



# Shepherd's Voice

*Give. Serve. Lead. Connect.*

August 2018

**From Pastor Harald Bringsjord**

In his book *Giving to God*, Mark Allen Powell writes, "First, faithful stewardship involves giving to God as an act of worship... Second, faithful stewardship involves giving to God as an expression of our faith... Third, faithful stewardship involves giving to God as a discipline for spiritual growth (pp. 5)." As he develops these themes in his book, he gets the reader to think about how we use our financial resources and all that we have as an expression of our faith, and a way to give back to God what was never ours in the first place.

The Psalmist declares to God that "The heavens are yours; the earth also is yours; the world and all that is in it, you have founded them" (Ps 89:11).

With this understanding that everything is God's, about a year and a half ago, I have started a new thing. Instead of just going for a walk, I would go for a walk and pick up some garbage. Instead of just going for a bike ride, I would go with a bag and pick up some garbage laying on the side of the road. During that time, I have collected over 100 pounds of aluminum cans as well as lots of plastic and other garbage. A few months ago, my wife said, what you are doing has a name that came out of Sweden. The Swedes call this activity Plogging. The term is a combination of the word jogging and the Swedish word plocka upp, meaning to pick up.

I was thrilled to hear that there are plogging groups across Europe and the activity is picking up (pun intended) in the U.S. as well. Instead of just letting garbage sit on the side of the road or anywhere else for that matter, my belief that this is God's world moves me to do something about it. Our Lutheran understanding of "God's Work, our Hands" moves me to action instead of just complaining that there are so many people throwing out litter as though the world is their garbage dump. I am gifted with the energy and the motivation to make a change. I have mentioned this to others and doing so I found out that there are a lot of people who are picking up other's litter. Small steps by many people make a huge difference. Join us in cleaning up the world that God has entrusted to us as an act of stewardship. And remember, the "God's work, our Hands" activity this year will be on September 23rd from 1-5. The more, the merrier!

In Christ,  
Pastor Harald



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The heavens are Yours,  
the earth also is Yours;  
The world and all its fullness,  
You have founded them.

Psalm 89:11

## 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 months of June & July, Nancy Oelke, Stacy Bendel & Jeanne Atchley. For the month of August Connie Erickson & Linda Schoen will be on duty.

Lori Lowell & Connie Erickson, Thank you for sending out the "Get Well" cards in June & July. Kim Young will be sending out the cards throughout the month of August.

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](http://causewaycaregivers.org)



#### Ushers Schedule

**Aug 5** 8:30am: Jim & Sue Bugge, Tim & Liz Carlson, Tracy Christenson, Steve Stelzl  
10am: Tony & Jen Servais, Diane Kimball, Steve Ambrose, Sandra Rockwell

**Aug 12** 8:30am : Roger Weeks Jr., Nancy Oelke, Vernon & Peg Garves  
10am: LeRoy Geary, Delores Pierson, Duane & Linda Schoen

**Aug 19** 8:30am: Bill Klein, Michelle Schaefer, Harlan & Kathy McLain, Kevin & Diane Wilson  
10am: Judy Christopherson, Karl Noll, Mark Bronson, Sandra Rockwell,

**Aug 26** 8:30am: Shelly Saegrove, Gordy Powell, Al & Kathy Johnson  
10am: Larry & Maree Smith, Matt & Karen Mattes

## 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@gsiacrosse.org](mailto:randy@gsiacrosse.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 790-3785 or at [karl@gsiacrosse.org](mailto:karl@gsiacrosse.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@gsiacrosse.org](mailto:darlene@gsiacrosse.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@gsiacrosse.org](mailto:linda@gsiacrosse.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@gsiacrosse.org](mailto:stephanie@gsiacrosse.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 July. **Our next time to deliver will be Mon. Aug 27th to Sun. Sept 2nd.** 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](http://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 Spaghetti Sauce & Noodles during the month of August. 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.



