

It is not what you do for
your children,
but what you have taught
them to do for themselves,
that will make them
successful human beings.

Ann Landers



Shepherd's Voice

Give. Serve. Lead. Connect.

May 2018

From Pastor Harald Bringsjord

"In Los Altos, California, children of Google, Apple, and Hewlett-Packard executives attend a Waldorf School that doesn't use computers in the classroom. If executives in the world of high technology choose a school that protects their children from computers, other parents and teachers need to hear about it." (Johann Christoph Arnold, "Staying Human: Why Children Need White Space," Plough Quarterly No.15, Winter 2018)

In this highly recommended feature article, J.C. Arnold hits the nail on the head. With all the positives we may find about technology in our lives, many of us, including the experts, become increasingly convinced that too much of it is bad for the healthy development of a human being, and especially for our children, who have not known a life without computers, video games, and cell phones.

We sense that there needs to be a healthy balance. Outdoor play, interaction with real life peers and adults, closeness to nature, and so much more is something that becomes more and more neglected in a child's life. That's where the church plays a vital role. We have opportunities to have moments where we can embrace God's gift of nature, where we can enjoy the outdoors together with a community

of peers this summer, where we can get back to the basics of life. One of these places is Sugar Creek Bible Camp. Bible Camp gives youth and adults alike more "white space" into their lives.

"White space" is that space in a book with no print, the space between lines, on pages, and between chapters. We don't pay much attention to it, but our eyes and minds would get overwhelmed if it wasn't there. It allows us to pause, to take a rest, before moving on.

Nature plays the role of such a "white space" in our lives. Nature can be a place of healing for all children, and a special place of healing for troubled children. It is the place where we learn who we are not virtually, but in reality. And because camp is a place in time where we gather in nature together with others, we learn to appreciate the gift of nature, time, and silence, as well as the gift of human community.

Please take a moment to sign up for the Sugar Creek Family Camp, or to sign up your kids or grandkids for a week of community and faith-building at Sugar Creek Bible Camp. And watch them return home at the end of the week renewed and refreshed in life and in faith.

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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

Lydia Circle meets the first Tuesday of every month. For more information or if

you have any questions, contact Carol at 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 April, Pat Oliver & Stacy Bendel. During May, Arlene & Dewey Dreves & Sharon Yushta will be on duty.

Denise Geiwitz — Thank you for sending out the "Get Well" cards in April. Candie Luehne will be sending out the cards throughout the month of May.

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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| May 6 | 8:30am: David & Trinity Busch, Norma Overby, Tracy Christenson 10:30am: Tony & Jen Servais, Larry & Maree Smith |
| May 13 | 8:30am : David & Barb Foye, Vernon & Peg Garves 10:30am: Warren & Irene Nedegaard, Todd & Teresa Nedegaard |
| May 20 | 8:30am: Keith & Mary Isaacs, Al & Kathy Johnson 10:30am: Randy Hanson, Deb Koblitiz, Diane Kimball, Steve Ambrose |
| May 27 | 8:30am: Dave Kilmer, Dave Kranz, Darlene Lassig, LeeAnn Lyden 10:30am: Heidi Kwiatkowski, Gundi Bay, Lois Olson, 1 more needed. |

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

Mobile Meals of La Crosse changed delivery days back to the way they use to be. They are going back to a Monday to Sunday route. This means that only one weekend will be affected. We are hoping that this is less of an inconvenience, so more people will sign up to deliver.

Thank you so much to all those who deliver Mobile Meals! Our next time to deliver will be May 28 - June 3. 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.



Please consider joining our Mobile Meal Team!!

Local Food Pantry Needs



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

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 March 18 through April 23.

WAHER

Jim & Sue Bugge
Gerald & Doris Goralski
Gerald Knutson

Gordon Klein Memorial

Harald & Andrea Bringsjord

Mike Abnet Memorial

John Krause

Sugar Creek Horse Project

Roger & Dawn Weeks
Jim & Jan Quinn
Don & Darcy Skibba
Richard Frosch
Charles & Linda Brigson
Ladd & Alice DaFoe
Rob & Dianne Hamann
Norm & Joanne Jerome
Dave & Barb Foye



Alice Hundt Memorial

Glen & Sue Larson
Don & Darcy Skibba
Gregory Hundt

Herman Troyanek Memorial

Glen & Sue Larson
Roger & Luanne Hjelle
Jean Troyanek

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Bonnie Beitlich
Harold Beitlich
Charles Brigson

