

# LENT

*Create in me a clean heart, O God.*



## GOOD SHEPHERD

LUTHERAN CHURCH

### The Shepherd's Voice

Monthly Newsletter March, 2021

Give. Serve. Lead. Connect.

From Pastor Harald Bringsjord

Easter falls on April 4th this year. The date is derived by picking the first Sunday following the full moon that occurs on or just after the spring equinox. In 2021, the spring equinox happens on Saturday, March 20th. The first full moon after that date rises on Sunday, March 28th, and the first Sunday after that is April 4th.

If Easter is on April 4th that means that March is a Lenten month. It is good to be reminded that many Christians during Lent give something up or add something to remind them of our Lord's journey to the cross. Perhaps there is a feeling that enough has been given up already due to the pandemic, but whatever time and place we find ourselves in, Lent can be a growing time. Reflecting on what it means to live a Christian life and reflecting on Jesus' great love as he journeyed to the cross may help us take pause. This year, we are again adding Wednesday evening worship services using Holden Evening Prayer. The services will be online and in partnership with four other congregations, Our Saviors, Bethel, Redeemer and Trinity. The Weekly News will share the link one can use to get the worship services online. If you do not have a computer, you can still be part of the worship service by calling in toll-free to 1-877-552-3468 during the Wednesdays of Lent at 6:30pm and listen to the worship service. This number can also be used to listen to the Sunday morning worship services at 9am.

During Lent, the scripture readings will be taken from Genesis. The readings are as follows:

|             |                |
|-------------|----------------|
| February 17 | Genesis 1:1-19 |
| February 24 | Genesis 7:1-24 |
| March 3     | Genesis 8:1-19 |
| March 10    | Genesis 9:1-17 |
| March 17    | Genesis 11:1-9 |
| March 24    | Genesis 12:1-9 |

It requires a discipline to keep the Lenten days holy in our lives. May these services provide this opportunity for you to practice this holy discipline. It is a discipline that springs forth in our lives out of gratitude for all that God has done for us.

I encourage you to accept the discipline of connecting to these Lenten worship services as we lead up to Holy Week and Easter Sunday, the most holy time of the year for Christians.

In the midst of the struggles of life we can be thankful that God gives us moments, even during a pandemic, when we are reminded that we are a part of something greater than ourselves, that we are on a journey through life guided by our Lord Jesus Christ, who has journeyed to the cross, died for us, and rose again for the sake of the world.

God's blessings be with you all during this holy time.

Pastor Harald



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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...**

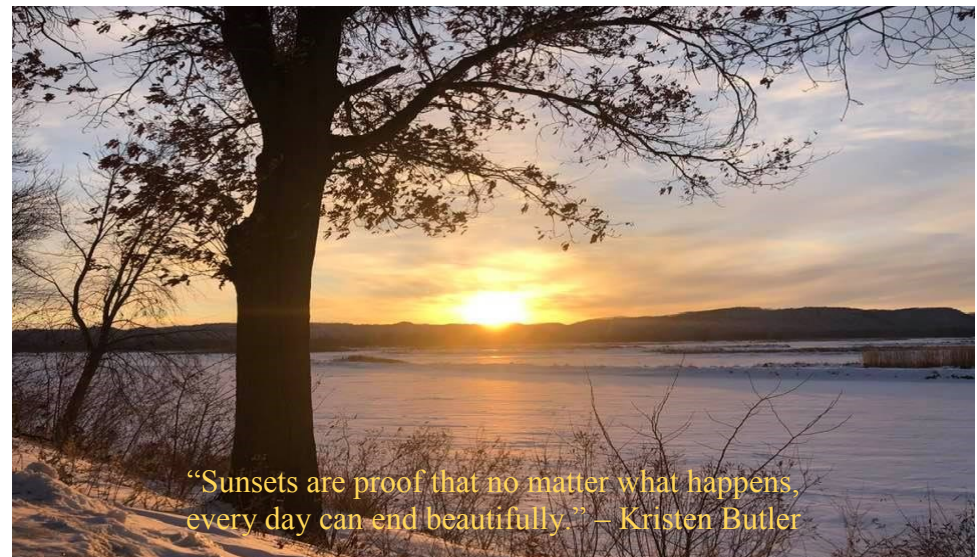
**Who sets up & cleans up after communion? The Altar Guild.**

This Guild is an amazing group of people working behind the scenes in their dedicated way to make worship go smoothly. With worship being limited to online and the drive up service, the Altar Guild has had a chance to think about new ways to serve during this pandemic. So far a schedule has not been sent out because of the uncertainty of when worship in the building will begin again but this group continues to do ministry. A special thanks to Kathy Johnson for and sending out "Get Well" cards in March through April and to Ann Hudson who through out the year sends out meaningful cards and handmade prayer shawls, by volunteers, to bereaved families.

