



GOOD SHEPHERD

L U T H E R A N C H U R C H

The Shepherd's Voice

Monthly Newsletter April, 2021

Give. Serve. Lead. Connect.

From Pastor Harald Bringsjord

We have entered into the Pentecost season of the church year and the summer season as well. Both are understood as times of growth. The changes taking place at Good Shepherd hopefully will aid in this time of growth through the Holy Spirit for each of us individually and as a Congregation.

The first in-person worship service in over a year was held on April 25th and since then, we have been meeting each Sunday at 10:30am and on Wednesdays at 6pm. This schedule will continue until Wednesday, June 9th, which will be the last Wednesday evening worship service until further notice. June 6th will be my last day participating in the joint online worship service at Our Savior's Lutheran Church.

On June 13th we will participate with the entire Synod in encouraging everyone to watch the Synod Assembly worship service at 9am. It will be live-streamed. The Synod Assembly worship services have always been an inspiration and a way to remind us that we are in partnership with so many other congregations, locally, in the country, and around the world. How to connect to the Synod worship service will be on our website when details are available and will be sent out through our E-news. If you haven't been receiving the weekly E-news, please sign up through the website or call the church office.

On June 20th, we will change our worship time to 9am, and it will be a parking lot worship service. And then throughout the summer, worship will be held in the building at 9am each Sunday except for one more parking lot worship on July 18th, also at 9am.

All 9am worship services (except the parking lot services) will be live-streamed and those services will be archived for later viewing.

It has also been decided by the re-opening committee that masks will be optional outside, but still required in the building. If you call in to reserve a worship spot you will have priority over someone who doesn't, but if there is still room, those who choose not to call in could still attend.

One of the changes you will experience in worship starting on Wednesday, May 26th, will be that the worship leaders will be permitted to remove their masks when speaking or singing while leading worship, and when they are not speaking or singing, they are to put their masks back on.

Light singing by the congregation is permitted with masks on.

Funeral capacity has been increased to 90, but still with social distancing and masks required in the building.

Thank you for your patience and for the letters and emails of support and encouragement. I would love to hear from everyone via email or through a letter how you have felt the Holy Spirit at work in your life this past year during the pandemic. My email address is prharald@gsnacrosse.org.

Thank you and
God's blessing be with you all.

Harald Bringsjord
Pastor



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From our Re-opening Committee

Dear Members of Good Shepherd Lutheran Church,

On behalf of the Church Council, the Re-Opening Committee has an update for the plan for opening Good Shepherd Lutheran Church. With safety and your cooperation foremost in reinstating services and activities in the church, please read and understand your role in the process.

This is an update to the interim plan for this church building and property. This committee remains vigilant in keeping staff and members of the church safe. In the process of re-opening, a variety of service options are available, allowing for personal choices for attending. Masks, even if attendee is vaccinated, are required to be worn properly while in the church.

Sunday Drive-In Church- 9 am (June 20, July 18) *Outdoor, weather permitting*

Sunday Worship- 10:30 am (9:00 am June 20 - Sept 5th.
Sept 12th resume 8:30 and 10:30 services)

Wednesday Worship- 6:00 pm (Discontinuing after June 9th)

Indoor seating per service is limited and persons of the same household may be seated together. To attend services, call the church office to reserve your place at one of the weekly services. It's important to note there may not be space available if attendance is full, and you have not registered.

Keeping our commitment to grow ministry, the indoor 9:00 am Sunday service of Good Shepherd can be viewed on your computer or electronic device online at gslacrosse.org. Archived church services of Good Shepherd can also be found on the church's website!

Groups and Committees should continue to utilize Zoom or meet outside of the church. During this interim time, the Mattes Center will be used for all meetings held indoors. Meeting outside is permitted. If a group or committee needs to meet in person, contact the Church Office. The Chairperson or Leader of the Group or Committee will need to provide the date/time of the meeting to the Church Office to allow adequate time for set-up and sanitizing.

Large community groups who use the church for meeting space will not be allowed to convene yet. This committee will meet again June 21, 2021 to review the current COVID conditions, the Interim Plans, and church use to further update its recommendations.

The success of the re-opening plan is dependent on the cooperation of all when coming together to hear the word of God and celebrate our faith. We have a church that has remained strong through a pandemic because of each of you. **Thank you.**

Re-Opening Committee:

Jessica Addington (Secretary, Church Council)
Jim Bugge (Vice President of Congregation)
Pastor Harald Bringsjord
Kathy Johnson (Office Assistant)

Dr. Karl Noll (Church Council)
Rick Laufenberg (Office Manager)
Janet Torkelson (Church Council)
Sara Wrobel (Congregation President)

Serve Enriching Life, Sharing Talents

Thank You All So Very Much...

