



Shepherd's Voice

Give. Serve. Lead. Connect.

June 2018

From Pastor Harald Bringsjord

Years ago I read this delightful stewardship parable. I hope it speaks to you as much as it did to me. May we be nourished and blessed to pour out God's blessings through our lives to the world.

The Potter

There was a potter who needed a pitcher for the milk she poured over her cereal every morning. So she measured the height of the shelves in her refrigerator and calculated the necessary dimensions for a half-gallon pitcher.

She went to her studio, chose the clay she thought best and sat at her wheel. She made a shape pleasing to her eyes--after all it was her pitcher. She put on a handle shaped to her hand and added a pouring lip for that was the purpose of the pitcher. She brushed on her favorite color of glaze, fired it and was delighted with the result - she had created a beautiful pitcher.

She took it home, filled it with milk, put it in the refrigerator and went to bed. The next morning the potter poured a bowl of cereal, opened the refrigerator, and reached for her new pitcher. The pitcher suddenly shouted, "Oh, no you don't! Keep your hands off!" (You've never heard a pitcher talk, this is a parable!) The potter responded, "I was just going to pour some milk on my cereal."

"No, you're not!" replied the pitcher. "I worked hard to get this. I started out with no milk at all, but through hard work and careful stewardship, I am now full of milk. No one's going to come along and pour out all that I've wanted so long to achieve! Anyway, I need all this milk; I've got a kid going to dairy school next year."

"Hmmm," pondered the potter. "I don't think you understand the real story here. You see, I created you and I made you for the express purpose of filling you with milk so that I could pour it out each morning on my cereal. You were made to pour, not to store!"

"A nice story, but I don't get it," said the pitcher. "But seeing that you are in need, I am a generous pitcher. I will give you two tablespoons of my milk. That should wet the cereal nicely. Everything in moderation - that is what I think!"

The potter looked deeply into the heart of the pitcher. "You're afraid," she said, "that if you allow me to pour out the milk you will find yourself empty, that you will then be poor, and that I will throw you out and find another pitcher. You don't realize that if you allow me to empty you, I will have found you to be a priceless pitcher. Then I will continue to fill you to the top over and over and over

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"...AS THE CLAY
IS IN THE
POTTER'S HAND,
SO ARE YOU IN
MY HAND."
JEREMIAH 18:6

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 Kathy 788-0450. We really do need your help!

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. W5 will be off over the summer and will be back on Sept 10th and every Monday at 6:30pm

after that in the welcome area in the front of the sanctuary. For info contact Judy at 385-1410.



Lydia Circle

Lydia Circle meets the first Tuesday of every month. Lydia Circle will be off over the summer and will be back on

Sept 4th at 1pm. 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 Irene Thorelli at (608)787-0242.

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 788-0450.

55 Plus—55 Plus is a friendly lunch gathering for those 55+. The group will be off over the summer, and will be back on Sept. 20th at 11:30am. Have a fun Summer!!

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, Arlene & Dewey Dreves & Sharon Yushta. During the month of June Nancy Oelke & Stacy Bendel will be on duty.

Candie Luehne — Thank you for sending out the "Get Well" cards in May. Lori Lowell 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!



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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| Jun 3 | 8:30am: Bill Klein, Shelly Saegrove, Odell & Carol Anderson, Gordy Powell, Monty Gilbertson
10:30am: Judy Christopherson, Karl Noll, Jerry & Virginia Larsen, Delores Pierson, LeRoy Geary |
| Jun 10 | 8:30am : Paul Boarman, Darlene Lassig, Joe & Kris Bernhardt
10:30am: Matt & Karen Mattes, Darren & Jaclyn Osley |
| Jun 17 | 8:30am: Roger Weeks Jr., Nancy Oelke, Harlan & Kathy McLain, Al & Kathy Johnson
10:30am: Duane & Linda Schoen, Don & Darcy Skibba, Mark Bronson, Sandra Rockwell |
| Jun 24 | 8:30am: Steve, Kari, Breanna & Angela Ellison
10:30am: Larry & Maree Smith, Tanya Hedberg & Jonathan Thompson |

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 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 from September through May in the Choir Room. If you have any questions please contact Linda Jerome at 317-1335 or 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

Thank you so much to those who delivered Mobile Meals in May. **Our next time to deliver will be June 18th to June 24th.** 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 to 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 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 **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 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.