### 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 May 21 through July 23.

### WAFER

Jim & Sue Bugge  
Gerald Knutson

### Karen Arndt Memorial

Steve Arndt

### Gordon Phetteplace Memorial

Paul Henke

### Antoinette Galella Memorial

Jim & Sue Bugge



### ELCA World Hunger

Tom & Carol Abraham  
Steve & Debbie Devine

### Sara Travelli Memorial

Glenn & Lila Seager  
Darlene Lassig  
Michael & Sally Lindahl  
Tom & Phyllis Lynch  
Heidi Kwiatkowski

### Lucille Johnson Memorial

Millie Hamann  
Florence Young

### Del Harris Memorial

Harald & Andrea Bringsjord  
Dave Kilmer

### Ace Stadthaus Memorial

Jeanette Stadthaus

### Carol Martinson Memorial

Harald & Andrea Bringsjord  
Ione Harder  
Mary Powell  
Jeana Briggs  
JoAnn DeClute



## 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
06/03/18	72	74
06/10/18	65	56
06/17/18	72	74
06/24/18	56	67

## Weekly Envelope Offerings

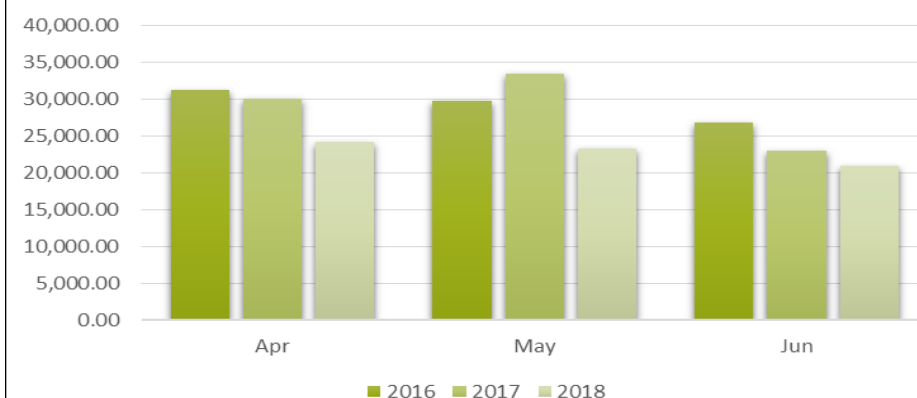
Date	Weekly	% Budget
06/06/18	6,782.50	86.1%
06/13/18	4,014.00	51.0%
06/20/18	4,930.00	62.6%
06/27/18	5,257.65	66.8%
<b>Totals</b>	20,984.15	66.6%

## Envelope Offering Comparison

June 2018	June 2017	% Difference
20,984.15	23,019.18	-8.8%
YTD 2018	YTD 2017	% Difference
158,838.76	171,497.67	-7.3%

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](mailto:rick@gslacrosse.org) or by calling the church office (608)788-0450.

## Envelope Offerings



## Around the Parish...

### Blood Pressure Readings

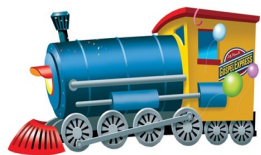
Blood pressure readings will be taken by our Parish Nurse, Bev Sorenson, on **Sunday, August 5th at 9:30am** and on the first Sunday of the month throughout the rest of the year.

### Neighborhood Block Party

Join us and our neighbors Sunday, August 5th from 3-6pm for food, fellowship, music and fun! Please bring a non-perishable food item to donate and help support WAFER

### 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, August 17th at 6pm** in the welcome area. Come one, come all!!



### All Aboard God's Celebration Train!!!

August 26-30<sup>th</sup>

5:15 pm Meal, VBS 5:45-7

"We will celebrate and praise you, Lord! You are good to us, and your love never fails." (Psalm 106:1) is the Gospel Express theme verse.

Volunteers Required and still NEEDED!!!!

Email – [tammy@gslacrosse.org](mailto:tammy@gslacrosse.org) for info.

**Sign up today at the table in the narthex!**

### Wednesday Quilting

The Wednesday quilters will be getting together at 12:30pm on August 1st and August 15th. They will resume meeting weekly beginning September 5th.

### Good Shepherd Men's Group

This new group meets Sundays at 6:30pm in the Mattes Center for conversation, camaraderie, and maybe a little ping-pong. All men are welcome, come join us if you can!

### Come for Supper

Come for Supper provides nutritious free meals served with generosity and love every Tuesday at Our Savior's Lutheran Church. Good Shepherd Church is committed to helping the last Tuesday every other month, but anyone can be a part of this outreach program anytime! Prep work starts at 1pm every Tuesday and lasts about two hours. Volunteers interested in helping serve meals should arrive at 4:30pm and are usually done by 6:30. 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. **The next date for Good Shepherd to help is this Tuesday, August 28th.**

### Mobile Meals drivers needed!

Our next delivery dates are **Monday, Aug 27th to Sunday, Sept 2nd**. Thank you to all who have helped deliver meals! **If you have never delivered meals before, please consider becoming a part of this very important ministry. Call the office 788-0450 or email [Kathy@gslacrosse.org](mailto:Kathy@gslacrosse.org) for details.**

### Confirmation begins in September!

2018-19 Confirmation classes begin in September. Confirmation Guide orientation will be Wednesday, September 5th at 6:30pm. Wednesday, September 12, will be Student/Parent orientation also at 6:30pm. If you have any questions, or would like more information, please email Stephanie Andersen at [Stephanie@gslacrosse.org](mailto:Stephanie@gslacrosse.org).

