

AND THE GLORY WHICH YOU GAVE ME
I HAVE GIVEN THEM,
THAT THEY MAY BE
JUST AS WE ARE

- JOHN 17:22



GOOD SHEPHERD

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

The Shepherd's Voice

Monthly Newsletter July, 2021

Give. Serve. Lead. Connect.

From Pastor Harald Bringsjord

In John 17, Jesus prays for his disciples, saying to God, "The glory that you have given me I have given them, so that they may be one, as we are one. I in them and you in me, that they may become completely one."

When author and poet Kathleen Norris moved from New York City to her family's homestead in Lemmon, South Dakota, she found herself drawn to the Church and thinking, for the first time in a very long while, about the Christian faith. She joined a church in Lemmon and writes about her experience in her books "Dakota" and "Cloister Walk." In her book "Amazing Grace" she reflects on the Church and its unity when she writes:

"From the outside, church congregations can look like remarkably contentious places, full of hypocrites who talk about love while fighting each other tooth and nail. This is the reason many people give for avoiding them. On the inside, however, it is a different matter, a matter of struggling to maintain unity as the body of Christ given the fact that we have precious little uniformity. I have only to look at the congregation I know best, the one I belong to. We are not individuals who have come together because we are like-minded. That is not a church but a political party. We are like most healthy churches, I think, in that we can do pretty well when it comes to loving and serving God, each other, and the world: but God help us if we have to agree about things. I could test our uniformity by suggesting a major remodeling of the sanctuary, or worse, the Holy of holies-the church kitchen. But I value my life too

much." She continues: "The church is like the incarnation itself, a shaky proposition. It is a human institution, full of ordinary people, sinners like me, who do and say cruel things. But it is also a divinely inspired institution, full of good purpose, which partakes of a unity far greater than the sum of its parts. That is why it is called the Body of Christ." (pp. 272-3).

One of the things that has been inspiring to me here at Good Shepherd is the care and the striving to help one another and the community in diverse ways.

Have we been open as a congregation? Of course, we have been open. Ministry is taking place because ministry is done outside of the building as we care for one another. But ministry can also be done in the building as we gather in person to be reminded that we are in this ministry work together. To see one another is a big deal.

I'm delighted to be able to remind everyone who is reading this article that we are again gathering in the building. Worship through the summer will be at 9am in the building except on July 18th, when worship will be in the parking lot for our last scheduled parking lot worship service.

The quilters have begun to gather again in the building and at the last church council meeting on June 15th, the council gathered in the building. The men's group has begun to gather on the lawn behind the church, the Building and Grounds have met at times in the garage. The committee in charge of

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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 during in building worship services. Leaders of the service may lower or remove mask during speaking or singing. The organist, based on distancing may remove mask while seated and playing.

Sunday Drive-In Church- 9am (July 18) Outdoor, weather permitting
 Sunday Worship- 9am June 20 - Sept 5th
 Sept 12th resume 8:30am and 10:30am services

Indoor seating is every other pew and social distancing is still encouraged and masks are required. Persons of the same household may be seated together.

Keeping our commitment to grow ministry, the indoor 9am 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 may meet in the building, but meeting outside or through Zoom is the safest. The Mattes Center will be used for all meetings held indoors. If a group or committee wants 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 need to contact the Church Office and adhere to the Interim Plan. This committee will meet again August 9, 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)

Due to COVID-19, the World Health Organization, federal, state, local governments and agencies recommend social distancing and the use of personal safety equipment such as masks and sanitizer. Good Shepherd strives to be compliant and promotes safety for attendees. We have put in place preventative measures to reduce the spread of COVID-19, but we cannot guarantee that attendees will not become infected with COVID-19. By participating in programs, services, and activities of Good Shepherd you agree to the following: On behalf of yourself and your children, you hereby release, covenant not to sue, discharge, and hold harmless Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, its employees, agents, and representatives, of and from all liabilities, claims, actions, damages, costs or expenses of any kind arising out of or relating to your participation in our programs, services or activities. You understand and agree that this release includes any claims based on the actions, omissions, or negligence of this organization, its employees, agents, and representatives, whether a COVID-19 infection occurs before, during, or after participation in any such program, service or activity.

