



# Shepherd's Voice Give. Serve. Lead. Connect.

August 2020

### From Pastor Harald Bringsjord

"Don't think for a moment that because you're in the palace you will escape when all other Jews are killed. If you keep quiet at a time like this, deliverance and relief for the Jews will arise from some other place, but you and your relatives will die. Who knows if perhaps you were made queen for just such a time as this?" (Esther 4:13-14 NLT)

Queen Esther was a beautiful Jewish girl who was a cousin to Mordecai, a member of the King's court, and as the story progresses, Esther becomes the Oueen of the land after becoming Xerxes' second wife. When the King's first wife disagrees with what he wants, he basically dismisses her and Esther becomes Queen. The power of the queen was that she could have the ear of the king. But queens had to be clever, and knowing that Haman, who was a confidant of the king, wanted to exterminate all the Jews in the empire, made things very risky since Esther and Mordecai were Jews. The King and the court, however, didn't know that Esther was a Jew.

Out of this struggle and intrigue Mordecai says to Esther, "Perhaps you were made queen for just such a time as this?"

If you haven't read the Book of Esther in the Old Testament, I encourage you to do so. What I think it says to us today is, that wherever we are in life, we were perhaps put in that place for such a time

as this. And this is certainly proving to be a time of struggle, having entered the 20th week of quarantine because of a virus that can weaken us and even kill

I'm not sure if Tolkien had the story of Esther in mind when he wrote "The Fellowship of the Ring," but a theme in the story is that we should use our time wisely for we are given only a short time. Tolkien writes: 'I wish it need not have happened in my time,' said Frodo, 'So do I,' said Gandalf, 'and so do all who live to see such times. But that is not for them to decide. All we have to decide is what to do with the time that is given us." (JRR Tolkien, The Fellowship of the Ring)

It is my sincere hope that each one of us use our time well to bring about justice and peace, mercy and love, and that we use our time to pray for one another. Recently I went through the membership rolls and prayed for every one of you individually. It took some time, but it was worth it. I was inspired to pray for each of you when I saw so many of you gathering for worship on July 11th in the church parking lot, after almost 20 weeks of quarantine, distancing ourselves from the life we had known before and from one another since the March 12th council meeting. That communion service was a reminder to me that we are a people of hope who are still connected with one another. Thank you for the many kind words written to

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# From our President and Vice President

Dear Members of Good Shepherd Lutheran Church,

In maintaining communication with all of our church family, we wanted to update you on the current status of the church. We will share with you guidelines provided by the La Crosse Area Synod's Task Force for Re-Opening and based on the State of Wisconsin Badger Bounce Back Plan, and the Wisconsin Council of Churches, Retuning to Church document. These documents have all been reviewed by the Church Council of Good Shepherd as well as preparing our own plan within the Good Shepherd Pandemic Response Plan.

Currently, the church remains in Stage 3 of Good Shepherd's Pandemic Response Plan where the church is in total shut down with the building locked. Everything is closed until further information from health and government organizations on how to reopen. We will continue to monitor La Crosse County Health Department and CDC recommendations and guidelines. COVID-19 remains very contagious and local data tells us that we should continue to limit our interactions with others as much as possible to protect ourselves and our congregation to reduce the spread of COVID-19. The church staff is communicating with local church leaders to develop a plan for opening together. As soon as conditions improve for the required timeframe, then an established plan for reopening buildings can be followed.

We thank you for your phone calls, emails and most of all patience as we navigate this unprecedented time. We know this is hard on everyone to not be together as a church family. Please find spiritual sustenance with the online bible study that Pastor John is holding, joining Pastor Harald on Sundays at 9am for online worship, give the church office or another member a call for a friendly visit and most of all visit the website for up to date information on what's happening in Good Shepherd. An exciting event to add to your calendar is Saturday, August 8th at 4pm Good Shepherd is having another Drive-In Church Service with communion, hope to see you there!

Yours in Christ.