## Around the Parish...

### Good Shepherd Online

#### Stay Updated With Latest News

Have you ever visited [GSLacrosse.org](http://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](http://gslacrosse.org/enews). Any questions, please contact the church office at 788-0450 or [office@gslacrosse.org](mailto:office@gslacrosse.org).

### Youth Scrip Cards

Check out the Youth table in the concourse for a Kwik Trip card or choose one of the many other scrip cards available to order. Thank you for supporting our Youth Program through this continuing fundraiser! The deadline to order Scrip gift cards is the first of each month. Full listing and order form available at [gslacrosse.org/high-school/](http://gslacrosse.org/high-school/) Questions? Contact Jennifer Jones at [jones6307@gmail.com](mailto:jones6307@gmail.com) or 608-518-1228.

### Email Issues

Emails sent from any of our [@goodshepherd.org](mailto:@goodshepherd.org) addresses to any [@centurytel.net](mailto:@centurytel.net) or [@centurylink.net](mailto:@centurylink.net) address are being returned to us. This includes the weekly Enews and monthly Shepherds Voice newsletter.

We have tried to resolve this issue with Centurylink and they recommend that the people not receiving the email call them to resolve the issue individually (800-788-3600). Another remedy if you have a Centurytel or Centurylink address is to call the church office at 788-0450 and provide us with a different email address.

### "God's work. Our hands." Sunday

Join the network of over 10,000 ELCA congregations on this special day of service. This is a way to gather and serve communities in ways that share the love of God with all of God's people. On Sunday, September 23, from 1:00 - 5:00 p.m., you are invited to participate in Good Shepherd's annual volunteer project. This year we will be volunteering at HorseSense for Special Riders, Inc. at W4102 Ober Road, on Hwy 14/61 towards Coon Valley, located 10 minutes from church.

Starting Sunday, August 5, at both services, you may start signing up to volunteer for this special day of service for this amazing organization who teaches therapeutic riding for children, adults, and veterans and also teaches horseback lessons.

Look for further information in upcoming bulletins.

### 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.

### Mark your calendar

- Neighborhood Block Party Sunday, August 5th 3 to 6pm
- Vacation Bible School August 26th to 30th 5:15pm meal, 5:45-7pm VBS
- Sunday, September 9th, Second service returns to 10:30am / Rally Sunday / All Church Picnic
- God's Work, Our Hands Sunday, September 23rd 1pm
- Confirmation Begins with Student/Parent Orientation September 12th at 6:30pm

