the 10:30am service will be moving to 10am for the summer.

Come meet our neighbors!

We are having a block party!! Good Shepherd is hosting our 2nd Annual Neighborhood Block Party. We are inviting people from the neighborhood surrounding Good Shepherd and all of our members are invited and encouraged to attend too!

Please join us on Saturday, June 25th
from 4 - 7pm (*Food served from 4:30 to 6:30*)

Please save the date and join us for this opportunity to meet our church neighbors and for them to get to know all of us here at Good Shepherd. Please bring a dish to pass, a sign up sheet will on the bulletin board in the concourse soon. Bratwurst, hamburgers and hot dogs will be provided.

Please bring a non-perishable food item for a La Crosse food pantry and help feed all our neighbors in the La Crosse area!

Dialogue on Ending Homelessness

with Erin Healy, National Advocate and Consultant.

Thursday, JUNE 9 9:00 AM- 11:00 AM
Assisi Room, St. Rose Convent,
701 Franciscan Way.

The La Crosse Area has formed coalitions and created programs that shelter, feed, and assist our neighbors who are experiencing homelessness. But, what if there were a way to end chronic homelessness and the suffering it causes? What if this could be done while preventing any families from having homelessness being part of their future? Join the conversation with Erin.

Before the After

Before the After is a folder of planning sheets to be used by anyone, any age, to outline your wishes, prepare and organize pertinent documents and eliminate possible tough decisions for your loved ones. Enhancing this process are quarterly Planning Sessions featuring Community Professionals for guidance and information. 2016 Causeway Planning Sessions: June 4th, Sept. 12th and December 5th.

Presentations and Break Out Sessions at Planning Sessions Include: Obituary or Notice, Organ Donation, Funeral, Memorial or Final Service, Personal Designations, Lasting Legacy, In Case of Emergency Plan, Health History, Preparing a Will draft, Health Care Directives, Guardianship- For Person or Estate, Pertinent Records and Papers in *One Place*

Planning Session at 10:00am-12:00pm
(*Registration opens at 9:30am*)

At: St. Paul's Lutheran Church of La Crosse
420 West Avenue S., Lower Level
Call to Register: (608)775-9999

Lutheran World Relief

We will be collecting items for Lutheran World Relief Kits in the months of June and August.

Stop by the Lutheran World Relief table to pick up a shopping list or a donation envelope if you'd rather donate to purchase items. Lutheran World Relief helps globally after a natural disaster or to ensure daily quality of life for humanity. We thank you for your help and donation in support of Lutheran World Relief!

June – Personal Care Kits

Around the Parish...

Putter around with us

The Putterers, a fun group of volunteers who help keep our church beautiful are looking for volunteers to help spruce up the church once a week. All it takes is one hour a week... men, women and youth are welcome! For Putterer information call the Church Office.

Music Thanatology

Learn about this palliative method of caring for the dying from one of our members. Ruth Kittleson, member of Zion Lutheran Church in Viroqua, and a student of the Chalice of Repose Project School of Music-Thanatology in Mt. Angel, Oregon, is beginning a clinical internship in music-thanatology with the La Crosse Area Synod. Music-thanatology is a palliative medical modality and end-of-life practice of caring for the physical and spiritual needs of the dying with prescriptive music. Ruth's work is ideally suited to parish ministries. The music delivered responds to both the physiological pain and interior suffering of those who are dying, and is delivered live, at the bedside, with harp and/or voice. Ruth is available to serve dying members and/or family members of our congregations. Please speak with Pr. Pete Beckstrand for more info at 608-632-2801.

Congratulations Good Shepherd's 2016 Scholarship Recipients!

Anderson Scholarship: *Mattie Krause*

J.L. Mattes Scholarship: *Kylie Klein*

Good Shepherd Women-WELCA Scholarship: *Shawn Hamann*

Good Shepherd Trust Foundation Scholarships: *Alyssa Shufelt, Shira Busch, & Austin Stalsberg*

Congratulations to Good Shepherd's 2016 Confirmands!