WAFER
Gerald Knutson

Sugar Creek Horse Project

Gordy & Carol Powell
Patricia Anderson
Bob & Sandy Seymour
Garold & Kay Becker
Darlene Lassig
Arla Clemons
Paul & Ann Van Dyck
Larry & Maree Smith



World Hunger

John & Naomi Stennes-Spidahl
Harald & Andrea Bringsjord
Dave & Barb Foye
Bob Goodno
Mark & Shanon Torgerud

John Reingans Memorial
Jerry & Bonnie Hallum

Gordon Phetteplace Memorial

Karl & Julie Noll

Sue Travelli Memorial
Don & Darcy Skibba



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



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
04/01/18	181	340
04/08/18	130	134
04/15/18	42	54
04/22/18	91	118
04/29/18	130	97

Weekly Envelope Offerings

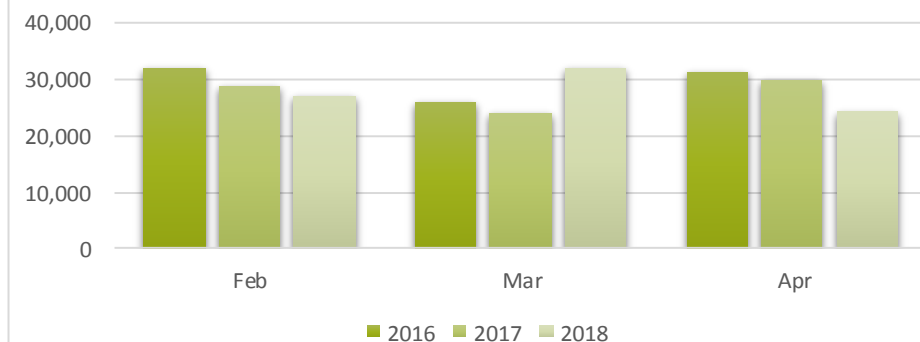
Date	Weekly	% Budget
04/01/18	6,383.81	101.3%
04/08/18	5,631.50	89.4%
04/15/18	4,223.00	67%
04/22/18	4,394.50	69.7%
04/29/18	3,561.12	56.5%
Totals	24,193.93	76.8%

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@gs lacrosse.org or by calling the church office (608)788-0450.

Envelope Offerings



Around the Parish...

Congratulations Good Shepherd 2018 Scholarship Recipients!

The Mattes Scholarship
Jenny Hamann

The Anderson Scholarship
Breanna Ellison

Good Shepherd Women-WELCA
Scholarship
Trust Foundation Scholarship
Callie Van Dyck

Help!

We need delivery people for Mobile Meals! Please consider joining this important ministry, we really could use your help. For more information please call or email Kathy @ 788-0450 or Kathy@gslacrosse.org

Lydia Circle

Lydia Circle will be off over the summer, they will be back on Sept. 4th at 1pm. **Please call Carol Abraham 787-0679 if you have any questions. All are welcome!**

Blood Pressure Readings

Blood pressure readings will be taken by our Parish Nurse, Bev Sorenson, on **Sunday, June 3rd at 9:30am** and on the first Sunday of the month throughout the rest of the year.

Game Night

Please come and join us for an evening of fun and games. Bring your favorite board game if you want, or just join in where you see an opening. **Friday, June 15th at 6pm** in the Mattes Center. Come one, come all!

Saturday Quilting

Join us **Saturday, June 16th, 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!

Good Shepherd Logger Day

Join us **Sunday, June 17th at 5pm** for an evening of Logger baseball! Tickets are \$7.00 and will be available in the narthex during both services. For more info contact Candie Luehne 304-2035 or the church office 788-0450.

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 385-1410 or the church office. **Next date for Good Shepherd to help is Tuesday, June 26th.**

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.

Mark your calendar

- ◆ **The 10:30am service will be moving to 10am beginning Sunday, June 3rd**
- ◆ Good Shepherd Day with Loggers Sunday, June 17th 5pm Game
- ◆ Good Shepherd Group Rummage Sale Saturday, July 28th 8am- 2pm.
- ◆ Neighborhood Block Party Sunday, August 5th 3 to 6pm
- ◆ VBS August 26th to 30th

Around the Parish...

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.

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!

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!!

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.

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.

Hintgen Food Pantry

Help Hintgen Elementary keep their food pantry stocked! There is a box in the concourse for your non-perishable donations. Thank you for the support!

A Special Welcome to New Members!

