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Shepherd's Voice

Give. Serve. Lead. Connect.

February, 2019

From Pastor Harald Bringsjord

God, give us grace to accept with serenity the things that cannot be changed, courage to change the things that should be changed, and the wisdom to distinguish the one from the other. Reinhold Niebuhr, The Serenity Prayer (1943)

This is a pretty famous prayer. It is probably one of the most famous prayers which originated in our modern era and almost rivals the Lord's Prayer in familiarity.

Howard Chandler Robbins, who had heard Reinhold Niebuhr use it in a church service, asked for permission to include it in a Federal Council of Churches book for army chaplains and servicemen. It was distributed to hundreds of thousands of servicemen, according to Niebuhr's biographer Richard Wightman Fox.

The prayer gained fame when, during World War II or soon after, Alcoholics Anonymous ran across it and adopted it as a keystone of the 12-step program. The wording of AA's prayer, still used today, is as follows:

God grant me the serenity to accept the things I cannot change, courage to change the things I can, and wisdom to know the difference.

This month we will be holding our annual meeting. We will look to the past to see what we've done and look to the future to see what we want to do. We will work within the parameters of our finite world and our organizational structures, dealing with the credits and debits of a budget. But we will also be as free as our vision allows and trust in God's leading.

As the body of Christ, as the community of faith, the Church, we are called into relationship with one another. If you find yourself outside of the church community by choices you may have made over the years, or by experiences that may have caused you to step away, I invite you to return and join the wondrous adventure of life in Christ as the corporate body of Christ. As we gather to give thanks to God and to encourage one another weekly in our faith and life, may God grant us the serenity to accept the things we cannot change, the courage to change the things we can and the wisdom to know the difference. Amen.

In Christ,

Pastor Harald Bringsjord



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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. For info contact Judy Casto at 385-1410.



Lydia Circle

Lydia Circle meets the first Tuesday of every month at 1pm in the quilting room. All women are welcome!

If you have any questions, contact Carol at 787-0609.



Good Shepherd Ministries

Altar Guild—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 usually meet on Wednesday mornings. If you are interested in helping the quilters contact Ann Hudson at 788-1308.

Mailing Crew—If you are interested in helping prepare the Voice newsletter for mailing by adding address labels and stickers, then the crew is for you! We meet the 4th Thursday of each month at 8:30am in the choir room.

Care Ministry—Care Ministers 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 the 55+ crowd that meets every 3rd Thursday of the month at 11:30am. We gather at The King Street Kitchen located at 1417th St S.

Serve

Enriching Life, Sharing Talents

Thank You All So Very Much...

Altar Guild—Thank you to the members who served during the month of January, Arlene & Dewey Dreves & Sharon Yushta. For the month of February Al & Kathy Johnson & Irene Thorelli will be on duty.

Thank you to Julie Noll for sending out the "Get Well" cards in January. Josh Krause will be sending out the cards throughout the month of February.

Thank you to Ann Hudson 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

Feb 3	8:30am: Boy Scout Troop 22 10:30am: Boy Scout Troop 22
Feb 10	8:30am: Confirmation Youth 10:30am: Confirmation Youth
Feb 17	8:30am: Dave Kranz, Verlene Morrison, Steve Stelzl, Norma Overby 10:30am: Duane & Linda Schoen, Jeff & Sharon Yushta, Don & Darcy Skibba
Feb 24	8:30am: Confirmation Youth 10:30am: Confirmation Youth

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 790-3785 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 at 5:30pm 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

Mobile Meals of La Crosse

Thank you so much to those who delivered Mobile Meals in December. Our next time to deliver will be Mon, Apr 1st to Sun, Apr 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. 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@gslacrosse.org

Local Food Pantry Needs



West Avenue Food Emergency Relief

(WAFER) is asking for Spaghetti Sauce & Noodles during the month of February. Thank you for all the donations given in January!

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.



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.

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 December 19 through January 20th.



Giving Tree

Paul & Ann Van Dyck

ELCA Good Gifts

Judy Christopherson
Irene Ihle

WAFER

Jim & Sue Bugge
Gerald Knutson

What is *Simply Giving*®?