Serve Enriching Life, Sharing Talents

Thank You All So Very Much...

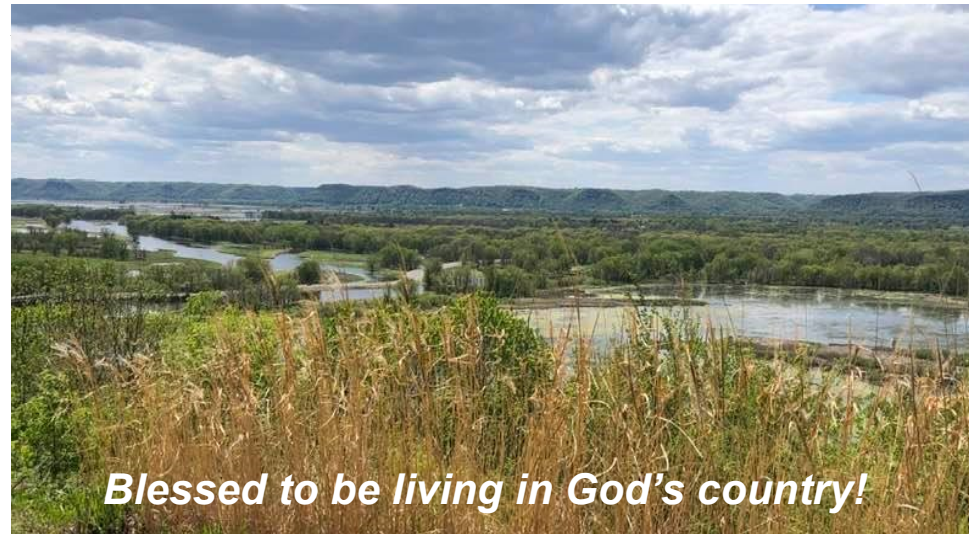
The Altar Guild. With worship being limited and with restrictions, due to COVID Altar Guild has not been active. In the fall they will start planning on how to proceed with new ways to serve. So far a schedule has not been sent out, but this group continues to do ministry.

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

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.

and Good Shepherd!!

Pick-up place is Franciscan/Mayo at the Market Street door and the pick-up time will be 11am.

Please allow 1 1/2 to 2 hours for deliveries. We are route #1.

4-H Club

The Mormon Coulee 4-H Club was first established in 1946 making the club one of the oldest in La Crosse County! 4-H clubs are made up of children from kindergarten through high school. We meet the second Sunday of each month at

4pm in the Mattes Center. We are always looking for eager volunteers. If anyone is interested, or has any questions, please feel free to contact Kimberly Young at (608)796-0099 or e-mail kkymmm@gmail.com.

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

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

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

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

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

Stewardship

Memorials & Special Gifts

Good Shepherd gratefully acknowledges and sincerely appreciates your gifts over and above your regular giving. The following gifts were received from May 18 through June 20.

Hintgen Food Project

Diane Kimball
Rob & Dianne Hamann
Jim & Jan Quinn
Norm & Joanne Jerome
George & Judy Brockman



Hans Erickson Memorial

Jackie Meyer
Philip & Sarah Nohr

Cozy Gabrielson Memorial

Jackie Meyer
Harald & Andrea Bringsjord

Carol Weeks Memorial

Art & Betty Olson

Ann Van Dyck Memorial

Harald & Andrea Bringsjord
Shirley Holman
Irene Thorelli
Karl & Julie Noll
Paul & Judy Schams
Heidi Kwiatkowski
Jim & Jan Quinn

Candie Luehne
Michael & Sally Lindahl
Ruth Strand
Rob & Dianne Hamann

Don Meyer Memorial

Dave & Judith Bouffleur



Church Numbers

Weekly Sunday Attendance

Date		10:30am
05/02/21	Online	Online
05/09/21	Online	Online
05/16/21	Online	Online
05/23/21	Online	Online
05/30/21	Online	Online

