

all things  
work together  
for good  
for those  
who love God

Romans 8:28



# Shepherd's Voice

Give. Serve. Lead. Connect.

September 2018

From Pastor John Stennes-Spidahl

I had the joy and privilege of attending the annual assembly of the La Crosse Area Synod in June. It was the 23rd time. I haven't missed one since I was assigned to the synod as a seminary senior. They are always uplifting and motivating. The word "synod" only occurs one time in the New Testament. It is found in Luke 2:44, the story of Jesus as a boy at the temple: "Assuming that he was in the group of travelers, they went a day's journey. Then they began to look for him among their relatives and friends." Here synod is translated as group of travelers. So, as a synod we are traveling companions in the way of our Master, Jesus the Christ. Together we do God's work and make Christ's love known.

Synod Assembly involves great worship, reports from the bishop, the bishop's assistant, a representative from the ELCA, and various ministries. Workshops help us learn new things. We also conduct the business of the synod such as establishing the budget and agreeing on resolutions which express the will of the gathered believers. Four resolutions were passed this year. 1) To protect the rights of Palestinian children living under Israeli military occupation. 2) Feed My Sheep – every congregation should designate at least one World Hunger Sunday each year. 3) Regarding the Farm Bill – to encourage support of a farm bill that curbs hunger, supports

agricultural economies in rural communities, and promotes the sustainable use of natural resources. 4) Regarding the separation of immigrant children from their parents. More details are available on the synod's website - [www.lacrosseareasynd.org](http://www.lacrosseareasynd.org).

Finally, a definite highlight for me was meeting and getting to know three visitors from our new Companion Synod – the Evangelical Church of the Czech Brethren. It is such a joy to know that we are traveling together and serving Christ together with wonderful believers from around the world.

Shalom,  
Pastor John



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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 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 August, Connie Erickson & Linda Schoen. For the month of September Al & Kathy Johnson & Sharon Yushta will be on duty.

Kathy Johnson, Thank you for sending out the "Get Well" cards in August. Darlene Lassig will be sending out the cards throughout the month of September.

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

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|----------------|---|
| <b>Sept 2</b>  | <b>8:30am:</b> Paul Boarman, Dave Kilmer, Lee & Amanda Balko, Rich & Beth Stoll   |
| <b>Sept 9</b>  | <b>8:30am:</b> Steve, Kari Breanna & Angie Ellison<br><b>10am:</b> Darren & Jaclyn Osley, Candie Luehne, Vicki DeMaiffe                 |
| <b>Sept 16</b> | <b>8:30am:</b> Carter & Aimee Roth, Mark & Shanon Torgerud, Al & Kathy Johnson  |
| <b>Sept 23</b> | <b>8:30am:</b> Youth Led Service<br><b>10:30am:</b> Youth Led Service   |
| <b>Sept 30</b> | <b>8:30am:</b> Darlene Lassig, LeeAnn Lyden, Kraig & Teri Lassig<br><b>10:30am:</b> Heidi Kwiatkowski, Rob Hamann, Norm & Joanne Jerome |

## 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](mailto: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 790-3785 or at [karl@gsilacrosse.org](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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

Thank you so much to those who delivered Mobile Meals in August. **Our next time to deliver will be Mon. October 1st to Sun. October 7th.**

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 becoming a part of this very important ministry, our Mobile Meal Delivery Team could really use your help. Please contact Kathy at 788-0450 or [Kathy@gsilacrosse.org](mailto:Kathy@gsilacrosse.org)**

### Local Food Pantry Needs



**West Avenue Food Emergency Relief (WAFER)** is asking for **Fruit Juices** during the month of Sept. Thank you for all the donations given in August!

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.

### 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 4pm 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 Kimberly Young at (608)796-0099 or e-mail [kkymmm@gmail.com](mailto: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. Off over the summer.