**Care Ministries**—Thank you to all members who are serving as Good Shepherd Care Ministers as you bring communion and care to those who are shut in their homes or in care facilities. You truly are reflecting "God's work, Our hands" through this ministry. One person said it truly is a gift to get a visit with communion through my care minister, it makes me feel connected to the church.

**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)



"Sunsets are proof that no matter what happens, every day can end beautifully." – Kristen Butler

## 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!



#### 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).

#### 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!

**Remember also your Creator in the days of your youth,** *Ecclesiastes 12:1*

## Connect

### *Bridging Our Community To Our World*

#### Mobile Meals of La Crosse

Our next week of delivering Mobile Meals is Mon, Feb 22nd to Sun, Feb 28th. Those dates are filled, thank you!

One of our drivers told me that when she delivered last year that the person was so happy to see her. Because of the

pandemic she was the only person she gets to see.

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](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. 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 January 19 through February 15.

#### Don Meyer Memorial

Philip & Sarah Nohr  
George & Judy Brockman  
Luanne Hjelle  
Gordon & Mary Ann Dreves  
Jeff & Sharon Yushta  
Paul & Joyce Herlitzke  
Sue & Dennis Walsingham  
Harald & Andrea Bringsjord  
Peter & Esther Harman  
Marian Walsingham  
Allan & Dorothy Schilling  
Shirley Ruoff  
Ed & Ann Keuper  
Bill & Amy Klaus  
Cheryl Glander  
Colleen Nugent  
Don & Darcy Skibba  
Duane & Arlene Dreves  
Jeana Briggs  
Jim & Jan Quinn  
Connie Walker  
Greg & Jean Ensler



Howard & Jean Olson  
Terry & Jeri Zimmerman

#### Walt Hammond Memorial

Jeff & Sharon Yushta

#### Paul Boarman Memorial

Kris Bernhardt  
Jeana Briggs  
Darlene Lassig

#### Hintgen Food Project

Jeff & Sharon Yushta  
Rob & Dianne Hamann  
Norm & Joanne Jerome  
Dave & Michelle Kranz  
John & Naomi Stennis Spidahl

#### John Landro Memorial

Greg Dolezal  
Randy Whillock  
Harald & Andrea Bringsjord  
Larry & Barb Newhouse  
Ione Harder

#### Synod Barn Raising

Dave & Barb Erickson  
Norm & Joanne Jerome  
Mary Johnson

#### WAFER

John Wood  
Jane Brenengen Reinl



### Tax Considerations

In 2020 there were two tax implications from the CARES act that all should consider taking advantage of when you fill out your taxes. They are:

- The ability for people to claim \$300 as a charitable deduction (even if you use the standard deduction)
- An increase in the amount that family can claim as a charitable deduction. While usually capped at 60% of income, for 2020 it was raised to 100% of income.

The Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act of 2021 brings those advantages forward into 2021.

## Church Numbers

### Weekly Sunday Attendance

| Date     | 8:30am     | 10:30am    |
|----------|------------|------------|
| 01/03/21 | No Service | No Service |
| 01/10/21 | No Service | No Service |
| 01/17/21 | No Service | No Service |
| 01/24/21 | No Service | No Service |
| 01/31/21 | No Service | No Service |