Weekly Envelope Offerings

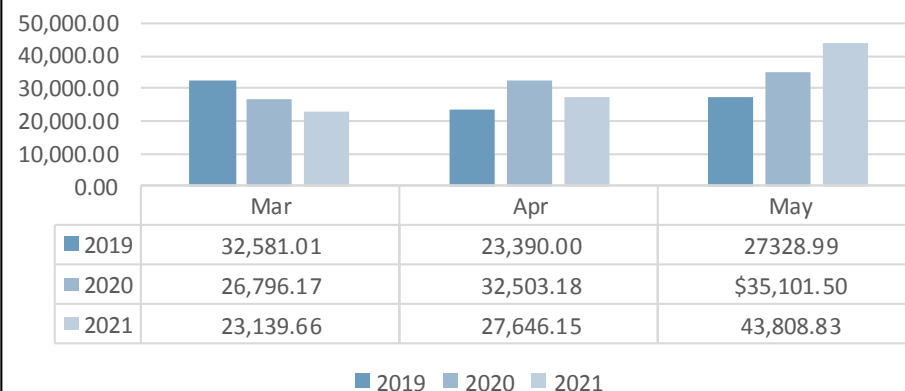
Date	Weekly	% Budget
05/02/21	\$7,436.50	106.2%
05/09/21	\$6,018.86	86.0%
05/16/21	\$14,598.80	208.6%
05/23/21	\$13,356.27	190.8%
05/30/21	\$2,398.40	34.3%
Totals	\$43,808.83	125.2%

Envelope Offering Comparison

May 2021	May 2020	% Difference
43,808.83	35,101.50	24.8%
YTD 2021	YTD 2020	% Difference
154,110.50	160,888.62	-4.2%

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

Envelope Offerings



Around the Parish...

Live Worship at Good Shepherd

In-person Sunday Worship begins at 9am and is also live streamed on our website <http://gslacrosse.org/live/> for those who cannot attend in person.

Precautions with social distancing and proper mask wearing once inside will be required to attend.

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.

Volunteers Available!

Good Shepherd has several teens looking for volunteer opportunities. If you or your organization has a project you would like help with, please email Jen Servais to coordinate the help!

Thanks! Jen@gslacrosse.org

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

Church Contributions

What a gift it has been to have members give so generously to church, your generosity undergirds the ministry we enjoy here at Good Shepherd.

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.

God's peace and blessings to everyone.

We Need You!!

Please consider joining our new media team! Members will assist with the service by running the PowerPoint Sunday morning and controlling the camera's for our live stream service.

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

Shop Amazon Smile!!!

Shop smile.amazon.com and Amazon will donate 0.5% of the price of your eligible Amazon Smile purchases to Good Shepherd! For more information and to get started, go to: <http://gslacrosse.org/6030-2/>

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

Around the Parish...

"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.

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.

Preaching schedule during Pr. Harald's Sabbatical

Sunday, July 25	9:00a.m.	Pr. John Stennes-Spidahl
Sunday, August 1	9:00a.m.	Vic. Eric Miller & Pr. Mark Solyst
Sunday, August 8	9:00a.m.	Pr. John Stennes-Spidahl
Sunday, August 15	9:00a.m. (Drive-In)	Pr. John Stennes-Spidahl
Sunday, August 22	9:00a.m.	Vic. Eric Miller
Sunday, August 29	9:00a.m.	Pr. John Stennes-Spidahl
Sunday, September 5	9:00a.m.	Pr. John Stennes-Spidahl
Sunday, September 12	8:30 & 10:30a.m.	Sara Hallberg
Sunday, September 19	8:30 & 10:30a.m.	Pr. Ben Morris
Sunday, September 26	8:30 & 10:30a.m.	Pr. John Stennes-Spidahl
Sunday, October 3	8:30 & 10:30a.m.	Pr. John Stennes-Spidahl
Sunday, October 10	8:30 & 10:30a.m.	Pr. Ben Morris
Sunday, October 17	8:30 & 10:30a.m.	Pr. John Stennes-Spidahl
Sunday, October 24	8:30 & 10:30a.m.	Pr. Mark Solyst
Sunday, October 31	8:30 & 10:30a.m.	Pr. John Stennes-Spidahl
Sunday, November 7	8:30 & 10:30a.m.	Pr. John Stennes-Spidahl
Sunday, November 14	8:30 & 10:30a.m.	Sara Hallberg
Sunday, November 21	8:30 & 10:30a.m.	Pr. Mark Solyst

