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GOOD SHEPHERD

LUTHERAN CHURCH

The Shepherd's Voice

Monthly Newsletter April, 2022

Give. Serve. Lead. Connect.

From Pastor Harald Bringsjord

I share with you the words of our ELCA Bishop Elizabeth A. Eaton regarding the Russian attack against our sisters and brothers in the Ukraine. I am so saddened by the destruction of our European friends. I don't know what else to say except to pray, pray, pray, and work for peace and justice in the world. May our Lenten journey move us to Easter hope. And so I share with you the pastoral message on Ukraine by our presiding bishop.

In Christ's service,
Pastor Harald

"Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God." (Matthew 5:9).

I watch with grave concern as tensions continue between Russia and Ukraine, and I fervently pray that a peaceful resolution to the conflict will be reached. I affirm the statement of the Lutheran World Federation's general secretary, the Rev. Dr. Anne Burghardt: "We urge all parties to de-escalate the situation and work for peace and stability. A peaceful solution must be found."

Our social statement For Peace in God's World offers guidance:
We of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America share with the Church of Jesus Christ in all times and places the calling to be peacemakers. . . . The basis of the Church's peace-calling is in God's final

peace, the peace of God's eternal reign. That calling is to proclaim the Gospel of God's final peace and to work for earthly peace.

Join with me in praying for peace for the people of Ukraine and that the international community will play a constructive role in this regard. We pray also for the Ukrainian diaspora in our context, that they may know God's peace.

In peace,
The Rev. Elizabeth A. Eaton
Presiding Bishop
Evangelical Lutheran Church in America



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From our Re-opening Committee

Reflects changes from our committee meeting on March 14

On behalf of the Church Council, the Re-Opening Committee has an update for Good Shepherd Lutheran Church and reinstating activities of the church, please read to understand your role in the process. This is an update to the interim plan for this church building and property as of March 15, 2022. The Church Council has approved the following measures of reinstating a variety of former practices that were suspended due to COVID.

- Masks are optional in the church building.
- The Welcome Area is open along with the kitchenette coat rack, and coffee station.
- Pews will remain as every other available for seating.
- Social distancing, or sitting with members of your household is still encouraged.
- Continue to use hand sanitizer throughout the church building.
- The Adult, Gloria Dei and Bell Choirs to resume practicing and performing.
- Sunday School is available for children attending Good Shepherd on Sundays.
- The Nursery is available for families. Please wipe down anything used or that may have gone into a little one's mouth.
- Food, beverages, pot lucks, meals, events are able to be planned again. Please communicate use of the kitchen with the Church Office.

Keeping our commitment to grow ministry, the Sunday service of Good Shepherd will remain at 8:30 and 10:30am until the switch to summer hours on June 5th then the service times are 8:30 and 10am. The 8:30am service can be viewed on your computer or electronic device online at gslacrosse.org. Archived services can also be found on that website.

Community Groups, Church Groups and Committees may meet and a laptop computer is available for members who wish to participate through Zoom. Please communicate your meeting date and time with the Church Office.

Members are asked to report a positive COVID test result for anyone who attended Good Shepherd Worship Services, Sunday School or Confirmation, or Committee or Group meeting within 48 hours after the onset of symptoms.

This committee has changed its name to the **Communal Health Committee** as a result of the Church moving back to Phase 1 of its COVID Plan and has reinstated its former practices. This committee will continue to monitor for any significant changes in our community health and advise the church accordingly. This Committee will meet again May 16, 2022.

THANK YOU for your prayers, patience, and cooperation as we came 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. Thanks be to God.

Re-Opening Committee:

Sara Wrobel (Congregation President)	Kathy Johnson (Office Assistant)
Jim Bugge (Vice President of Congregation)	Rick Laufenberg (Office Manager)
Dr. Karl Noll (Church Council)	Janet Torkelson
Pastor Harald Bringsjord (Senior Pastor)	Jessica Addington

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. If you are interested in being a part of this ministry, please contact the office.

Thank you to Ann Hudson who sends out meaningful cards and handmade prayer shawls to bereaved families throughout the year.

Care Ministries—Thank you to all members who are serving as Good Shepherd Care Ministers! By bringing 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.

