

This is  
My Commandment,  
that you  
**Love**  
ONE ANOTHER  
even as I have  
**Loved You.**

JOHN 15:12



# Shepherd's Voice

*Give. Serve. Lead. Connect.*

February 2021

**From Pastor Harald Bringsjord**

How do you respond to people with whom you disagree?

Right at the beginning of the Bible, we encounter Cain and Abel, brothers who couldn't be more different. On the one hand, there is Abel who treats his brother Cain with respect and kindness. I believe that when one truly lives thankfully toward God, one also lives with thankfulness and generosity and respect toward others. Cain, on the other hand, grows jealous of Abel. Instead of giving thanks to God, he becomes selfish and greedy, thinking only about himself, so that, ultimately, he becomes jealous of Abel's goodness which leads him to killing his brother. Cain allows his anger and jealousy and greed to take over and to get in the way of his relationship to his brother. This story reminds us that if you allow hatred and jealousy to fester, it will ultimately lead to destruction.

In Jesus' day, there were many who disagreed with him, yet Jesus responded in a peaceful way to those who did not see eye to eye with him. He was bold and didn't back down, but he didn't do any harm to them. On the other side, we see Jesus' enemies plotting to have him killed and ultimately crucified.

Once again, we enter the season of Lent, a time to reflect on how we want to live our lives. This year, our Lenten journey begins on February 17.

I encourage all to be particularly mindful this year of how we respond to others, especially those who don't agree with us, so that our actions are more like those of Jesus than those of his enemies. To get actions to be that way we need to be mindful of the words we use. When I hear someone begin a sentence with phrases like "I'm not going to be politically correct, ...", I often cringe, because I know that they are planning on not letting their words to be used to shower grace and kindness upon the topic and upon others.

A favorite phrase of mine is, "We are blessed to be a blessing." This is spoken in the affirmative, and it is the complete opposite of what has been taking place in our public discourse for far too long. This behavior culminates in its logical conclusion, namely acts of violence toward those with whom we disagree.

Over the course of the past 2,000 years, our Church has experienced similar circumstances in which the belief that being right was more important than being in a right relationship. For me, relationships are more important than my rightness, and this stems from what Jesus says in the lead-up to his crucifixion. On the eve of his death, Jesus says, "This is my command, that you love one another as I have loved you." This command that Jesus gives his disciples is more about relationship than about rightness.

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## From our President & Vice President

Dear Members of Good Shepherd Lutheran Church,

We send you greetings of hope though we cannot be together as a church family as we proceed in this new year. Hope that as we move through the year, we will progress through the stages of reopening until we can all join together in worship here at Good Shepherd once again. Until that day, please continue to find spiritual sustenance through the online bible study that Pastor John is holding Sundays at 10:15 via Zoom, and by joining Pastor Harald on Sundays at 9am for online worship. 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 at 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

## Serve *Enriching Life, Sharing Talents*

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

**Altar Guild**—Because the Altar Guild committee could not meet in November we do not have a 2021 schedule. With the church not being open to the public, there is no need for Altar Guild at this time.

Thank you Kathy Johnson for sending out the “Get Well” cards in January. She will also 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](http://causewaycaregivers.org)





## 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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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 meals in 2020. Our next week of delivering Mobile Meals is Mon, Feb 22nd to Sun, Feb 28th. There are still days open. 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](mailto: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](http://mobilemealsoflacrosse.org).

Pick-up place is Franciscan/Mayo at the Market Street door and the pick-up time will be 11am. Please allow 1 1/2 to 2 hours for deliveries. We are route #1.

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](mailto: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 December 16 through January 18.

### Hintgen Food Project

Diane Kimball  
Don & Jackie Meyer  
Delores Pierson  
Charlotte Travelli  
David & Barb Foye  
Norm & Joanne Jerome  
Garry & JoEllen Oliver  
Vernon & Peg Garves

### Karen Arndt Memorial

Steve Arndt



### Walt Hammond Memorial

Nancy Trinkes  
Ruth Strand  
Jerry & Nan Kember

### Don Meyer Memorial

Barb Smyth

### Connie Erickson Memorial

Harald & Andrea Bringsjord

### Gerald Jensen Memorial

Judith Schams

### Vaughn & Louise

Christenson Memorial

Judith Schams



## 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
12/06/20	No Service	No Service
12/13/20	No Service	No Service
12/20/20	No Service	No Service
12/27/20	No Service	No Service