July 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.*

In-person Worship Sundays at 9A.M. This service is also live steamed on our website at www.gslacrosse.org

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
June 27 9am In Church Service 6:30pm Men's Group	28 12:30pm Quilters	29	30	July 1	2 August Voice Articles Due	3
4 4th of July 9am In Church Service w/Communion 6:30pm Men's Group	5 12:30pm Quilters 6pm Trust Foundation	6 5:30pm Buildings & Grounds	7	8	9	10
11 9am In Church Service 6:30pm Men's Group	12 12:30pm Quilters	13 1:45pm Hillview Communion	14	15	16	17
18 9am Drive In Service w/Communion 6:30pm Men's Group	19 12:30 Quilters 5:15pm Finance	20 6pm Admin/Exec Meeting	21	22	23	24
25 9am In Church Service 6:30pm Men's Group	26 NO Quilters	27	28	29	30	31
August 1 9am In Church Service w/Communion 6:30pm Men's Group	2 NO Quilters	3 5:30pm Buildings & Grounds	4	5	6	7
<p style="text-align: center;"><i>In person worship services at Good Shepherd</i></p> <p><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, but can meet in the church by calling the office to schedule a meeting time. All meetings will take place in the Mattes Center.</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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- **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,

July is healthy vision month. If your eyes feel healthy, it's easy to assume they are healthy. But many eye diseases don't have any warning signs- so you could have an eye problem and not know it. The good news is there's a lot you can do to set yourself up for a lifetime of seeing well.

Having a regular dilated eye exam to check for common eye problems is one way to assure your vision stays in tip top shape. Some eye conditions can cause vision loss and even blindness and include cataracts or clouding of the eye, retinopathy which causes damage to the blood vessels in the back of the eye, glaucoma or damage to the optic nerve resulting in increased eye pressure, and age-related macular degeneration which affects central vision.

The following can all help protect your vision. Eat right: in particular, eat plenty of dark leafy greens such as spinach, kale, or collard greens, and fish that is high in omega-3 fatty acids. Maintain a healthy

weight. Wear protective eyewear when playing sports or doing activities around the home. Wear sunglasses that block 99 percent of ultraviolet radiation.

In addition to a comprehensive dilated eye exam, visit an eye care professional if you have decreased vision, eye pain, drainage or redness of the eye, double vision, diabetes, floaters, circles or halos around light sources or if you see flashes of light.

Take Care,

Cody and Kerstin Nedegaard



**healthy
vision
month**

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

June – It's A Colorful Month!

It's the month of Flag Day, my mom's birthday, Father's Day and the first day of Summer. It can be 100 degrees (and it has been) or it can be 60 degrees. We have cardinals, orioles, and robins visiting our bird bath. The flowers are blooming and growing of all kids. It seems each day feels a little bit like a Kaleidoscope of color.

Kaleidoscopes. There is an odd toy, but I love them. I have several. One that Pastor Hjelle carved from wood for me as an Easter Egg. I have one of Kylie's with Dr. Suess décor. Keith handed down to me one just of wood, and that one I have at work. The magical wonder of colors created as light comes through them and with just an itty, bitty, teeny, tiny shake, it is all new again. A Kaleidoscope is a constantly changing pattern or sequence of objects or elements. Is there any better way to describe life?

I find great symbolism in a Kaleidoscope. Bit's and pieces of anything, can be all the experiences in a day, week, lifetime. Sandwiched between two pieces of glass with we view them all, like we use our senses to view our world. And, then the mirrors. The more mirrors, the more different ways we view all the colors and patterns. Mirrors, like the different people and relationships we experience that share with us their own Kaleidoscopes of life.

And the most colorful, the brightest, and quite frankly the most entertaining of these are our Children. But, they are still putting their Kaleidoscopes together. They are still adding the colorful elements, the bits, and pieces, that fit between the glass. They are still adding the mirrors, how many mirrors will depend on their relationships, that pattern their view.

And to light up the view through our, and our children's, Kaleidoscopes can be the light of the world. Here is our first memory verse for Sunday School 2021-22: John 8:12, Again Jesus spoke to them, saying, "I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will not walk in darkness but will have the light of

life." We will be adding to our Kaleidoscopes of life this summer, August 21 and 22nd with a WEEKEND VBS for all ages. And we need your help! Then, it looks like we will again color our lives on Sundays with Sunday School beginning in September. I am so excited, my world is bursting with joy and I can't wait to see everyone again.