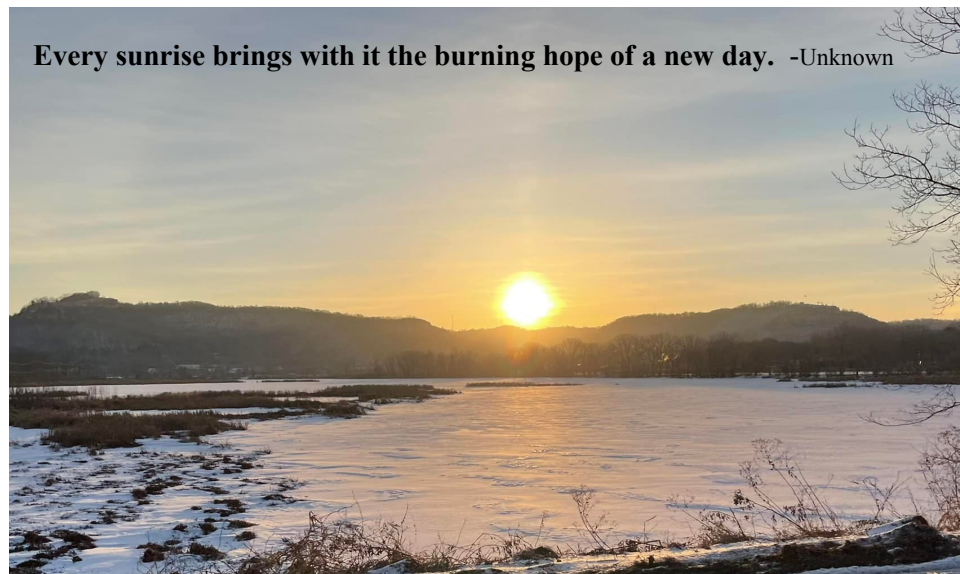
Prayer Chain Ministry—Thank you to all the members of Good Shepherd’s Prayer Chain. Prayer ministers pray daily for Good Shepherd intentions, special/urgent requests, the community and the world beyond. Call Kathy at the office to serve through prayer.

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



Every sunrise brings with it the burning hope of a new day. -Unknown



Lead

Raising Up Spiritual Leaders

The following groups are in the process of restarting. Contact the director for more information

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.

Make a joyful noise unto the Lord!

The Sanctuary Choir

The Sanctuary Choir rehearses between services every Sunday from September through May and new members are always welcome!! If you would like to join our Sanctuary Choir, please contact Karl Greenfield at 790-3785 or at karl@gslacrosse.org

High School Youth Group (Grades 9-12)

You aren't the only Christian at your high school! Good Shepherd Youth Group provides a chance to meet other awesome teens just like yourself.

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.

We have social events throughout the year along with a yearly mission trip. Want to learn more? Contact the Jen Servais at Jen@gslacrosse.org

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 are doing 8 weeks for Mobile Meals throughout the 2022 calendar year and we will be looking for you to help with delivering meals in 2022!

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

one else but 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 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

Local Food Pantry Needs

West Avenue Food Emergency Relief

While we are under Covid protocols for worship we will not be collecting food for WAFER. To continue your support, 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.



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 February 22 through March 21.

Paul Herlitzke Memorial

Roger & Carolyn Sorenson
 Freddy & Marsha Korneta
 Gordon & MaryAnn Dreeves
 Olene Olson
 David & Mary Webster
 Mike & Sue Konop
 Cindy Thurston
 Mitz Holley
 Barb Herlitzke
 Candie Luehne
 Odell & Carol Anderson
 Martha Sesvold
 M&J Weissenberger
 Art & Betty Olson
 Sacia Andersen
 Alois & Mary Servais
 Joel & Sandy Clark
 Paul & Barb Kammel
 Shirley Holmen
 Glenn & Lila Seager
 Sandra Demoran

Parking Lot Project

John & Naomi Stennes-Spidahl
 Odell & Carol Anderson
 Scott & Sara Wrobel
 Steve & Kari Ellison
 Tom & Carol Abraham
 Monty & Lois Gilbertson
 Glenn & Lila Seager

memorials
& gifts

Kathy Boarman
 Marv & Betty Jean Nelson
 Jerry & Virginia Larsen
 Joyce Herlitzke
 Monty & Lois Gilbertson
 Tom & Phyllis Lynch