## Weekly Envelope Offerings

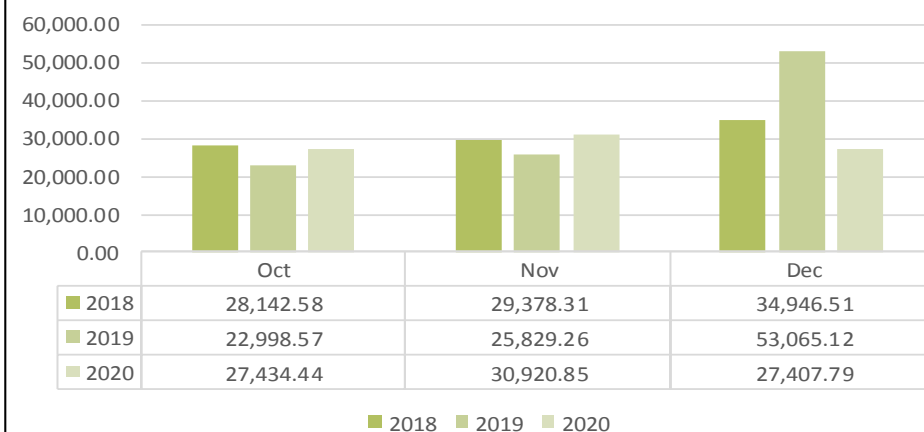
Date	Weekly	% Budget
12/06/20	6,379.50	84.5%
12/13/20	8,856.50	117.3%
12/20/20	4,401.29	58.3%
12/27/20	7,770.50	102.9%
<b>Totals</b>	<b>27,407.79</b>	<b>90.7%</b>

## Envelope Offering Comparison

December 2020	December 2019	% Difference
27,407.79	53,065.12	-51.6%
YTD 2020	YTD 2019	% Difference
350,525.20	346,391.44	1.2%

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

## Envelope Offerings



## Around the Parish...

### Online Worship

Join us in worship online Sundays at 9am. The services are streamed live from Our Savior's Lutheran Church. Members 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/>

### Sunday Morning Bible Study

Pastor John is leading a 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/>

### 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](mailto: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.

### 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](mailto:grimmcaf@hotmail.com)

### Lenten Services

Lenten Services will begin with Ash Wednesday, February 17th at 6:30pm online from Our Savior's Lutheran Church. Links to the services will be available on our website and emailed to members as we do with our Sunday services.

### 2021 Offering Envelopes

If you have not received your 2021 envelopes yet please call the church office at 788-0450 to make arrangements to pick them up. They are available Mon. through Friday 8am -1pm.

### Support Good Shepherd's Youth Group By Purchasing Scrip Cards!

Contact me to see what I currently have on hand or fill out an order form to request cards from Amazon to Wal-Mart with several store or restaurant options in between. The three easy steps to order are:

1. Print and fill out the [Order Form](#) from the church website.
2. Write your check out to Good Shepherd Youth Group for the amount you wish to order.
3. Submit your completed order form and payment to the church office or me. The orders will be compiled and placed the first week of the month.

My contact information is:  
Corrine Holtz: Mobile-608-397-9353  
or Email-[tcjj23511@gmail.com](mailto:tcjj23511@gmail.com)

The church office has Kwik Trip cards available for immediate purchase.

### Shop Amazon Smile!!!

Shop [smile.amazon.com](https://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](https://smile.amazon.com)

## Around the Parish...

### Good Shepherd Online

#### Stay Updated With Latest News

Have you ever visited GSlacrosse.org? This is our church website updated with news, youth activity events, calendars, and so much more. You can now find out the latest events at Good Shepherd from anywhere in the world.

Apart from our new website, we offer you the possibility to receive weekly and/or monthly e-mail updates with latest church happenings. Signing-up is easy. Simply visit [gslacrosse.org/enews](http://gslacrosse.org/enews). Any questions, please contact the church office at 788-0450 or [office@gslacrosse.org](mailto:office@gslacrosse.org).

### Sign Up For 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 788-0450.

### 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.

Checks should be made payable to Good Shepherd and please indicate Hintgen Food Project in the memo line.

### 2021 "ALL VIRTUAL" SYNOD ASSEMBLY AND BISHOP'S ELECTION WILL BE June 11-13, 2021

If you would like to be a voting member of the Synod Assembly contact the church office as soon as possible. Elections for Synod assembly voting members will be at the Annual meeting. If we do not have enough voting members at that time the council can authorize the voting members.

All voting members must have a computer to connect to the assembly and another device connected to the internet such as a smart phone or another computer or ipad where they can do the voting from.

### 2020 Annual Meeting

Our annual congregational meeting will be held at noon on Sunday, February 14th. via Zoom. We will review our Annual Report, elect new Council Members, vote for approval of the 2021 budget and vote on other motions. Please add the Annual Meeting to your calendar and attend this informative, important meeting of our church.