# August 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, Communion 1st and 3rd Sundays of Each Month***

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>July 29</b> 10am DeLao Baptisms 6:30pm GS Men's Group	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b> 5pm Men's Golf	<b>August 1</b> 12:30pm Quilting 6pm Youth Group (Gr. 9-12)	<b>2</b> NO WELCA Mtg	<b>3</b> 5pm Mattes/Dahl Rehearsal	<b>4</b> 2:30pm Mattes/Dahl Wedding
<b>5</b> 9:30am Blood Pressure Reading <b>3 to 6pm Neighborhood Block Party</b> 6:30pm GS Men's Group	<b>6</b> 5:15pm Finance	<b>7</b> 5pm Men's Golf 6pm Buildings & Grounds 6pm BS Troop 22 Adult Mtg	<b>8</b> 10am Staff Meeting NO Quilting 6pm Youth Group (Gr. 9-12)	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>
<b>12</b> 11:30am Praise/Worship Team 6:30pm GS Men's Group	<b>13</b>	<b>14 Polling Day</b> 1:45pm Hillview Communion 5pm Men's Golf 5:30pm Hospitality Mtg	<b>15</b> 12:30pm Quilting 6pm Youth Group (Gr. 9-12)	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b> <b>September Voice Articles Due</b> 6pm Game Night (in welcome area)	<b>18</b> No Quilting VBS Set Up
<b>19</b> VBS Set Up 6:30pm GS Men's Group	<b>20</b> VBS Set Up 5:30pm Membership, Growth/Fellowship Mtg 6:30pm Hintgen Assoc Mtg	<b>21</b> VBS Set Up 5pm Men's Golf 6pm Parish Ed Meeting 6pm Admin/Exec Meeting 7pm Church Council Mtg	<b>22</b> VBS Set Up NO Quilting 6pm Youth Group (Gr. 9-12)	<b>23</b> VBS Set Up 8:30am September Voice Mailing Crew	<b>24</b> VBS Set Up	<b>25</b> VBS Set Up
<b>26 Guest Pastor Dave Bersagel</b> 9:30am Care Ministry Meeting 5:15pm VBS Meal 5:40pm VBS <b>NO</b> GS Men's Group	<b>27</b> 5:15pm VBS Meal 5:40pm VBS	<b>28</b> 1pm Come for Supper (setup) 4:30pm Come for Supper (serve) 5pm Men's Golf 5:15pm VBS Meal 5:40pm VBS	<b>29</b> NO Quilting 6pm Youth Group (Gr. 9-12) 5:15pm VBS Meal 5:40pm VBS	<b>30</b> 5:15pm VBS Meal 5:40pm VBS	<b>31</b>	<b>September 1</b>
<b>2</b> 9:30am Blood Pressure Reading 6:30pm GS Men's Group	<b>3 Labor Day</b> Office Closed	<b>4</b> 1pm Lydia Circle 6pm Buildings & Grounds 6pm BS Troop22 Adult Mtg 6:45pm BS Troop 22 Meeting	<b>5</b> 12:30pm Quilting 6pm Youth Group (Gr. 9-12) 6pm SS Volunteer Meeting 6:30pm Conf Guide Orientation	<b>6</b> 4pm Buddenhagen/Yahnke Rehearsal 6pm WELCA Mtg	<b>7</b> 2:30pm Buddenhagen/Yahnke Wedding	<b>8</b>
<b>To access the most up-to-date calendar visit <a href="http://GSlacrosse.org/calendar">GSlacrosse.org/calendar</a>.</b>						

## 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.

## Meet Our CHURCH STAFF

- **Rev. Harald Bringsjord** *Pastor*  
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- **Stephanie Andersen** *Youth Ministry Coordinator*  
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**Lyden** *Music Director/Organist*  
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- **Linda Jerome Bell** *Choir Director*  
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- **Karl & Jaime Greenfield** *Sanctuary Choir Directors* karl@gslacrosse.org | (608) 790-3785
- **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,

Summer is upon us. Here are a few reminders when it comes to staying healthy in this heat.

### Tips to Beat the Heat!

Keep hydrated. Drink more water. Limit non-essential strenuous activity during the hottest parts of the day. Avoid alcohol and caffeine as they can make dehydration worse.

Soak. Take a cool shower or bath to help you cool down.

Be cool. Stay indoors and make use of fans or air-conditioners.

Rest. Make sure you get enough sleep, and rest if you feel tired.

Eat fresh. Try eating cold foods such as salads or fruit.

Check on others including children, elderly, people with medical conditions and

don't forget your pets!

Seek shade when outside.

Dress down. Wear light weight clothing and be sun-smart.

Watch Out. Be on the lookout for any symptoms of heat related illness. See your doctor if you are unwell. In a medical emergency call 911.

Have a safe and healthy summer!

Your Parish Nurse,  
Bev Sorenson RN

I would like to add to this article that remember to check on our elderly friends who live alone, make sure they are staying cool and hydrated. I also think of our pets to bring them in from this heat. Stay safe, stay cool and stay healthy.

Your Parish Nurse,  
Bev Sorenson



### 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

It's AUGUST!

It is HALFTIME – for Summer Vacation that is.

*That means that the summer is ½ over and I hope that all of our families have had a save and wonderful vacation so far.*

**Vacation Bible school will soon begin – AUGUST 26<sup>th</sup> – 30<sup>th</sup>!** We need help and registrations now! Materials need to be ordered and purchased, staff will need to be filled in and **Gospel Express Train Station** will need to be built. ALL ABOARD GOD'S CELEBRATION TRAIN...TOOT TOOT!

If you have NOT Registered, here are the details: Sign up at church or send me an email (I can send the Registration form to you!

Have the kids bring a friend! FRIENDS WELCOME!

Note how many meals you will need each evening.