LWR Ukraine

Gerri Martini
 Anna Erickson
 Karl & Julie Noll
 Steve & Kari Ellison
 Jim & Jan Quinn
 Marsha Juran
 Larry & Maree Smith
 Glen & Lila Seager
 Harald & Andrea Bringsjord
 Kathie Vongroven
 Jerry & Virginia Larsen
 Larry Lawrynk
 Norm & Joanne Jerome
 Jackie Meyer
 Tom & Phyllis Lynch

WAFER

John Wood

Thrivent Choice Dollars

Charles Brigson
 Reidun Bringsjord
 Lora Busch
 Margaret Garves
 Vern Garves
 Monty Gilbertson
 Lois Gilbertson
 Sherrill Munson
 Deneen Norman
 Beth Stoll

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Norm & Joanne Jerome
 Roger & Kenna Christians
 Bev Kettler
 John & Naomi Stennes-Spidahl
 Jackie Meyer

Howard Engen Memorial

Harald & Andrea Bringsjord

Mary Arlt Memorial

Harald & Andrea Bringsjord

Thank
you



Church Numbers

Weekly Sunday Attendance

Date	8:30	10:30
02/06/22	38	31
02/13/22	35	35
02/20/22	32	40
02/27/22	35	45

Weekly Envelope Offerings

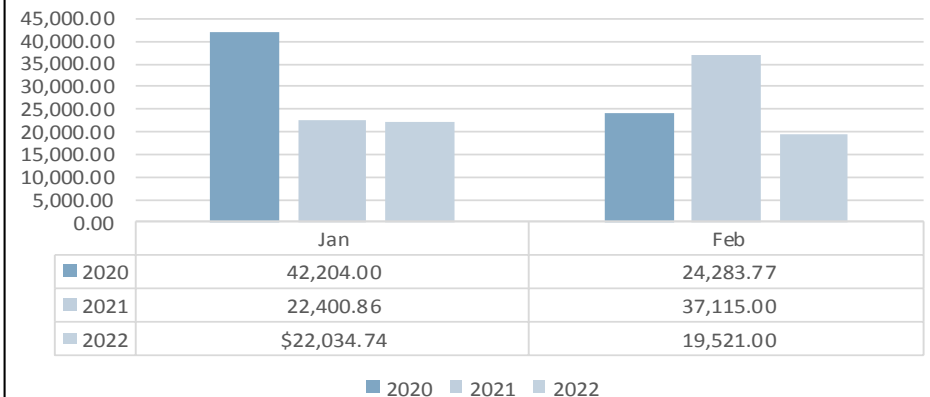
Date	Weekly	% Budget
02/06/22	\$4,801.00	65.8%
02/13/22	\$4,011.50	55.0%
02/20/22	\$4,331.50	59.4%
02/27/22	\$6,377.00	87.5%
Totals	\$19,521.00	66.9%

Envelope Offering Comparison

February 2022	February 2021	% Difference
\$19,521.00	\$37,115.00	-47.4%
YTD 2022	YTD 2021	% Difference
\$41,555.74	\$59,515.86	-30.2%

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

Envelope Offerings



Around the Parish...

Sunday Bible Study

We will meet once a month on the fourth Sunday between services **in the Mattes Center** from 9:45am to 10:25am. An option to participate via Zoom is offered on our website. The group will discuss the Gospel lesson assigned for the Sunday we meet. If you would like to participate, either in person or via Zoom please contact me at 608-397-6747 or email jstennesspidahl@gmail.com. Of course, spontaneous attendance will certainly be welcomed.

Please consider taking advantage of this opportunity to dig deeper into God's Word.
Pastor John

Parking Lot Update

This spring our Buildings & Grounds Committee is contracting to have our parking lots resealed and re-stripped.

The cost of the project is \$16,000.00 and our Memorials Committee has pledged \$10,000.00 towards the project. We have raised **\$3,832** of the remaining \$6,000 needed, so we only have **\$2,168** to go. Thank you to everyone who has given to this project!

Any and all contributions are greatly appreciated. Be sure to write "Parking Lot" on your check memo line. You can also give electronically to this fund on our website <https://gslacrosse.org/give-online/>

Prayer Vigil For Ukraine

The Interfaith Leaders Coalition is planning an interfaith prayer vigil for Ukraine to be held Thursday, April 7 at 7:00pm. First Congregational Church (2503 Main Street, La Crosse) is hosting.

Sugar Creek Summer Registration

Get ready for another exciting summer of hearing God's word and sharing God's love in community! Brochures are available in the welcome area!