On May 20th we welcomed the following new members to Good Shepherd Lutheran Church:

Pennie Bell, Steve Brown,
Anna Erickson, Jody & Evelyn Haefs,
Arlene Jensen, Emily Johansen,
Ross, Brooke, Brynnley, Sawyer
& Holden Kellogg,
Howard & Ellen Klemp,
Ronald Lafrenz,
Troy Olson & Mariah Forster Olson,
Chris & Erica Pedrazoli,
Laurel & Chance Schmidtkecht,
Alaya Marnach, Mark, Bridget
& Makenna Skolos,
Rebekka & Trysten Fish
Karla Soland,
Robert & Rachel Thompson

Welcome to our Church Family!

June 2018



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

10:30am Worship Service moves back to 10:00 beginning June 3rd

Communion 1st and 3rd Sundays of Each Month

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
May 27 9:45am Care Ministry Meeting 10:30am Venner Baptism	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 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 NO WELCA Meeting	8 Synod Assembly @ WTC in La Crosse	9 Synod Assembly @ WTC in La Crosse
10 Gordy Powell & Roger Christians leading worship services Bev Sorenson Ethiopia Presentation 4pm 4-H Meeting	11	12 1:45pm Hillview Communion 5pm Men's Golf 5:30pm Hospitality Meeting	13 10am Staff Meeting 12:30pm Quilting 6pm Youth Group (Gr. 9-12) 6:30pm Youth Group Families	14	15 6pm Game Night	16 9am Quilting
17 Father's Day 5pm Logger Game (Good Shepherd Day)	18 5:30pm Membership, Growth/Fellowship Meeting 6:30 Hintgen Assoc Meeting	19 5pm Men's Golf 6pm Parish Ed Meeting 6pm Admin/Exec Meeting 7pm Church Council Meeting	20 12:30pm Quilting 6pm Youth Group (Gr. 9-12)	21	22	23
24 9:30am Care Ministry Meeting	25	26 1pm Come for Supper (setup) 4:30pm Come for Supper (serve) 5pm Men's Golf	27 12:30pm Quilting NO Youth Group (Gr. 9-12) Youth Gathering in Houston TX	28 NO Voice Mail Crew Youth Gathering in Houston TX	29 Youth Gathering in Houston TX	30 Youth Gathering in Houston TX
July 1 Name Tag & Cookie Sunday sponsored by GS Women-WELCA 9:30am Blood Pressure Readings Youth Gathering in Houston TX	2	3 5pm Men's Golf 6pm Buildings & Grounds	4 4th of July Office Closed NO Quilting NO Youth Group (Gr. 9-12)	5 6pm WELCA Mtg	6	7

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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- **Kathy Johnson** *Office Assistant* kathy@gslacrosse.org
- **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
- **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,

June is Blood Donor Awareness Month. In the United States, about 39,000 units of blood are needed in hospitals and emergency treatment facilities. The blood is for patients with diseases, organ transplantation procedures and to help save lives of victims of accidents. The awareness is a campaign to encourage those who are at least 17 years of age and meet other donor requirements to donate blood. Summertime is on average a higher time for victims of accidents. Summer time activities brings more emergent need for blood.

The Local Red Cross Chapters need about 650 blood donors each day in order to meet the needs of patients in hospitals. Everyone should make blood donation a priority. Your donation could mean hope for someone who is in desperate need of help.

Special Tips In National Donor Month

1. At least 17 years of age.
2. At least 5 feet 1 inch in height. And at least 110 pounds.
3. Healthy and feeling well.
4. Get enough sleep the previous night.
5. Drink an extra 16 oz. of water or any non-alcoholic fluid before blood donation.

6. Eat a healthy, balanced meal before donating.

7. Bring your donor card or any two forms of identification.

Tips after Donating Blood

1. Drink an extra 4 glasses of fluids and avoid alcohol intake for the next 24 hours.
2. Remove the wrap bandage within an hour.
3. Clean the area around the bandage with soap and water.
4. Avoid vigorous physical activities for the rest of the day.
5. Apply pressure if the needle site starts to bleed.

National Blood Donor Awareness Month is a reminder to donate. Please consider donating blood and if you are not able to give blood, encourage your friends and family. You will be helping save lives. Thank You!

Your Parish Nurse,
Bev Sorenson



Reference from:
www.ConsumerHealthDigest.com

Bev Sorenson, RN

GS Volunteer Parish Nurse

bev@gslacrosse.org
(608) 792-3962

Health Questions?

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



Sunday School Update

Pre-school thru Grade 5

Hello and Happy “ALMOST SUMMER”!