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

**Girl Scouts**—Troop 4172 meetings are not yet set.





# 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 July 24 through August 20.

### WAFER

Jim & Sue Bugge

### Giving Tree

Richard & Grace Pengra



### Karen Arndt Memorial

Steve Arndt



## 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
07/01/18	53	55
07/08/18	70	63
07/15/18	69	62
07/22/18	66	82
07/29/18	71	82

## Weekly Envelope Offerings

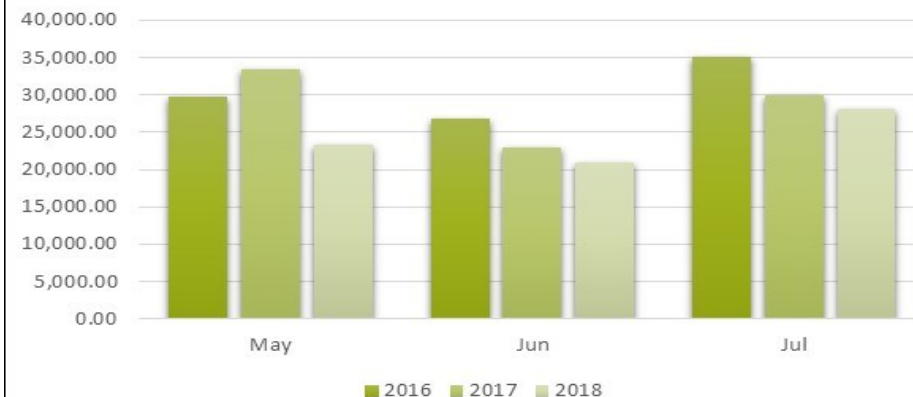
Date	Weekly	% Budget
07/01/18	11,586.00	183.9%
07/08/18	3,564.50	56.6%
07/15/18	5,635.24	89.5%
07/22/18	3,644.50	57.9%
07/29/18	3,757.66	59.7%
<b>Totals</b>	<b>28,187.90</b>	<b>89.5%</b>

## Envelope Offering Comparison

July 2018	July 2017	% Difference
28,187.90	29,930.99	-5.8%
YTD 2018	YTD 2017	% Difference
187,026.66	201,428.66	-7.1%

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, September 2nd at 9:30am** and on the first Sunday of the month throughout the rest of the year.

### Lydia Circle

We will begin meeting again on Tuesday, September 4th at 1pm in the quilting room. Carol Abraham will host and be leading our meeting. Please call Carol Abraham 787-0679 if you have any questions. All are welcome!

### Rally Sunday

Sunday, September 9th, is Rally Sunday. **Second service returns to 10:30am** and this is the first day of Sunday School for the 2018-2019 school year. Please join us following second service for our annual All Church Picnic.

### Sunday Morning Bible Study

Starting September 9th, join Pastor John on the second Sunday of each month at 9:45am for a short Bible study. We meet in the church library, so please come join us if you can. Sept. 9th we will be focusing on Psalm 146.

### Confirmation begins in September!

Confirmation will begin again on Wednesday September 12th. Orientation will be held for each grade individually at the following times:

6th grade: 6 - 7pm  
7th grade: 7 - 7:30pm  
8th grader: 7:30 - 8pm

Light snacks will be provided as we talk about the upcoming year. If you are unable to attend or have questions, let Stephanie know. Stephanie@gslacrosse.org.

### Saturday Quilting

Join us **Saturday, September 15th, 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!

### Youth Sunday

Youth Sunday is Sunday September 23rd. Youth will be talking about their trip to the National Youth Gathering. Come to either service to hear about this life changing trip that you helped to support.

### "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 23rd, from 1 - 5pm, children (under a parent's supervision), youth, and adults are invited to participate in Good Shepherd's 6th 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. This amazing organization teaches therapeutic riding to children, adults, and veterans and also teaches horseback riding lessons to interested individuals.