For more information on current and upcoming events at Sugar Creek visit www.sugarcreekbiblecamp.org

Gloria Dei Choir is Back - HOORAY!!!

We are rehearsing Sundays in the Youth Room which is just off to the left of the main hall in the Mattes Center. We will begin right after Sunday School.

Children from Pre-school on up are welcome to join our choir. I'm hoping for lots of kids to sing with us, as everyone loves to hear them sing!!! I'm looking forward to our getting together!!!!

Call or email me if you have questions!!!

Darlene Lassig 608-881-0348 or 608-769-1499 (cell) darlenelassig@aol.com

Quilters Needed

Experienced or not! Come and join our fun group on Mondays at 12:30pm in the quilting room. We make quilts for Lutheran World Relief and other sewing projects for local needs too!

Help Feed The Children At Hintgen

Please continue to support the Hintgen Food Project with your donations.

Make your checks payable to church, but remember to indicate HINTGEN FOOD PROJECT in the memo line. Thanks to all who contribute to this program!

Scam Alert

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.

Shop 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 AmazonSmile purchases to Good Shepherd! We are listed as Good Shepherd English when selecting your charitable organization. Or, you can click the Smile.Amazon link on our webpage, www.gslacrosse.org.

Around the Parish...

Worship at Good Shepherd

Worship services are at 8:30 and 10:30am Sunday mornings. Sunday School will be at 8:30am only. Masks are optional in the building for all activities.

The 8:30am service will be live streamed every Sunday and also will be available in our archives for those who may not yet be comfortable attending in person, and are not up in time for the 8:30am live stream. It can be viewed on our website at by going to <https://gslacrosse.org/> and clicking on the Past Recordings button.

Maundy Thursday Soup Supper

April 14, 5:30 - 6:30pm Soup Supper. After the 6:30pm Worship/Communion Service, desserts & beverages will be served until 8pm.

Please come and enjoy the soups, salads, meat & cheese trays, desserts, and beverages available in the Mattes Center before the Worship/Communion Service. After the service, desserts and beverages will be available.

There will be a free will offering to purchase large print Bibles for our shut-in members.

If you are interested in providing a dessert, please sign up on the back bulletin board, contact me at 608-788-7315 or at lori@gslacrosse.org

Lydia Circle

Our next meeting will be Tuesday, April 12th at 1pm in the Mattes Center. Please call Carol Abraham 787-0679 if you have any questions.

Sugar Creek Bible Camp Spring Work Weekend May 6-7

We have a wide variety of projects for any skill set and level of ability. Come with your family, group, or come by yourself and enjoy the blessing of serving others by making Sugar Creek Bible Camp ready for summer camp season!

Help play a part in building, cleaning, arranging and preparing the camp's buildings, trails, and equipment for a safe and busy season ahead.

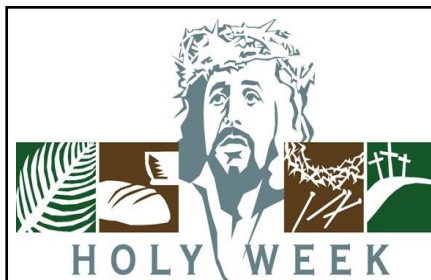
Choose from a range of outdoor and indoor projects. Paint, garden, stain, clean cabins, do trail work, wood chips, build fences, split and stack firewood, move sheds, lay shingles and more. Many hands make light work!

Enjoy Sugar Creek hospitality and hearty meals all day Saturday, May 7, or you can stay over Friday night and be ready to go bright and early Saturday morning. Friday night lodging and Saturday meals are FREE for volunteers at this event!

RSVP: office@sgrcreek.org or call 608-734-3113. Let us know how many people are coming and whether or not you need housing for Friday night what meals you will attend on Saturday. Lodging reservations are on a first come, first served basis.

We are so grateful for the many hands and hearts who volunteer in myriad ways for the ministry and missions of Sugar Creek Bible Camp!

*Work will start around 9am Saturday morning and go into the evening. You are welcome to come for some or come for all!