The *Simply Giving*® Program is an automated stewardship program that helps church members live generously. It's a convenient, safe and simple way for individuals to make automatic payments to Good Shepherd through electronic funds transfer (EFT) directly from checking or savings accounts. Vanco Services, LLC provides electronic payment processing services at reduced rates—so your generosity goes further. Learn more by contacting the church office at (608) 788-0450



Church Numbers

Weekly Sunday Attendance

Date	8:30am	10:30am
12/02/18	74	73
12/09/18	88	124
12/16/18	139	173
12/23/18	62	101
12/30/19	70	72

Weekly Envelope Offerings

Date	Weekly	% Budget
12/02/18	7,113.74	112.9%
12/09/18	7,185.50	114.1%
12/16/18	6,092.46	96.7%
12/23/18	7,640.05	121.3%
12/30/18	6,914.76	109.8%
Totals	34,946.51	111.0%

Envelope Offering Comparison

December 2018	December 2017	% Difference
34,946.51	50,003.93	-30.1%
YTD 2018	YTD 2017	% Difference
345,168.03	360,128.01	-4.1%

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 or by calling the church office (608)788-0450.

Envelope Offerings



Around the Parish...

Confronting Islamophobia

On Wednesday, January 30th, we will have a great opportunity to learn about the relationship between Christians and Muslims. Both Christian and Muslim members of Shoulder to Shoulder in La Crosse will present and discuss the similarities and difference between our religions. There will be a short presentation and question and answer time. With the growing Islamophobia in our nation, this is a great opportunity for us to learn about a culture different than our own, so we can know about and love our neighbors. This presentation is open to the congregation. Please come early for light snacks at 6pm. The presentation will begin at 6:30pm in the Mattes Center. Talk to Stephanie with any questions. Stephanie@gslacrosse.org

Birthday Party At Bethany Riverside

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

Blood Pressure Readings

Blood pressure readings will be taken by our Parish Nurse, Bev Sorenson, on Sunday, February 3rd at 9:30am.

Lydia Circle

Our meeting will be Tuesday, February 5th at 1pm in the quilt room. Ruth Hauge will be leading and the subject will be Timothy as discussed in Chapter 39 of our book. Host will be Sally Lindahl, devotions will be by JoAnn DeClute. Please call Carol Abraham 787-0679 if you have any questions. All are welcome!

Sunday Morning Bible Study

Our study of Luke's Gospel will continue Sunday, February 10th at 9:45am in the church library and will focus on Luke 9:18-36. The session is titled: "Why Must Jesus Die?" Please come and join us if you can. -Pastor John Stennes-Spidahl

2018 Annual Meeting

Our annual congregational meeting will be held at noon on Sunday, February 10. We will review our Annual Report, elect new Council Members, vote for approval of the 2019 budget and vote on some other motions. Please add the Annual Meeting to your calendar and attend this informative, important meeting of our church. A light lunch will be provided.

Game Night

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, February 15th at 6pm.

Make a Blanket Saturday

Can you tie a knot? Sew? Draw a Picture? Do you have blankets to donate? Then JOIN US with your friends and family February 16th from 10 a.m. – 2 p.m. at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church.

Materials, Food & Refreshments Provided!
Volunteers and Help Available
All Levels of Expertise Welcomed
Door Prize Entry for Each Blanket Donated!

Get your tickets for "Make a Blanket Saturday" Quilt Raffle to benefit Project Linus. Tickets will be on sale February 3rd and 10th at Linus Display Table. All Drawings are February 16th at 2 p.m.

Organized by Good Shepherd Women – WELCA

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 6:30pm. You will bless others, and they will bless you right back! For more information contact Judy Casto at 608-385-1410 or the church office. **The next date for Good Shepherd to help is Tuesday, February 26th.**

Around the Parish...

Tree Trimming Thank You

I would like to say thank you to everyone who came out Nov 30th to trim Good Shepherd for the Christmas season. Many hands helped. When it was finished Good Shepherd looked like Christmas. I especially want to thank Bill, Colin & Rick for all the behind the scenes work they did. And thank you to Judy for making the wonderful chili. 2019 Tree Trimming will be on Friday, Dec 6th at 5:30pm. Please remember this is an Adults only event. Thanks again to all who helped. God's Blessings in 2019, Julie Noll

Grief Support

Good Shepherd Grief Support Group meets every Thursday at 1:30pm in the Choir Room. Our purpose is to support and encourage one another in our grief. If interested in joining us, please call Carol Abraham at 787-0679 or Pastor Harald at 788-0450. We think you will find this group helpful in dealing with the loss of a loved one, or any loss causing you to grieve.