Registration will begin at 11:30 and the meeting will begin at noon.

Good Shepherd is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.

Topic: 2020 Annual Meeting of GSLC  
Time: Feb 14, 2021 11:30 AM Central Time

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84688425806?pwd=MUJsYSStUUXBHUE92TWdnVE9lVlZhZz09>

Meeting ID: 846 8842 5806

Passcode: 096370

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+1 253 215 8782 US (Tacoma)

Meeting ID: 846 8842 5806

Passcode: 096370

Find your local number: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84688425806>

# February 2021



**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.*

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

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>January 24</b> 9am Online Worship 10:15am Bible Study via Zoom 6:30pm GS Men's Group via Zoom	25	26	27 6:30pm Confirmation via Zoom	28	29	30
<b>31</b> 9am Online Worship 10:15am Bible Study via Zoom 6:30pm GS Men's Group via Zoom	February 1	2	3 6:30pm Confirmation via Zoom	4	5	6
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<b>14</b> 9am Online Worship 10:15am Bible Study via Zoom <b>Noon Church Annual Meeting via Zoom</b> <b>6:30pm GS Men's Group via Zoom</b>	15	16 6pm Parish Ed Meeting 6pm Admin/Exec Meeting 7pm Church Council Mtg	<b>17 Ash Wednesday</b> 6:30pm Ash Wednesday Online Worship	18	19	20
<b>21</b> 9am Online Worship 10:15am Bible Study via Zoom 6:30pm GS Men's Group via Zoom	22	23	24 6:30pm Lenten Worship Online Worship	25	26	27
<b>28</b> 9am Online Worship 10:15am Bible Study via Zoom 6:30pm GS Men's Group via Zoom	March 1	2	3 6:30pm Lenten Worship Online Worship	4	5	6
<p><i><b>All worship services and face-to-face meetings have been canceled until further notice.</b></i></p> <p><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.)

## Meet Our CHURCH STAFF

- **Rev. Harald Bringsjord** *Senior Pastor* prharald@gslacrosse.org
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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,

This month's article will be focused on the much anticipated COVID vaccine. Currently there are two vaccines approved for administration in the US. Pfizer-BioNTech, and Moderna. Both vaccines require two injections roughly three weeks apart from each other. Both vaccines in their early stages have shown to have very high efficacy rates.

Pfizer starts working soon after the first dose and has an efficacy rate of 95% seven days after the second dose. This vaccine is for people age 16 and older and requires two injections 21 days apart. Moderna, has an efficacy rate of 94.1%. The vaccine requires two injections given 28 days apart. This vaccine is for people 18 and older.

The covid vaccine is a mRNA vaccine meaning it contains material from the virus that causes COVID that gives our cells instructions for how to make a harmless protein that is unique to the virus. After our cells make copies of the protein, they destroy the genetic material from the vaccine. Our bodies recognize that the

protein should not be there and builds cells that remember how to fight the virus if infected in the future.

Both vaccines can cause mild side effects after the first or second dose, including: pain, redness or swelling at the injection site, fever, fatigue, headache, muscle pain, chills, and joint pain. You will be monitored for 15 minutes after getting the vaccine to see if you have an immediate reaction. Most side effects happen within the first three days after vaccination and typically last only one to two days. Please reach out to your primary care providers with questions regarding receiving the vaccine.

Take Care,

Cody and Kerstin Nedegaard

### Cody & Kerstin Nedegaard

*GS Volunteer Parish Nurses*  
Cody\_Kerstin@gslacrosse.org

**Health Questions?**  
Gundersen Telephone Nurse Advisor  
24/7 at (800) 858-1050.



## Sunday School Update

Pre-school thru Grade 5

Annnnd, It is COLD!

Kylie and I were so excited to hand out the Christmas Treat bags to all the kids able to attend the Christmas Eve Drive In services. We were out for both and tried to make sure everyone got their bags. I know we may have missed someone, and there were many unable to attend who watched church from home Christmas Morning. We do want all the kids to get this years' bags (which are color your own stockings) and Ducks and Christmas Ornament along with treats. Thank you to Judy Christopherson! She helped by stuffing the bags for us. And thank you to all the parishioners who continue to give to our Sunday School program. Please contact me by text, email or message to let me know if you still need bags. I will get them to you with safe pick up from church.