Henry Blegen, Cole Denzer, Dawson Fredrickson, Braxton Haskey, Jacob Kind, Megan Lassig, Aubrya Stalsberg & Jackson Sullivan

Confirmed May 1, 2016 2:00pm

Stir up in your sons & daughters the gift of your Holy Spirit: The spirit of wisdom and understanding, The spirit of counsel and might, The spirit of knowledge and fear of the Lord, The spirit of joy in your presence, both now and forever. Amen.

Welcome to new & returning members

On May 1 we joyously welcomed the following people as new and returning members here at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church:

Rick & Theresa Anderson, Richard & Mary Dannhoff, Paul & Ruth Fairbanks, Josh, Jenna & Layla Fredrick, Michelle Hansen, Rachele Johnson, Brooks, Angie, Lizzie & Anthony Kvalheim, Kay, Abigail & Alison Lisick, Tammy McRoberts & Hannah, Madeline, William & Adam Zenz, Kate Nash, Rich & Beth Stoll, Tom, Renee, Adam, Brynn, Ryan & TJ Venner, Heather, Claire, Carly & Sophie Von Ruden, and Dennis & Kathy Westaby.

Guest Preaching in June

While Pastor Harald is away for continuing education, Synod Assembly and a much needed weekend off, the following people will be preaching at Good Shepherd:

June 5th	Pastor Chris Hallemeier
June 12th	David Kilpatrick
June 19th	Pastor Dave Bersagel

June 2016












Gloria Dei Choir
Meets every Sunday
each week at 9:45am.



Adult Ministry
Meets every Sunday
each week at 9:45am.


8:30am Worship Service


10:00am Worship Service (beginning)


Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed
<p>29 8:30am Riley (double) Baptism</p> <p>  </p>	<p>30 Memorial Day Office will be closed</p>	<p>31 1pm Bingo @ Bethany River 5pm Men's Golf 6:45pm BS Troop 22 Meeting</p>	<p>June 1 12:30pm Adult Ministry 6pm Youth</p>
<p>5 10:30 service goes to 10am Name Tag & Cookie Sunday sponsored by Parish Ed Guest Pastor Chris Hallemeier 10am Flisram Baptism 6:30pm BS Troop 22 Adult Mtg</p> <p>  </p>	<p>6 5pm MFG deliver Block Party Invites</p>	<p>7 5pm Men's Golf 6pm Buildings & Grounds</p>	<p>8 10am Adult Ministry 12:30pm Youth 6pm Youth 6:30pm Youth</p>
<p>12 Guest Pastor David Kilpatrick 11:30am Praise/Worship Team</p> <p></p>	<p>13 5:30pm GS Troop 4172</p>	<p>14 1:45pm Hillview Communion 5pm Men's Golf</p>	<p>15 12:30pm Adult Ministry 6pm Youth</p>
<p>19 Father's Day Guest Pastor Dave Bersagel</p> <p></p>	<p>20 5:30pm Membership, Growth/Fellowship Mtg</p>	<p>21 5pm Men's Golf 6pm Parish Ed Meeting 6pm Admin/Exec Meeting 7pm Church Council Mtg</p>	<p>22 12:30pm Adult Ministry 6pm Youth</p>
<p>26 9:45am Care Ministry Meeting 10am Heberlein Baptism</p> <p></p>	<p>27 5:30pm GS Troop 4172</p>	<p>28 1pm Come to Supper (prep) 4:30pm Come to Supper (serve) 5pm Men's Golf</p>	<p>29 12:30pm Adult Ministry 6pm Youth</p>
<p>3 Name Tag & Cookie Sunday sponsored by Youth</p> <p></p>	<p>4 4th of July Office will be closed</p>	<p>5 5pm Men's Golf 6pm Buildings & Grounds</p>	<p>6 12:30pm Adult Ministry 6pm Youth</p>

To access the most up-to-date calendar, visit our website at www.gloriadei.org

Bell Choir
Meets every Sunday
Each week at 5:30pm.