### Weekly Envelope Offerings

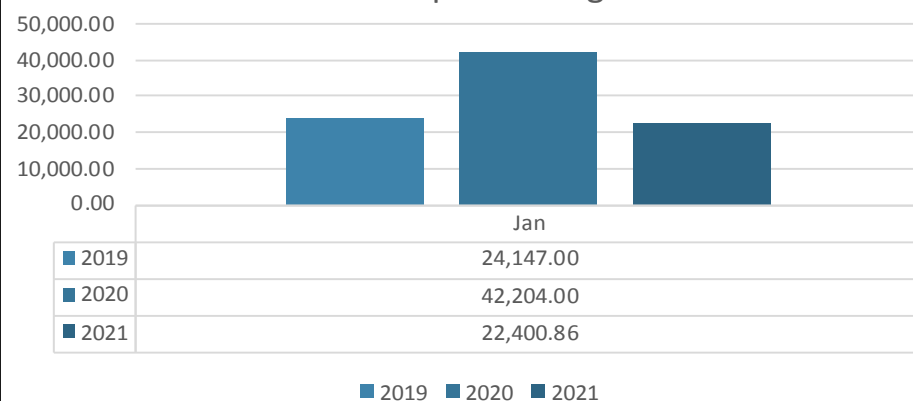
| Date          | Weekly           | % Budget   |
|---------------|------------------|------------|
| 01/03/21      | \$2,329.50       | 33%        |
| 01/10/21      | \$7,401.79       | 106%       |
| 01/17/21      | \$8,869.00       | 127%       |
| 01/24/21      | \$3,530.57       | 50%        |
| 01/31/21      | \$270.00         | 4%         |
| <b>Totals</b> | <b>22,400.86</b> | <b>64%</b> |

### Envelope Offering Comparison

| January 2021 | January 2020 | % Difference |
|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| 22,400.86    | 42,204.00    | -46.9%       |
| YTD 2021     | YTD 2020     | % Difference |
| 22,400.86    | 42,204.00    | -46.9%       |

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

### Envelope Offerings





## Around the Parish...

### Online Worship

Join us in worship online Sundays at 9am. Members will receive an email reminder of the service with a link to join. You can also join by going to <http://gslacrosse.org/live/>. If you do not have a computer, you can call 1-877-552-3468 to listen to the service.

### 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 [grimmca1@hotmail.com](mailto:grimmca1@hotmail.com)

### Lenten Services

Lenten Services are streamed online from Our Savior's Lutheran Church Wednesday evenings at 6:30pm. 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.

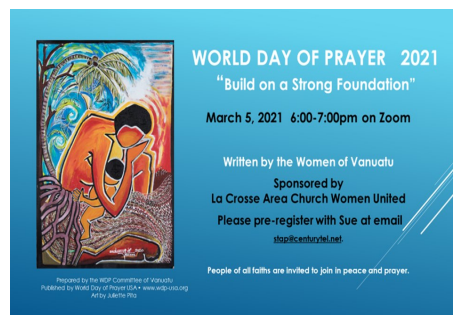
### Shop Amazon Smile!!!

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

## Around the Parish...



World Day of Prayer is held annually on the 1<sup>st</sup> Friday of March. Each year, people of all faiths the world over join in prayer to further peace and understanding of one another.

La Crosse Area Church Women United invites you to join area churches for a virtual World Day of Prayer service via Zoom on Friday, March 5<sup>th</sup>, from 6:00-7:00pm. The program has been written by the women of Vanuatu, an island nation in the South Pacific close to New Zealand. (If you are a fan of the CBS series "Survivor" you have seen the islands!)

With the global pandemic creating upheaval, each service offered this year will look different. Our service will feature a short video and music from Vanuatu, the prayer service, and a short reflection.

Pre-registration is required to receive the Zoom entrance code. If you do not have a device to watch, we will provide a telephone number for the audio portion of the program. To pre-register, or if you have questions, email Sue Staples at [stap@centurytel.net](mailto:stap@centurytel.net).

### 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 pandemic, 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.



**Pastor Harald will never ask you to send him gift card numbers of any kind EVER. If you get a text, email or call asking you to do so, it is a SCAM.**

Previously members of our congregation had received emails that appear to be from Pastor Harald requesting them to buy gift cards for him for charitable purposes and stating that he will reimburse them later. They have changed their game and recently a member received a text from someone pretending to be Pastor Harald requesting them to purchase gift cards and send him the card information electronically.

**THIS IS A SCAM!!**

Disregard any emails, texts or any other form of requests from Pastor or the church requesting you to purchase anything, or to give money in any way outside of the church. He, nor any member of the staff would never make such a request, so feel confident in hitting the delete button.