April 10 through April 17

Palm Sunday: 8:30am Worship/Communion (In Person / Live Stream)
10:30am Worship/Communion

Maundy Thursday: 5:30 - 8pm Soup Supper
6:30pm Worship/Communion

Good Friday: 6:30pm Tenebrae Service

Easter Sunday: 8:30am Worship/Communion (In Person / Live Stream)
10:30am Worship/Communion (Parking Lot Service)

April 2022



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 8:30 & 10:30. The 8:30 service is also live streamed on our website at www.gslacrosse.org

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
March 27 8:30am Worship 8:30am Sunday School 9:45am Bible Study 10:30am Worship 6:30pm GS Men's Group	28 12:30pm Quilting	29 6:45pm BS Troop 22 Mtg	30 6:30 Lenten Worship	31	April 1	2
3 8:30am Worship/communion 8:30am Sunday School 10:30am Worship/communion 11:30am Johnson Baptism 6:30pm GS Men's Group	4 12:30pm Quilting 6pm Trust Foundation	5 Polling Day	6 6:30 Lenten Worship	7 6pm WELCA Mtg	8	9
10 Palm Sunday 8:30am Worship/communion 8:30am Sunday School 9:30am Easter Egg Trunk Hop 10:30am Worship/communion 6:30pm GS Men's Group	11 12:30pm Quilting	12 1pm Lydia Circle 1:45pm Hillview Communion 6pm BS Troop 22 Adult Mtg 6:45pm BS Troop 22 Mtg	13 6pm Seder Supper	14 Maundy Thursday 5:30 to 8pm Soup Supper 6:30pm Worship/comm	15 Good Friday May Voice Articles Due 6:30pm Tenebrae Service	16
17 Easter Sunday 8:30am Worship/communion NO Sunday School 10:30am Worship/communion (parking lot) 6:30pm GS Men's Group	18 12:30pm Quilting 5:15pm Finance 7pm Membership Mtg	19 6pm Admin/Exec Mtg 6:45pm BS Troop 22 Mtg 7pm Church Council Mtg	20	21	22	23
24 8:30am Worship 8:30am Sunday School 9:45am Bible Study 10:30am Worship 11:30am Walling Baptisms 6:30pm GS Men's Group	25 9am to 1pm Laptivity Quilt Crafting Day 12:30pm Quilting	26 6pm Parish Ed Mtg 6:45pm BS Troop 22 Mtg	27	28	29	30
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Church Council Members

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

Other Church Council Members include: Tim Knudsen, Roger Weeks Jr., Karl Noll, Thea Johnson, Mark Skolos, Harlan McLain, Steve Stelzl, Lori Lowell, Janette Dawson, Pastor Bringsjord, and Karina Bronson (Youth Rep.)



- **Rev. Harald Bringsjord** *Senior Pastor*
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- **Jen Servais** *Coordinator of Youth and Family Ministry*
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- **Linda Jerome** *Bell Choir Director*
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- **Karl & Jaime Greenfield** *Sanctuary Choir Directors*
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- **Darlene Lassig** *Volunteer Gloria Dei Choir Director* 788-5686
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- **Cody & Kerstin Nedegaard** *Volunteer Parish Nurses*
Cody_Kerstin@gslacrosse.org
- **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,

April is national Parkinson's awareness month, and we decided to focus our article on such. According to the Mayo Clinic, Parkinson's is a progressive nervous system disorder that affects movement. Often, symptoms start gradually and usually accompany a tremor that may be barely noticeable. In the early stages of Parkinson's, your face may show little or no expression. Although Parkinson's can't be cured, medications are aimed to significantly improve your symptoms. Occasionally, your doctor may suggest surgery to regulate certain regions of your brain and improve symptoms.

In Parkinson disease, nerve cells in the brain gradually break down. Many of the symptoms one may experience are due to a loss of neurons that produce messengers in your brain called dopamine. When dopamine levels decrease, it results in abnormal brain activity. The exact cause of Parkinson's disease is unknown but genes, environmental trippers such as toxins may increase your risk of Parkinson's. An age of 60 or greater, being a male, and having a close relative with Parkinson's all increase your risk factors.

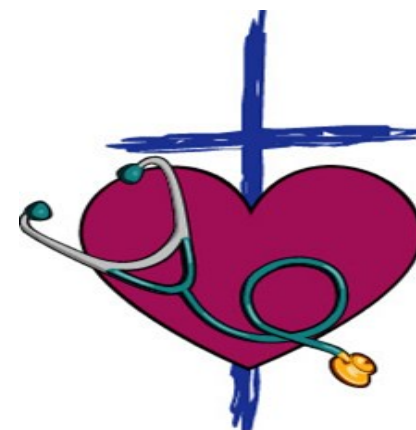
Signs and symptoms of Parkinson's can be difference for everyone. Symptoms often begin on one side of the body and usually remain worse on that side. Symptoms may include tremor, slowed movement, rigid muscles, impaired posture and balance, loss of automatic movements such as blinking or smiling, slurred or hesitated speech, and writing changes.