 **Youth Bell Choir**
Meets every Sunday
each week. at 6:30pm.

 **Sanctuary Choir**
Meets every Sunday
Each week at 9:30am.

 **Sounds of Praise**
Meets every Saturday each
week at 4pm.

beginning June 5th)

Communion 1st and 3rd Sundays of Each Month

Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 7pm Quilting Youth Group (Gr. 9-12)	2	3	4
Staff Meeting 7pm Quilting Youth Group (Gr. 9-12) 8pm Adult Bible Study	9 6pm Hospitality Mtg	10	11 Umberger/ Marcinak Wedding (offsite) 
7pm Quilting Youth Group (Gr. 9-12)	16	17	18 9am Quilting 
7pm Quilting Youth Group (Gr. 9-12)	23 8:30am NO Voice Mailing Crew	24	25 4pm Neighborhood Block Party 
7pm Quilting Youth Group (Gr. 9-12)	30	July 1	2 Kinstler/ Wagner Wedding (offsite) 
7pm Quilting Youth Group (Gr. 9-12)	7 6pm WELCA Mtg	8	9 

calendar visit GSlacrosse.org/calendar.

Church Council Members

- **Sara Wrobel** *President of the Congregation* sara@gslacrosse.org
- **Duane Schoen** *Vice President of the Congregation*
- **Dianne Hamann** *Treasurer*
- **Monty Gilbertson** *Secretary*

Other Church Council Members include:

Don Skibba, Lori Lowell, Beth Bonney, Bev Sorenson, Barbara Kilpatrick, Mary Isaacs, Carol Powell, Candie Luehne, Janice Thaldorf & Colin Smith.



Staff

- **Rev. Harald Bringsjord** *Pastor*
prharald@gslacrosse.org
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- **Kathy Johnson** *Office Assistant*
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- **Tammy Klein** *Children's Ministry Coordinator* tammy@gslacrosse.org
- **Stephanie Andersen** *Youth Ministry Coordinator* stephanie@gslacrosse.org
- **Randy Lyden** *Music Director/Organist* randy@gslacrosse.org | (608) 779-9669
- **Linda Jerome** *Bell Choir Director*
linda@gslacrosse.org
- **Darlene Lassig** *Volunteer Gloria Dei Choir Director*
darlene@gslacrosse.org | (608) 788-5686
- **Karl & Jaime Greenfield** *Sanctuary Choir Directors* karl@gslacrosse.org | (715) 214-8528
- **Bev Sorenson** *Volunteer Parish Nurse* bev@gslacrosse.org
- **Bill Klein** *Custodian/Maintenance*
bill@gslacrosse.org



Questions? Don't know who to contact? Contact the Church Office.

(608) 788-0450 | office@gslacrosse.org | www.gslacrosse.org
4141 Mormon Coulee Rd. La Crosse, WI 54601 (Office hours 8am to 1pm)

Your Health

From the desk of our Parish Nurse

Dear Congregation,

Please consider helping our church raise money to fund a cow overseas. The money will help a village to purchase a cow and feed their village. The Cow project is a world hunger relief project. If we can raise \$500.00 we can help this village.

My goal is to go above the \$500.00 so not only to help a village overseas but also to help fund La Crosse's food pantry thru the summer months. So we are going to have a rummage sale to start off the fundraising. Please consider donating your gently used clothes, small furniture, toys, baby items, small kitchen appliances, books, even house plants you may be splitting (**sorry but no televisions**). Our rummage sales have always been successful. Our cow will support the fund raising event by being decorated. So watch for the cow. If a second fundraising event is necessary we will continue to support the cow with décor and information of event.

You may begin donating your items starting Monday, July 18th for the sale by bringing them to the church. Please start collecting, purging or cleaning out your closets and bring your items the

week of July 18th. The sale date will be Saturday, July 30th from 8 to 2 pm. I am also asking for help with saving your paper grocery bags for that day. I will advertise if a non-perishable food item is brought to the sale I will give that person an instant \$5 dollar grab bag. The grab bag has always been a successful strategy. So watch for the cow, see what you can donate and remember your rummage is **MOOLA** for a cause.