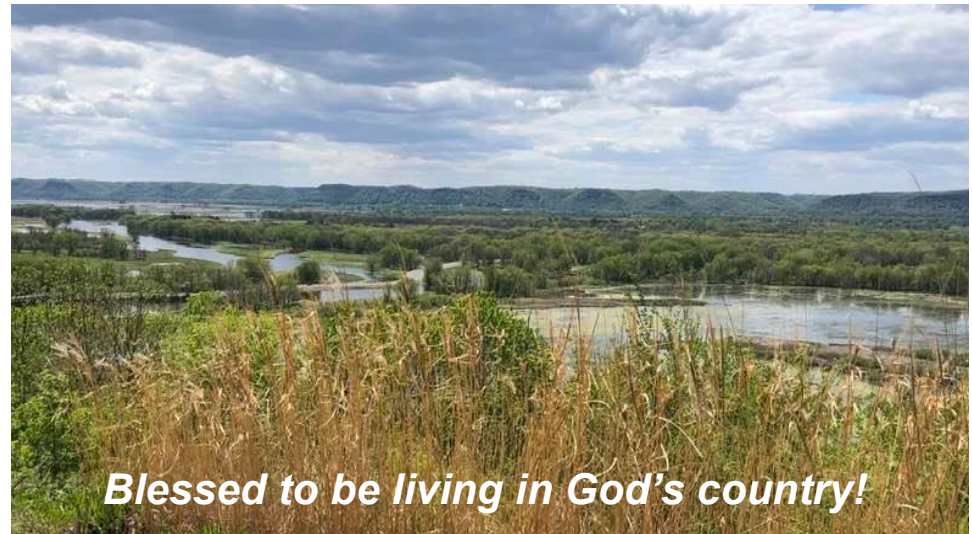
Who sets up & cleans up after communion? The Altar Guild. This Guild is an amazing group of people working behind the scenes in their dedicated way to make worship go smoothly. With worship being limited and the drive in service, the Altar Guild has had a chance to think about new ways to serve during this pandemic. So far a schedule has not been sent out, but this group continues to do ministry.

A special thanks to Kathy for and sending out "Get Well" cards in May and through June, 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



Blessed to be living in God's country!

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!



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.

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!

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

We have filled the first 4 weeks of the 10 weeks we have throughout the 2021 calendar year! Thank you to everyone who has signed up.

Remember that many of the people that our meal drivers deliver to may see no

one else but the you that day, so please

give them a big hi and a smile from you and Good Shepherd!!

Pick-up place is Franciscan/Mayo at the Market Street door and the pick-up time

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

While we are under Covid protocols for worship we will not collecting food for WAFER. 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 or drop it in the offering basket if you attend one of our in person services.

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 April 23 through May 18.

Walt Hammond Memorial

Diane Landro

Chance Schmidtkecht Memorial

Harald & Andrea Bringsjord

Hans Erickson Memorial

Jane Harrison

Karen Arndt Memorial

Steve Arndt

WAFER

Jane Reinl

memorials
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John Landro Memorial

Joann Kooistra
Pete & Sara Keen
Rod & Hoa Lanz
Gerald & Loretta Lanz
Mary Jo Leveraus
Ruth Kuntz
Roger & Marilyn Appeldorn
Roger & Lucille Hackbart
Kenneth & Karen Landro
Richard & Shirley Dahlby
Tim & Vicki Landro
Duayne & Dianne Malewicki
Dean & Jerri Fuller
Jay Podella

Hintgen Food Project

Norm & Joanne Jerome
Barb Hegge
Jim & Jan Quinn
Sherrill Munson

Carol Weeks Memorial

Harald & Andrea Bringsjord

Thank
you



Church Numbers

Weekly Sunday Attendance

Date		10:30am
04/04/21	Online	Online
04/11/21	Online	Online
04/18/21	Online	Online
04/25/21	Online	Online