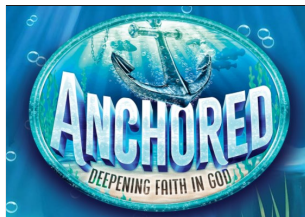
So if you are a mom, dad, confirmation student, aunt, uncle, sibling, high schooler, college student.... All Hands on deck to get these new, and hugely missed, events back on! Please email tammy@gslacrosse.org to sign up. Add to your colors, Shake it up a bit and change your view. Bring the Light into your life and experience the beauty of a Kaleidoscope of life.

Tammy



Quick-Look

Upcoming Events At a Glance



August 21 /22, from 11am to 2pm

Rain date August 28/29

Make a splash with the ultimate summer weekend! At Anchored VBS, kids embark on an undersea adventure, diving deeper in their faith and discovering the unwavering love of God!

Sea the Son Celebration - Deep Sea Bible Adventures - Anchors Away Games

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)

"But ask the animals, and they will teach you; the birds of the air, and they will tell you; ask the plants of the earth,[a] and they will teach you; and the fish of the sea will declare to you. Who among all these does not know that the hand of the Lord has done this? In his hand is the life of every living thing and the breath of every human being." Job 12: 7-10



Summer is my favorite time of year as I love being outside, enjoying all the beauty of this area. It is a great time to reconnect with our kids, especially after the year we have had! We all have a break from the seemingly constant conversations about homework, grades, responsibilities, and other not-so-fun chats that can dominate the school year. We can sit back, enjoy each other, and make great family memories. Below is a list of three activities to consider as well as websites that will help guide you.

1. Hiking: John Muir is quoted as saying "Into the forest I go to lose my mind and find my soul." There are so many great places to hike in this area with varying degrees of difficulty. It is easy to find trails that will suit anyone in your family! The website <https://www.explorelacrosse.com/morethings-to-do-in-la-crosse-wi/hiking-lacrosse-wi/> will give you lots of options as well as maps of the trails. You could try and do a new trail each week with the family! It is great exercise and an opportunity to unplug and converse with your kids.
2. Biking: If you want something a little more active than a hike, then check out all the biking trails in the area ([https:// www.explorelacrosse.com/](https://www.explorelacrosse.com/)

more-things-to-do-in-la-crosse-wi/biking-la-crosse-wi/-). Again, a great way to enjoy the Earth we have been blessed with. There are several trails listed for all kinds of ages and fitness levels. You don't have to be a professional to enjoy biking...there are many flat trails that are easy rides. There are also some great trails by the weather station for mountain biking.

3. Kayaking/Canoeing: Love the water? Want a more adventurous activity? Try kayaking/canoeing. There are a ton of paddling trails around the area and it is a great way to see the beauty of the river. This option will require renting kayaks/ canoes but the rates are reasonable. Here is a link to maps and rental sites <https://www.explorelacrosse.com/more-things-to-do-in-la-crosse-wi/paddling-in-la-crossewi/>.

The summer can be an opportunity to be witness to the amazing environment around us. Immersing yourselves and your families in nature is good for the soul and a reminder of all we have to be thankful for.

In Peace,
Jen

Good Shepherd has several teens looking for volunteer opportunities. If you or your organization has a project you would like help with, please email Jen Servais to coordinate the help! Thanks! Jen@gslacrosse.org

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.

My contact information is:

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

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



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In the Office: Varied hours



Music Notes

From The Director of Music

Hymn Focus: "What a Friend We Have in Jesus"

Joseph Medlicott Scriven (1819-1886) was born in Bainbridge, County Down, Ireland to John Scriven, a captain in the Royal Marines and Jane Medlicott Scriven. He graduated with a B.A. Degree from Trinity College in Dublin, embracing the teachings of the Plymouth Brethren. He quickly established himself as a teacher and was going to marry his childhood sweetheart in 1843, but the day before their wedding she died in a tragic drowning accident. Grief stricken, he left Ireland in 1845 and began a new life in Canada, settling in Woodstock, Ontario, where he made a living teaching.