Please register to volunteer by signing up in the yellow folder on the sunflower table at church or by contacting Lori Lowell at 608-386-3388 or at lori@gslacrosse.org. Some of the volunteer projects include: putting up signs to the event, setting up the event, helping with refreshments, preparing the grounds for fall and winter, cleaning up, and taking down signs.

Updated information will be shared during church and in upcoming bulletins about this special day of service. If you have any questions, please contact Lori Lowell at 608-386-3388 or at lori@gslacrosse.org

## Around the Parish...

### The Coulee Region Gospel Choir

The Coulee Region Gospel Choir is seeking singers for their annual Christmas Concerts. This season a new program titled 'City of Light' by Fettke/Courtney/Greer will be performed on November 30th and December 1st and 2nd. The Choir is excited to invite area singers to join us in the preparation of this program, 100 singers are being sought. Rehearsals begin Sunday, October 7th at 3pm at Shepherd of the Hills Church, 1215 Redwood Street in Onalaska. A time of 'meet and greet' starts at 2:15pm.

Please contact Ruth Ann Granum, Managing Director for more info or to reserve music at granum@centurytel.net or 608-526-2218. Performances at Shepherd of the Hills, Onalaska: Friday, Nov 30 at 7pm, Saturday, Dec 1 at 3pm. Performance at Olivet Lutheran Church on Dec 2 at 3pm.

### 2018 Good Shepherd Lutheran Church Holiday Marketplace

**Saturday, Nov. 10th 8am – 2pm.**

Save Nov. 10, 8-2 on your calendar for the Holiday Marketplace Sale. Come and support the fundraiser which will offer lunch, goodies, a bake sale, homemade lefse and crafts. If you are willing to donate a pan of bars, a pie or Christmas goodies, just sign up on the back bulletin board!

Only 8 spots left for vendors at the Holiday Marketplace Sale. Sign up sheets are on the bulletin board, or email us at GoodShepherdSale@gmail.com.

### Lutheran World Relief

Throughout August and September we will be collecting school supplies, health items and baby items for Lutheran World Relief kits. Lists of desired items are on the LWR table in the welcome area. You can also make a monetary donation by using one of the special envelopes also on the table. Money collected will be used to purchase supplies for the kits. Thank you so much for your support!

### Gloria Dei Choir

It's time for Gloria Dei's children's choir to begin rehearsals! I'm hoping that many children will return to sing with us again this year, and that we can have many new members join our choir, too! There's nothing better than watching children sing God's praises during a church service!

**Gloria Dei is open to all children who like to sing!** If your child is not yet able to read, I will have words to send home so that you can help with learning the words to our songs. We will have our first practice on Sunday, Sept. 16th. We practice between services in the Mattes Center's Youth Room, usually from about 9:45am until 10:15am. We usually sing one Sunday a month during church services.

I'm looking forward to seeing lots of children in our Gloria Dei this year! Please contact the church office to let us know your child will be joining our choir, so I can get folders with music prepared for them.

Thank you!! - Darlene Lassig

### 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/ Questions? Contact Jennifer Jones at jones6307@gmail.com or 608-518-1228.

### Let's go shopping!

Shop smile.amazon.com and Amazon will donate 0.5% of the price of your eligible AmazonSmile purchases to Good Shepherd! We are listed as Good Shepherd English when selecting your charitable organization. Or, you can click the Smile.Amazon link on our webpage, www.gslacrosse.org.

# September 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 (Returns to 10:30 Sept. 9th), Communion 1st and 3rd Sundays of Each Month