Treatment for Parkinson disease aims at controlling your symptoms. Medications such as carbidopa-levodopa, and dopamine agonists may be prescribed by your doctor. A surgical procedure in which a deep brain stimulator is implanted and can help those who have unstable medication responses. Deep brain stimulators can help reduce or halt involuntary movements, reduce tremors and improve slowing of movement.

If you have further questions surrounding Parkinson's disease, please reach out to your primary care provider.

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

Gosh I LOVE April,

All the Dirty snow piles start to disappear, the flowers start coming up, planning our raised vegetable garden begins, and (fingers crossed) the bitter cold of winter is finally done for the year! Well, that is what we are planning for! And speaking of new beginnings, it is time to begin again, new, fresh and with a grand perspective.

We are looking for 2022/2023 VOLUNTEERS! Yes, we are going to begin to fully staff our Sunday School, VBS and Nursery once again! Let's Celebrate by filling up our staff numbers! Become part of the Future! Open yourself up to a little bit of Gathering once again!

We will be hosting "Jerusalem Marketplace – A Holy Land Adventure" August 21-25, 2022! We will be stepping back in time to where Jesus walked to the Cross and we are inviting ALL FAMILIES to join us! Smell the fresh, warm bread; weave a basket; make a clay pot, hear the music of the Marketplace and Engage all your senses as we transport ourselves to Bible Times! We will visit the Synagogue School, gather for Tribe Time, Play in the Village Playground and Spend some time visiting with the shopkeepers in the Marketplace. With 5 Evenings, 5 Family Suppers, 5 Bible Points, 5 Key Bible Verses and 5 Bible Stories we will experience the crowds welcoming Jesus to Jerusalem at the beginning and end with Jesus as he Rises from the Dead. Direct From the Gospels, we will discover our connection to God's greatest gift and Jesus' great love for us.

We will also be looking for help and volunteers for Sunday School 2022/2023 as we ask for weekly volunteers for the Cinema, Computer Lab, Art Room, Kitchen, Bible Games and Science rooms along with 3-4 Shepherds and help in our Preschool Room. We are also looking for service volunteers/parents who will be bringing little ones to church who would be able to rotate by helping in our nursery during both services (although we welcome all lovers of children 0-3 to help

out). Our Nursery has service piped into it, so you can follow along as you provide a watchful eye over our smaller members of Good Shepherd.

So, busy we are going to be, and busy we are! Right now, Sunday Schoolers are attending to learn together as we finish out this year with April activities, 5th Grade Seder Celebration (which will include the past 2 year's students who may have missed being part of the extraordinary evening). We will finish up our milestone gifts and present those that may not have been present this year to receive theirs. We have one for you waiting! Celebrate Easter with our first Easter Egg Trunk Hop on April 10th. Please sign up!

I just want to again thank you all for your patience the past 2 years. It has been a challenge, but I am so happy to know that through our careful planning, our wonderful volunteers: Julie Forman, Kylie Klein, Bill Klein, Lori Lowell, Karina Bronson, our Confirmants: Claire Von Ruden, Kaylyn Torkelson, Elizabeth Osley and all of those that helped during our Covid-19 Safe VBS this summer.

PLEASE SIGN UP to support Children's Ministry as we come back together to enjoy our regular programming!

Tammy



Quick-Look

Upcoming Events At a Glance

March 27th- April 3rd	Ten men Healed Luke 17:11-19
April 10th	Palm Sunday – Parade and Lesson Easter Egg Trunk Hop, between Services in Parking Lot
April 17th	Happy Easter, No Sunday School
April 24th	Collection for Lenten Giving – Hintgen Lunch Program

Good Shepherd Easter Egg Trunk HOP

(Weather Permitting) April 10th - Between Services (9:30 - 10:30)

Need: Volunteers and Trunks (Decorate and Provide wrapped Easter treats)
Kids Eager to Hunt for Eggs - Come Between Services



Hunt for Eggs, Hop to Play Games, Receive Treats

(Think Trunk or Treat - EASTER STYLE!)



