



**Happy is
everyone
who fears the LORD,
who walks in his ways.
Psalm 128:1**



Shepherd's Voice

Give. Serve. Lead. Connect.

November 2017

From Pastor Harald Bringsjord

Thanksgiving Eve Service

This year we will be celebrating Thanksgiving together with our brothers and sisters in Christ from English Lutheran on Wed, Nov 22nd, at 6:30pm at Good Shepherd.

From 1940 to 1950 Pastor Harold Stoeffel and members of English Lutheran Church of La Crosse, along with officials of the Northwest Synod of the United Lutheran Church of America (ULCA) explored possibilities of a new mission in South La Crosse. English Lutheran gave the land for the building of the first house chapel at 3124 27th St So. This was the humble beginning of this congregation, Good Shepherd Lutheran Church.

Since then we have been in partnership with English Lutheran Church, first in the United Lutheran Church of America (ULCA), then in the Lutheran Church of America (LCA), and now in the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA). Come to worship on Thanksgiving Eve, bring a neighbor, family, or a friend, as we give thanks for all the good gifts God gives including this partnership with English Lutheran Church.



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We are celebrating the 500th anniversary of Martin Luther who had no interest in Christians calling themselves Lutherans. Luther wrote: "I ask that no one make reference to my name; let them call themselves Christians, not Lutherans. What is Luther? After all the teaching is not mine. Neither was I crucified for anyone... How then should I – poor stinking maggot-fodder that I am – come to have the children of Christ called by my wretched name? Let us call ourselves Christians after him whose teaching we hold." (Luther's Works 45:70)

To call ourselves Christian means we are followers of Christ: our allegiance, our commitment, our life, all is rooted in Christ. Luther risked his life to speak about the grace and love of God, to challenge the injustices of the church and the worldly powers of his time. Our Lutheran history is one of standing up to injustice, but it is first and foremost an important part of living out our Christian faith. Many risk their lives around the world today because of their Christian faith. Today rulers want their subjects'

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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

Readers & Ushers Appreciated!

Readers and Ushers are always valued at our worship services. Please consider signing up on the sign up sheet in the welcome area at the back of the sanctuary. You can sign up to read for 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.



time and day that works for you. The readings will be sent (either by mail or email) to you early that week. Interested in ushering? Contact the office 788-0450. Thank you so much for helping!

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 meets every Monday at 6:30pm in the

welcome area in the front of the sanctuary. For more information please contact Judy at 608-385-1410.



Lydia Circle & Rachel Circle

Lydia Circle meets the first Tuesday of every month. For more information or if you have any questions, contact Carol at 787-0609. All are welcome!

Rachel Circle meets the first Thursday of every month. For more information contact Candie at 304-2035 or Sally at 799-0263.



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 Oct, Al & Kathy Johnson & Jeanne Atchley. During November, Nancy Oelke & Irene Thorelli will be on duty.

Julie Noll— Thank you for sending out the "Get Well" cards in Oct. Phyllis Lynch will be sending out the cards throughout the month of November.

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!

Causeway Caregivers

Causeway Caregivers exists to help! Give Causeway a call if you need assistance in or around your home or if you have a few hours to volunteer helping those who do. (608) 775-9999 or visit our website: causewaycaregivers.org



Ushers Schedule

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| Nov 5 | 8:30am: Mark & Shanon Torgerud, Odell & Carol Anderson, Keith & Mary Isaacs
10:30am: Diane & Adam Kimball, Steve Ambrose, Delores Pierson, Jerry & Virginia Larsen |
| Nov 12 | 8:30am : Confirmation Youth
10:30am: Confirmation Youth |
| Nov 19 | 8:30am: Harlan & Kathy McLain, Norma Overby, Tracy Christenson, Rich & Beth Stoll
10:30am: Teresa Opitz, Gundi Bay, Larry & Maree Smith, Vicki DeMaiffe, Candie Luehne |
| Nov 22 | 6:30pm: Thanksgiving Eve Service (sign up sheet is up on the bulletin board) |
| Nov 26 | 8:30am: Kraig & Teri Lassig, Paul Boarman, Kim Dockham
10:30am: Rob Hamann, Karl Noll, Darren & Jaclyn Osley |

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@gsilacrosse.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@gsilacrosse.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 788-5686 or at darlene@gsilacrosse.org.