Always be cautious in responding to emails or phone calls that request money from you, whether they are claiming to be with the IRS, Social Security Administration, one of your utility companies, a family member, or even your pastor; they most likely are a scam.

If something doesn't feel right, it probably isn't. Double check and verify before sending any cash requested, and if you have any doubt at all, do not send it.

**Sounds of Praise**  
*Meets every Saturday each  
week at 4pm.*

| Sun                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             | Mon            | Tue                                                                                     | Wed                                       | Thu                         | Fri                                          | Sat                                      |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------|-----------------------------|----------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------|
| <b>February 28</b><br>9am Online Worship<br>10:15 Bible Study via Zoom<br>6:30pm Men's Group Meeting                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            | <b>March 1</b> | <b>2</b>                                                                                | <b>3</b><br>6:30pm Lenten Worship Online  | <b>4</b>                    | <b>5</b>                                     | <b>6</b>                                 |
| <b>7</b><br>9am Online Worship<br>10:15 Bible Study via Zoom<br>6:30pm Men's Group Meeting                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | <b>8</b>       | <b>9</b>                                                                                | <b>10</b><br>6:30pm Lenten Worship Online | <b>11</b>                   | <b>12</b>                                    | <b>13</b>                                |
| <b>14</b><br>9am Online Worship<br>10:15 Bible Study via Zoom<br>6:30pm Men's Group Meeting                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | <b>15</b>      | <b>16</b><br>6pm Parish Ed Meeting<br>6pm Admin/Exec Meeting<br>7pm Church Council Mtg. | <b>17</b><br>6:30pm Lenten Worship Online | <b>18</b>                   | <b>19</b><br><b>April Voice Articles Due</b> | <b>20</b>                                |
| <b>21</b><br>9am Online Worship<br>10:15 Bible Study via Zoom<br>6:30pm Men's Group Meeting                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | <b>22</b>      | <b>23</b>                                                                               | <b>24</b><br>6:30pm Lenten Worship Online | <b>25</b>                   | <b>26</b>                                    | <b>27</b>                                |
| <b>28 Palm Sunday</b><br>9am Online Worship<br>10:15 Bible Study via Zoom<br>6:30pm Men's Group Meeting                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | <b>29</b>      | <b>30</b>                                                                               | <b>31</b>                                 | <b>April 1 Maundy Thurs</b> | <b>2 Good Friday</b>                         | <b>3</b>                                 |
| <b>4 Easter Sunday</b><br>9am Online Worship<br>10:15 Bible Study via Zoom<br>6:30pm Men's Group Meeting                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | <b>5</b>       | <b>6</b>                                                                                | <b>7</b>                                  | <b>8</b>                    | <b>9</b>                                     | <b>10</b><br><b>4pm Drive In Service</b> |
| <p align="center"> <i><b>All worship services and face-to-face meetings have been canceled until further notice.</b></i><br/> <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

- **Sara Wrobel** *President of the Congregation*  
Sara@gslacrosse.org
- **Jim Bugge** *Vice President of the Congregation*
- **Todd Holtz** *Treasurer*
- **Jessica Addington** *Secretary*

**Other Church Council Members include:** Tim Knudsen, Roger Weeks Jr., Roger Christians, Ellen Klemp, Janet Torkelson, Karl Noll, John Krause, Thea Johnson, Mark Skolos, Harlan McLain, Pastor Bringsjord, and Karina Bronson (Youth Rep.)



- **Rev. Harald Bringsjord** *Senior Pastor*  
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- **Kathy Johnson** *Office Assistant*  
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- **Tammy Klein** *Children's Ministry Coordinator*  
tammy@gslacrosse.org
- **Jen Servais** *Coordinator of Youth and Family Ministry*  
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- **Randy Lyden** *Music Director/ Organist* randy@gslacrosse.org (608) 792-1305
- **Linda Jerome** *Bell Choir Director*  
linda@gslacrosse.org
- **Karl & Jaime Greenfield** *Sanctuary Choir Directors*  
karl@gslacrosse.org 790-3785
- **Darlene Lassig** *Volunteer Gloria Dei Choir Director* 788-5686  
darlene@gslacrosse.org
- **Cody & Kerstin Nedegaard** *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 Nurses*

Greetings,

Colorectal cancer or cancer of the colon or rectum is the third leading cause of cancer-related deaths in the U.S. Early detection is vital, as treatment is successful with 85 percent of colon cancer patients living at least five years. Colon cancer occurs when cells in the body being changing and multiplying at fast rates. The colon in the last part of the digestive tract and plays a large role in absorbing water and storing food waste.