Jim Bugge, President of the Congregation

Sara Wrobel, Vice President of the Congregation

# **Serve**Enriching Life, Sharing talents

### Thank You All So Very Much...

Altar Guild—Thank you to the members who served during the month of July Arlene & Dewey Dreves & Linda Schoen. For the month of August Pat Oliver & Sharon Yushta will be on duty if we have any services.

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

Thank you to Ann Hudson for sending out cards and prayer shawls year round to be eaved 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**

All services are canceled until further notice. Kathy will contact all ushers with dates and times as soon as services resume.

# 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) 792-1305 or email randy@gslacrosse.org to be a part of this growing and exciting praise band!



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### 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 open hangout is Wednesday evenings at 6:30pm between September & June. 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 the Jen Servais at Jen@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 to all who delivered in June. Our next week will be Aug 3rd to Aug 9th, I have all these days filled! Our next week will be Sept 28th to Oct 4th. Thank you everyone for your help!

Mobile Meals of La Crosse delivers 33,000 meals yearly 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 for deliveries. 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

Because church is not open, we are not collecting food for WAFER at this time.

To continue your support of WAFER, you can give a monetary gift. Simply make your check out to Good Shepherd, indicate WAFER in the check memo, and mail your check to us.

### 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. 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.

### Cub Scouts, Boy Scouts & Scouting for Girls Meet at Good Shepherd

Cub Scouts—Pack 10 meets at 6pm, 2nd & 4th week on Tuesday's in the Mattes Center. Off over the summer.

**Boy Scouts**—Troop 22 meets at 6:45pm weekly on Tuesday's in the Mattes Center. Off over the summer.

**Scouting for Girls** meets at 6:45pm weekly on Tuesday's in the Mattes Center. Off over the summer.

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

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# 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 June 24 through July 24.

### Rev. Roger Hjelle Memorial

Ron & Camille Wilhelm Barb Hegge LeeAnn Lyden Jeff & Sharon Yushta Dan & Judy Lange Jeana Briggs Randy Lyden Mary Ann Lyden Shirley Holman Amy Hysel Art & Betty Olson La Crosse Area Synod Dave Kilmer Phil & Pam Mahlum Odell & Carol Anderson



**Paul Kolden Memorial** Harald & Andrea Bringsjord

### **Dave Morrell Memorial**

John & Naomi Stennes-Spidahl

#### WAFER

Norm & Joanne Jerome

#### **Donations of Required Minimum Distributions from Retirement Accounts**

Did you know that you can make a donation of all or a portion of the Required Minimum Distribution from your retirement account to tax exempt charities such as Good Shepherd and your donation will be tax exempt?

Here's how it works. If a person is at least age 70½, they must take at least a minimum distribution from their IRA or incur a penalty equal to one-half of the otherwise required minimum distribution amount. They may take more than the minimum at their discretion.



These individuals may instruct their IRA account manager to distribute any amount of their choosing to one or more tax exempt charities such as Good Shepherd.

When that is done, it is considered to be a tax exempt contribution. Good Shepherd would acknowledge to the giver the receipt of that contribution from their IRA. Also, this contribution is tax exempt even if the individual does not itemize deductions for income tax purposes because the IRA account manager would not identify this to the IRS as reportable income in accordance with the tax code.

For more information about Qualified Charitable Distributions, check out the Internal Revenue Service Publication 590-B, "Distributions from Individual Retirement Arrangements (IRAs)" or speak with your tax advisor.

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# Church Numbers

### Weekly Sunday Attendance

Date	8:30am	10:30am
06/07/20	No Service	No Service
06/14/20	No Service	No Service
06/21/20	No Service	No Service
06/28/20	No Service	No Service

### Weekly Envelope Offerings

Date	Weekly	% Budget
06/07/20	7,351.00	97.3%
06/14/20	6,542.50	86.6%
06/21/20	2,644.77	35.0%
06/28/20	3,741.50	49.5%
Totals	20,279.77	67.1%

### **Envelope Offering Comparison**

June 2020	June 2019	% Difference
20,279.77	25,578.07	-20.7%
YTD 2020	YTD 2019	% Difference
181,168.39	167,815.14	8.0%

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.