Hand Bell Choir

Practices are on Sunday evenings 5:30pm for adult bell choir and 6:30pm for youth bell choir from September through May in the Choir Room. If you have any questions please contact Linda Jerome at 317-1335 or at linda@gsilacrosse.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@gsilacrosse.org or just drop in and check it out for yourself!

Connect

Bridging Our Community To Our World

Our next Mobile Meals will be, 7-30 to 8-5, then 8-27 to 9-2.



Thank you to those who delivered Mobile Meals the week of October 1—7th. **Our next time to deliver is Dec 3—9th.** And this will be our last deliver for 2017. Mobile Meals of La Crosse delivers 33,000 meals annually to the homebound, largely through the efforts of local churches like ours.

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 West Avenue Food Emergency Relief WAFER) is asking for Peanut Butter during the month of November. Thank you for all the donations given in October!

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 meetings are not yet set.

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 September 18th through Oct. 17th.

Disaster relief

John & Naomi Stennes-Spidahl
Larry & Maree Smith

WAFER

Gerald Knutson
Ramon & Connie Erickson

Karen Arndt Memorial

Steve Arndt

Giving Tree

Philip & Sara Nohr

John Clemons Memorial

Kathryn Tausche
Irene Thorelli
Gundi Bay
Delores Pierson
Lois Christopherson
Mary Wilkins
Kelli Schindler
Leah Schindler
Steven & Krystal Hazen Miller
Dian Fossum
Anita Rundle
Eugene & Arlene Hintzman
Tom & Kristi Gildersleeves
Bill & Jane Powell
Colin & Jill Fleming
Scott & Judy Lee
Theresa Giemza



Tammy & Bill Klein
Dawn & Joe Kay
Alice Olson
Dick & Claire Seib
Marlin & Darlene Anderson
Odell & Carol Anderson
Jim & Jan Quinn
Bob & Jeana Briggs
Lori Lowell
Ed & Sally Miner
Roger & Luanne Hjelle
Michael & Sally Lindahl
Jeff & Sharon Yushta
Dawn Shippee
Judy Christopherson
Bruce & Meri Sue Erdman
Steve & Kari Ellison
John & Karen Jaeger
Barb Smyth
Dick & Ruth Strand
Millie Hamann
Art & Betty Olson
Marv & Darryle Clott
Nancy Olson-Bauer
Marna Jenson

Sally Raymond
Gordy & Carol Powell
James & Catherine Senty
Paul & Joyce Herlitzke
Kathy Molledahl
Paul & Judy Schams
Karl & Julie Noll
Bonita Dorschied
Russ & Donna Flower
Charles & Carmen Gustafson
Monty & Lois Gilbertson
Freddy & Marsha Korneta
Marcella Selberg
Jack Marie Clark
Jack & Mildred Zwiefelkofer
John & Sue Ratliff
David & Sandra Sanding
Mary Jo Hefti
Marilyn Ondell
Terry & Judy Butzman
Steve & Susan Bohren
Shirley Holman
Christine Miller & John Streyle

Richard Strand Memorial

Todd & Teresa Nedegaard
Larry & Maree Smith
Glenn & Lila Seager
Harald & Andrea Bringsjord
Erwin Mickelson

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. Vanco Services, LLC provides electronic payment processing services at reduced rates—so your generosity goes further. Learn more by contacting the church office at (608) 788-0450



Church Numbers

Weekly Sunday Attendance

Date	8:30am	10:30am
09/03/17	71	66
09/10/17	100	100
09/17/17	126	107
09/24/17	156	150