Weekly Envelope Offerings

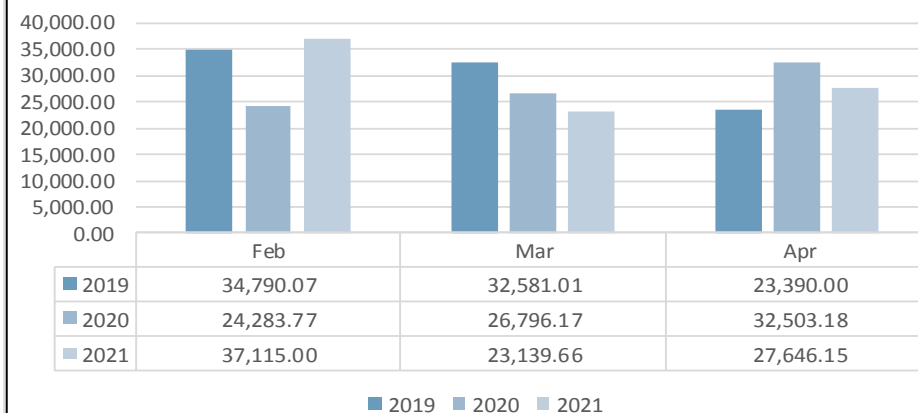
Date	Weekly	% Budget
04/04/21	\$7,002.03	80.0%
04/11/21	\$9,665.50	110.5%
04/18/21	\$7,163.50	81.9%
04/25/21	\$3,815.12	43.6%
Totals	\$27,646.15	79.0%

Envelope Offering Comparison

April 2021	April 2020	% Difference
27,646.15	32,503.18	-14.9%
YTD 2021	YTD 2020	% Difference
110,301.67	125,787.12	-12.3%

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

Envelope Offerings



Around the Parish...

Live Worship at Good Shepherd

There will be no in-person service June 13th and all are encouraged to attend the Synod Worship service on our website at 9am.

Beginning with our drive-in service on June 20th, our in-person Sunday Worship will begin at 9am and our last Wednesday evening service will be June 9th.

Precautions with social distancing and proper mask wearing once inside will be required to attend. We recommend you call the church office at 788-0450 to pre-register to reserve a seat at either service as our capacity is limited to 70 people. You can come without registering, but we cannot guarantee we will have a seat for you.

Registration for the upcoming services will begin Monday morning of that week and you can only register for services that Sunday and following Wednesday, no registrations for dates beyond that will be taken.

Only the front doors under the canopy will be open and an usher will seat you. After the service please remain seated until an usher dismisses you. The main restrooms are open but limited to three people at a time.

Our goal is to provide a safe environment for worship. Regardless of your vaccination status, if you or anyone in your family has COVID, has had a known exposure to COVID within 14 days of the service, or if you are otherwise not feeling well, we ask that you please do not attend.

Online Worship

Join us in online worship Sundays at 10:30am on our website <http://gslacrosse.org/live/> (9am beginning June 13th) If you do not have a computer, you can call 1-877-552-3468 to listen to the service from Our Saviors at 9am.

Drive-In Worship Service

We will be holding our next Drive-In service at 9am Sunday, June 20th. Please arrive early to allow time for parking and tune your radio to **97.8 FM**.

Church Contributions

For those who are able and wish to continue their regular offerings when you cannot attend services, 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.

We Need You!!

If you have interest helping Good Shepherd provide our in house worship and Sunday live streaming services please join our newly forming media Team! Members will assist with the service by running the PowerPoint Sunday morning and Wednesday evenings, and controlling the camera's for our live stream service on Sundays.

Both are relatively easy tasks and no great amount of computer skills are needed, we will train you and when you are comfortable add you to the schedule. We are hoping to get at least 8 people involved in this so it would only be a once every-other-month commitment to any one individual.

If you are interested, please email Rick@gslacrosse.org or call the office at 608-788-0450 to be a valuable part of our worship services.

Around the Parish...

"52 for Heath"

Thrivent Action Team Challenge

Thrivent and The Chaseburg Sole Burner committee lost a terrific young man this year, Heath Gilkes. In memory of his 52 years of life, Thrivent is working on doing 52 "Action Teams" in honor of Heath throughout the year.

Supporting your community is easy with Thrivent Action Teams. Apply to lead a group in a fundraiser, educational event or service activity. Then, gather a team of volunteers to make an impact together. Thrivent provides a customized kit of resources to get you started. Your team provides the passion to bring it to life. For more information on Thrivent Action Teams and how to create one visit <https://www.thrivent.com/what-we-offer/generosity/thrivent-action-teams.html> Please label the action team "52 for Heath" in his memory.

We Are Hiring!

Good Shepherd is seeking an outgoing individual to fill a new position here at the church. Our **Community Action Advocate** will work part-time (up to ten hours per week) fulfilling a stewardship roll, designing cohesive, positive marketing for the church and connecting members to volunteer needs and community participation.