Thank you for your support,
Bev Sorenson and Candie Luehne

Bev Sorenson, RN

GS Volunteer Parish Nurse

bev@gslacrosse.org

(608) 792-3962

Parish Health News:

GSlacrosse.org/parish-nurse-update.



Health Questions? Call the Gundersen Telephone Nurse Advisor 24/7 at (800) 858-1050.

Sunday School Update

Pre-school thru Grade 5

Happy Summer Everyone!

Well, another Sunday School year has come and gone. We had our official “Send Off Service” on May 8th and I hope everyone had fun. This is one of the Children’s favorite programs with the puppet show, game show and slide show. They really enjoy sharing our stories and songs with the congregation. What a great day!

We presented the 5th Graders to the congregation and we have a special token of celebration for anyone who was unable to attend. Please pick these up from me during the summer...just grab me when you see me! I get an official hug also. Congratulations and remember to come back and visit or sign up for helping at VBS or Sunday School! Have fun in confirmation and join in the youth events... Anthony Kvalheim, Mason Roth, Sienna Torgerud, Aiden Denzer and Will Hefti.

We also celebrated all of our Confirmands who volunteered with Sunday School this past year! There were 18 confirmation students that helped out for their service hours and I want to thank them ALL.

Our Final Thank you’s were for all the teacher and parent volunteers this year: Bill Klein, Kylie Klein, Denise Geiwitz, David Kilpatrick, Cindy Bahls, Vicki Sanwick, Dawn Weeks, Colin Smith, Julie Finlayson, Judy Christopherson, Lori Lowell, Jenny Hamann, Asya Her, Logan Her, Keith Klein, Callie Van Dyck, Lynnae Torgerud, Todd Fergot, Kim Young and Julie Forman, who also sews the Prayer Pillows. Special Thanks also to Dave Kilmer who makes the beautiful Prayer Blocks. I hope I haven’t missed any

one!

We also announced our Sunday School Lent Project results – Sunday Schoolers, along with congregational help, raised over \$300.00 towards the Lutheran World Relief water fund. We learned a lot about the effect of clean water on lives around the world. Children walk almost 5 hours a day for water that can be dirty and contaminated, causing illness and poverty. Accessibility to clean water for drinking includes healthy lives free of water-borne illness, allows students to spend time in school instead of walking for water, and provides a positive outlook for the future.

Sugar Creek Explorer’s Day will be July 11th! We are trying to fill our slot with 40 kids age 1st grade to 5th grade. Please sign up – and bring a friend -as soon as possible on the bulletin board or by calling me at 788-0450 or emailing tammy@gslacrosse.org Registration forms are available at church on the weekends as well!

EGYPT – the story of Joseph from Prison to Palace! We will need many volunteers for decorating, costumes and running the market place. And this year, we would like to have someone to help with younger siblings and little brothers and sisters in the nursery. Sign up by calling or check out the board next to the Sunday School and Confirmation offices. Please make sure the Children are signed up and come! It is always a blessing and more fun with MORE – and we always pray for MORE! August 21st – 25th!
Safe and Healthy Summer Blessings!

Quick-Look

Upcoming Events At a Glance

July 11	Sugar Creek—Explorer’s Day (1st thru 5th Grades 2016-17)
August 21-25	EGYPT VBS—Joseph’s Journey from Prison to Palace
September 11	Rally Sunday (first day of Sunday School)

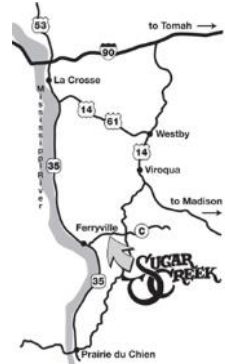
Good Shepherd Explorer’s Day

For campers entering grades 1-5

July 11th, 2016 8am – 4pm

Come for an exciting one-day adventure at Sugar Creek. Explore camp with games, nature activities, crafts, swimming, a pony ride, Bible study, singing and more! Bring some spending money if you would like to shop in our camp store. Also, swimsuits, towels, sunscreen, hats, **no flip flop shoes**.