Weekly Envelope Offerings

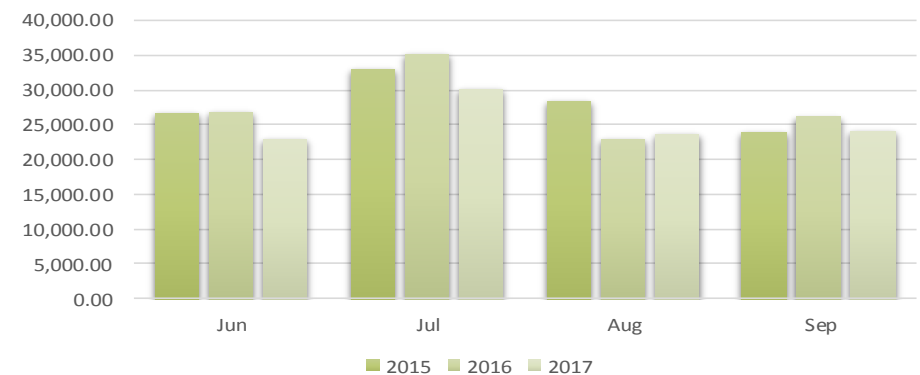
Date	Weekly	% Budget
09/03/17	5,594.50	73.6%
09/10/17	6,079.80	80.0%
09/17/17	8,103.38	106.6%
09/24/17	4,225.50	55.6%
Totals	24,003.18	79.7%

Envelope Offering Comparison

September 2017	September 2016	% Difference
24,003.18	26,060.09	-7.9%
YTD 2017	YTD 2016	% Difference
249,025.99	252,095.03	-1.2%

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



Around the Parish...

Bunco Night

Please come and join us Fri., Nov 17th 6pm-9ish in the Mattes Center for a potluck supper and a evening of Bunco. Please bring a \$5 wrapped gift to exchange. The theme this month is "Thanksgiving/Christmas".

The Caring Tree

The caring tree will be up on Nov. 12th. The tree will have names of nursing home residents with suggestions of what they would like. Return the wrapped gifts, with the card to church by Dec 10th. Thank you. Any questions, call Candie at 304-2035.

2018 National Youth Gathering Fund Raising

Our youth are asking for your support with the "envelope fundraiser." In the back of church you will see Envelopes with \$1-\$100 on them. We are asking that you take an envelope, fill it and return it to the Kwik Trip Table or offering plate. All contributions will go directly towards the trip next summer.

Tree Trimming

Merry Christmas Tree Trimmers! Fri, Dec 1st at 5:30pm, Good Shepherd members will gather in the concourse to decorate the church for the holiday season. We begin at 5:30pm with a light supper followed by decorating. All adult members are invited to join in the merriment & fellowship.

Poinsettias

The poinsettia tree will be displayed again in the sanctuary this year. Members can purchase a poinsettia through a florist or they may purchase a plant through the church. Good Shepherd will set up a box with envelopes and cards to fill out designating if the plant is in memory or in honor of a loved one. Further details will be announced in upcoming bulletins.

Christian Education

Join Pr. John Nov 19th at 9:45am for a short bible study & discussion session on Paul's letter to the Philippians. We will meet in the library, please join us if you can!

Lydia Circle

Next meeting is on Tues, Nov 7th at 1pm in the quilting room. All Good Shepherd women are welcome to attend! Carol Abraham will be leading our meeting and the subject is Chapter 31 "The rich young ruler". Host will be Barb Hegge, devotions will be by Ardis Severson. Please call Carol at 787-0679 if you have any questions.

Saturday Quilting

Saturday Quilters are taking off Nov & Dec. Join them again Sat, Jan 20th, at 9am as they work together making quilts for Lutheran World Relief.

Consecration Sunday

Sun, Nov 12th, is "Consecration Sunday." We will emphasize giving joyfully from the heart according to our ability. You are encouraged to prayerfully consider what you will be able to share from all that God has entrusted to you as your way to support the ministry and mission of Good Shepherd Lutheran Church. Then fill out the pledge card you will receive in the mail and bring it to worship on Nov 12th to place in the offering plate. If you can't be there that Sunday please return the card to the office. Thank you! Yours in Christ, Pastor John

Hintgen Food Pantry

Help Hintgen Elementary establish a food pantry. There is a box in the concourse for your non-perishable donations. Thank you for the support! For information or if you desire to help with this project, contact Bev Sorenson at sorensonbev@gmail.com or Jane Strangstalien at jstrangstalien@centurytel.net.

