

Romans 12:18

IF IT IS POSSIBLE, AS FAR AS IT
DEPENDS ON YOU, LIVE AT PEACE
WITH EVERYONE.



Shepherd's Voice

Give. Serve. Lead. Connect.

October 2020

From Pastor Harald Bringsjord

Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep. Live in harmony with one another; do not be haughty, but associate with the lowly; do not claim to be wiser than you are. Do not repay anyone evil for evil, but take thought for what is noble in the sight of all. If it is possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all. **Romans 12:15-18**

To all of you who have expressed gratitude for the worship services online and in the parking lot I rejoice with you and give you thanks. To all who have struggled with not being together in the Church building for worship and other activities I struggle with you. To all who have experienced a death or illness yourself or through a family member or friend COVID or not COVID related I weep with you. To all who have celebrated a baptism, birthday, wedding a graduation, or other milestones, I rejoice with you.

I am grateful for the Church Council, staff and others in navigating church life through this pandemic. The decision to stay predominantly online will continue through at least the end of the year. There is continual monitoring of the pandemic situation from the World Health Organization, Center for Disease Control, and our state and local public health officials.

As this letter is being written La Crosse County has been given the title of having the second highest increase of COVID-19 cases in the country. In light of all this, we will still have

worship. Opportunities for worship will be through the online services together with Our Savior's Lutheran Church, English Lutheran Church and Bethel Lutheran Church every Sunday. If you would like be a part of the online worship service and are having trouble connecting please contact the church office, and there will be a friendly staff person willing to help you connect to the live or to the archived services.

In addition, there will be the drive in worship services in the church parking lot. These services will be held on the Saturdays of September 26th, October 17th and November 14th, all at 4pm. There will also be a drive in Thanksgiving worship service on Wednesday, November 25th at 5pm in the church parking lot as well as an online Thanksgiving service. On Christmas Eve, there will be three drive in worship services at 5pm, 6pm, and 7pm in the church parking lot. The services will be a shorter version of the past years Christmas Eve services. All these services except, for Thanksgiving, will include communion. We will inform everyone through a message on the Churches website, Facebook page and through the churches e-news message system, if any of the services are cancelled due to weather or because of health concerns.

In Christ,

Pastor Harald



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One aspect of Stewardship Sunday is on now with an incredible challenge gift of **\$20,000!**

This gift will be made to the church
**IF 50% of congregation members return their
 Statement of Intent Cards on or by October 17th.**

Statements of Intent can be returned by mail, email, website or drop off at church. Our exciting progress will be updated weekly. Please return your Statement of Intent for 2021 giving ...it's worth \$20,000 towards ministry!

In response to God's grace and love in Christ Jesus, I/we intend to give this offering in support of Good Shepherd Lutheran Church's ongoing ministry. I/we understand that this amount may be changed if necessary by notifying the church office.

Amount to be given: ☐ \$ _____ Weekly ☐ \$ _____ Monthly ☐ Other \$ _____

☐ Date I/we will begin this offering: ____/____/20____

☐ I/we will give my offering in the offering plate or in the mail.

☐ I/we will continue using online giving (automatic withdrawal bank or credit card).

☐ I/we will begin online giving through the Good Shepherd website

Name(s) _____

Address _____

Signature _____ Date ____/____/20____

Help us meet the challenge! Fill yours out and return it today!

Serve Enriching Life, Sharing Talents

Thank You All So Very Much...

Altar Guild—Thank you to the members who served during the month of September Rich Frosch & Jeanne Atchley. For the month of October Al & Kathy Johnson & Linda Schoen will be on duty if we have any services.

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

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



From our President and our Vice President

Dear Members of Good Shepherd Lutheran Church,

We send you greetings of hope while we cannot be together as a church family. Please find spiritual sustenance through the online bible study that Pastor John is holding Sundays at 10:15 via Zoom, joining Pastor Harald on Sundays at 9am for online worship, or Drive-In Services with communion at 4pm on Saturday October 17th and November 14th. If you'd like, give the church office or another member a call for a friendly chat, and most of all visit the website for what's happening in Good Shepherd.