Good Shepherd Trust Foundation

Mission funding is now available from the Good Shepherd Trust Foundation at the request of church members in good standing. Applications for funds are available in the church office or on our website www.GSlacrosse.org. To be eligible, requests must align with the Mission Statement of the Church "We are dedicated as disciples of Christ, to work together, through worship, education, fellowship, and community service, to gather all creation to God's love and grace". as well as our Core Values which are Radical Hospitality, Passionate Worship, Intentional Faith Formation, Risk-taking Mission/Service and Extravagant Generosity.

Feed Our Children

Please donate non-perishable food items to the Hintgen Elementary School food pantry box in the concourse. Your support and help in keeping our local kids fed is greatly appreciated!

Youth Scrip Cards

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

Good Shepherd Women-WELCA

GSW-WELCA welcomes women of all ages from our congregation to participate within this committee. Our committee meets the first Thursday of the month at 6pm in the Choir Room. Come and discover all the good our committee does with our church, community, nation and world!

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!

**GOOD SHEPHERD
LUTHERAN CHURCH**
presents our annual
CARING FOR SOULS CONCERT
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AND SPECIAL GUEST PERFORMANCES BY:
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FIFTH CHAMBER AND OTHER LOCAL MUSICIANS.

Sunday February 24th, 2019 at 2:00 pm
Good Shepherd Lutheran Church
4141 Mormon Coulee Road La Crosse
Admission: FREE!!

A free will offering will be gathered to benefit local flood relief.

Spaghetti dinner to follow at 4:30 pm.
Dinner tickets are to be purchased in advance.
Call Bev Sorenson at 608-792-3962
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Tickets are \$8.00 and kids under 12 are free.
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February 2019



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



Bell Choir
Meets every Sunday
each week. at 5:30pm.













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, Sunday School 8:45 & 10:45am, Communion 1st and 3rd Sundays of Each Month

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
January 27 8th Grade Led Service 10:30am McKee Baptism 6:30pm GS Men's Group 	28	29 6:45pm BS Troop 22 Mtg	30 12:30pm Quilting 6pm Light Snacks 6:30pm Confronting Islamophobia Presentation	31 1pm Bethany Riverside Birthday Party	February 1	2
3 Scout Sunday Name Tag & Cookie Sunday sponsored by Boy Scout Troop 22 9:30am Blood Pressure Readings 6:30pm GS Men's Group 	4	5 West Pastor Conference 1pm Lydia Circle 5:30pm Buildings & Grounds 6pm BS Troop 22 Adult Mtg 6:45pm BS Troop 22 Mtg	6 12:30pm Quilting 6:30 pm Youth Group (Gr. 9-12) 6:30pm Confirmation (service)	7 6pm WELCA Mtg	8	9 9:00am Synod-wide interreligious relationships 
10 2nd Grade Milestone 9:45am Sunday Morning Bible Study Noon Church Annual Meeting 4pm 4-H Meeting 6:30pm GS Men's Group 	11	12 1:45pm Hillview Communion 6pm Hospitality Mtg 6:45pm BS Troop 22 Meeting	13 10am Staff Meeting 12:30pm Quilting 6:30 pm Youth Group (Gr. 9-12) 6:30pm Adult Bible Study 6:30pm Confirmation (last)	14 11:30am 55 Plus	15 March Voice Articles Due 10am Project Linus set up 6pm Game Night	16 10am Project Linus "Make a Blanket"
17 11:30am Praise/Worship Team 6:30pm GS Men's Group 	18 5:30pm Membership, Growth/Fellowship Mtg 6:30pm Hintgen Mtg	19 6pm Parish Ed Meeting 6pm Admin/Exec Meeting NO BS Troop 22 Mtg 7pm Church Council Mtg	20 12:30pm Quilting 6:30 pm Youth Group (Gr. 9-12) NO Confirmation	21 8:30am March Voice Mailing Crew 9am Portico Retirement	22	23 
24 9:45am Care Ministry Meeting 2pm Caring for Souls Concert 4:30pm Spaghetti Dinner 6:30pm GS Men's Group 	25	26 1pm Come for Supper (setup) 4:30pm Come for Supper (serve) 6:45pm BS Troop 22	27 12:30pm Quilting 6:30 pm Youth Group (Gr. 9-12) NO Confirmation	28	March 1	2 
3 Name Tag & Cookie Sunday sponsored by Hospitality 9:30am Blood Pressure Readings 9:45am Sunday Morning Bible Study 6:30pm GS Men's Group 	4	5 Shrove Tuesday West Pastor Conference 1pm Lydia Circle 5pm Pancake Supper 5:30pm Buildings & Grounds	6 Ash Wednesday 12:30pm Quilting 6:30pm Lenten Worship/Comm	7 6pm WELCA Mtg	8	9 11am Olson Funeral 