January 10th was a Sunday where we took some time to discuss something I feel we are all experiencing a bit of these days. Anger. Angry we can't all be together, angry that someone does not always agree with us, angry that it is cold and not sunny, angry that the holidays are over, angry about things other people may say that are mean. So, we read a book called **When Sophie Gets Angry – Really, Really, Really Angry** by Molly Bang. Sophie gets very angry at her sister, and her mom, and everything. So she goes outside and runs and runs. Then, Sophie climbs a tree. During the story, she screams, and yells, and cried. But after a while, she stops and listens to all the things God made: birds chirping, creek water splashing, fish jumping, breeze blowing... and she realizes she is not angry anymore. It is a great story and a reminder that sometimes when we are angry, maybe deep down we are really, really, really tired – or sad – or hurt – or lonely. We also talked about how prayers, and sharing our feelings with God, can help. And this is how we start the New Year.

Hannah and her son Samuel are also a great

story of prayer. It is also about faith and hope and God calling us. But we need to listen for his voice, because sometimes, when he calls, we are not listening. Or, sometimes, we do not recognize his voice. So he calls, and calls again. So we must listen carefully. Quiet time with God is always time well spent. And if we are angry, and we speak to God about it, maybe he will help us with the reasons we are angry.

I will have **Jan-May supplies ready**. I will have these available from the Church for safe pick up. PLEASE LET ME KNOW IF YOU NEED Supplies. We have plenty. I plan to email plans out to everyone over the Holidays. I have changed jobs as of December and am now a member of the Gundersen team as Senior Office Assistant for Pediatrics. I will not be working from home, but if you need me, call the office or send me an email. Emails do get buried so please text me if you send so I can watch for it. Or Friend me on Facebook, and message me.

- Supplies are Provided to all families for participating children. Simply register and pick up supplies for the upcoming units (or past if you want to do the stories we have covered)
- Supplies include all items except food items, are packed with safe contact gloves/masks.
- Have kids watch **Sunday School, Facebook Live each week at 10am – 10:30.**
- Work the Crafts and Projects, games, puzzles or science designed for each week's lesson, as a family, whenever – do them all in one day, or in an evening, or as a Sunday activity.
- Pre-School ages 3 and 4 are on Zoom with Lori, you just need email invite.

Coming up for 2021, please watch for messages and emails regarding our Covid plans and possible upcoming re-opening

## Quick-Look

Upcoming Events At a Glance

February 7th to 28th	Good Samaritan, Luke 10:25-37
March 7th to 28th	Lydia, Acts 16: 11-15
April 4th	Happy Easter, no Sunday School
April 11th to May 2nd	Doubting Thomas, John 20:24-29
May 9th to 16th	Education Sunday/Service to Others

celebrations. This includes the remaining Milestones – 1st, 2nd, 4th and 5th grades. We have been presenting these during outside services and it has been very special to be able to get these gifts to the kids. They come wrapped, so it is a fun surprise along with the presentation.

Remember to join me on FACEBOOK LIVE on Sunday morning from 10 – 10:30am for Sunday School lesson. Some of my favorite stories are happening right now. 3rd graders and older should have their Bibles. Please let me know if you do not have one! Also, please message or send a thumbs up to let me know you are on.

I truly miss everyone! I have my first vaccination and am getting the 2nd for Valentine's Day. Can't think of anything more loving than a God who gives us Scientists and Medical Providers who help to take us back to being able to be together again. I miss my Sunday School D.U.C.K. hugs! Can't wait to see you all again!

Sincerely in Christ,  
Tammy Klein

See you Sundays on  
Facebook Live!



### 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)

*"The heavens declare the glory of God; the skies proclaim the work of his hands.  
Day after day they pour forth speech; night after night they display knowledge.  
There is no speech or language where their voice is not heard." Psalm 19:1*



The theme word for Confirmation in January has been "purposely." We are having a lot of discussions about how to grow in our relationship with God in a very purposeful and deliberate way. We started the year looking at our Lord's Prayer. The Lord's Prayer is something we all recite by memory, often with the same cadence each time. We say the words without really thinking about what those words mean...sometimes, we are just going through the motion. So, we dissected each line of the Lord's Prayer to really understand what this conversation with God is about. What does it mean when we ask him to "forgive our trespasses" or when we say "thy will be done in earth as it is in heaven?" The idea is to slow down and to be really purposeful about what we are asking and thanking God for. Speaking of slowing down...our next class was about how to purposely and deliberately quiet our souls so God can refill us with love and light. The students shared how much time they spent on electronics in a day (trust me, you don't want to know!) and how many minutes they spend a day in total silence. We also shared things that cause us stress, like school, family, sports, lack of confidence, the state of our country. We talked a long time about how to find a way to purposely take time to quiet our minds and fears. God reassures us that he will help with our stress and if we find

ways in our lives to stop, focus on God's love and light, express our gratitude to him, and give him our worries, we can refill our souls and continue to do the work of being a great teenager! The kids did a great job of sharing ways to do this...Carly likes to sit out in the snow when it's dark and quiet. Jed refills his soul in the barn, sitting quietly with the cows. Gabe likes to do meditation, Maddy yoga. Sam and Joey find peace on the ski hill, and many others find peace sitting quietly in their rooms, snuggling with pets. Regardless of the activity, taking time to purposely let God into our hearts strengthens our faith. I can honestly say there isn't a class that goes by where I am not in awe of the ideas, participation, and perspective of our youth. They truly are a great group of kids!