Currently, the church remains in Stage 3, closed until further information from health and government organizations. We continue to monitor La Crosse County Health Department and CDC recommendations as local data tells us that we should continue to limit our interactions with others as much as possible. 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.

Yours in Christ,
 Jim Bugge, President of the Congregation
 Sara Wrobel, Vice President of the Congregation

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!



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 Aug. Our next week will be Sept 28th to Oct 4th, I have most of these days filled! Our next week will be Nov 2nd to Nov 8th. 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.

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

Since our building is closed, we are not collecting food for WAFER at this time.

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.

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.

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 August 17 through September 21.

Hintgen Food Project

Jim & Jan Quinn
Norm & Joanne Jerome
John & Naomi Stennes-Spidahl
Vernon & Peg Garves

ELCA World Hunger

John & Naomi Stennes-Spidahl

ELCA Disaster Response

John & Naomi Stennes-Spidahl
Ed & Ann Keuper



Jean Troyanek Memorial

Harald & Andrea Bringsjord
Kris Bernhardt

Pr. Roger Hjelle Memorial in honor of his birthday Sept. 3rd

Luanne Hjelle and Family

Deltha Schumacher Memorial

Harald & Andrea Bringsjord

Lutheran Campus Ministry

Tom & Phyllis Lynch
LeeAnn Lyden

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.



Church Numbers

Weekly Sunday Attendance

Date	8:30am	10:30am
08/02/20	No Service	No Service
08/09/20	No Service	No Service
08/16/20	No Service	No Service
08/23/20	No Service	No Service
08/30/20	No Service	No Service

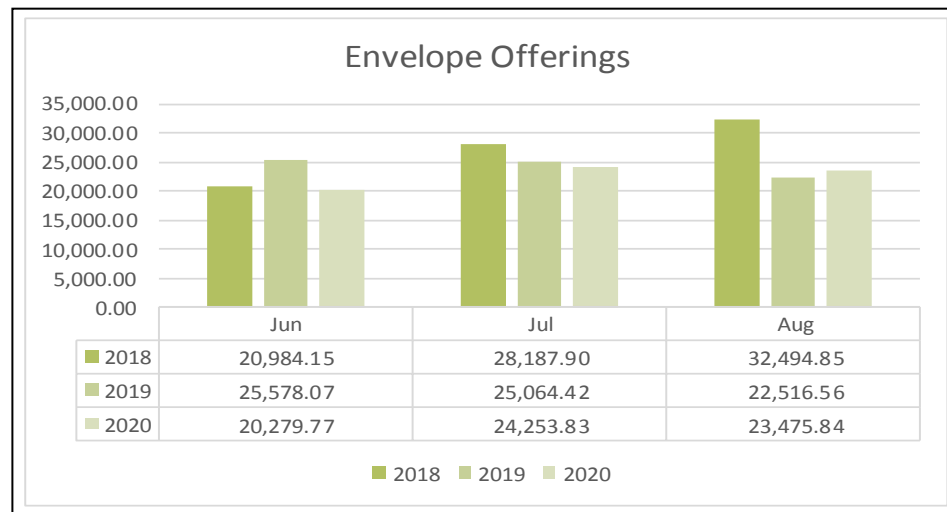
Weekly Envelope Offerings

Date	Weekly	% Budget
08/02/20	6,403.50	106.0%
08/09/20	9,100.15	150.6%
08/16/20	4,055.50	67.1%
08/23/20	2,223.19	36.8%
08/30/20	1,693.50	28.0%
Totals	23,475.84	77.7%

Envelope Offering Comparison

August 2020	August 2019	% Difference
23,475.84	22,516.56	4.3%
YTD 2020	YTD 2019	% Difference
228,898.06	215,396.12	6.3%

If you would like to view the complete financial statements that are shared with the Council, please contact Rick in the church office at rick@gsiacrosse.org or by calling the church office (608)788-0450.