# Around the Parish ...

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all of us who made the worship service a reality. I'm especially grateful that we were able to have worship in a safe way.

On Saturday, August 8th, at 4pm we will gather for another parking lot worship service with communion. In the meantime, we will continue to have online worship, Sunday School, Bible study, and other meetings.

May each one of us sow seeds of love and kindness for such a time as this.

Know that you are all in my prayers.

Pastor Harald



#### Mark Your Calendar!

Saturday, August 8th at 4pm for Good Shepherd's second Drive-In Worship Service with Communion. The service will be held in the parking lot across from Church.

Come a bit early to get your parking spot and tune your car radio tuned to 107.1 FM

### **Sunday Morning Bible Study**

Pastor John will be leading a Sunday morning Bible Study via Zoom at 10:15am every Sunday. We will continue to meet this way until we can resume services here at church. For more information on joining in our study go to <a href="http://gslacrosse.org/sunday-bible-study/">http://gslacrosse.org/sunday-bible-study/</a>

### **Online Worship**

Please continue to join in worshiping online with us Sundays at 9am. The services are streamed live from Our Savior's Lutheran Church. Members with an email address on file with us will receive an email reminder of the service the day of worship with a link to join. You can also join by going to <a href="http://gslacrosse.org/live/">http://gslacrosse.org/live/</a>

#### **Church contributions**

For those who are able and wish to continue their regular offerings through these times, you can mail your offering to Good Shepherd at 4141 Mormon Coulee Rd., or give online via our website at <a href="http://gslacrosse.org/give-online/">http://gslacrosse.org/give-online/</a>

You can also download the "GivePlus Church" app for free from the App Store or Google Play. This app will allow you to easily make donations from your smartphone using your debit/credit card or checking/savings account.

Another option is to email Rick@gslacrosse.org and request to sign up for our Simply Giving program. A form will be sent to you to fill out and return setting regularly scheduled electronic transfers from your checking or savings account.

Thank you all for all you do as a friend or member of Good Shepherd Lutheran Church!

# Around the Parish ...



Mariah's Celebration Fundraiser is an event to celebrate 40 years from Mariah Forster Olson's childhood cancer diagnosis. All proceeds will benefit some wonderful nonprofit organizations and will be used for neuroblastoma research and cancer advocacy, awareness, and services. Although our original plans were altered, we are excited to announce that Mariah's Celebration Fundraiser will consist of a program on Facebook Live on August 22nd at 1pm, and a silent auction through Bidding Owl. The silent auction will begin on August 15th at 1pm, and will end on August 22nd at 4pm. You can pre-register any time at: www.biddingowl.com/ mariahscelebfundraiser. You can also preview items on this site as we receive and list them, and return to bid on them during the silent auction!

For detailed registration and bidding instructions, or any other information about Mariah's Celebration Fundraiser, please visit our Facebook page, https://www.facebook.com/events/175496773718812/, or our website, www.mariahscelebrationfundraiser.com.

# Shop Amazon Smile instead of Amazon and donate to Good Shepherd at the same time!

Shop <u>smile.amazon.com</u> and Amazon will donate 0.5% of the price of your eligible Amazon Smile purchases to Good Shepherd! For more information and to get started, go to the <u>Good Shepherd website</u>. When selecting your charitable organization search 23-7014481 or use and bookmark the following link: <u>smile.amazon.com</u>

### PART-TIME OFFICE ADMINISTRATOR WANTED

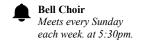
The La Crosse Area Synod is seeking a Part -Time Office Administrator to work approximately 20 hours/week (hours negotiable). Responsibilities include: working with the bishop and the assistant to the bishop in securing pastors for congregations and guiding candidates through seminary, greeting visitors and answering telephone: updating databases. various forms and website; and other general duties. Needing a self-starter with skills in social media and online messaging. and the ability to multitask. Confidentiality is required. If interested, please contact the synod office by August 16th: office@lacrosseareasynod.org or 788-5000.