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>August 26</b> <i>Guest Pastor Dave Bersagel</i> 9:30am Care Ministry Meeting 10am Kohlstedt Baptism 5pm VBS Meal 5:30pm VBS NO GS Men's Group	<b>27</b> 5pm VBS Meal 5:30pm VBS	<b>28</b> 1pm Come for Supper (setup) 4:30pm Come for Supper (serve) 5pm VBS Meal 5:30pm VBS	<b>29</b> NO Quilting 5pm VBS Meal 5:30pm VBS	<b>30</b> 5pm VBS Meal 5:30pm VBS	<b>31</b>	<b>September 1</b> 
<b>2</b> Name Tag & Cookie Sunday sponsored by GS Men's Golf 9:30am Blood Pressure Readings 6:30pm GS Men's Group	<b>3 Labor Day</b> Office Closed	<b>4</b> West Pastor Conference 1pm Lydia Circle 6pm Buildings & Grounds 6pm BS Troop Adult Mtg 6:45pm BS Troop 22 Mtg	<b>5</b> 12:30pm Quilting 6pm SS Volunteer Mtg 6:30pm Confirmation Guide Orientation	<b>6</b> 4pm Buddenhagen/ Yahnke Rehearsal 6pm WELCA Mtg	<b>7</b> 2:30pm Buddenhagen/Yahnke Wedding	<b>8</b> 
<b>9</b> <i>Guest Pastor Ben Morris</i> <b>2nd Service returns to 10:30am</b> Rally Sunday /Pre School Milestone All Church Picnic 9:45am Sunday Morning Bible Study 4pm 4H Meeting 6:30pm GS Men's Grp   	<b>10</b> 6:30pm W5	<b>11</b> 1:45pm Hillview Communion 5:30pm Hospitality Mtg 6pm Men's Golf Banquet 6:45pm BS Troop 22 Mtg	<b>12</b> 10am Staff Meeting 12:30pm Quilting 6:30pm Youth Group (Gr. 9-12) 6:30pm Confirm Student/Parent Orientation 6:30pm Adult Bible Study	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b> 5pm Kuchta / Kirslenlohr Rehearsal	<b>15</b> 9am Quilting 3pm Kuchta / Kirslenlohr Wedding
<b>16</b> 6:30pm GS Men's Group    	<b>17</b> 5:30pm Membership, Growth/Fellowship Mtg 6:30pm W5 6:30 Hintgen Assoc Mtg	<b>18</b> 6pm Parish Ed Meeting 6pm Admin/Exec Meeting 6:45pm BS Troop 22 Mtg 7pm Church Council Mtg	<b>19</b> 12:30pm Quilting 6:30pm Youth Group (Gr. 9-12) 6:30pm Confirmation	<b>20</b> 11:30am 55 Plus	<b>21</b> <b>October Voice</b> <b>Articles Due</b> 6pm Bunko Theme "Fall"	<b>22</b>
<b>23</b> <b>Youth Led Service</b> 9:45am Care Ministry Meeting 1pm Gods Work, Our Hands 6:30pm GS Men's Group    	<b>24</b> 6:30pm W5	<b>25</b> 6:45pm BS Troop 22 Mtg	<b>26</b> 12:30pm Quilting 6:30pm Youth Group (Gr. 9-12) 6:30pm Confirmation	<b>27</b> 8:30am October Voice Mailing Crew	<b>28</b> 4pm Lyden /Glasgow Rehearsal	<b>29</b> 2pm Lyden /Glasgow Wedding
<b>30</b> <b>Polka Services</b> 6:30pm GS Men's Group    	<b>October 1</b> 6:30pm W5	<b>2</b> West Pastor Conference 1pm Lydia Circle 6pm Buildings & Grounds 6pm BS Troop 22 Adult Mtg 6:45pm BS Troop 22 Mtg	<b>3</b> 12:30pm Quilting 6:30pm Youth Group (Gr. 9-12) 6:30pm Confirmation	<b>4</b> 6pm WELCA Mtg	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b> 

To access the most up-to-date calendar visit [GSlacrosse.org/calendar](http://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 | (608) 790-3785
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- **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,  
Letters from Church Camp.

The last week of July I went on another mission trip. I spent a week at Pine Lake United Methodist Church camp. I arrived with the role of camp nurse. The group I spent time with were from my hometown church of Platteville, WI. I joined my brother, niece and some old familiar faces from my childhood years as a camper. After the first few hours and a familiarity game I started to connect names to faces to 30 kids. While experiencing a childhood summer past time of church camp, I will share with you a few empowering moments.