Around the Parish...



Mark Your Calendar!

Our next Drive-In Worship with Communion will be held on Saturday, October 17th at 4pm.

This is our Commitment Sunday so please, please, please bring your Statement of Intent Card with you to this service or return it to the office prior to this date. There is a Challenge Gift of \$20,000.00 that will be donated to Good Shepherd if we can get 50% of our congregation to submit a pledge for next years giving!!!

The Challenge Gift is not dependent on pledge amounts, just the number of people who pledge, so be sure that you return the completed card by the 17th.

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

DON'T FORGET YOUR INTENT CARD!!

Online Worship

Please continue to join in worshipping 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 <http://gslacrosse.org/live/>

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 <http://gslacrosse.org/give-online/>

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!

God's peace and blessings to everyone.

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 <http://gslacrosse.org/sunday-bible-study/>

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

Shop smile.amazon.com 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: <http://gslacrosse.org/6030-2/>

When selecting your charitable organization search 23-7014481 or use and bookmark the following link: smile.amazon.com

Around the Parish...

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 <http://gslacrosse.org/funding-available-from-good-shepherd-trust-foundation/>. To be eligible, requests must align with the Mission Statement of the Church as well as our Core Values. Applications are due in the office by Friday, October 2nd.

Good Shepherd Men's Group

Our men's group meets Sundays at 6:30pm either in the courtyard behind church or via Zoom. If you would like to join us and be a part of the fellowship and activities and events we sponsor throughout the year, contact Randy Page at grimmcaf@hotmail.com

Help Feed The Children At Hintgen

Through our Hintgen Food Program, children in need at Hintgen Elementary are provided with food for the weekend when they otherwise may go hungry. Since we are not accepting food donations during the shutdown, please consider a monetary donation to the program.

It costs approximately \$250 per week to meet their current needs in providing food to over 20 families of students in need. Checks should be made payable to Good Shepherd and please indicate Hintgen Food Project in the memo line.

This program truly makes a difference in the lives of these students, please help us out if you can!



Ministry Without Bounds continues in Good Shepherd as the weather grows cooler and our days grow shorter as fall then winter arrive. Mark your calendar to join these upcoming services! All Drive-In Services offer communion except Thanksgiving.

Inclement Weather Plan: If it is sleeting, snowed 2+ inches, or the temperature or wind-chill is below zero that evening's Drive-In Service is cancelled.

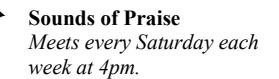
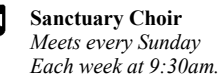
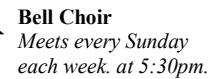
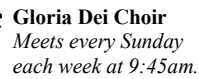
October 17th and November 14th - Drive in Services at 4pm
DON'T FORGET YOUR INTENT CARD OCTOBER 17!!

November 25th - Thanksgiving Eve:
Drive-In Service at 5pm
Online Service at 6:30pm

December 24th - Christmas Eve:
Drive in Services at 5, 6, 7pm



October 2020



Online Worship Sunday's at 9A.M. Join us at <http://gslacrosse.org/live/>

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
September 27 9am Online Worship 10:15am Bible Study via Zoom	28	29	30 6:30pm Confirmation via Zoom	October 1	2	3 2pm Ellickson Baptism (outside)
4 9am Online Worship 10:15am Bible Study via Zoom	5	6	7 6:30pm Confirmation via Zoom	8	9	10
11 9am Online Worship 10:15am Bible Study via Zoom 10:30am Ruiz Baptism (outside)	12	13	14 6:30pm Confirmation via Zoom	15	16 November Voice Article Due	17 4pm Drive In Service DON'T FORGET YOUR INTENT CARD!!
18 9am Online Worship 10:15am Bible Study via Zoom	19	20 6pm Admin/Exec Meeting 7pm Church Council Meeting	21 6:30pm Confirmation via Zoom	22	23	24
25 9am Online Worship 10:15am Bible Study via Zoom	26	27 1pm Come for Supper (setup) 4:30pm Come for Supper (serve)	28 6:30pm Confirmation via Zoom	29	30	31
November 1 9am Online Worship 10:15am Bible Study via Zoom	2	3 Polling	4 6:30pm Confirmation via Zoom	5	6	7
<p align="center"> <i>All worship services and face-to-face meetings have been canceled until further notice.</i> <i>The church offices are temporarily closed, but mail and voice messages will continue to be checked daily. Please check your email, our website, and Facebook page for updates as we navigate our way through this next month. Committees are encouraged to continue to meet via email, by phone or by video conference. Please observe all public health and safety recommendations and stay healthy!</i> </p>						