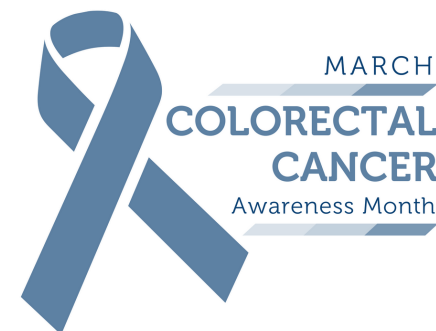
Screening for colon cancer is recommended at age 50 for both men and women. For those at average risk for colon cancer, a colonoscopy is the recommended form of screening and should take place every 10 years. Risk factors such as family or personal history may need a colonoscopy earlier or more frequently. Colonoscopy not only detects cancer but can identify pre-cancerous growths known as polyps. These polyps are removed before they turn into cancer.

Patients with colon cancer may notice symptoms right away. By the time symptoms appear, the cancer may have grown or spread to other organs. Symptoms can include: a change in bowel habits such as diarrhea, constipation, or a feeling your bowel is not empty after a bowel movement, bright red or dark blood in your stool, constant tiredness, stools that are thinner than normal, unexplained weight loss and vomiting.

Screening can save your life. If you have any of these symptoms, are 50 or older, or have a family history of colon cancer you should be screened. Consult with your primary care provider if you believe you need to be screened.

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

“Gather the people together, men and women and little ones, and the stranger who is within your gates, that they may hear and that they may learn to fear the LORD your God and carefully observe all the words of this law” (Deut. 31:12)

When I was working on my newsletter article, I happened upon the verse above. My absolute favorite is Matthew 28:19. “Go to the people of all nations and make them my disciples. And remember, I am with you, even unto the end.” It was in a song my very first VBS as Children’s Ministry Coordinator, and one of the first verses I had memorized in a long time! Funny how the two go together and say so much about what Sunday School, Sunday Services and Congregation means.

While this past year has brought about many changes, adjustments and reschedules, our desire to continue to connect with the children and families has also grown, exponentially! We certainly have been Gathering, just in a different way during this Season of Covid19.

With this in mind, we continue Sunday School on Tammy’s Facebook Live Page. Lessons are then saved to Facebook for Good Shepherd. Soon and VERY SOON, we hope to be able to begin to gather together again and when we do, oh what a celebration.

Lori Lowell continues to have preschool lessons by Zoom, so let her know your email address so she can get you registered. This is for anyone who was 3 or 4 (or 5 if still not in Kindergarten) by September 1, 2020.

I want to thank everyone for joining me on Facebook Live for Sunday School. Remember to let me know if you need anything, you can text, message or send me an email at [tammy@gslacrosse.org](mailto:tammy@gslacrosse.org).

If you need any supplies when they are listed as needs, let me know. We will provide these to you and your families. The only items I do not provide are food items, for sanitary reasons.

Thank you and Blessings of Peace and Health to you all!  
Tammy

### Just a Friendly Reminder!

Saturday April 10th – 4pm Parking Lot Service – Prayer Pillows, Prayer Blocks and 4th Grade Milestones will be given out. Please watch for these registrations!



## Quick-Look

### Upcoming Events At a Glance

|                       |                                    |
|-----------------------|------------------------------------|
| 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 |

See you Sundays  
on Facebook Live!



### Tammy Klein

Children's Ministry Coordinator

[tammy@gslacrosse.org](mailto: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)

"So faith comes from hearing, and hearing through the word of Christ."  
Romans 10:17



What is our purpose on this planet? Why did God create it? Who created God? Why is God called God? Why are all these bad things happening if God is always with us? How can God be everywhere?