For more information please see our full job description and get your application on our website at <https://gslacrosse.org/we-are-hiring/>

If you are interested, please fill out our application and return it to the church office by mail at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church 4141 Mormon Coulee Rd. La Crosse, WI 54601, or by email in .pdf format to Rick@gslacrosse.org

Sugar Creek Bible Camp

Summer Camp is just around the corner. Whether it's your first summer or your tenth, we have a program designed just for you! Read all about our exciting, new programs and register on our website <http://wp.sugarcreekbiblecamp.org/>

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/> or <https://smile.amazon.com/>

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

Help Feed The Children At Hintgen

Please continue to support the Hintgen Food Project with your donations. As the pandemic drags on many families continue to struggle to make ends meet.

The children are back in school and we are now sending home backpacks of food every Friday. This costs us about \$250 each week. Because we are sending the backpacks home weekly with the kids, instead of making deliveries to their home, we must buy smaller (slightly more costly) versions of food items so the kids can carry them on their backs.

Hintgen has let us know how very much families appreciate this service. Please continue to support the project by making your checks payable to church, but remembering to indicate HINTGEN FOOD PROJECT in the memo line. Thanks to everyone's generosity, we have been able to maintain this project throughout the pandemic." God Bless the Children who are hungry through no fault of their own.

June 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 Sundays at 9A.M. from Our Savior's and 10:30A.M. from Good Shepherd. Join us at www.gslacrosse.org
In Church Worship at Good Shepherd Sundays at 10:30 A.M. & Drive-in service the 3rd Sunday of the month. (9am beginning 6/20)*

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
May 30 10:30am In Church Service 6:30pm GS Men's Group	31 Memorial Day Office Closed	June 1 5:30pm Buildings & Grounds	2 6pm In Church Service	3	4	5
6 10:30am In Church Service 6:30pm GS Men's Group	7	8 1:45pm Hillview Communion	9 6pm In Church Service (this will be the last Wednesday Service)	10	11 Synod Assembly	12 Synod Assembly
13 Synod Assembly 9am All Synod Online Worship 6:30pm GS Men's Group	14	15 6pm Parish Ed Mtg. Zoom 6pm Admin/Exec Mtg. 7pm Council Mtg.	16	17	18 July Voice Articles Due	19
20 9am Drive In Church Service 6:30pm GS Men's Group	21 6pm Re-opening Committee Mtg Zoom	22	23	24	25 5pm Kimball/ Ambrose Rehearsal	26 4pm Kimball/ Ambrose Wedding
27 9am In Church Service 6:30pm GS Men's Group	28	29	30	July 1	2	3
4 9am In Church Service 6:30pm GS Men's Group	5 6pm Trust Foundation	6 5:30pm Buildings & Grounds	7	8	9	10
<i>In person worship services at Good Shepherd</i>						
<i>Attendance will be limited to 70. Properly worn medical masks are required to enter the building and social distancing must be maintained. Other than for worship services, the building will remain locked. Committees are encouraged to continue to meet via Zoom or other electronic means at this time. This policy will be reevaluated by our Reopening Committee in July.</i>						

Church Council Members

- **Sara Wrobel** *President of the Congregation*
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- **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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- **Rev. John Stennes-Spidahl** *Assistant Pastor*
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- **Cody & Kerstin Nedegaard** *Volunteer Parish Nurses*
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- **Bill Klein** *Custodian*
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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,

With summer fast approaching, we thought we would focus this month's article on ultraviolet (UV) safety. According to the CDC, UV radiation is a form of non-ionizing radiation that is emitted by the sun and artificial sources such as tanning beds. While it has benefits for humans, including the creation of vitamin D, It also can cause health risks.

Beneficial effects of UV radiation include the production of vitamin D, a vitamin essential to human health. Vitamin D helps the body absorb calcium and phosphorus from food and assists bone development. The World Health Organization (WHO) recommends 5 to 15 minutes of sun exposure 2 to 3 times a week.

Risks of UV radiation include: Sunburn is a sign of short-term overexposure, while premature aging and skin cancer are side effects of prolonged UV exposure. Some oral and topical medicines, such as antibiotics, birth control pills, and benzoyl peroxide products, as well as some cosmetics, may increase skin and eye sensitivity to UV in all skin types. UV exposure increases the risk of potentially blinding eye diseases if eye protection is not used. Overexposure to UV radiation can lead to serious health issues, including cancer. Skin cancer is the most common cancer in the United States. The two most common types of skin cancer are basal cell cancer and squamous cell cancer.