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 & Karina Bronson (Youth Rep.)



- **Rev. Harald Bringsjord** *Senior Pastor* prharald@gslacrosse.org
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- **Jen Servais** *Coordinator of Youth and Family Ministry* jen@gslacrosse.org
- **Randy Lyden** *Music Director/ Organist* randy@gslacrosse.org (608) 792-1305
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- **Karl & Jaime Greenfield** *Sanctuary Choir Directors* karl@gslacrosse.org 790-3785
- **Darlene Lassig** *Volunteer Gloria Dei Choir Director* 788-5686 darlene@gslacrosse.org
- **Cody Nedegaard** **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

Greetings,

With breast cancer awareness month approaching, we thought we focus our article on such topic. According to the Mayo Clinic, breast cancer is cancer that forms in the cells of the breasts. Breast cancer survival rates have increased, and the number of deaths associated with the disease is steadily declining, thanks to earlier detection and a personalized approach to treatment.

Breast cancer occurs when cells begin to grow abnormally. These cells divide more rapidly than healthy cells do and continue to accumulate, forming a lump or mass. Cells may spread through your breast to your lymph nodes or to other parts of your body. Breast cancer often begins with cells in the milk-producing ducts. Hormonal, lifestyle and environmental factors may increase your risk for breast cancer. It is likely that breast cancer is caused by a complex interaction of your genetic makeup and your environment.

Risk factors include: being female (males can also get breast cancer), increasing age, a family history of breast cancer, inherited genes that increase cancer risk, radiation exposure, obesity, beginning your period at a younger age (before the age of 12), beginning menopause at an older age, having your first child at an older age (after 30), having never been pregnant, postmenopausal hormone therapy, and drinking alcohol.

Signs and symptoms of breast cancer may include a lump or thickening of the breast that feels different from the surrounding tissue. A change in the size, shape or appearance of a breast. Changes to the skin over the breast, such as dimpling. Redness or pitting of the skin over your breast. If you notice a lump or other change in your breast, even if a recent mammogram was normal, make an appointment for prompt evaluation.

Take care,
Cody and Kerstin Nedegaard



Cody Nedegaard & Kerstin Gruntzel

GS Volunteer Parish Nurses

Cody_Kerstin@gslacrosse.org

Health Questions?

Gundersen Telephone Nurse Advisor



Sunday School Update

Pre-school thru Grade 5

It's Here, It's Here, It's Finally HERE!
2020-21 Sunday School year is here, but when do we start?... What will it look like?...Where will it take us?

Sunday School Registration 2020-21 is MORE IMPORTANT THAN EVER! I

find myself talking to God more and more with each day, news posting, family event, weekend, and yes Sunday. Thank goodness you have been keeping me up with your growing Sunday Schoolers as I miss them all so much. But I am so glad to hear you are all healthy and together. So now...how are we gonna tackle our Faith Building this year...

Our Pre-K, 3 and 4 year olds, will be ZOOMING again with Lori. She is soooo excited and has some fun things planned. Please let us know if you have any problems coming up with materials for activities and we will get them out to you. She will be sticking to the basics with our littlest students. Please feel free to email her or myself for more information.