In Peace,

Jen



## Youth Update

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

### Support Good Shepherd's Youth Group by purchasing scrip cards!

Contact me to see what I currently have on hand or fill out an order form to request cards from Amazon to WalMart with several store or restaurant options in between. The three easy steps to order are:

1. Print and fill out the [Order Form](#) from the church website.
  2. Write your check out to Good Shepherd Youth Group for the amount you wish to order.
  3. Submit your completed order form and payment to the church office or me.
- The orders will be compiled and placed the first week of the month.

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**The church office has Kwik Trip cards available for immediate purchase.**



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## Music Notes

*From The Director of Music*

### Fanny Crosby: Queen of Gospel Song Writers

Frances Jane Crosby (1820-1915) was born in Brewster, New York. Catching a cold at six weeks old, she developed inflammation of the eyes and was treated with mustard poultices to treat the discharges. Crosby believed this damaged her optic nerves and caused her life long blindness, but modern physicians believe it more likely that her blindness was congenital and simply not noticed at her very young age. When Crosby was eight months old her father died and she was raised by her mother and grandmother, who grounded her in the Christian faith and helped her remember long Bible passages.

In 1835 Crosby enrolled at the New York Institute for the Blind (NYIB), where she learned to play the piano, organ, harp and guitar and became a good singer. Graduating in 1843, Crosby joined a lobbying group in Washington, D.C., which advocated in support of education for the blind. She was the first woman to speak before the United States Senate, where she read a poem. Becoming an instructor at the NYIB in 1846 she taught grammar, rhetoric and history until 1858, when she married fellow NYIB instructor Alexander van Alstyne (who was also blind).

Crosby wrote poetry, cantatas, and popular, political and patriotic songs, but is best known for her hymns. Writing about 8,000 hymns, she is known as the Queen of Gospel Song Writers and most American hymnals contain examples of her work,

such as "Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross" and "Blessed Assurance".

Crosby began composing a hymn by asking God for inspiration and composed six or seven hymns each day. She composed them entirely in her mind and worked on as many as twelve hymns at once before dictating them to an assistant (she could write little more than her name). The melodies to most of her hymns were written by others, such as principal musical collaborator Howard Doane. She was posthumously inducted into the Gospel Music Hall of Fame in 1975.



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I get it that being socially distanced and wearing masks can seem like acts that discourage relationships. But when we strive to care for one another, there are creative ways to build up one another even during a pandemic. Harming people whom we disagree with, be it through words or actions, is certainly not Jesus' command.

As we enter into the Lenten season, let us find ways to build up one another so that we truly are a people blessed to be a blessing.

Pastor Harald

## Puzzle!

Complete each saying below. Then place the words from those blanks in the correct order to complete Proverbs 23:4.

- When the going gets tough, the tough \_\_\_\_\_ going.
- People who live in glass houses should \_\_\_\_\_ throw stones.
- If the shoe fits, \_\_\_\_\_ it.
- "It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for someone who is \_\_\_\_\_ to enter the kingdom of God."
- Good things come \_\_\_\_\_ those who wait.
- When in Rome, \_\_\_\_\_ as the Romans do.
- Don't wear \_\_\_\_\_ your welcome.
- If you want something done right, do it \_\_\_\_\_.

Write the unscrambled proverb here:

\_\_\_\_\_ PROVERBS 23:4

Answer: Do not wear yourself out to get rich. Proverbs 23:4

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Express your love and friendship with handcrafted bracelets.



### What you need:

- Adult help
- Bowl of boiling water
- Wide wooden craft sticks
- Glass cup
- Markers, paint or decorative tape

### What you do:

1. Pour about 3 cups of boiling water into a bowl. Soak sticks in the water about 30 minutes.
2. Remove sticks and slowly, gently bend them into a curve.
3. To maintain the shape, place curved sticks inside a glass cup overnight to dry completely.
4. Remove and decorate the bracelets, which make fun Valentine's Day gifts.