### Diversity:

Today I was inspired by our campers. Thirty kids of all ages from Platteville intermingling with another camp group. The other group members were adults with special needs of all ages. I was informed that the kids from Platteville have been attending camp the same week with this adult group for years. Tonight it was a craft night both groups in the mess hall making their banners and making a painted cross project. A woman approached me from the other camp group, her name was Val. With no fear she came right up to me said Hi and asked "what is your name?" So like my experience with the people in Ytebon, Ethiopia. Again groups so different from each other, but here worshiping, joining in fellowship and enjoying the week. If only the world could mingle the same way.

### Monday Letter:

Theme today the story of Rebekah and Jacob. Genesis 27:1-45 and 33:1-17. God

forgives all people, even in the midst of sin and broken relationships. Forgiveness today and every day. The kids are reminded that everyone sins and that is because we are human but to remember God forgives us from all our sins. He sent Jesus to be our savior. Sometimes the hardest person to forgive is to forgive oneself.

### Tuesday Letter:

Theme today the story of David and Bathsheba. 2 Samuel 11:1-27 and 2 Samuel 12:1-15. How can imperfect people be made new? This begins by knowing God forgives us all. We all make mistakes at times in our lives. Forgiveness begins when we forgive each other because again God forgives us of all our sins. Today I reminded children when there were mini disagreements and feelings are hurt that saying sorry is the first step to mending feelings. Children are much more accepting of the phrase "I'm sorry." Adults could take lessons from the children and forgive each other, move on and love one another the way God would like us to live.

### Wednesday's letter:

Theme today is the story of Jonah. Jonah 1:1-17 and 3:1-5 and 4:1-11. We focused on the question who is worthy of God's salvation. Kids were taught thru the Bible story that not one person is more deserving of God's love than another. At camp this is also taught when there are minor quarrels amongst the camper's. Teachings that sometimes we dislike one another because of actions, words spoken or even when there are hurt feelings.

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### Bev Sorenson, RN

*GS Volunteer Parish Nurse*

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### Health Questions?

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





## Sunday School Update

Pre-school thru Grade 5

### Sunday School is BACK IN ACTION!

It's "Back to School" season again! Does it seem possible that the summer is coming to an end? But September is here and we are excited about Sunday School this year.

Registration Forms are available. There are also extra forms in the concourse on the desk so please make sure to fill one out. *Just a reminder, children who will be at least 3 by September 1<sup>st</sup>, 2018 are eligible for pre-school.* **Please return registration forms prior to September 9<sup>th</sup> so we know material needs!**

**We have a few staffing needs for this year still open.** I cannot stress enough how grateful we are to the volunteers we have already! Thank you so much. Most of our volunteers have been with us for several years. In order for all children to attend **Sunday School minimum staffing MUST BE MET!** Please note the empty positions on the sign-up sheets in the concourse. We welcome Moms, Dads, Grandparents, Aunts, Uncles, Cousins or anyone who wants to be a part of Children's Ministry here at Good Shepherd.

**Rally Day is September 9<sup>th</sup>, 2018!** There is a lot going on, but children and their parents should attend services together and come down to the Mattes Center following the Children's Sermon for our Kick Off Celebration! Please mark your calendars now. *New Preschoolers will be presented with their Tote Bags during the Children's Sermon.* Please email [tammy@gsllacrosse.org](mailto:tammy@gsllacrosse.org) to register your 3 and/or 4 year old, the service time you will attend, and who you would like to be called up front with your Sunday Schooler for your presentation.

Thank you to the many people who helped to make VBS happen! It was a great Celebration of Jesus on the GOSPEL EXPRESS. I hope all the kids had a great time! It was a wonderful week!