Milestone Ministry will Continue! These faith building gifts will be given out and we are hoping to do so at Saturday, Drive In Services that are planned for safe hand out according to the service closes to the scheduled milestone dates. Please let me know if you have any questions and I will communicate as soon as the dates are set.

Sunday School Attendance – YOU KNOW WHAT? I MISS EVERYONE!

With that in mind, we have an alternative plan for our attendance. Since Facebook Live is saved, you can watch the lesson other than Sunday School Time. So we will have our At-TEND goals. Once you reach a goal, you will receive a Duck from the Duck Pond – Do God's Work, Understand God's Stories, Come to God's House, Know God's Love. We will deliver ducks safely in the packets handed out for the following unit. Complete a goal and lesson each week. For every 5 lessons and 5 tasks (so 10 items all together) you earn a duck. This is similar to

coming to 5 weeks of Sunday School. Our first take home packet will include all the lessons through Christmas. And WHAT ABOUT THE CHRISTMAS PROGRAM – I am hoping to have something special for this so everyone can still participate in our Christmas Story!

The lessons they are learning in Sunday School are not only just about the Bible Character, but building the children's character as well. Sparkhouse has a program for sharing Faith Together at Home. I am planning to use the outline and supplement the lessons with Sunday School on Facebook Live, and Home Packets (similar to VBS in a Bucket) along with our Milestone program, to keep the fun going until we can gather together again, safely, in accordance with guidance from Council and Synod recommendations. It is going to be a little different, but we can adapt. It's going to be fun – because we can make it fun no matter where we are. It's gonna be surrounded with Grace, because God is always with us. It's gonna be Shared in Love, because we can love one-an-other no matter what is going on in our lives.

If you have ideas, would like to help or have concerns, please let me know. I am certain we are all doing the best we can, knowing that we will be together again!

Tammy

Quick-Look

Upcoming Events At a Glance

Sunday, September 27	Rally Sunday & Preschool Milestone-Tote Bag/Book Presentations
October 4 - 18	Unit 1: First Sin Genesis 3: 1-24
Saturday, October 17	Kindergarten Milestone – CD Presentation – Drive In Service announce
October 25 - November 15	Unit 2: Queen Esther Esther 2:5-18, 3:1-6, 8:1-17
Saturday, November 14	3rd Grade Milestone – Bible Presentation – Drive In Service Announce



Tammy Klein

Children's Ministry Coordinator

tammy@gsllacrosse.org (608)788-0450

Stay Connected!

Receive message alerts for Sunday School at Good Shepherd. Send the message @rubberduck to the number (608) 807-2784. All parents and children with a cell phone are encouraged to sign-up! Data charges may apply. Must age 13+ to sign up without parental guidance. This service is brought to you by Remind®.



Youth Update

*Confirmation (Grades 6-8)
& High School Youth (Grades 9-12)*

"For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many." Mark 10:45



Zoom, Zoom!!! Confirmation has started! Although it looks a little different this year, the message is the same...how do we find God's grace and love in our life, show gratitude for it and grow as individuals wrapped within it? Our zoom sessions start out with the fan favorite Books of the Bible song sung by Pastor! It is a catchy little tune and the kids are hopefully belting out the song (while on mute)! We then look in our Bibles for a verse, talk about a story that can help us see how to walk in Jesus' footsteps and finish with some gratitude reflection and prayer. The half hour goes by fast and it is great to see the kids and hear their thoughts. Our first story was about Nehemiah and how he had a calling to go and do important work. Although, he faced some hefty obstacles, he followed through on his vision to rebuild the wall in Jerusalem. This is an important story for a couple of reasons, number one it shows us that with God's love, we can make the world a better place. It is also a story of perseverance. God will help us overcome the obstacles we face in becoming the best versions of ourselves possible. Lastly, it is a great example of the importance of volunteering. Nehemiah had a lot of volunteers who helped him with his cause...others who recognized, they too, could play a role in changing the world! We all have a role in changing our communities to become better. We don't all have to be the queen bee to do this



EXCITING NEWS!!!