Waffle Sunday!

This Sunday and Dec 3rd will be our next Waffle Sundays!! Join us for delicious waffles and fellowship after both services in the Mattes Center. Waffles are only \$5.00 with a variety of toppings available. Gluten free available! To go options are available also! Proceeds help fund the youth trip to the National Youth Gathering in Houston, TX next summer.

Around the Parish...

Annual Holiday Marketplace Sale

The Annual Holiday Marketplace Sale will take place on Sat, Nov 11th, from 8-2 in the Mattes Center. We have a whopping 29 vendors signed up this year! There is something for everyone. Please plan to join us that day to support the good works of WELCA. This is our big fundraiser for the year. We will again have raffle baskets, including a signed Packer Football, Tickets to a Brewer's game and a La Crosse Logger package! You don't have to be present to win this year! We will serve lunch and we will offer hot beef and pulled pork sandwiches. Good Shepherd will have a bake sale as usual. We have better lefse this year! Please sign up to bake anything you like for our bake sale. Food can be dropped off Fri, Nov 10th, from noon to 6pm. Thank you everyone for all the support! We couldn't do this without the congregation's help.

Rachel Circle

Rachel Circle will be having their next meeting in the quilting room at 10am Thurs, Nov 2nd. All are welcome, call Candie at 304-2035 or Sally at 799-0263 for more information.

Gloria Dei Choir

Hooray!! We **DO** have a Gloria Dei Choir this year! We have had 12-18 kids at our practices, ranging in age from 4 to about 13. Since we have several non readers, we are singing songs that are simple and repetitive, so all of the children can learn the words. It's working out well so far. We meet between services in the Mattes Center, unless there is another activity going on there, if so we will be meeting in the Choir room. Hope this doesn't become too confusing for the children. I would like to have them sing in church on Sun, Nov 26th. Please let me know if your child will be able to sing with us that day. You can always send me an email at darlenelassig@aol.com, or call me at 788-5686 with questions. Thanks for having your child sing with our choir! Darlene Lassig

Come for Supper

Come for Supper provides nutritious free meals served with generosity and love every Tues at Our Savior's Lutheran Church. They are always in need of volunteers to prep and serve meals.

Good Shepherd Church is committed to the last Tues every other month, but you are welcome to help anytime! Meals are served at 5pm every Tues of the year in Our Savior's Lutheran Church Fellowship Hall. Prep work starts at 1pm every Tues and lasts about two hours. Volunteers interested in helping serve meals should arrive at 4:30pm and we are usually done by 6:30pm. You will bless others, and they will bless you right back! For more information contact Judy Casto at 608-385-1410 or the church office. Next date for Good Shepherd to help is Tues, Dec 26th.

Fill the Manger Challenge

Starting Nov 4th and ending Dec 1st we are running the Fill the Manger Challenge. There will be a manger in the welcome area where you can place "swaddling clothes" or as they are called today, receiving blankets. All the receiving blankets we receive will be given to our local hospitals, which will be given to all the new infants born. Thank you

Good Shepherd Online Stay Updated With Latest News

Have you ever visited GSlacrosse.org? This is our church website updated with news, youth activity events, calendars, and so much more. You can now find out the latest events at Good Shepherd from anywhere in the world. The website is now fully mobile-responsive, making it easy for you to access the church website from your smartphone.

Apart from our new website, we offer you the possibility to receive weekly and/or monthly e-mail updates with latest church happenings. Signing-up is easy. Simply visit GSlacrosse.org/enews. Any questions, please contact the church office at 788-0450 or office@gslacrosse.org.

November 2017



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



Adult 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.