Pick up your family Music CD. Come and Enjoy – and LEARN!

Registrations are for children ages 3 as of Sept. 1, 2016 through those entering 5<sup>th</sup> grade. This is a great way to reconnect, have fun, learn about Jesus, and get back into the experience of Sunday School.

Suppers are meant for our VBS families and we will simply accept a Good Will offering for meals. They are family friendly, but let us know of special needs. Skip Mc D's and Share Supper with Mc. Jesus!

### VBS Volunteers – HELP! PLEASE!

We need to fill several of our “destinations” and we need to fill our “Family” group Guides. The guides will act as schedule keepers between activities, hand out the tickets to participants to visit the destination activities and do a fun “activity” with the kids to get them excited about the evening.

Destination volunteers will be at the locations to guide the craft and talk about the days story...interact with the kids....have fun.

We also need help in decorating. No need to be an artist...we need Painting, gluing, Stapling and all kinds of setting up. Come help Aug 23, 24<sup>th</sup> from 5pm-whenever and the 25<sup>th</sup> from 10am –whenever. Get a T-Shirt from Live Generously when you help with painting!

### And we need EVERYONE!

I have often said, what I do is to schedule, plan and encourage! The real gift of Good Shepherd Sunday School/VBS comes from our church family fulfilling its baptismal promise to bring the word of God to the children. No matter where you Fit in the frame of that church family picture, we have a **NEED** and a place for you! When you get this, there are only a couple of short weeks to fulfill the needs of VBS. Please email me NOW at [tammy@gslacrosse.org](mailto:tammy@gslacrosse.org) to sign up.

As Children's Ministry Coordinator, I want our kids to know they are loved. I want the best for their future. I want God's Promise to fill our next generation. I want churches to reach kids, draw them in, and to equip parents to disciple their children well! I want them to love the time they spend at church so they are excited about showing up and learning about Jesus. So if you want to reach our future, help to engage our kids!

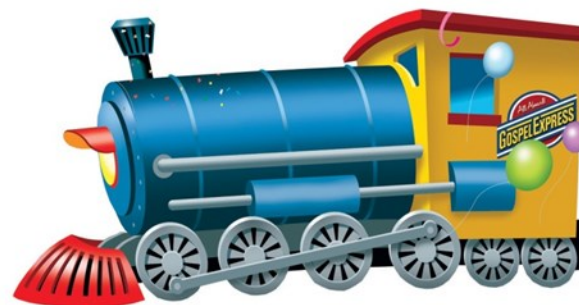
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## Quick-Look

Upcoming Events At a Glance

<b>July 31</b>	VBS Staff Sign Up/Registration Target Date
<b>August 21-22</b>	VBS crafting
<b>August 23-25</b>	VBS Set Up and Orientation
<b>August 26-30</b> 5:15pm meal, 5:45pm VBS	Gospel Express! (VBS) Get on board with us and see how Jesus touches our lives each day.
<b>September 5</b>	6:30pm Sunday School Orientation Teachers/Parents
<b>September 9</b>	Rally Sunday



### All Aboard God's Celebration Train!!!

August 26-30<sup>th</sup>

5:15 pm Meal, VBS 5:45-7pm

“We will celebrate and praise you, Lord! You are good to us, and your love never fails.” (Psalm 106:1) is the Gospel Express theme verse.

Volunteers Required and still NEEDED!!!!

Email – [tammy@gslacrosse.org](mailto:tammy@gslacrosse.org) for more information

### Tammy Klein

Children's Ministry Coordinator

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### 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

#### Confirmation:

As I write this, I am feeling guilty for the little time I have devoted to confirmation this summer. It seems as if the youth gathering took all my time while planning and then zapped my energy as I tried to get back into the swing of things. With the youth gathering in the past and my energy restored, I have focused my energy forward on confirmation. Online confirmation is up. If you have a returning or new confirmation student, please sign them up. Paper forms are available in the office or by emailing Stephanie.

#### Confirmation Registration

Confirmation will begin on September 12th using “Echo the Story” as our curriculum. Our first evening will be parent/student orientation. It will have a slightly different format this year. Please check your email and the September Voice for details.

I am in need of guides for our 6th and 7th grade groups. Please let me know if this is something you feel you can help with. It is a great way to be part of your students’ faith development.