Karina Bronson is Good Shepherd's newest Youth Representative on Council. She is replacing Mason Roth, who has served the last couple of years. Thanks to Mason for his time and prayers for a fulfilling experience for Karina.

important work...we can accomplish just as much being the worker bee!

Peace,
Jen



Quick-Look

Upcoming Confirmation/Youth Group Events At a Glance

Wednesday evenings 6:30pm	Confirmation zoom classes lasting for approximately 30-45 minutes.

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, Applebee's, 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*



Music Notes

From The Director of Music

Just As I Am

Just as I am, without one plea,
But that Thy blood was shed for me,
And that Thou bidst me come to Thee,
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

"Just As I Am", the signature hymn of the Billy Graham crusades, was written by English poet, hymn writer, and editor Charlotte Elliott (1789-1871). Elliott was born in Brighton, England to Charles and Eling Elliott. Her maternal grandfather, the Reverend Henry Venn, was an evangelical preacher and her parents belonged to the evangelical wing of the Anglican Church. She was well educated and developed a passion for music and art early in life. She also became a portrait artist and a well-known writer of humorous verse.

At an early age, Elliott developed an awareness of her own sinful nature and felt unable to face God. She came to live a secular life until, at age 32, she was afflicted with a severe and debilitating illness that left her feeling the need for a personal Savior. Around this time, the Reverend Cesar Malan was visiting her father's residence and asked her if she was at peace with God. She resented the question, but a few days later told him she wanted to cleanse her life before becoming a Christian. Malan told her, "Come just as you are" and she became a Christian that day. Her health improved the following year, but in 1829 she relapsed and suffered severe debilitation for the rest of her life.

In 1834 Elliott's brother, the Reverend Henry Venn Elliott, was starting St. Mary's Hall, a charity school for the daughters of poor clergy. One day, while her whole family was helping at a church bazaar to raise funds for the school, Charlotte lay at home feeling lonely, useless and depressed. Recalling the words of Reverend Malan, "Come just as you are", she overcame her feelings and penned the very successful poem "Just As I Am" to help raise money for St. Mary's Hall.



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One of the great strengths of this church is the many generous people within Good Shepherd. I have seen this generosity over these last 7 years as your pastor. People contributed their time to make so many events happen including worship. Also, whenever there has been a financial need so many of you have been right there with increased giving. This is the first year we are asking everyone to consider increasing their giving to meet three specific goals.

The first goal is installing a video system to give us an online presence, not taking away from the worship services that are already taking place with other churches, but to enhance worship and our bringing ministry online when we are in-person again for worship. In the past I have not been a big fan of having worship recorded. I felt that it is important for everyone to gather together as the body of Christ. But during this Pandemic, it has become clear that online worship is beneficial, especially when people are unable to gather. Letters from members, and others connected to Good Shepherd around the country and world have expressed that they appreciate the worship services being accessible to them even when they are far away.

The second goal of adding a part-time staff member as a Community Action Advocate is exciting! There are so many ways to participate in positive ways in the community, which may not get passed on to everyone. This advocate will communicate community needs, programs and events taking place in a more focused way so that Good Shepherd can be connected and increase our ministry in the community.

And the third goal is to continue to sustain and strengthen all the positive ministry going now, and growing and bringing ministry forward. Even while the doors have been closed, we have had a number of groups meet weekly or monthly, including VBS, Sunday School, and Confirmation. We have had a congregational meeting, as well as council meetings every month, we have had 14 new members join some by baptism and we have another three baptisms being planned. There have been online worship services every week, four drive-in worship services, and lots and lots of phone calls.

I'm excited to continue to grow our ministry as a congregation and reflect God's love to one another and to the world.

Thank you as you return your Intent Cards and special *Thank You* to the families that gave Challenge Gifts of \$10,000.00 each! These gifts will be made if we reach our goal of 196 Intent Cards returned.

In Christ,
Pastor Harald