Linda Brigson
La Mont Gilbertson
Thomas Ketterling
Margaret Lindahl
Deneen Norman

Allen Wilcox Memorial

Judy Atkinson
Rebecca Wilcox

ELCA World Hunger

John & Naomi Stennes-Spidahl

Gordon Phetteplace Memorial

Harald & Andrea Bringsjord

Katie Beran Memorial

Joe & Tami Beran



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 |
|----------|--------|---------|
| 03/04/18 | 130 | 130 |
| 03/11/18 | 86 | 93 |
| 03/18/18 | 114 | 115 |
| 03/25/18 | 126 | 159 |

Weekly Envelope Offerings

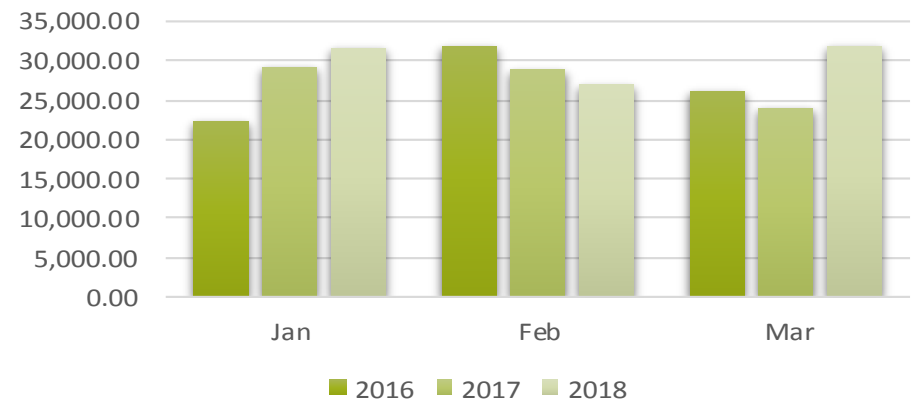
| Date | Weekly | % Budget |
|---------------|------------------|---------------|
| 03/04/18 | 9,148.50 | 116.1% |
| 03/11/18 | 7,240.50 | 91.9% |
| 03/18/18 | 7,539.88 | 95.7% |
| 03/25/18 | 7,950.00 | 100.9% |
| Totals | 31,878.88 | 101.2% |

Envelope Offering Comparison

| March 2018 | March 2017 | % Difference |
|------------|------------|--------------|
| 31,878.88 | 23,896.87 | 33.4% |
| YTD 2018 | YTD 2017 | % Difference |
| 90,429.74 | 81,944.60 | 10.4% |

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...

Sunday Morning Bible Study

This the new name for Christian Education. Join Pr. John **Sunday, May 13th** at 9:45am for this session we'll explore 1 John 5:9-13 using the "African Bible Study Method." We will meet in the library, please join us if you can!

Saturday Quilting

Join us **Saturday, May 19th**, at 9am as we work together making quilts for Lutheran World Relief. Our group also meets regularly on Wednesdays at 12:30pm. All are welcome to attend, and experience is not required so come and join us!

Church Spring Clean Up Day

Join us on **Saturday, May 12th** beginning at 8:00am as we work to clean up the church building and grounds after a long winter. The more the merrier, and donuts, coffee and juice will be served!

Blood Pressure Readings

Blood pressure readings will be taken by our Parish Nurse, Bev Sorenson, on **Sunday, May 6th** at 9:30am and on the first Sunday of the month throughout the rest of the year.

Sugar Creek Horse Project

Please help Sugar Creek with their annual fund raiser. Just put your name on a section of the horse in the welcome area, and your \$20.00 donation in an envelope marked "Horse Project" with your name on it in the offering, or drop it off in the office. Thanks!

Birthday Party at Bethany Riverside

Please join us Thursday, May 31st at 1pm to help the residents with May birthdays celebrate! Also, there are tags on the Giving Tree to contribute towards purchasing presents for them too. Please call Judy for more information 788-4335 or jmckitties@aol.com

May is Bingo at Bethany Riverside

For the month of May Good Shepherd is sponsoring the Bingo games at Bethany Riverside. Please join us Tuesdays at 1pm to reap the rewards visiting with, and helping the residents enjoy their afternoon. Please call Judy for more information 788-4335 or jmckitties@aol.com Please come and help and enjoy yourself.