These are the questions the confirmation students had for our last confirmation class. The theme of the evening was to submit any questions they had about faith/religion/God/Life...whatever they were struggling with in terms of understanding their faith. As you can see their responses were pretty thoughtful and included questions most of us have asked along our own faith journeys. Thankfully, Pastor Harald could explain most of them in an easy-to-understand way! It did get me thinking about doubt. Haven't we all doubted our faith at some point? Wondered why things were happening... wondered why God was testing us? As adults, we can look back at those moments and see the forest for the trees, but as a teenager in a crazy world, it can be harder to see the big and small pictures. One thing I enjoy about confirmation is the safe space to explore those doubts and

questions without judgement. I hope our teens feel comfortable articulating the obstacles they face in receiving their faith fully and completely. Wondering and questioning is a part of their journey. We, as parents, may get frustrated they are not embracing faith as much as we think they should. But figuring out their relationships with God is a very personal journey and journey that looks different for each of them. When they get to 8<sup>th</sup> grade and write their faith statements, it becomes clear how their faith has grown and they have some solid ideas on how to continue their journeys. Many of them still express frustration with not being able to have concrete proof of God's existence and yet most have had moments where they have felt that love and light and recognized what it was. It is a reminder to me that we are all on our own faith journey. It never stops. Our classes are now over for the year, we survived "zoomfirmation" and I pray they grew in their faith during this past year. I also pray that all of us continue on our own faith journeys...finding ways to slow down and appreciate the love and light that surrounds us and remembering that we are all God's masterpieces, unique and beautiful, with so much good to offer the world.

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

#### It Is Well with My Soul

Of all the hymns in our rich worship music tradition, one of the most moving is the hymn "It Is Well with My Soul", written by Horatio Spafford (1828-1888). Spafford was a prominent and successful Chicago lawyer, devout Christian and Presbyterian church elder. He and his wife Anna had four daughters and a son, and were friends and supporters of evangelist Dwight Moody.

Tragedy began to strike as their young son died of pneumonia in 1871. Also that year, the Great Fire of Chicago destroyed most of Spafford's sizable real estate investments in Chicago, dealing him a severe financial blow. The economic downturn of 1873 made things even worse. The Spaffords decided that year to travel to England to recover from the tragedy and join friends Dwight Moody and Ira Sankey on an evangelical campaign there. An unexpected business problem forced Horatio to remain behind, so his wife and four daughters set out to England on the SS Ville du Havre, with the intention that he would join them there shortly. While at sea, the Ville du Havre struck the iron-hulled Scottish vessel Loch Earn and sank in 12 minutes, killing 226 people, including the four Spafford children.

Anna, who was rescued, sent her husband a telegram from England, which began, "Saved alone, what shall I do?" Spafford took the next available ship to England to join his wife. With the ship about four days at sea, the captain called Spafford to his

cabin and told him that they were over the place where the Ville du Havre sank. It is said that he penned the words to this hymn as the ship passed by where his daughters had died.

Composer Philip Bliss (1838-1876) was very impressed with Spafford's life and the words to this hymn. He wrote a beautiful piece of music to accompany these lyrics and the hymn was published in 1876 by Bliss and Sankey. It bears the tune name Ville du Havre.



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## FOR THE BIRDS

Display this recycled craft to care for feathered friends.



#### What you need:

- Peanut butter or vegetable shortening
- Plastic knife
- Empty toilet paper tube
- Bird seed
- A plate
- String

#### What you do:






1. Spread peanut butter or vegetable shortening on the tube, covering the entire outside surface.
2. Pour bird seed on a plate and roll the tube in the seeds.
3. Thread string through the tube and tie it to make a loop.
4. Hang the bird feeder outside. When seeds are eaten, coat the roll again.

## PUZZLE

### BIRDS IN THE WORD

The Bible mentions many kinds of birds. How many have you seen?

**Directions:** Unscramble the bird names, using the Bible references and pictures as clues. Then insert the final unscrambled bird name to complete the passage below.

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|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------|----------------------|
|  | VIDEO    | _____ (Genesis 8:8)  |
|  | LWO      | _____ (Psalm 102:6)  |
|  | GEELA    | _____ (Isaiah 40:31) |
|  | TOKRS    | _____ (Jeremiah 8:7) |
|  | APROSWRS | _____                |

"Are not five \_\_\_\_\_ sold for two pennies? Yet not one of them is forgotten by God. ... Don't be afraid; you are worth more than many \_\_\_\_\_."

LUKE 12:6-7, NIV

Answer: dove, owl, eagle, sparrow, stork, sparrow