To access the most up-to-date calendar visit GSlacrosse.org/calendar.

Church Council Members

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

Other Church Council Members include:

Lori Lowell, Carol Powell, Wayne Atchley, Ladd DaFoe, Todd Holtz, Roger Weeks Jr., Sally Lindahl, Duane Schoen & Tim Stalsberg.



- **Rev. Harald Bringsjord** *Pastor* prharald@gslacrosse.org
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- **Randy Lyden** *Music Director/ Organist* randy@gslacrosse.org | (608) 779-9669
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- **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,


As you are aware I have been spending the month of January in Madison while my daughter Danielle is recovering from Stevens Johnson Syndrome, TEN.

It has been a parents nightmare. Her recovery will be lengthy but God gave her back to me, and God sent Earth angels to help me through this traumatic event. Everyone's prayers, thoughts and support is appreciated.

I want to focus on positives. From Madison I have been helping promote our Caring of Souls concert with guest performances and guest speaker Mark Hirsch, the author of the book, *That Tree*. Please come enjoy the afternoon of entertainment, inspiration, food and fellowship. I look forward to seeing you all there.

Peace and Blessings,
Bev Sorenson RN BSN

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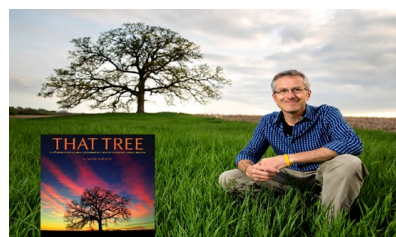
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Mark Hirsch is an inspiring speaker, photographer and artist. Mark has presented for many organizations and audiences both large and small representing a range of industries from public television and corporate healthcare to gardening and the environment.

Bev Sorenson, RN
GS Volunteer Parish Nurse

bev@gslacrosse.org
(608) 792-3962

Health Questions?

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



Sunday School Update

Pre-school thru Grade 5

Children's Ministry News ~ Tammy Klein

Time is flying by and, in the coming months, we are Activating our Faith while learning about A Storm from Matthew 8, The Sower from Matthew 12, The Last Supper from John 13 and finishing the year while learning all about Lent and Easter! We have several very exciting events coming up! I look forward to sharing these special happenings with your family!

I would love to promote our annual meeting which will be coming also on Sunday, February 10th along with our 2nd grade Prayer Pillow Milestone. Lite lunch is served and your vote as a Sunday School parent is so important. We are hoping to have nursery supervision for the meeting from noon to 1:30pm so anyone who can help out with that should let me know. We have several Sunday School parents running for council along with several other qualified individuals... remember....your vote MATTERS!

It is only a few weeks until we start getting our ready for First Communion. We have SEVERAL 5th graders that will be "graduating", although once a Sunday Schooler, always a Sunday Schooler! Please note that we need their participation in Palm Sunday Bread Making (which is used Easter Sunday for Church Communion), 1st Communion Training on Saturday, April 6th (this is fun and meaningful for kids and any parents who would like the information are welcome to stay), and then of course the Seder Meal, which is the official "First Communion" and very moving.