Lydia Circle

Pot Luck Tuesday, **May 1st at Noon**. Bring a dish to pass. **Please call Carol Abraham 787-0679 if you have any questions. All are welcome!**

Bunco Night

Please come and join us **Friday, May 18th** 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 "Spring".

Saturday Quilting

The quilters will be meeting Saturday, May 19th at 9am as they work together making quilts for Lutheran World Relief. All are welcome, experience is not needed!

Welcome New Members

On **Tuesday, May 15th** we are holding a New Member Orientation starting at 5:30pm. If you are interested in attending, and want to see what we at Good Shepherd are all about, call the office and let us know you want to attend. 608-788-0450. All are welcome! Then, on Sunday, May 20th, we will be welcoming new & returning members to Good Shepherd Lutheran Church.

You CAN help!

Our recycle bin for aluminum cans is located at the end of the church garage behind the Boy Scout trailer. Feel free to drop off your bagged aluminum cans anytime. Thank you!

Around the Parish...

New Youth Scrip Cards Available!

Check out the Youth table in the concourse or visit gslacrosse.org/high-school for an order form and to see the full brand listing. Thank you for supporting our Youth Mission Trips and National Youth Gatherings through this continuing fundraiser! Questions? Contact Jennifer Jones at jones6307@gmail.com or call 608.518.1228
<http://gslacrosse.org/new-youth-fundraiser/>
Use this link and it will take you right to the fundraiser page. Thank you!!

Holiday Marketplace Rummage Sale

Rent a table at our rummage sale in the Mattes Center on Saturday, July 28th, 8am - 2pm. Cost is \$10 and you keep 100% of what you sell! To rent a table, or for more information, please call Sally Lindahl at 608-799-0263.

Come for Supper

Come for Supper provides nutritious free meals served with generosity and love every Tuesday 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 Tuesday, June 26th.**

Putter around with us

The Putterers, a fun group of volunteers who help keep our church beautiful, are looking for others to help spruce up the church once a week. All it takes is one hour a week... men, women and youth are welcome! For information call the church office, 788-0450.

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.

Help Support Our Youth

The sale of the Kwik Trip cards funds much of our youth ministry. Please continue your support by buying them instead of spending cash or using a credit card at Kwik Trip. Our youth will receive 5% of the value of the card, plus 10% on **qualified in store** purchases.

Sponsor Flowers and Bulletins

Sign up on the bulletin board to sponsor flowers or bulletins in honor or memorial of that special event or person.

2018 Good Shepherd Confirmation
Confirmation will be at 2:00pm on
Sunday, May 6. Congratulations to all
of our confirmands!

Ava Blegen, Karina Bronson,
Adeline Dahlstrom, Dylan Ellefson,
Sam Fergot, Mara Geiwitz,
Brailyn Haskey, Alivia Kind,
Kaitlyn Lenser, Kaylee Lenser,
Emma Overby, Kody Pretasky,
Porter Pretasky, Jacob San Miguel,
Quinn Servais, Liam VandeZande,
Aidan Wellington.

May 2018

8:30am Worship Service 8:45 Sunday school

10:30am Worship Service 10:45 Sunday school

Communion 1st and 3rd Sundays of Each Month



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.

| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
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| April 29 Waffle Sunday 2pm Smith's 40th Anniversary Party  | 30 6:30pm W5 | May 1 West Pastor Conf Noon Lydia Circle Potluck 1pm Bethany Riverside Bingo 5pm Men's Golf 6pm Buildings & Grounds 6pm BS Troop Adult Mtg | 2 12:30pm Quilting 6pm Youth Group (Gr. 9-12) 6pm All Confirmation Celebration 7pm Confirmation Rehearsal | 3 6pm WELCA Mtg | 4 | 5  |
| 6 Name Tag & Cookie Sunday sponsored by Adult Bible Study Group 9:30am Blood Pressure Readings 2pm Confirmation  | 7 6:30pm W5 | 8 1pm Bethany Riverside Bingo 1:45pm Hillview Communion 5pm Men's Golf 5:30pm Hospitality Mtg 6:45pm BS Troop 22 Mtg | 9 12:30pm Quilting 5:30pm Staff Meeting 6pm Youth Group (Gr. 9-12) 6:30pm Adult Bible Study | 10 | 11 | 12 8am Church Spring clean up  |
| 13 Mother's Day 9:45am Sunday Morning Bible Study 10:30am Haefs Baptisms 11:30am Praise/Worship Team 4pm 4-H Meeting  | 14 6:30pm W5 | 15 1pm Bethany Riverside Bingo 5pm Men's Golf 5:30pm New Member Orientation 6pm NO Parish Ed Meeting 6pm NO Admin/Exec Meeting 6:45pm BS Troop 22 Mtg 7pm NO Church Council Mtg | 16 12:30pm Quilting 6pm Youth Group (Gr. 9-12) 6:30pm Youth Group Families | 17 11:30am 55 Plus | 18 June Voice Articles Due 6pm Bunko Theme "Spring" | 19 Education Sun. Set up 9am Quilting |
| 20 Education Sunday/ New Member Sunday | 21 5:30pm Membership, Growth/Fellowship Mtg 6:30pm W5 6:30pm Hintgen Assoc Mtg | 22 1pm Bethany Riverside Bingo 5pm Men's Golf 6:45pm BS Troop 22 Mtg | 23 12:30pm Quilting 6pm Youth Group (Gr. 9-12) | 24 8:30am June Voice Mailing Crew | 25 | 26 |
| 27 9:45am Care Ministry Meeting | 28 Memorial Day Office Closed | 29 1pm Bethany Riverside Bingo 5pm Men's Golf | 30 12:30pm Quilting 6pm Youth Group (Gr. 9-12) | 31 1pm Bethany Riverside Birthday Party | June 1 | 2  |
| 3 Second Service time goes to 10am Name Tag & Cookie Sunday 9:30am Blood Pressure Readings | 4 | 5 5pm Men's Golf 6pm Buildings & Grounds | 6 12:30pm Quilting 6pm Youth Group (Gr. 9-12) | 7 6pm WELCA Mtg | 8 Synod Assembly | 9 Synod Assembly  |

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, Wayne Atchley, Ladd DaFoe, Jim Bugge, Todd Holtz, Roger Weeks Jr., Sally Lindahl, Duane Schoen & Tim Stalsberg.



- **Rev. Harald Bringsjord** *Pastor* prharald@gslacrosse.org
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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.

(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,

Like you I am waiting for spring. The mood swing of Mother nature lately hasn't been a pleasant one. In due time we will see the green grass, leaves on trees and flowers. I sure hope it is here soon. Many of you have asked "Have I missed your Ethiopia presentation?" **No you have not.** I have a 30 minute presentation waiting to share. Watch the church bulletin for the time and place. Easter is over so there is more open times on the church calendar.

As I searched the web for a topic this month, I found an interesting health observation. May is Observation for Older Americans Month.

The contributions they make to our Communities are varied, deeply rooted and include influential roles in the nation's economy, politics, and the arts. In 1963 the acknowledgement began and the awareness of older American's contributions. This year the theme is

Engage at Every Age, which emphasizes that you are never too old or too young to take part in activities that enrich your physical, mental and emotional wellbeing. Celebrate that older adults make a difference in our community for example the Elderly person who goes to read to our youth at school, to the man helping at the cross walk or the Walmart Greeter. All important, all enriching. Sit back and think of someone older you know that contributes to your wellbeing. I bet you will be thinking of more than one person. I am. No matter where you are in life I hope you engage at any age. Thank you to each and every one of you. Amen.

Peace be with you all,
and may spring arrive soon,
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

May has arrived!

What a great year it has been! This has been one of my favorite years for Sunday School stories. We started the year with Genesis 1 and ended the year in Galatians with the Fruits of the Spirit. The kids, and myself, even learned a couple together as I had never really studied the Wedding at Cana and the Fruits of the Spirit stories before.

We have now put up our volunteer sign-up sheet for the 2018-19 Sunday School year and also put out the registrations forms for students as well. I am asking all parents to please fill out the registration forms. It is a cross reference to ensure contact information, birthdays, grades in school and any allergies for myself, our teachers as well as the office. If you were new to Good Shepherd and did not fill one out for this year, please do so for next.

During our "Service" weeks for Sunday School, something new from last year, we focus our time and efforts on doing something for someone else. We will be making blankets for the Warming Center downtown, tied ones, and also updating an art installation for the Hall by the Mattes Center. We will also be taking part in some photo art on April 29th. All hands on deck for APRIL. Please bring the kids.

And then our sharing begins, as we plan activities to share in church for Education Sunday on May 20th. Please come to Sunday School so that all the students and volunteers can wrap up this Sunday School year and celebrate as well. We will be doing some fun things, and so we need everyone to participate.