Jesus' Journey to the Cross

Jerusalem Bible-Times Village Experience

August 21-25, 2022

Day 1 - Jesus is King (Matthew 21:1-11) "Jesus Christ is Lord."

Day 2 - Jesus Showed God's Love (John 13:1-17)

"You Should Love Each Other"

Day 3 - Jesus Loves Us (John 17:1-18:11)

"Nothing...will ever be able to separate us from the love of God."

Day 4 - Jesus Died for Us (Luke 23:1-55)

"God showed his great love for us when he sent Christ to die for us."

Day 5 - Jesus Lives (Matthew 28:1-10)

"Since I live, you also will live."

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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)

G4Squad



“But ask the animals, and they will teach you, or the birds in the sky, and they will tell you; or speak to the earth, and it will teach you, or let the fish in the sea inform you. Which of all these does not know that the hand of the LORD has done this? In his hand is the life of every creature and the breath of all mankind.” ~Job 12: 7-10

Who is not loving the great weather?! The grass is getting greener, the sky feels bluer, and the sun seems to be warming everything. As spring starts to come around, I can't help but get excited about the possibility of a normal summer. This year, more than ever, we can look forward to some of our favorite summer activities as well as new adventures calling our names. Did you know we have an amazing facility just down the river? No planes required...lots of outdoor space...a perfect option for all kinds of summer adventures.

Sugar Creek Bible Camp was incorporated in 1966 and has been a memory-making, faith-building place for so many of our families. Last year, the camp made some amazing accommodations due to COVID and throughout this past year, have come up with some new and innovative ways to engage families for this upcoming, more normal summer. Check out some of these options:

Elementary Programs: Explorer, Pilgrim, and Seeker Camps which can be 1-3 day adventures! Activities include daily faith-based devotions, swimming, games, crafts, and campfires, and pony/horse rides.

Middle School Programs: Wagoneer Camp has kids living life like pioneers on the Oregon Trail. The Adventurers Camp involves sleeping in platform tents, canoeing, archery and other outdoor adventures in faith. The new Ranger Camp involves spending a week learning and practicing essential survival and leadership skills. Also new is the Night Camp, which involves epic campfires,

star gazing, and night time games!

High School Programs: Wildcat Mountain Bike Week activities, WYLDE; Youth Leadership, and Peddle and Paddle camps.

Sounds amazing...but there is more! Sugar Creek offers several family camps options. What an amazing way to spend time together, fairly close to home, while growing in faith as a family unit.

These camps are filling up fast so go to the Sugar Creek website and start planning for a summer full of trees, campfires, water, adventures, and faith.

<http://wp.sugarcreekbiblecamp.org/>

Finally, Although the National Youth Gathering was cancelled, three synods have put together another opportunity for our high school students. It's called REBOUND where they will encounter God and one another together in new ways through creative ministry, challenging conversation, inspiring guest speakers, service learning, and uplifting worship. The dates for this are July 25-27th and will take place in River Falls. Students will be staying at the University and can room with one other student/friend! Check out the website for more information. If your student is interested in attending, give me a call/email so we can make all the arrangements! Good Shepherd is committed to funding these activities for our youth!

<http://nswi.org/rebound>.

In Peace;
Jen

Follow the activities of the G4Squad on Instagram: [g4squadlax](#)

SENIOR SPOTLIGHT!!

We have quite the group of high school seniors at Good Shepherd who are in their final stretch of their high school careers. For the next couple of months, we will be spotlighting some of them. As you read about their plans for the future, please say a prayer for each one. Pray their faith will give them wings to soar in the next phase of their life and roots to ground in them in God's love.

Ava will be graduating from Central and heading to UW-Eau Claire to study nursing! Her favorite high school memories were attending football games with friends and volunteering at Steppin' out in Pink.



Quinn will be graduating from Central and heading to UW-Madison to study business! His favorite high school memories were participating in the state track meet and state basketball tournament!

SUPPORT THE YOUTH!

Buy scrip cards from Good Shepherd

Stop by our table in the welcome area or get an order form from our website or the church office, or Contact Corrine Holtz to place an order. Mobile-608-397-9353 or Email tcjj23511@gmail.com The office also has Kwik Trip cards available for immediate purchase Monday -Friday from 8am - 1pm.