#### High School Youth Group:

June 27<sup>th</sup> – July 1<sup>st</sup>, 17 youth attended the ELCA Youth Gathering in Houston, Texas. After 3 years of planning and a year of fundraising, the trip, as always, was too short. However, what continues to amaze me, is what can be crammed into 5 days! The youth will be sharing their experiences on youth Sunday and I

encourage everyone to attend if you are able. Please watch upcoming bulletins for the date as we are currently working this out. I will not get into details today, but for those of you who are wondering, “What is the National Youth Gathering?” I’ll give you an overview.

Wednesday opens the gathering with Mass Gathering. Mass gathering includes music, prayer and speakers. They are not worship services, but have a worship feel. Mass gatherings are held each evening of the gathering and focus on the theme of the day. Each theme supports the overall gathering theme, which was “This Changes Everything” this year.

Each congregation participates in the following during the rest of the gathering: Synod Day, Service Learning Day and Interactive Learning Day. Synod day is a day in which all youth from the Synod get together for worship and activities. This allows students to make connections with other youth in our area that don’t necessarily go to our church. Service Learning Day is dedicated to serving the people of the community we are in through various service projects. Interactive Learning Day allows students to have freedom to explore an exhibit hall set up with various service, learning and fellowship activities. There are also small concerts throughout the day long with opportunities for prayer and meditation. The event ends with a final worship service led by the current Presiding Bishop.

## Quick-Look

### Upcoming Confirmation/Youth Group Events At a Glance

Wednesdays 6:00—8:00	Youth Group meets all Summer
September 5th	Confirmation Guide orientation
September 12th	Confirmation Begins—student/parent orientation
September 19th	Creation: Genesis 1-2
September 26th	Rebellion: Genesis 3-4
October 3rd	Fellowship/Service night
October 10th	Flood: Genesis 6-9
Date TBD	Youth Sunday—Hear about the youth gathering from our youth!



### Stephanie Andersen

Director of Youth and Family Ministry  
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In the Office: Wednesday 4-8pm



## Music Notes

*From The Director of Music*

### Calling all Musicians!

Summer is still 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@gsllacrosse.org](mailto:randy@gsllacrosse.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!



### Randy Lyden

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## BUMBLE BEE BALLS

Make these yummy treats as a summer snack.

### What you need:

- 1 cup peanut butter
- 1½ oz. instant oats
- ¼ cup honey
- ½ cup instant milk powder
- ½ cup dark chocolate chips
- 40 mini chocolate chips
- 20 slivered almonds
- 40 sliced almonds
- Adult help

### What you do:

1. In a bowl, mix peanut butter, oats, honey and instant milk powder into dough. If too dry, add more peanut butter or honey.
2. Roll dough into 20 long balls. Place them on a cookie sheet and refrigerate.
3. Melt the dark chocolate chips and place them in a zippered baggie. Cut a tiny bit off one corner.
4. Remove dough from refrigerator. Squeeze thin lines of chocolate as stripes onto the bee bodies.
5. Use two mini chocolate chips for eyes, a slivered almond for a stinger and two sliced almonds as wings. Enjoy!



## GOD'S amazzzing BEES

God created bees to pollinate flowers and make honey. Psalm 119:103 says God gives us something that's even sweeter than honey.

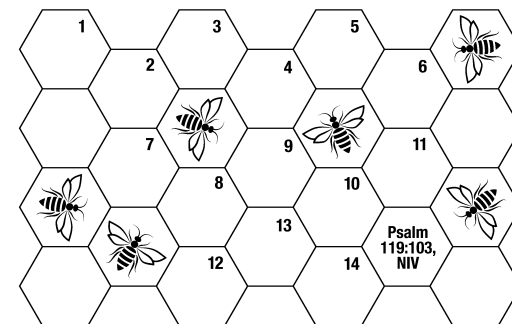
*Directions: Find the word that fits each clue. Then write the answers in the correct numbered honeycomb shape to complete Psalm 119:103, NIV.*

### CLUES

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|------------------------|----------------------------|
| 1. rhymes with cow     | 8. the tongue's job        |
| 2. opposite of sour    | 9. more sweet              |
| 3. pronounced "R"      | 10. rhymes with pan        |
| 4. rhymes with four    | 11. golden liquid          |
| 5. Letters create ____ | 12. Pleased ____ meet you. |
| 6. not too or two      | 13. rhymes with fly        |
| 7. rhymes with by      | 14. body part              |

### WORD BANK

than your to are  
 sweet sweeter How  
 my honey mouth  
 words to taste, my



Answer: How sweet are your words to my taste, sweeter than honey to my mouth! Psalm 119:103, NIV