Also, thank you to all those who support us through donations and the Giving Tree. If you are getting scrips to support the youth, we always use Menards, Ace Hardware, Walmart and Festival Foods

stores for Sunday School and Vacation Bible School props, supplies and activities. Any cards we get we can use to offset our expenses AND it contributes to our youth program at the same time. We greatly appreciate it!

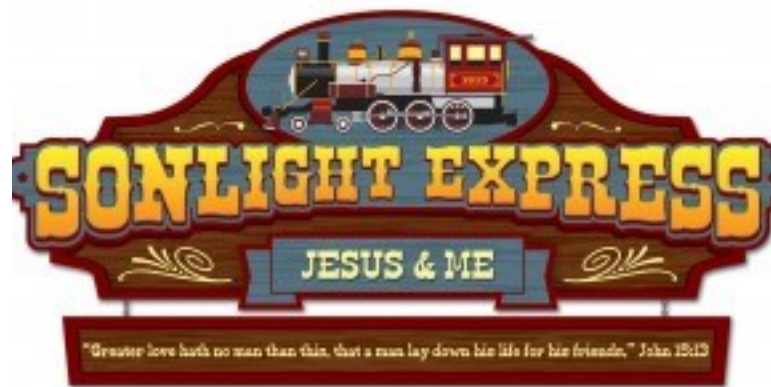
Please take note of the dates coming up inside the Voice!
Sincerely in Christ,
Tammy Klein



Quick-Look

Upcoming Events At a Glance

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|-------------------------|---|
| April 29th | Come right to Sunday School ALL SUNDAY Schoolers, volunteers, confirmation helpers etc. Photo Shoot Day and Year End Art project for installing at Church. |
| May 6th | Education Sunday Program Practice. Come right to Sunday School – all children participate! |
| May 13th | HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY/Education Sunday Practice |
| May 20th | Education Sunday Program. Please watch for parent letter in the mail. This is our Last Day of Sunday School! |
| JULY | Explorer's Day at Sugar Creek for all 1st through 5th grade students! Date will be announced soon. |
| August 26th-30th | Gospel Express! (VBS) Get on board with us and see how Jesus touches our lives each day. Music CD's available May 1st for each family registering. |



Tammy Klein

Children's Ministry Coordinator
tammy@gslacrosse.org (608)788-0450

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! 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)*

“Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirits and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember I am with you always to the end of the age.”
Mathew 28:19-20

On May 6, 2018 at approximately 2:50 pm, I will have the honor of introducing the confirmation class of 2018 just before they confess their faith and affirm their baptism in front of their family and friends. It is a ceremony, I enjoy more each year as I get to see the youth of our church grow in their faith and take another step on their faith journey.

As Pastor Harald and I finish up faith interviews with the 8th graders we have both the honor and responsibility to confirm that we see faith in the 8th graders prior to their confirmation ceremony. Since you as a congregation are not able to know these youth or be part of this process, I would like to share some of their insight with you.

- * “I chose this [verse] because when you go through tough times, God will always be with you and guide you through it. I believe that God follows your path always and he will forgive you even if you sin.”
- * “Without God, I would feel lots. God has shown me the way through my journey in life.”
- * “I believe that God is always with us, through the good time and the bad times. He stay with us no matter what because he loves us.”
- * “I could swear I felt his presence, just watching me succeed in life. It was one of my best moments”
- * “Over many years, I have learned about God’s love. He loves you no matter what even if you are the worse person that ever existed in the world.”
- * “I haven’t ever seen God in my daily life, but I know he is there.”
- * “I will continue to keep church and God in my life as I grown older and talk about my faith with others.”
- * “God was there for us through the hard time. He brought peace and comfort to me and my family and answered our prayers!”
- * “I can help more people grow in their faith.”
- * “We are the ones that help God make earth a better place.”
- * “I’ve also learned that believing in God isn’t just a routine or monotonous thing. It’s an act of feeling and even though he already knows that we truly care and feel, we still give him our lives and heart to receive the Holy Spirit.”
- * “God has given me many gifts. Some as talents, some as friends and some as a loving supporting family. I plan to use my gifts to help people and try to make the world a better place.”