Cost \$20.00 per camper, with lunch and snacks included. Adults are free. Please let us know if you have concerns with cost.



2016 Good Shepherd VBS August 21st – 25th

5:00 to 7:45 Daily (includes Family Supper) Meal 5:00 – 5:30
Decorating the weekend before!



God Gives us Hope – Jeremiah 29:11
God Gives us wisdom – James 1:5

God Gives us Special Abilities – Romans 12:6
God Gives us Forgiveness – Nehemiah 9:17

God Gives us a family – Galatians 3:26

Watch for more details on ways you can support this awesome Bible land Experience for the Families of Good Shepherd. Giving opportunities available.

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Recent Sunday School News: GSlacrosse.org/children.

In the Office: *Mon., Wed., Fri.: 2:30-7pm*

Stay Connected!

Receive message alerts for Sunday School at Good Shepherd. Send the message @rubberduck to the number (608) 807-2784. All parents and children with a cell phone are encouraged to sign-up!

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Youth Update

Confirmation (Grades 6-8)

& High School Youth (Grades 9-12)

But God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.”
Romans 5:8

Summer Office Hours

I will be modifying my hours for the summer and will not be holding office hours on Sundays. I will continue to have office hours from 4pm to 8pm on Wednesdays and always will be available via email throughout the week. The file with sermon notes and service hours will continue to be located in the coat room and I highly encourage students to work on sermon notes and service hours during the summer.

Confirmation

May started out with a bang as 9 students affirmed their baptism in front of family and friends. Having worked with the students for the last two years, I know that they did not make this commitment lightly. After interviewing a parent and a church member about their faith, they were asked to look at their own lives and write a statement of their faith. They are encouraged to be honest about their faith including what they believe and questions they have. They are encouraged to reflect on when they have seen God working in their lives and how their faith will continue to play a role in their lives. As you can see from the following excerpts, God is working in their lives!

“I believe that the most important thing to remember about God is that he loves us and he will always forgive us for our sins and we should continue to learn from our sin to grow in God’s Love”

“I understand that other only way to salvation is through faith that Jesus rose from the dead and He beat the devil”

“My faith means that God will always be by my side no matter what I do. If I need help He will always be there to give me a hand”

“The most important thing to remember God will never let us submit to sin or fall when we can’t go alone. He will carry us when we can go on no longer and save us when we are in need of saving.”

To believe in a Savior who died and was raised for us, means that He loves us enough to die for our sins.”

“I always feel God’s presence when I play sports, it makes me feel save and gives confidence and confidence is half of sports.”

“I feel good every morning because I wake up and thank God for another safe night.”

“I’ll say it once and I’ll say it again: I believe in God, the Father Almighty, the creator of Heaven and Earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, who is God’s only son our Lord. I believe in the Holy Spirit. I believe in on God...and I am Christian.”

“To be a Better Christian, I can invite people to church. I would pay lot so attention in church, do random acts of kindness and respect my elders.”

I am so proud of their ability to realize and reflect on these experiences!

Check out the Youth bulletin board for more excerpts from faith statements!

Planning for next fall is already underway. As I begin this process, I am hoping to have a registration form available online by early June. Please be on the lookout for an email or letter from me by the end of June to get your child registered. I ask that returning 7th and 8th graders also complete the registration form as well so I can ensure I have accurate contact and ushering information.

Quick-Look

Upcoming Confirmation/Youth Group Events At a Glance

July 17th—22nd	Mission Trip to Kansas City
September 14th	First day of Confirmation! Student/Parent Orientation
Every Wednesday	Youth Group 6:00—8:00pm All High School Students Welcome!