Lots of new and return events are being planned for our 2018-19 year. We are planning Trunk or Treat carnival for October, Holiday "Sit-In" Movie events (a spin of the old Drive-In), Christmas Capers, Easter Egg Hunt, and so much more.

Still looking for our "Frolic" birth to 3 play group leaders. The materials are all here and ready to go, we would just need a leader or team of moms, dads, aunts, uncles, Grandparents...anyone interested in helping out 1 Sunday a month between services for this fun, faith based, play group. **HELP PLEASE!** Check the Children's Ministry Events sign-up. Materials and guides are available for all helpers. Helping is always Pain Free and Joy Filled and we need you all to help make these events and activities happen.

**Don't forget the Good Shepherd Celebration picnic after Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> service on September 9<sup>th</sup>.** This is our annual "Church Family Reunion" with Bingo, Games, Kids Activities and more. **Bring a dish to pass and have some fun as we kick off our 63<sup>rd</sup> year as a church family. It will be nice to see EVERYONE Come together after a busy summer.**

*SOOOOO – an exciting new year, with exciting events and schedules, new projects to work on and some surprises along the way.....*  
**YOU AREN'T GOING TO WANT TO MISS IT!!**

Sincerely in Christ,

Tammy Klein  
Sunday School/VBS Coordinator



## Quick-Look

Upcoming Events At a Glance

September 5	6:30pm Sunday School Orientation Teachers/Parents
September 9	Rally Sunday - 1st day of Sunday School Pre School Milestone All Church Picnic after second service



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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

I can't believe how quickly summer has gone, but I am excited for the start of the 2018-2019 Confirmation Year. Parents of confirmation students, if you have not complete registration for this year, please do so ASAP. Email Stephanie [stephanie@gslacrosse.org](mailto:stephanie@gslacrosse.org) for paper or online registration. It is important that we get a registration each year to keep our records up to date.

Confirmation orientation will take place on September 12th. It is important for students and parents to be there as we will be going over important information and expectations for the upcoming year. This year, we are trying a new style for orientation. Each grade will meet individually with Pastor and Stephanie so the orientation can be catered to the needs of the group. Students and parents will check in by the Birch Street Entrance and orientation will be held in the church welcome area. There will also be light snacks available.

Orientation times are as follows:

- 6 - 7pm. - 6th grade
- 7- 7:30pm - 7th grade
- 7:30 - 8pm - 8th grade

A 6th grade small group guide is still needed. Please contact Stephanie if you are able to assist with this. We are also in need of substitute guides.

### High School Youth

Due to the busy schedules of the youth, it was decided that youth group would be put on hold over the summer. However, **we are ready to start up full swing on Wednesday September 12th. This will be a night focused on fellowship with food and games!** This will start the new youth group time as well. In order to coordinate with confirmation and help families streamline their schedules, it was decided that youth group will now run from **6:30 - 8pm every Wednesday.** This fall, we will be using the Nooma Video series for out bible study.

Youth Sunday has been rescheduled for Sunday, September 23rd. I hope everyone can attend to hear the youth share about their experiences at the National Youth Gathering!



## Quick-Look

*Upcoming Confirmation/Youth Group Events At a Glance*

September 5th 6pm	Confirmation Guide orientation (library)
September 12th	Confirmation Orientation - Orientation times are as follows: 6 - 7pm - 6th grade 7 - 7:30pm - 7th grade 7:30 - 8pm - 8th grade
September 12th 6:30-8pm	Youth group resumes (fellowship night)
September 19th	Confirmation: Creation: Genesis 1-2
September 23rd	Youth Sunday
September 26th	Confirmation: Rebellion: Genesis 3-4
October 3rd	Confirmation - Fellowship/service night (BINGO - 6th graders) Youth group: Fellowship night TBD



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In the Office: Wednesday 4-8pm



## Music Notes

*From The Director of Music*

### Worship Music Opportunities!

Looking for ways to be more active in the life of Good Shepherd Church? The Worship and Praise committee invites you to join them and be a part of steering the worship direction of the church. Members of this committee are not elected and can join anytime. Extensive knowledge of music is not necessary; only a sincere interest in and commitment to our music and worship life here at Good Shepherd. For more information, contact chairperson Shanon Torgerud shanont@charter.net

The Sanctuary Choir is another way to make a very meaningful contribution to our worship leadership. Each Sanctuary Choir presentation is a very special and inspiring spiritual experience for the congregation of Good Shepherd. The Gloria Dei choir has been a wonderful way for children to experience the joy of helping to lead worship and are always very much appreciated by the congregation.