8:30am Worship Service 8:45 Sunday school

10:30am Worship Service 10:45 Sunday school

Communion 1st and 3rd Sundays of Each Month

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
October 29 Reformation Sunday 3rd Grade Milestone Waffle Sunday 	30 6:30pm W5	31 NO BS Troop 22 Mtg	November 1 12:30pm Quilting 6pm Youth Group (Gr. 9-12) 6:30pm Confirmation	2 10am Rachel Circle 6pm WELCA Mtg	3	4 8:30 Rain Date for Fall Clean Up
5 All Saints Sunday 30th Anniversary Party for Pastor Harald after each service Name Tag & Cookie Sunday sponsored by W5 6:30pm BS Troop 22 Adult Meeting 	6 6:30pm W5	7 West Pastor Conference 1pm Lydia Circle 6pm Buildings & Grounds 6:45pm BS Troop 22 Mtg	8 12:30pm Quilting 5:30pm Staff Meeting 6pm Youth Group (Gr.9-12) 6:30pm Confirmation (service night) 6:30pm Adult Bible Study	9	10 12-6pm Holiday Marketplace set up	11 8am Holiday Marketplace
12 10:30am Laszewski Baptism 11:30am Praise/Worship Team 4pm 4-H Meeting 	13 3pm Parent Café set up 5pm Parent Café FCC 6:30pm W5	14 1:45pm Hillview service 5pm DQ Fundraiser 5:30pm Hospitality Mtg 6pm Admin/Exec Meeting 6:30pm Council Potluck 6:45pm BS Troop 22 Mtg 7pm Church Council Mtg	15 12:30pm Quilting 6pm Youth Group (Gr. 9-12) 6:30pm Confirmation	16 11:30am 55 Plus 1pm Bethany River- side Birthday Party	17 December Voice Articles Due 6pm Bunko	18
19 9:45am Christian Education 10:30am Helgerson Baptism 	20 5:30pm Membership, Growth/Fellowship Mtg 6:30pm W5 6:30pm Hintgen Assoc Mtg	21 6pm Parish Ed Meeting 6:45pm BS Troop 22 Mtg	22 12:30pm Quilting 6:30pm Thanksgiving Eve Service 7:30pm Pie Social	23 Thanksgiving Day Office Closed	24 Office Closed	25
26 9:45am Care Ministry Meeting 	27 No W5 this evening	28 6:45pm BS Troop 22 Mtg	29 12:30pm Quilting 6pm Youth Group (Gr. 9-12) 6:30pm Confirmation	30 8:30am December Voice Mailing Crew	December 1 5:30pm Tree Trimming	2 11am to 2pm Christmas Capers
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To access the most up-to-date calendar visit GSlacrosse.org/calendar.

Church Council Members

- **Don Skibba** *President of the Congregation* don@gslacrosse.org
- **Beth Bonney** *Vice President of the Congregation*
- **Mary Isaacs** *Treasurer*
- **Bev Sorenson** *Secretary*

Other Church Council Members include:

Lori Lowell, Carol Powell, Candie Luehne, Janice Thaldorf, Jim Bugge, Sara Wrobel, Roger Weeks Jr., Sally Lindahl, Duane Schoen & Colin Smith.



Staff

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- **Karl & Jaime Greenfield** *Sanctuary Choir Directors* karl@gslacrosse.org | (715) 214-8528
- **Darlene Lassig** *Volunteer Gloria Dei Choir Director* (608) 788-5686 | darlene@gslacrosse.org
- **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.

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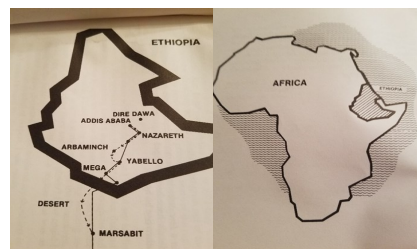
4141 Mormon Coulee Rd. La Crosse, WI 54601 (Office hours 8am to 1pm)

Your Health

From the desk of our Parish Nurse

Dear Congregation,

The plans for my mission trip to Ethiopia have begun and I thought I would share a few things with you. Project Mercy, whose goal is to partner with individuals to create communities and commit to improving the health of individuals by creating sustainable economic, health and educational systems, is located 3 hours south of Addis Ababa and I feel blessed to become a member of this mission.