We will be doing a Lenten Project for Sunday School this year. Please encourage this lesson at home also as we go through the church season. The Sunday Schoolers will be selecting their choice soon. We are also still looking for someone to lead our quarterly Birth to 3 group. Anyone interested, please let me know. This would be in the Nursery between services.

Once again, THANK YOU to all who volunteer to staff our Sunday Schools each week and to all those who support us with their extra "gifts" during the year. The kids have a great time and we appreciate ALL you do.

Tammy Klein
Children's Ministry Coordinator



Quick-Look

Upcoming Events At a Glance

Sun, February 10th	2nd Graders receive their Prayer Pillows! (Registration forms are now in Sunday School, Please REGISTER with a form or email me!)
Sun, March 10th	4th Graders Milestone Presentation
Sat, April 6th	First Communion Training for all 5th Graders 10am-noon!
Wed, April 17th	5th Grade Seder Supper
Sun, April 21st	NO SUNDAY SCHOOL-EASTER SUNDAY

GOOD SHEPHERD EASTER EGG-stravaganza

Sunday, April 14th Noon - Easter Egg Hunt, Easter Crafts, Movie

(Ages: 3 years – 3rd grade)

Please sign up on the Sunday School bulletin board across the main office. We would like to know how many and ages of children in order to have enough craft materials and snacks. This is a family event....everyone is welcome to attend!

Good Shepherd Easter Egg Hunt will be held on Palm Sunday and we are looking for some help. Please sign up on the Sunday School bulletin board across from the main office. We need help to stuff treat bags, set up and serve a snack for our Easter Movie. CONFIRMATION STUDENTS CAN RECEIVE SERVICE HOURS!



Good Shepherd VBS 2019
**ROAR! BIBLE CAMP SA-
FARI**

August 18-22, 2019

Registration Forms Available
Soon!



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)*

“Let love and faithfulness never leave you;
bind them around your neck,
write them on the tablet of your heart.
Then you will win favor and a good name
in the sight of God and man.”

Proverbs 3: 3-4

Confirmation

I cannot believe **confirmation is coming to an end** in just a few short weeks! Our last official day of confirmation will be February 13th and will be focused on reviewing what we have learned this year. Of course there will be some ice-cream and games as well.

January was a busy month as we wrapped things up. We finished our lessons focusing on the Promised Land, Judges and Ruth. Hopefully the students can appreciate how many times the Israelites messed up and lost faith in these stories. I know that for me, it helps to remember that others mess up too and God forgives. If God can forgive them and me, then I can forgive myself and others as well.

Service in January included making valentines for nursing home residents and helping with crafts at Bethany Riverside. The 8th graders used that time to enjoy some pizza and begin work on their faith pillows.

Youth Group

Although our weekly youth group numbers have been low, we have had faithful students showing up weekly. With small numbers, we decided to return to Nooma video studies. These studies are good for all size groups and it seems like each time, we watch them, a new message is brought to life. They always bring up lively discussions as well.

Last month, we also trialed a new youth group game—Bible Family Feud. **Have you ever thought about which animal gave Noah the hardest time, getting on the ark?** If not, you probably have not played Bible Family Feud. It was a fun way to interact and get moving during Youth Group. The number 1 answer was lion by the way. I thought it was giraffe so I lost that one :(

Butter Braids are back and will go on sale at the Youth Table on February 10th. Stop by the table to purchase your favorite flavor for only \$13.00. Proceeds benefit the youth group.

Did you know the youth table now has **Festival Cards available for same day** purchase. Currently \$25, \$50 and \$100 cards are being stocked and replenished monthly. Stop by to pick up your Kwik Trip and Festival Cards at the same time.

Do you shop at more stores than Festival and Kwik Trip? **Did you know you can purchase gift cards from thousands of stores and support the youth at the same time?** The youth group places an order after the first Sunday of each month. Stop by the Kwik Trip table to place your order next time you are at church. Talk to Stephanie or Jen Jones if you have questions.