The youth and adult bell choirs enhance our worship in very unique ways. In addition to providing their members with a wonderful sense of teamwork in the name of Christ, each bell choir worship presentation is truly an uplifting experience for the congregation.

If you play a musical instrument then consider joining Sounds of Praise. If you think that you can't play your instrument well enough to join us, fear not; your parts will be arranged to accommodate your level of proficiency. Sounds of Praise continues

to add great vitality to our worship here at Good Shepherd and we have a lot of fun in the process.

Of course, the primary musical instrument in our worship is the voice of the congregation. When you lift your voice in song during worship, you are participating in the most important musical activity that can happen here at Good Shepherd. It is most inspiring to constantly witness and experience the very healthy musical life of this congregation, whether in our congregational song, or in the choirs, bells choirs and praise band. Without you, the congregation, none of this would be possible!



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However, using this Bible story we reinforced that showing acceptance, forgiveness and respect for each other and their differences is the attitude God wants for us all. God calls us to proclaim God's grace and mercy to all people.

### Thursday's letter:

Theme today is the story of the disciples. Mark 14:26-41, 50 and Mark 4:35-41, 9:32-34, 9:38-41, 10:13-37. Like the disciples, we have been given the gift of the Holy Spirit to proclaim the good news of the gospel. Kids learn that the disciples never completely understood the fullness of the message. There are times in our lives that it is hard to be loyal to Jesus and seems to be a difficult task. These are lessons being taught to us as a way help us understand His messages. We all need to recognize our personal gifts and identify ways to use them as a Christian witness.

### Friday's letter:

Theme from Hebrews 11:1 and 12:1-2. As we run the race of life, where does our strength and encouragement come from? We are surrounded and lifted up by faithful witnesses, past and present. Every evening at the campfire the kids were asked "Where did you see Jesus today?" They become their own witnesses in today's world. We encouraged the kids to commit to living as a faithful witness. We asked the kid's to name witnesses in their lives who have cheered you on. The prior evening the song "Have you Seen Jesus." Was sung as we witnessed a cross burning on the other side of the lake. Children remained silent as the torch and our candles lit our way to the campfire to enjoy our last evening in song and story.

Camp brought back many wonderful and emotional memories for me. I joined a staff of old friends from my hometown church. I walked onto the site immediately to open arms. Camp is truly an experience I treasure. Now I will continue on as the Camp Nurse and hopefully add more responsibilities next year. As I feel being a camp nurse is my personal gift to carry on the treasure of Church camp.

God Bless you all, as one of our campfire songs states, Be Bold! Be Strong! For the Lord thy God is with thee."

Your Parish Nurse,

Jesus performed many amazing miracles during his earthly ministry.

Directions: Match the words and pictures of different healings, from one column to the other. Then fit the word pairs in the blanks below to complete Matthew 11:5, NIV.

	blind		hear
	leprosy		walk
	lame		raised
	deaf		sight
	dead		cleansed

The \_\_\_\_\_ receive \_\_\_\_\_, the I \_\_\_\_\_, those who have \_\_\_\_\_ are \_\_\_\_\_, the \_\_\_\_\_, the \_\_\_\_\_ are \_\_\_\_\_.

MATTHEW 11:5, NIV

Answer: The blind receive sight, the deaf hear, the lame walk, those who have leprosy are cleansed, the dead are raised ... Matthew 11:5, NIV