In February I will be traveling Yatebon, a site near the town of Butjira, with 15 others; 4 doctors, 4 nurses, 4 doctors wives, a mechanic, a nurse anesthetist, and clerical staff. We will be joining the Project Mercy group who resides there. Once there, I will be helping with podiatry and general surgical cases, along with some health exams. The local staff will be preparing our meals, they have gardens which will supply us with fresh vegetables. I will be living in a small round house called a Tukul. It consists of a very small bedroom and living area I will share with a team member. The climate in Yatebon ranges from highs of 85 to lows of 55.

Many congregation members have spoken kindly of my mission trip plans, and I can feel and appreciate the support from my church as I read the daily blogs from the group of dental and educational teams currently in Ethiopia. Their blogs make me excited to be a part of this mission.

My out of pocket expenses for my mission trip are \$3,000. This is for shots I need to receive which are not covered by insurance, my flight and housing. With my fundraising experience from helping here at Good Shepherd with fund raisers for our high school youth, I have held two fund raisers at work. From the proceeds of a brat sale and a bake sale, I have brought my expenses down to \$2,100.00. This leads me to my next fundraiser with the help from anyone wishing to contribute from our congregation.

On Thanksgiving eve we are having a worship service with guests from English Lutheran. A pie social will be held after the church service and the free-will offering from the pie social will go to help support my mission trip. I am also going to be selling whole pies for ten dollars each. If you would like to pre-order a pie, flavors available are: pecan, Dutch apple, cherry or pumpkin. There will be a sign-up sheet in the concourse to order your pies. If you would like to donate a pie for the pie social, or help make pies for both the social and individual sales, there will be a separate sign up sheet also in the concourse. This project is in part funded by Thrivent, and I am very thankful to Thrivent for their support. Their dollars are purchasing glass pie pans that will be etched with "GSLC" to be used in this and other future pie fundraising events for other charities or missions.

Please feel free to contact me with any questions. If you plan to make or donate a pie, a glass pie dish will be given to you to fill. The pie pan will need to be returned to the church at your convenience. Thank you in advance for your support!

Have a wonderful Thanksgiving with your friends and family. God Bless,
Bev Sorenson

Bev Sorenson, RN

GS Volunteer Parish Nurse
bev@gslacrosse.org
(608) 792-3962

Health Questions?

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



Sunday School Update

Pre-school thru Grade 5

Hello to everyone! I Love this time of year! The holidays approach and excitement is building in the air. Here at Sunday School there is much preparation going on.

Please take note of the upcoming dates and add them to your family calendar. As you can see, November is the beginning of the Holiday Season and we have MANY, MANY things going on in Sunday school for our children and their families. I am always looking for ways to bring our church Sunday School family together to celebrate and have fun so share your ideas.

Another note of THANKS goes to those who have contributed their time to Sunday School this year. Parents, Church Family, Siblings, Youth and Confirmants....Thank you so much! As we approach the Christmas Season, I realize that our calendars are overflowing with commitments that take our most precious commodity, our time. Please let me know if there is any way to make your commitment to Sunday School as joyful as possible.

Would you like to help make the Christmas Story come to life? Can you sew, craft, paint backgrounds, direct, etc.....? We are looking for a few extra hands to help in our preparations for the annual Sunday School Christmas Programs which will be held both services on December 17th. If you would like to help, but have a few questions, call me at the Church on Wednesday evenings or Sundays (788-0450).

We are also asking for donations towards our Children's Christmas Treat Bags. Each year, each child receives a treat bag with goodies following the Christmas Program at each service. We put these treat bags together during the Adult Tree Trimming night at Good Shepherd. If you would like to contribute, please let me know. If you would like to make a monetary donation, you could simply place it in the offering Sunday morning mentioning on your check or envelope that it is for Christmas Program. Gift Cards to Oriental Trading (always welcome), Grocery Gift Cards to purchase the apples, candy, etc. are excellent ideas. All donations should be received no later than Mon, Nov 28th. We will assemble these bags at the Adult Tree Trimming Fri, Dec 1st at 5:30pm.