In 1855 Scriven received word from Ireland that his mother was gravely ill. Lacking enough money to travel back to Ireland, he composed a poem to comfort her called "Pray Without Ceasing". He later shared the poem with a friend, who took it to a music publisher. It was renamed and set to music by American attorney and composer Charles Converse and published in 1868 with the title "What a Friend We Have in Jesus".

Moving to Port Hope, Ontario in 1857, Scriven met Eliza Catherine Roche and the two fell in love, planning to marry in 1860. Again, however, tragedy struck and shortly before their wedding Eliza contracted pneumonia and died 4 months later at the age of 23.

Turning in grief to his faith, Scriven devoted his life to teaching, preaching and helping the poor by sharing all he had with them and regularly cutting firewood for them if they were unable to cut their own. As a member of the Plymouth Brethren, he endeavored to live his life in accordance with the Sermon on the Mount.

Although published in 1868, the writer of the lyrics to this hymn was not known until nearly 30 years later, when a friend visited Scriven and discovered the poem in his papers. When asked about it, Scriven replied, "The Lord and I together wrote the song".



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Good Shepherd reopening wants to keep everyone safe and at the same time find ways for committees, teams, and groups to meet in the building. If you are ready to meet in the church building for an event, please contact the church office; it may just work out!

We strive together in order to live out our unity, be it in the building or outside. We are the Church, united in Christ Jesus, our Lord. Thanks be to God.

God's blessing through the summer!
Pastor Harald

Just a reminder that the Synod School of Theology is offering a unique opportunity to explore some of the challenging issues of our times through the lens of faith and the social statements of the church. The four summer sessions will be "stand alone" experiences, allowing participants to attend any or all. Sessions will be via Zoom, on Thursdays, from 6:30-8pm, and will be led by leaders with a passion for the needs of God's people. We invite pastors, lay leaders, and anyone with a curiosity about our world and God's work in it, to join us.

- June 17 - Immigration (1998 social message) w/ Pr. Kent Johnson
- June 24 - Race, Ethnicity and Culture (1993 social message) w/ Pr. Joanne Richmond
- July 8 - The Church and Criminal Justice (2013 social statement) w/ Pr. Joanne Richmond
- July 15 - Economic Life: Sufficient, Sustainable Livelihood for All (1999 social statement) w/ Pr. Mark Solyst

The Rev. Felix J. Malpica, from Janesville, WI, was elected June 13th at our Synod Assembly to serve a six-year term as bishop of the La Crosse Area Synod. Rev. Malpica was elected on the fifth ballot, with 108 votes; with The Rev. Rebecca Piper, co-pastor of Calvary Lutheran Church in Rapid City, SD, receiving 81 votes. Rev. Malpica has served as pastor of Faith Lutheran Church in Janesville since 2017. Prior to that, he served as associate pastor of Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Church in Austin, TX, from 2014 to 2017. He earned his BA from Luther College in Decorah, IA, in 2009 and his Master of Divinity degree from Luther Seminary in St. Paul, MN, in 2013. His installation will take place on Sept. 26th.

Check out what is going on around the Synod using the synod Website
www.lacrosseareasyndod.org

Puzzle!

Answer each statement by circling the letter in the correct column. Then write the circled letters on the numbered lines below to complete the biblical word.

	TRUE	FALSE
1. Naomi is Ruth's mother.	D	(R)
2. Ruth is a Moabite.	T	P
3. Naomi wants Ruth to leave her and return to Moab.	N	L
4. Orpah is Naomi's hired hand.	H	S
5. Boaz lives in Bethlehem.	C	B
6. Boaz is a farmer.	U	V
7. Ruth makes a living begging at Bethlehem's gates.	X	E
8. Boaz instructs his field workers to leave extra grain for Ruth to glean.	E	J
9. Boaz invites Ruth to eat with the harvesters.	R	Q
10. Boaz is related to Naomi.	I	W
11. Boaz refuses to marry Ruth.	F	R
12. Ruth is the great-grandmother of King David.	O	G

9 7 4 6 1 11 8 5 2 10 12 3

Answer: 1. R, 2. T, 3. N, 4. S, 5. C, 6. U, 7. E, 8. E, 9. R, 10. I, 11. R, 12. O; RESURRECTION