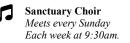
#### **Hintgen Food Project**

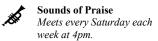
The Hintgen Project will resume again in the fall. We thank you for all the monetary gifts to make this possible for our community. We are truly making a difference in these children's lives.



# August 2020







8:30 and 10:30 Sunday Worship Service, 8:45 and 10:45 Sunday School. Communion 1st and 3rd Sundays of Each Month

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
July 26	27	28	29	30	31	August 1
9am Online Worship 10:15am Bible Study via Zoom		5pm Men's Golf				
2 9am Online Worship 10:15am Bible Study via Zoom	3	4 5pm Men's Golf	5	6	7	8 4pm Drive In Church Service
9 9am Online Worship 10:15am Bible Study via Zoom	10	11 Polling Day 5pm Men's Golf	12	13	14	15
9am Online Worship 10:15am Bible Study via Zoom	17	18 5pm Men's Golf 6pm Admin/Exec Meeting	19	20	21 September Voice Articles Due	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
9am Online Worship 10:15am Bible Study via Zoom		1pm Come for Supper (setup) 4:30pm Come for Supper (serve) 5pm Men's Golf				
30	31	September 1	2	3	4	5
9am Online Worship 10:15am Bible Study via Zoom 11am Thurin Baptism	All w	5pm Men's Golf  orship services and face-to-fa	ace meetings have been car	nceled until further notic	ce.	
As of Ma email, ou	rch 24 the church off r website, and Facebo	ices are temporarily closed, bu pook page for updates as we nav by video conference. Please of	t mail and voice messages wigate our way through this n	rill continue to be checked ext month. Committees	d daily. Please check are encouraged to co	k your ontinue

## Church Council Members

- Jim Bugge President of the Congregation jim@gslacrosse.org
- Sara Wrobel Vice President of the Congregation
- Todd Holtz Treasurer
- Ellen Klemp Secretary

**Other Church Council Members** 

include: Wayne Atchley, Roger Weeks Jr., Tim Stalsberg, Jessica Addington, Janet Torkelson, Ladd DaFoe, John Krause, Thea Johnson, Mark Skolos, Harlan McLain, Pastor Harald & Mason Roth (Youth Rep.)



- Rev. Harald Bringsjord Senior Pastor prharald@gslacrosse.org
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   Kerstin Gruntzel
   Volunteer Parish Nurses
   Cody\_Kerstin@gslacrosse.org
- **Bill Klein** *Custodian* 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,

Summer is upon us. Here are a few reminders when is 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!



### **Cody Nedegaard & Kerstin Gruntzel**

GS Volunteer Parish Nurses

Cody\_Kerstin@gslacrosse.org

**Health Questions?** 

Gundersen Telephone Nurse Advisor



Hello Good Shepherd Family! Only 21 Sundays until Christmas! Ha... Now that I have your attention.....

August is here, and that means we would normally be in full Vacation Bible School Swing. With the postponement of 2020 VBS, we will be changing our program for this year up and changing our Theme as well. I will be hosting VBS time in the evenings from August 26-30th and we will have something new for THIS YEAR....

We will be having a "VBS in a BUCKET" program available for pick safe pick up on August 16th. We will be sending a registration form out to all Sunday School Families to register for our 2020 program. The buckets will be filled with materials, stories and fun to bring us together in Love and Spirit for a week and support your family with a VBS experience for 2020.