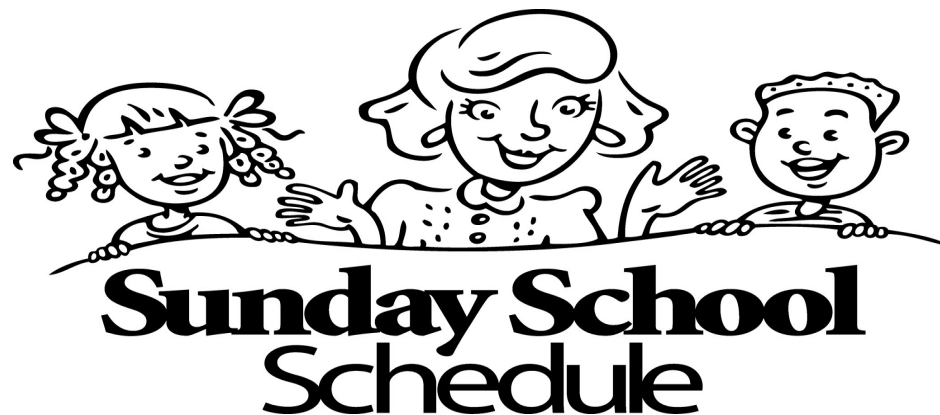
Happy Thanksgiving!
Tammy



Quick-Look

Upcoming Events At a Glance

October 29 – Nov. 5th	Introduction to Christmas Program script
November 5th	Christmas Program parts selection during Sunday School
November 5-19th	The Red Sea Exodus 14:1-30 (Kitchen, Cinema, Science)
November 26th-Advent	Christmas Prep



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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! Data charges may apply. Must age 13+ to sign up without parental guidance. This service is brought to you by Remind®.



Youth Update

*Confirmation (Grades 6-8)
& High School Youth (Grades 9-12)*

“For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God.” Ephesians 2:8

Confirmation

I can’t believe we have finished the first 2 months of confirmation! The students have embraced the new format using Echo the Story and are busy learning stories of the new testament.

Our first service night was a huge success. Students helped with BINGO, made a tie blanket for Lutheran world Relief and packaged school, hygiene, sewing and baby kits that were sent out on the boxcar with the quilts made by our quilters. Of course we would not have had much to package without the generous support of the congregation who provided supplies for the kits. Thank you to everyone who donated items and thank you to the woman's group who organized this event. It **was truly a congregation effort to put those kits together.** Thanks to modern technology, we will be able to find out where the quilts and kits go. I look forward to finding out where the kits go so we can see how they make a difference.

I found out our times for the Living Bethlehem Night at English Lutheran. **Our group has a start time of 7:18pm and an arrival time of 7:00pm.** I will be talking with

guides about transportation and will give details as soon as I have them. I may be asking for parents to drive as it gets closer.

Youth Group

I am so excited that the congregation embraced the youth as we began our fundraising efforts! We sold 80 waffles at our first Waffle Sunday on October 1st. We hope to continue increasing that number as we offer Waffle Sunday Monthly. **On October 29th, we will be offering Carmel apple topping and bananas.** Toppings for December 3rd are yet to be determined, but will have a yummy holiday theme.

We will be partnering with **Dairy Queen for a fundraiser on November 14th.** Come and have dinner or a sweet treat from **5:00—8:00pm and 10% of profits will be donated to the youth group.** Please spread the word at work, your gym etc. so we have a good turn out.

Youth Group will also be offering a variety of fundraisers including a **bake sale and Pie Auction throughout the next few months.** Please keep an eye out in the bulletin and calendar to stay up to date.