Quick-Look

Upcoming Confirmation/Youth Group Events At a Glance

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| Wednesday, May 2nd | 6pm All Confirmation Celebration Dinner 7pm Confirmation Rehearsal |
| Sunday, May 6th | Confirmation Sunday! 12:30pm Pictures, 2pm Service |
| Wednesday, May 16th | 6:30—8:00 (Mattes Center) Mission Trip Meeting—students and parents |
| Wednesday, June 13th | 6:30—8:00 (Mattes Center) Mission Trip Meeting—students and parents |
| Wednesdays 6:00—8:00 | Youth Group meets all Summer long! |
| June 27th—July 1st | National Youth Gathering—Houston, TX |

- * “When I go to church with my family, everything is put on hold. Everyone doesn’t care about their problems because they gave them all to God.”
- * “Now I know that no matter how little time I have with someone, I should cherish the memories we had together”
- * “Right now I feel closer to the church than ever, but I feel like I can go so much closer than where I am now. This verse speaks to me because it make me feel like it’s up to me to build upon the foundation set by Sunday school and confirmation.”
- * “My faith will carry me through y life and help me get through tough times.”

Thank you for joining me on this journey! If you would like to take part in this special ceremony, please join me at 2pm on Sunday, May 6, 2018 as we celebrate the faith of these very special students.

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



Music Notes

From The Director of Music

The Communion Calypso!

Our offertory hymn for this Easter season is "Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ". This hymn, popular at Good Shepherd and elsewhere, employs a lively and spirited Jamaican folk tune that, with its invigorating syncopated rhythms, is fun to sing. Referred to as the "Communion Calypso" by hymn writer Fred Kaan, who composed the text, this hymn will truly help bring joy to the Easter season at Good Shepherd.

Fred Kaan (1929-2009) was born in Haarlem, the Netherlands and thus experienced the Nazi occupation. His anti-Nazi parents were active in the Dutch Resistance, hiding guns and fugitives in the family home. Three of his grandparents died during the Nazi created famine in 1945. Becoming a pacifist, he studied theology and psychology at Utrecht University and became a Congregational minister in 1955.

In 1968, while serving as a pastor in England, Kaan was sent to Geneva as minister-secretary of the International Congregational Council to help form the World Alliance of Reformed Churches. There, he came to know Philip Potter, general secretary of the World Council of Churches and his wife, Doreen Potter, who adapted the tune from a Jamaican folksong for "Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ".

Doreen Potter (1925-1980) was born in Panama, received her primary and

secondary education in Jamaica and studied music education at St Katherine's College in Liverpool. In 1957 she earned a Licentiate of Music degree at Trinity College, London. Living for a time on the same street in Geneva as Fred Kaan, she collaborated with him and began writing tunes for his hymn texts.

In 1975 they published a collection of twenty new hymns called Break Not the Circle, with "Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ" becoming the most popular. Sung throughout the world, this hymn appears in most all denominational hymnals in the United States. Sadly, Doreen died of cancer at the age of 55 and never lived to see the popularity that her musical settings would ultimately achieve.



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Bible camp brochures are available in the entry area of the church sanctuary and a way to help support the Sugar Creek Bible Camp is to put \$20 in an envelope in church ear marking it to Sugar Creek and then signing your name or the name of someone you want to give it in honor or in memory of on a part of the horse display in the back of Church.

God's peace be with you all,

Pastor Harald

WORTHY OF RESPECT

On Mother's Day, we celebrate our moms and everything they do for us. How does God tell us to treat our moms?

Directions: Using the key below, fill in the blanks to complete Deuteronomy 5:16, NIV.

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" _____ your _____
 and your _____,
 the _____ your _____ has
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 _____ 5:16, NIV

Answer: "Honor your father and your mother, as the LORD your God has commanded you." Deuteronomy 5:16, NIV

HEART LIGHT

This Mother's Day, make a bright gift for someone special in your life.



What you need:

- Scissors
- Cardstock
- Tape
- Mason jar
- Primer paint
- Acrylic paint (3 colors)
- Paintbrushes
- Battery-operated tea light
- Paper and pen
- Hole punch
- Twine

What you do:

1. Cut out two cardstock hearts and tape them to the jar sides, near the bottom.
2. Paint the entire jar with primer paint. Let dry.
3. Paint splotches of acrylic paint over the primer. Let dry. Remove the heart shapes.
4. Place the tea light in the jar.
5. Write a note that says, "Mom, you're the light of my life!" Punch a hole in one corner of the note, thread twine through the hole and tie the note around the jar's neck.