Speaking of fun, Sugar Creek has a great experience for a safe camp this summer and we are welcoming anyone interested to join in. Good Shepherd is available to help support the cost for anyone wishing to participate. These are available for Children and youth. The link for information and registration forms are http://wp.sugarcreekbiblecamp.org/

Donate your summer camp deposit and receive: Camp-style Backpack, Five-day summer camp Bible study with at-home craft guides (age specific), Sugar Creek t-shirt, Sugar Creek Water Bottle – 25oz, Creation Challenge – 5 Nature exploration activities, Camp bracelet, Faith 5 Family Devotional, Sugar Creek Surprise Item, Creamy Camp Cocoa, Sugar Creek Campfire Recipes, Spray Pen sanitizer and info. Card, Letter from Summer Staff, YouTube link with songs and staff Bible study intros.

Sugar Creek is also hosting a virtual Day Camp opportunity as well. Day Camp 2-GO is available on the website. It includes links to the Day Camp 2-Go Activity Booklet, and special YouTube page with the corresponding videos. Each day has its own playlist. Selecting the playlist and playing all videos, will play the videos in the recommended order Questions? Call/email Kjell Bakken, Program Director at 608-734-3113.

During the summer months, I have taken a few Sundays off for family events.

Normally, June and July are my VBS planning months. I have enjoyed hosting Sunday Schools on my Facebook Live at 9:45 on Sunday Mornings. I am hoping to continue with our Fall Schedule and have Sunday School this way until we are able to gather together. If anyone would like to be involved, please let me know by emailing me at tammy@gslacrosse.org. I am working hard to make our "Rally Sunday" a unique experience for all of our New Sunday Schoolers and returning families.

And to all our kids out there, I miss seeing you. Please know that we will be having gathering "virtually" each Sunday. I will also be at our next Drive In Church Service! Saturday, August 8th at 4pm is the next one. I so appreciate this service as I came away feeling lighter, happy and with a sense of having Gathered. Look forward to waving at you all...watch for me...I'll be wearing a D.U.C.K.

Sending you all prayers for health, safety, and most of all...LOVE! In Peace and Joy,

Tammy

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# Quick-Look Upcoming Events At a Glance

All meetings and group activities have been canceled until further notice. Please check our website and Facebook page for the most recent updates.



### **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)

"Know that I am with you and will keep you wherever you go." Genesis 28:15



I can't believe it is August already! April and May seemed to move at a snail's pace while June and July have flown by. I have always like the month of August. It is a month of anticipation as families get ready for a new school year and all the possibilities the year may hold. This year will be different, but as we have all hopefully learned over the last couple of months, different doesn't have to be bad. I have been thinking a lot about what Confirmation will look like this fall. There are so many things I want to do with the kids to strengthen their relationship with God but I know my original ideas are going to need to be adjusted. As most youth and Confirmation groups in the area are doing, we are waiting to see what the school districts decide to do before making decisions on what Confirmation will look like this fall. Some of our traditions like Bethany Riverside Bingo probably won't happen but I am hoping we can find a way to converse, share, and practice our gratitude and grace together. How do we facilitate our growth in faith in the age of COVID...especially with our teens? I am open for suggestions!! We are the G4 Squad...even in a pandemic so here are four things to do to remind of us of God's love.

GRATITUDE: You know I love a good gratuity journal! If you haven't stated one, do it now! Write three things you are grateful for every day.

GRACE (showing love): Write a letter, send a text, or make a phone call to someone special. Focus on someone who may be especially lonely. Even if it is someone you see regularly, making an effort to express your love to them is a powerful thing.

GROWTH: Think about the world around and how you can have a positive impact on that world. Make some goals (write them in your gratuity journal). Ask yourself "how can I be more like Jesus...spreading love, kindness, compassion and hope."

GOD: The beauty of the 4 Gs is by doing the first three, you are growing in your relationship with God. Take a moment each day to pray or just tell the big guy "thanks" for the opportunity to live in this amazing world, surrounded by amazing people.

In Peace,

Jen

## Quick-Look

Upcoming Confirmation/Youth Group Events At a Glance

All meetings and group activities have been canceled until further notice. Please check our website and Facebook page for the most recent updates.