Quick-Look

Upcoming Confirmation/Youth Group Events At a Glance

November 1st	Confirmation: Death to Life Youth Group: Service Night
November 8th	Confirmation: Service Night Youth Group: Gathering for Home
Tues, November 14th 5:00—8:00pm	Good Shepherd at Dairy Queen 10% of profits will be donated to the youth group for the Youth Gathering in Houston, TX in June 2018
November 15th	Confirmation: The Church Youth Group: Gathering for Home—Going Deeper
November 22nd	Thanksgiving Eve No confirmation or youth group
November 29th	Confirmation: Signs and Wonders Youth Group: Music Wednesday
Sun, December 3rd	Waffle Sunday following both services —Holiday Theme
December 6th	Confirmation: Service Night Youth Group: Service Night
December 13th 7:18pm start time Arrive by 7:00pm	Living Bethlehem at English Lutheran Church Details TBA Youth Group: Gathering for Compassion
Sun, December 17th	Bake Sale following both services
December 20th	Confirmation: Persecution and Growth Youth Group: Gathering for Compassion - Going Deeper

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In the Office: Wednesday 4-8pm and Sunday 2:00—4:00 pm



Music Notes

From The Director of Music

Hymn Focus:

Soon and Very Soon (ELW #439)
by Andraé Crouch

One of our favorite hymns at Good Shepherd is “Soon and Very Soon”, written by gospel song writer Andraé Crouch. It is based on Revelation 21:3-4: “And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, ‘Look! God’s dwelling place is now among the people, and he will dwell with them....He will wipe every tear from their eyes. There will be no more death or mourning or crying or pain, for the old order of things has passed away.’”

Andraé Edward Crouch was born, along with his twin sister Sandra, on July 1, 1942 in San Francisco. His parents, Benjamin and Catherine Crouch, founded Christ Memorial Church in Pacoima, California, a Church of God in Christ (COGIC), where Benjamin was Pastor.

Andraé began playing piano in church at the age of 11 and wrote his first Gospel song at age 14. He formed his own singing group, the COGIC’S (Church of God in Christ Singers) at Christ Memorial Church in 1960 and they recorded his first song, “The Blood Will Never Lose Its Power”. In 1965 he founded the singing group Disciples and began recording his compositions in 1969. He is credited as a key figure in the Jesus music of the 1960’s and 1970’s and also for helping bridge the gap between black and white Christian music.

When his parents and brother passed away in quick succession, Andraé and his sister Sandra took over as pastors of Christ Memorial Church. He initially feared that this would hamper his musical endeavors, but came to see that music remained as much a part of his life and ministry as it had ever been.

Andraé was hospitalized on January 3, 2015 as the result of a heart attack and died five days later. His sister, Sandra, released the following statement: “Today, my twin brother, womb-mate and best friend went home to be with the Lord....I tried to keep him here but God loved him best.”



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allegiance. Hearing talk about “requiring” people to stand for the playing of the national anthem or lose their job reminds me of many stories throughout history. For instance, a seminary classmate of mine shared how a friend of his who lived in East Germany under Communist rule more than 30 years ago showed him a cross he was wearing and said, “Because I wear this cross I am not allowed to play on the national soccer team, even though I was considered one of the best players in East Germany when I was 16.”

To go back even further in history: many not only lost their jobs but their lives because of their allegiance to Christ. Christians throughout history have stood up to rulers' decrees demanding Christians and all citizens to pledge supreme allegiance to their nation or emperor or something other than Christ.

Polycarp is remembered for his witness as he was tortured and killed in 155 AD because he refused to show allegiance to Caesar over Christ. The Roman magistrate offered to spare Polycarp's life if he would just place a pinch of incense in a brazier burning before a statue of Caesar. Polycarp replied, “Eighty and six years have I served Christ, and he never did me any injury: how then can I blaspheme my King and my Savior now?”

To give honor to a president, a prime minister, an emperor, a flag, and or a country is a gift that is earned, to require it is what totalitarian regimes do.

May we be empowered by the Holy Spirit to face the challenges before us.

God's peace be with you now and always.

Pastor Harald



Add fall décor to your family's Thanksgiving table by making these festive place mats.



What you need:

- Large pieces of paper
- Several large leaves
- Crayons (fall colors)
- Fine-tip permanent marker

What you do:

1. Working on a flat surface, place the leaves underneath the paper.
2. Peel the wrappers off the crayons. Rub crayons sideways over the paper so the details of the leaves become visible.
3. Use other crayons to add additional details, if desired. With the marker, list what you're thankful for and add a Bible verse about thankfulness.
4. Optional: Laminate the place mats so they're reusable.