Typically, they form on the head, face, neck, hands, and arms because these body parts are the most exposed to UV radiation. Most cases of melanoma, the deadliest kind of skin cancer, are caused by exposure to UV radiation.

To protect yourself from UV radiation: Stay in the shade, especially during midday hours. Wear clothes that cover your arms and legs. Wear a wide brim hat to shade your face, head, ears, and neck. Wear wraparound sunglasses that block both UVA and UVB rays. Use sunscreen with sun protection factor (SPF) 15 or higher, for both UVA and UVB protection. Avoid indoor tanning. Indoor tanning is particularly dangerous for younger users; people who begin indoor tanning during adolescence or early adulthood have a higher risk of developing melanoma.

Take Care,
Cody and Kerstin Nedegaard



Cody & Kerstin Nedegaard

GS Volunteer Parish Nurses
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Health Questions?
Gundersen Telephone Nurse Advisor
24/7 at (800) 858-1050.



Sunday School Update

Pre-school thru Grade 5

September 2021. That was what I said to Bill and the kids when the pandemic hit. "I bet we will be closed until September – over 1 year." And sure enough, we made it. We made it and I came away with some reflections as we come back into the light from the COVID-19 tunnel:

Tammy started a new job at Gundersen, giving her a new perspective on COVID-19.

Masks – we have some pretty cute masks (one with Rubber Ducks) that I may still wear for fun.

Family and Friends – I miss them all, especially my family members we lost to COVID-19.

Sunday Schoolers – I am so grateful that they all came through and are healthy.

My home is where Bill, Keith and Kylie are– this is my sanctuary.

Most of all, I am thankful that God is there and that my relationship allowed me to see that when things seemed dark, it is because I was in a Tunnel and not a cave.

You see, a cave when you go in has only one way out. The same way you go in. You turn around and when you enter, you are back in the same exact spot. But a tunnel, now that is scary. It is also a journey. You must travel through it. Experience it. And if there are bends, and turns, you cannot see the light at the other end. You have to stay on the path because turning around, means starting over. With each step, you learn about the tunnel, your senses become more tuned in. You step a bit more surely. You take precautions – keeping your hands out in front of you so that you don't smack your head into the wall, or the person in front of you. If you are in a group, you stay together, you talk and communicate. Even when you cannot see them.

Then, when you get close enough to the end, the light become brighter and brighter, until you step out into the world. You have grown,

learned about yourself. Stronger and more certain of what you can do and conquer.

I had a very difficult time writing this article for the voice. I am beginning to realize I am about to step through the end of the COVID-19 tunnel, into a bright world, more secure and certain. I can do a lot more with technology, I am certain that no matter what, I can adapt. But along the way, I have lost some loved ones and friends! I have missed seeing students grow and learn. I have missed being sure of my steps and I am a little less carefree. AND – I am stepping into another tunnel. The POST COVID-19 Tunnel.

So what does Post COVID-19 Tunnel look like? Not as dark, not as many twists and turns, and I can already see the light at the end. But my steps are still a bit slower, my hands are still up (to protect me from smacking into something unexpected) and I am together with all the others who are navigating this new Tunnel. But it is not a CAVE. And, together, we do not have to go out and come back into the same darkness. As we come back together, remember what it was like to be AWAY. We will be asking for help with the lawns again, Sunday School again, VBS again. We will need ushers, and readers, and Choir Members. We will need people for our Praise band and Nursery. And maybe some new activities like our monthly Infant/toddler activity group, Trunk or treat, and BUNKO.

So when we say it's RALLY SUNDAY – it will really mean "RALLY SUNDAY, join us in that TUNNEL". It is actually very bright, has lots of love in it, and we are going to learn our way through it together. See you all VERY SOON and please watch emails and the voice as we make plans for VBS in August and Sunday School 2021-22.

Tammy

Quick-Look

Upcoming Events At a Glance

May 9th to 16th	Education Sunday/Service to Others

See you Sundays
on Facebook Live!



Tammy Klein

Children's Ministry Coordinator

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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)

"See, I am doing a new thing! Now it springs up; do you not perceive it? I am making a way in the wilderness and streams in the wasteland." ~Isaiah 43:19



Commencement...by definition, commencement means "to enter upon or begin." We can look at it as an ending, the accomplishment of 13 years of schooling or we can look at it as a beginning, the start of adulthood, living independently, and making their way in the world. Regardless, we want to keep these young men and women in our prayers. But, what is it that we want for our graduates? Fame? Fortune? Love? Jobs? Peace? Adulthood can be scary and not super fun at times. Have we given them all the tools to persevere? Do they know how much they are loved by family, friends, and most importantly, God? How do we pray for them? I found 3 Bible verses that I think sums up our hopes and dreams for our young adults.