Well, another Sunday School year has come and gone. We had our official “Send Off Service” on May 20th and I hope everyone had fun. This is one of the Children’s favorite programs with the puppet show, a little lesson skit and some of our fun music. They really enjoy sharing our stories and songs with the congregation. What a great day!

We congratulate our 5th Graders who will “graduate” to confirmation next year. Luke Wrobel, Annabelle Flores, Caden Wilson and Emerson Place. I have something special for you so 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 don’t forget to join in the youth events. You will not regret being active with your friends and family of Good Shepherd.

We also celebrated all of our Confirmands who volunteered with Sunday School this past year! There were 9 confirmation students that helped out for their service hours and I want to thank them ALL. You are all welcome back and if you were Confirmed, you are now officially “TEACHERS”. We also said our Thank You’s to all of the teacher and parent volunteers this year! We had 31 different volunteers through-out the year during Sunday School and so many more helping with Milestone gifts, Art Installations, Easter Egg Hunt, treat bags and more. THANK YOU, Thank you, THANK YOU! It does take a village!

We also displayed our Sunday School Lent Project results – Sunday Schoolers brought in food for WAFER through our “Fill a Plate” food drive. Then, during our final days of Sunday School, we made some fleece blankets (6) for the Warming Center with another 6 to tie in September on Rally Sunday.

Sugar Creek Explorer’s day is still in the planning. When the sign up is ready, it will be posted. Please sign up as soon as possible on the bulletin board – and bring a friend! You can also sign up by emailing tammy@gslacrosse.org. Registration forms will be available at church on the weekends as well!

All ABOARD! God’s Celebration Train is coming to whisk us to some fabulous stories and places! The Focus is Jesus – we will celebrate Christmas, Miracles and God’s Love! We will need many volunteers for decorating (due to Mattes Center use for Voting), Conductors for our kids, some actors (a youth, a Hobo, an engineer). And this year, we would like to have someone to help with younger siblings and little brothers and sisters in the nursery. Sign up forms are available each Sunday... a Music CD for all is ready to be picked up when you register, and suppers are planned for each night for Free Will Offering. 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 26th – 30th!

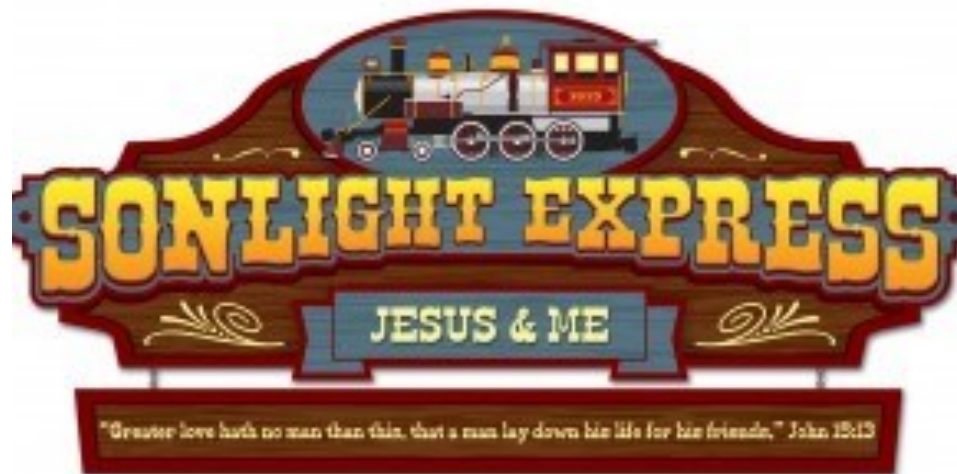
Safe and Healthy Summer Blessings!



Quick-Look

Upcoming Events At a Glance

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)*

"For grace you have been saved through faith and this is not your own doing. It is a gift from God." Ephesians 2:8

Thank you! Thank you!

I would like to take time during this article to say **Thank you!** I don't feel like this word gets used enough and when I do use it, I hope people know how much I truly mean it. One thing I have learned doing this job is I could never do it alone! If it wasn't for the support of other staff members, parents of the youth and the congregation, I could not do what I need to do. I was able to thank a lot of people at our confirmation dinner, but I would also like to take time to publicly thank everyone again.

I would like to thank **Rick Laufenberg, Kathy Johnson and Bill Klein** for all their help in keeping confirmation running smoothly. From reminding me when I have tasks to complete to making sure our meetings spaces are set up, I could not keep things running smoothly without you! Thank you for your patience as I know I tend to get things done at the last minute, which makes your job harder!