High School Youth

Youthfest on May 15th continued our exciting month as the high school youth led service followed by a bake sale, potato bar and Top Shep Competition!

The winners of our first annual event are:

- ⇒ Snack : Julie Noll (candied pecans)
- ⇒ Dinner: Lynnae Torgerud (sweet and Sour Chicken)
- ⇒ Dessert: Nikki Kimball (Nutella Cheesecake Brownie)

The winners received an apron, Culvers Gift Certificate and bragging rights for the next year! I hope all winners will come back next year to defend their title!

I would like to thank everyone who made Youthfest a success! Thank you parents and youth for your hard work in preparation and during the event. Thank you Sara Wrobel, Linda Jerome and Tom Andersen for all your hard work in planning the event! Thank you to the competitors for making amazing food for everyone to try! Thank you to everyone who donated items to the bake sale, bought baked goods and ate baked potatoes! To anyone I may have missed, thank you! We are looking forward to making Youthfest and annual event!

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Recent Youth News: GSlacrosse.org/youth

In the Office: *Wednesday 4-8pm*

Stay Connected!

Confirmation: Text [@gsconfirm](https://www.gslacrosse.org/youth) to (608) 402-4735 for confirmation updates! Youth Group: Text [@gslyouth](https://www.gslacrosse.org/youth) to (608) 402-4735 for youth group updates!

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Music Notes

From The Director of Music

Calling all Musicians!

Summer is almost here and with most of the musical ensembles at Good Shepherd adjourned for the summer months, the need for people to share their talents in the form of special music offerings is very great. And, of course, special music offerings are always welcome at any time during the year. Therefore, it is with great joy and anticipation that we extend our sincere invitation to anyone and everyone who would like to share their musical abilities with their church family. Whether you like to sing or to play a musical instrument, there is definitely a place for you in our special music program.

Many people feel that they do not play or sing well enough to make a special music offering in church. Please be assured that whatever level of musical accomplishment you currently possess, we can definitely find a way for you to participate. If you not comfortable playing or singing a solo, we can help find others for you to team up with. If you have less musical experience, we can find music suited to your level of

musical proficiency. Children who are at an elementary stage in their musical journey are always welcome to participate in a “Young People’s Prelude” at the start of worship service.

Remember, you are making a musical offering to God and to your church family and nowhere will you find a more accepting audience! To share your musical talents with us and make a special music offering, or to request further information, please give me a call at (608) 779-9669 or send an email to randy@gslacrosse.org. You are also welcome to catch me at church after any worship service. Thank you in advance for helping us worship at Good Shepherd by sharing your musical gifts!



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loved him, and that Jon and I were OK, and to keep singing. But the singing stopped after he sang the words 'God's peace to us we pray.' 'Ben spent his last breath singing.' He was 25 years old when he died.

Many of you have certainly noticed that on Sunday mornings we have begun using the order of service for worship (the liturgy) written by Ben Splichal Larson. However, Ben was not able to put it in the form as we are using it today. It was completed by his wife and a group of musicians after his death. I feel we are blessed to have this musical gift from Ben, and as we use it throughout the Pentecost Season, I am convinced you will treasure it as well. As we remember Ben and the love of Christ and this church that he showed through his life and through his music, may we continue to feel the nudge to support ELCA Disaster Relief and other ministries throughout La Crosse and the world. On the website Benstillsings.org there is an opportunity to donate to ELCA Capital Campaign for New Congregations.

God's peace be with you all.

Pastor Harald

In my
**FATHER'S
FOOTSTEPS**



Make this keepsake to express love for your dad or another special man this Father's Day.

What you need:

- White construction paper (11" x 13" sheet)
- Pencil
- Black permanent marker
- Crayons or paint

What you do:

1. In the center of the paper, trace your foot in pencil. Darken the outline with marker.
2. Color or paint the footprint. Let it dry.
3. Trace your father's foot (same one) on top of your footprint (with yours in the middle of his).
4. Color or paint his footprint. Let it dry.
5. Sign your names and the date at the bottom.



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