1. "Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid or terrified because of them, for the LORD your God goes with you; he will never leave you nor forsake you." Deuteronomy 31:6

We pray that our kids know that God is always with them. We pray they lean into him when there are so many obstacles to overcome and take time to express their gratitude when life is going well. We pray that they trust God's plan, even if it looks differently than they imagined.

2. "Whatever you do work at it with all your heart." Colossians 3:23

We pray that our kids find inspiration in all that they do and pursue their dreams despite all obstacles. We pray that they make their way in the world, celebrating themselves and others, recognizing that they are each God's masterpiece.

3. "Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light for my path." Psalm 119:105
Finally, we pray that our kids let God's light shine from within themselves, making the world brighter for all who come close to them, and spreading that light to everyone they meet.

Congratulations to all our graduates.
"May the Lord bless you and keep you,
May his face shine upon you and be gracious to you, may he look upon you kindly and give you peace."

Class of 2021:

Sam Bendel
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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

Hymn Focus:

When the Poor Ones (ELW #725)

The hymn "When the Poor Ones" draws inspiration from two passages of Scripture. The stanzas draw from Matthew 25:34-36, where Jesus says, "for I was hungry, thirsty, a stranger, naked, sick, in prison, and you ministered to me". The refrain draws from the road to Emmaus story where, in Luke 24:31 (NIV), Jesus took bread, gave thanks and began giving it to them. "Then their eyes were opened and they recognized him".

In the words of Argentinean pastor and teacher Pablo Sosa, "The stanzas express beautifully the strange paradox of the poor ones giving away to others, the thirsty sharing water with us, and the weak strengthening the weaker. The refrain states clearly that when that happens 'God himself walks on our own way'....it is from the poor, the weak, the oppressed, that God's salvation will come, as shown on Christmas Eve."

Little is known about the two Spanish Roman Catholic priests who collaborated to write this hymn. Their work reflects the post-Vatican II spirit of the 1970's, when the influence of liberation theology was on the rise.

José Antonio Olivar (b.1939), who wrote the text, experienced difficult times in childhood and lost his parents to war. His grandmother supported his studies at the Seminary of Covadogna and Oviedo. He

went on to become very accomplished, receiving several national awards for poetry and working as a journalist for popular newspapers and national agencies.

Miguel Manzano (b.1934), who wrote the tune, is a Spanish composer and singer. He was born in Aillamor de Cardoza, near the Portuguese border and began his religious musical career at the age of eight as Cantor at the Cathedral of Zamora, Spain. He studied solfège, piano, organ and harmonium with renown teacher Gaspar Arabaolaza and went on to study rhythm and Gregorian modality at the Higher School of Sacred Music in Madrid. He later furthered his studies of language and musical rhythm at the Catholic Institute of Paris.



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Make a sunflower, which turns its head to follow the sun.

What you need:

- Paper plate
- Yellow marker
- Scissors
- Yarn (black and brown)



What you do:

1. Color the entire plate yellow.
2. Around the edge, cut out an odd number of triangles. Evenly space the cuts to form flower petals.
3. Poke a hole in the plate's center. String black yarn through the hole and over one triangle cut. Tie a knot at the back of the plate.
4. Continue looping yarn through the hole and over the remaining cuts. Secure the end. The flower should look like a wagon wheel with black spokes.
5. Tie the brown yarn to a black "spoke." Weave the brown yarn over and under the spokes in a circle. Continue until the sunflower has a large center. Then tie the end.
6. Display your craft as a reminder to follow the Son, Jesus!



Conundrums of creation

God's creation is filled with amazing and sometimes puzzling works.

Directions: Use the bank of picture clues to answer the riddles.



- You can hold but not touch this. _____
- Before using this, you must break it. _____
- This falls without getting hurt. _____
- This gets bigger the more you take away. _____
- This has an eye but cannot see. _____

"In the heavens God has pitched a tent for the _____.
It is like ... a champion rejoicing to run his course.
It rises at one end of the heavens and makes its circuit
to the other; nothing is deprived of its warmth."

PSALM 19:4-6, NIV

Answer: breath, egg, rain, hole, hurricane, sun