Thank you to **Pastor Harald**, for co-teaching confirmation and jumping in when I don't have an answer to questions!

Thank you to **families: parents, grandparents, step parents, aunts, uncles and others I missed**, for making confirmation a priority and helping students get to confirmation each week. Thank you for living your faith out at home so students can see how important a living a life of faith is and what it looks like.

Thank you to the amazing small group guides, **Jen Servais, Corrine Smith, Tina Dahlstrom, Shanon Torgerud, Barb Smyth, Mark Bronson and Vicki Sanwick**, Thank you for sharing your time and faith with our students. You put in more time than you get credit for. Without small groups, our confirmation program would not be as successful as it is. Students need a safe space to ask questions and share experience. Small groups provide that.

Thank you to the **Hospitality Committee** for assisting with set up, serving and cleaning up during our confirmation dinner so families could come and enjoy the evening!

Thank you to the **confirmation students** for making time to come to confirmation each week. Thank you for allowing me to be part of your faith journey. Lastly, thank you for helping me to continue to grow my faith along with you!

I would also like to thank some important people who work behind the scene in our High School Youth Group Program.

Thank you **Alice DaFoe** for being our treasure and keeping track of our funds! Alice knows this, but all of you reading may not. I hate numbers and keeping track of finances completely overwhelms me. If it wasn't for you, I would be lost!

Thank you to **Tom Andersen, and Linda Jerome** for keeping youth group running smoothly each week. Thank you for being guides and mentors for our youth as they grow

Quick-Look

Upcoming Confirmation/Youth Group Events At a Glance

Wednesday, June 13th	6:30—8:00 (Mattes Center) Mission Trip Meeting—students and parents
Wednesdays 6:00—8:00pm	Youth Group meets all Summer long!
June 27th—July 1st	National Youth Gathering—Houston, TX
August 5th	Youth Sunday—Hear about the youth gathering from out youth!
September 5th 6:30pm	Confirmation Guide orientation
September 12th 6:30pm	Confirmation Begin—student/parent orientation

their faith. Thank you along with **Shelby Henkelman** for using your time to go the mission trips and youth gathering with our students. I cannot think of any adult leaders I would rather spend my time with. You make the week fun even when we are tired, sweaty and crabby!
Thank you to everyone who has

supported the youth through **prayers, kind words and financial support!**
The youth trips are amazing experiences that are life changing in the lives of our youths. The cold hard truth however is that they take money. Without the support of the congregation, these trips would not be possible!



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



Music Notes

From The Director of Music

Calling all Musicians!

Summer is 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 particularly great. 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 are 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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again, and we will become partners in emptying and refilling you. Perhaps, if you are willing to be emptied more completely and more often, I will find many other bowls of cereal that are longing to be drowned in the love of your giving."

"And what if I don't believe you and want to play it safe and just keep the milk I've got?", the pitcher inquired.

"You are free to make that choice," the potter said with a sad voice. "Then I will make another pitcher who is willing to be my partner. I will have to set you on the back of the refrigerator shelf. You can keep your milk. But after a time, your odor will keep everyone away, and you will have missed the greatest job for which all pitchers are created -- the joy of being poured out!"

Unknown

Joy is prayer.
 Joy is strength.
 Joy is love.
 Joy is a net of love by which you can catch souls. God loves a cheerful giver. One gives most who gives with joy. The best way to show our gratitude to God and people is to accept everything with joy.

A joyful heart is the inevitable result of a heart burning with love. Never let anything so fill you with sorrow as to make you forget the joy of the Christ risen.

-- Mother Teresa

Beloved children

God our heavenly Father loves us so much that he calls us his.

Directions: Follow the instructions below. Then read the remaining words, going across the rows from left to right, to complete 2 Corinthians 6:18, NIV.

- Cross out the opposite of blessings.
- Cross out the disciple who betrayed Jesus.
- Cross out the opposite of love.
- Cross out a word for jail.
- Cross out what happened to Jesus.
- Cross out the opposite of friends.

- Cross out the opposite of found.
- Cross out a word for disobeying God.
- Cross out an animal.
- Cross out a place.
- Cross out a book of the Bible.

I	enemies	will	be	Judas
hate	a	Father	to	serpent
you	and	you	will	crucified
cursings	be	my	sons	and
sin	Golgotha	daughters	says	the
Lamentations	prison	Lord	Almighty	lost

Answer: "I will be a Father to you, and you will be my sons and daughters," says the Lord Almighty." 2 Corinthians 6:18, NIV