### Scrip Cards Available!

Even while our doors are closed you can still support the youth of the church by purchasing scrip cards. Need a last minute teacher gift, birthday present, Father's Day gift or just because it's a Monday? Contact Todd or myself and we can set up a time to get you cards. We have the following cards on hand:

Kwik Trip - \$10, \$20, \$25, \$50 & \$100 Festival - \$25 or \$50 Wal-Mart - \$25 or \$50

\$10 cards for:

Bath & Body Works, Caribou, Domino's, Noodles & Co, Pizza Hut, Subway, and Wendy's.

\$25 cards for:

Ace Hardware, Applebees, Buffalo Wild Wings, Fazzoli's, Gap/Old Navy/Banana Republic, Marcus Theatres, Pizza Ranch, Red Lobster, Target, & Texas Roadhouse

We are not placing additional Scrip orders at this time, but would consider it if someone has a large order that would justify the shipping. Additional time is needed to process the order.

Our contact information is:

Corrine Holtz: Mobile-608-397-9353 or Email-tcjj23511@gmail.com

### Jen Servais

Director of Youth and Family Ministry
Jen@gslacrosse.org (608) 788-0450

In the Office: Varied hours



### From the Director of Music

### "Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love"

The text for "Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love" was written by Thomas Stevenson Colvin (1925-2000), a long time missionary to Africa. Colvin was born and educated in Glasgow, but spent most of his working life serving as a Church of Scotland missionary; first in Malawi and then in Tamale, Northern Ghana. He and his wife, Patricia, later returned to Malawi, staying there until he retired in 1990.

Colvin wrote the hymn "Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love" in 1963, while attending a lay-training course on agriculture, development and evangelism in Chereponi, Northern Ghana. New converts to the faith brought him a folk tune which they felt would be appropriate for a song about Christian love. Colvin shared these thoughts about his writing of the text: "Sitting there in the moonlight, I felt it simply had to be about black and white, rich and poor. I was ashamed of the wasteful affluence of my people but proud of the Gospel that transforms us into servants of one another. It is only when we who are rich learn to have the humility of the slave toward the poor of the world that we shall be able to learn from them: they have so much to teach us and share with us."

The tune for this hymn, named Chereponi by Colvin after the village where he first heard it, was originally from a Ghanaian love song. Colvin believed all Christians should worship in their native language and encouraged the African Christians, among whom he lived and served, to sing their praise to God with their own musical traditions.

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The hymn as based on John 13, where Jesus washes the feet of the disciples. This Gospel text came to have special meaning for Colvin as he witnessed the people of Ghana living out the example of Jesus; doing for one another what Christ has done for them.



### Randy Lyden

Good Shepherd Music Director randy@gslacrosse.org | (608) 792-1305



# GREAT SUMMER GAMES

Though this year's Summer Olympics were postponed, you can host friendly neighborhood competitions.

### What you need:

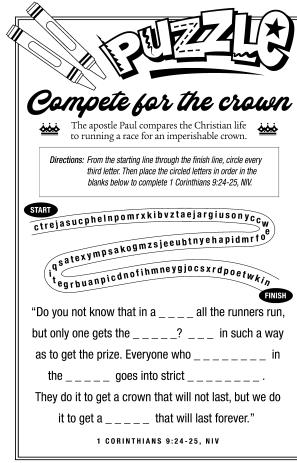
- Masking tape
- Large craft sticks
- Paper platesBalloons
- Ribbon
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- Scissors
- Green construction paper
- Craft glue

### What you do:

Balloon Badminton: Make rackets by taping a stick "handle" to each plate. Blow up and tie a balloon. Use the rackets to pass the balloon back and forth, without letting it touch the floor.

Rhythmic Routines: Using tape, firmly attach one end of a 4-foot ribbon to a craft stick. Display style and skill by waving it around. Try choreographing a routine to a praise song.

Champion Crown: Cut a large hole out of the center of a paper plate. Cut 2-inch ovals from green paper. Glue those "leaves" to the ring as garland. Crown a winner of each game!