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Director of Youth and Family Ministry

Quick-Look

Upcoming Confirmation/Youth Group Events At a Glance

Wed. January 30th	Shoulder to Shoulder Presentation 6pm Light refreshments / 6:30pm Presentation
Wed. February 6th	Fellowship/Service Night BINGO - Anna and Corrine's groups (5:45-7:30)
Wed. February 13th	Last day of Confirmation - Year review 8th Grade: All requirements due
Sun. February 10th	Butter Braid Sale Starts
Wed. February 20th	8th Graders: Faith Conversations with Pastor Harald and Stephanie
	Confirmation does not meet during Lent Students are encouraged to attend Wednesday evening worship. This is a great time to work ahead or catch up on sermon notes. The weekly message will be provided by a church member and will not follow a traditional sermon format. Students should write down the speaker's name and what stood out to them about the speaker's message.
Wed. March 6th	Butter Braid orders Due
Wed. May 1st	All Confirmation Celebration Dinner 6pm Dinner - all Students parents and guests 7pm Confirmation Rehearsal - 8th graders with parent
Sun. May 5th	Confirmation Sunday! 12:30pm Pictures 2pm Confirmation Service
July 21-26th	High School Mission Trip: Quad Cities, Iowa

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In the Office: Wednesday 4-8pm



Music Notes

From The Director of Music

Hymn Focus: "Lord, You Have Come to the Lakeshore"

"Pescador de Hombres" ("Fisher of Men"), the original title of "Lord, You Have Come to the Lakeshore", was written by Spanish composer Monseñor Cesáreo Gabaráin (1936-1991). Gabaráin was one of the most prominent composers of Post-Vatican II Spanish liturgical music.

Beginning his musical studies at age 10 at the minor seminary in Zaragoza, he went on to study at Seminario Mayor of San Sebastián and was ordained to the priesthood at San Sebastián on Dec. 19, 1959. He then served as chaplain of the College of the Marist Brothers of Antzuola in Gipúzkoa, as chaplain at Fundación Zorroaga, a nursing home in San Sebastián and as chaplain in the College of the Marist Brothers in Madrid. He served in parish ministry in Nuestra Señora de las Nieves (Our Lady of the Snows) and was head of religious education in the College of San Fernando. He died of cancer in Antzuola in 1991, after touring 22 U.S. cities to conduct workshops in conjunction with OCP (Oregon Catholic Press).

"Lord, You Have Come to the Lakeshore" was written in 1979 and is based on the Gospel passages where Jesus calls his first disciples: "As Jesus was walking beside the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon called Peter and his brother Andrew. They were casting a net into the lake, for they were fishermen. 'Come, follow me,' Jesus said, 'and I will

send you out to fish for people.' At once they left their nets and followed him." (Matthew 4:18-20, NIV). Gabaráin conveys the disciples' obedience and commitment to Jesus, leaving their fishing boats behind to follow him, and calls us to follow our Lord in the same way. The melody "Pescador de Hombres" brings this scripture passage even closer to heart with a gentle rocking movement that is reminiscent of a boat by the lakeshore. This hymn has been published in 11 hymnals and has been translated into as many as 80 languages.



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A MESSAGE OF Love

Make this valentine for a family member or friend.



What you need:

- 10 wooden craft sticks
- Painter's tape
- Markers
- A photo and glue (optional)
- Craft knife (and adult help)
- Ribbon or a rubber band

What you do:

1. Set the sticks side by side. Secure with two tape strips.
2. Flip the sticks over. Draw (or glue on) a picture or write a message or Bible verse. If using glue, let dry.
3. Flip the sticks again and remove tape. If you glued on a photo, have an adult help cut the sticks (and photo) apart.
4. Secure the sticks with ribbon or a rubber band.
5. Deliver the gift and invite the recipient to assemble the puzzle.



WITH LOVE FROM ABOVE

The Bible is full of special words from our loving God.

Directions: Using the messages on the candy hearts, complete the Bible verses (all NIV) below.



God is our _____ and _____,
an ever-present help in trouble. Psalm 46:1

"Surely I am with you _____." Matthew 28:20

And the _____ of God ... will guard
your hearts and your minds in
_____. Philippians 4:7

Whoever lives in _____ lives in God,
and God in them. 1 John 4:16

_____ love drives out fear. 1 John 4:18

Answer: refuge, strength, peace, love, perfect



"Don't worry. I'm a church pastor. First little problem, and they'll find me."