Answer: race, prize, run, competes, games, training, crown





# Ministry Without Bounds!

As the caring, generous members of Good Shepherd, we are the light of hope on the corner of Mormon Coulee Road and Birch Street. Sharing the ministry of this church, community and beyond is being achieved in unique and engaging ways. Your support of Good Shepherd makes this ministry possible.



### Making Cards for Connections...

"After making phone calls throughout March and April, I found a puzzle card online that gave me the idea to make one for each household...so 4 weeks later I had 420 cards ready to mail! My idea was to show how all of us are a piece of Good Shepherd ministry and each piece is needed. While I was making the cards, I could see and name the person for whom the card design was best suited. I hope you enjoyed your card and know how much you matter in Good Shepherd's ministry!"



### Adapting for Ministry to Continue...

Even with social distancing, group requirements and using protective measures Pastor Harald has found creative ways to uphold ministry. Pastoral acts of ministry include well-being phone calls, baptisms, weddings, graveside services (and all the meetings before them), new member meetings as well as meeting with the confirmands and hand signing 420 puzzle connection cards!





### Connecting to the Youth

A little ingenuity, online apps and our ministry to the youth of Good Shepherd continues! Sunday School, Confirmation and Senior High Youth staff and volunteers have created interactive events and worked to stay in contact with the youth while sharing the word of God. Facebook has lots to check out!



Congratulations to the 2020 Confirmands of Good Shenherd Lutheran Church!

Caitlin Weeks. Eliza Prentice. Emma Oslev. Grace Blegan Lucas Miller,

**Emily Sanwick** Jakoh Bronson

Garrett VandeZande Jordan San Miguel

2020 Good Shepherd Confirmands



### G4Squad Connections...



Song Lyric Mondays Meme Wednesdays **Bible Verse Fridays** 

### Driving Our Faith...

Ministry made history at Good Shepherd on July 11th when the first ever Drive-In Church Service was held in the Birch Street lot. A covered truck, radio transmitter and an electric keyboard were used to bring a church service to 141 worshipers in 72 cars! Attendees were able to worship, sing, pray, receive communion, make an offering and be a family again in their vehicles.

set, please mark your calendars and join in the next service! Saturday August 8th Saturday September 12th

Further Drive-In dates have been

Saturday September 26th Saturday October 17<sup>th</sup> Services begin at 4 p.m.







### Supporting Our Ministry...

Your support of Good Shepherd Lutheran Church is accomplishing the ministry shared here as well as the personal ministry you are doing each time you wave hello, call a friend, yield for a crosswalk or donate to a food pantry. These are all acts of supporting one another. For those who are able and wish to continue their regular offerings you can:

Mail your offering to 4141 Mormon Coulee Rd., La Crosse Give online at http://gslacrosse.org/give-online/ "GivePlus Church" app to easily make donations from your smartphone using a debit/credit card or checking or savings account.

Simply Giving Program for scheduled electronic transfers from a checking or savings account. Enroll by emailing Rick@gslacrosse.org

Make an Offering at the next Drive-In Church Service

### Drive-In Ministry Impact...

Chevys, Fords, Toyotas, and so many more makes and models of vehicles served as vessels, bringing members of Good Shepherd together for ministry the second Saturday in July. One member who attended said "It was good to be together even if we couldn't visit with one another." Prior to the date, church staff and volunteers did tests to ensure this unique service would go smooth and be heard through the radio signal. The parking lot was even viewed on Google Earth to plan the best way to arrange cars so people could see and be connected and it was noticed as a member commented, "The parking lot worship service was wonderful, it was so well planned and it felt safe." Pastor Harald kept his unique style of worship and connecting us by asking attendees to honk their horns as a means of communicating and participating! It was a joyful, smile invoking noise and many people said afterwards, "We loved the honking of the horns." Even in a car, we can make a joyful sound onto the Lord. Good Shepherd Ministry is still being done and the Good News of Jesus Christ is being shared.

See you on August 8th



Give the Church a call if you'd like to visit, share a story or if you could use a spiritual boost! (608) 788-0450