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In the Office: Varied hours



Music Notes

From The Director of Music

Hymn Spotlight:

"Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love"

The text for "Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love" was written by Thomas Stevenson Colvin (1925-2000), a long time missionary to Africa. Colvin was born and educated in Glasgow, but spent most of his working life serving as a Church of Scotland missionary; first in Malawi and then in Tamale, Northern Ghana. He and his wife, Patricia, later returned to Malawi, staying there until he retired in 1990.

Colvin wrote the hymn "Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love" in 1963, while attending a lay-training course on agriculture, development and evangelism in Chereponi, Northern Ghana. New converts to the faith brought him a folk tune which they felt would be appropriate for a song about Christian love. Colvin shared these thoughts about his writing of the text:

"Sitting there in the moonlight, I felt it simply had to be about black and white, rich and poor. I was ashamed of the wasteful affluence of my people but proud of the Gospel that transforms us into servants of one another. It is only when we who are rich learn to have the humility of the slave toward the poor of the world that we shall be able to learn from them; they have so much to teach us and share with us."

The tune for this hymn, named Chereponi by Colvin after the village where he first heard it, was originally from a Ghanaian love song. Colvin believed all Christians should worship in their native language and

encouraged the African Christians, among whom he lived and served, to sing their praise to God with their own musical traditions.

The hymn is based on John 13, where Jesus washes the feet of the disciples. This Gospel text came to have special meaning for Colvin as he witnessed the people of Ghana living out the example of Jesus; doing for one another what Christ has done for them.



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Egg-cellent bouquet

Transform an egg carton into a Mother's Day keepsake.

What you need:

- Clean cardboard egg carton
- Scissors
- Acrylic paint and paintbrush
- Flat cardboard
- Photo, drawing or note
- Small pom-poms
- Hot glue
- Adult help

What you do:

1. Bend, stretch and cut the carton cups to make 3-D flower shapes. Also cut leaf shapes from the carton top.
2. Paint the flowers and leaves. Let dry.
3. Cut the flat cardboard to a size and shape you desire. Leave a border at least 2 inches larger than your photo, drawing or note.
4. With hot glue, attach the photo, drawing or note to the cardboard.
5. Arrange and glue flowers and leaves around the border. Attach pom-poms for more color and texture.
6. Present the gift to your mom or a special woman in your life.

PUZZLE

Resurrection refresher

All four gospels confirm Jesus' resurrection, and each one offers important details.

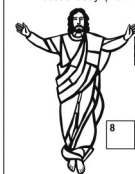
Directions: Complete the crossword. Then insert the circled letters (in order of the clue numbers) to complete John 20:17 below.

ACROSS

2. The women did this when they heard the angels talk about Jesus' death. (Luke 24:8)
4. The women at the tomb did this when they saw Jesus. (Matthew 28:9)
5. The man in Jesus' empty tomb wore this color robe. (Mark 16:5)
7. Jesus instructed his brothers to go here. (Matthew 28:10)
8. Peter saw strips of this in the tomb. (Luke 24:12)

DOWN

1. At first, Mary thought Jesus was this person. (John 20:15)
3. As an angel came from heaven, this happened. (Matthew 28:2)
6. She went with Mary to anoint Jesus' body. (Mark 16:1)



What did Jesus want Mary to tell his brothers?

"I _ m ascen _ ing _ o my
Fat _ er and your Fa _ her,
to _ y _ od and your God."
Joh _ 20:17, NIV

your Father, to my God and your God." John 20:17, NIV
ANSWER: ACROSS 2, remembered; 4, worshipped; 5, white; 7, Galilee; 8, linen;
DOWN 1, gardener; 3, earthquake; 6, Salome; 1, am ascending to my Father and



"Hope the choir does some hip-hop for Easter!"

Dear Friends,

For the past several years, Viterbo University through the D.B. Reinhardt Institute for Leadership in Ethics directed by Dr. Rick Kyte has been bringing Holocaust survivors to our area. Far too soon the world will be left to rely on memoirs and videos to learn the lessons of the Holocaust. On Thursday March 31st at 7:00 p.m. we will bring another Holocaust survivor to the Viterbo Fine Arts Center to speak to our community free-of-charge.

Holocaust survivor Peter Feigl, who graced our stage in 2012, will return in conjunction with the 15th annual Holocaust Educators' Workshop at Viterbo for several states-wide Holocaust educators on March 31st-April 1st. Peter's parents had him baptized as a Catholic in 1939 to protect him from Nazi persecution of Jews. The Feigls fled several countries to escape continued discrimination and oppression, but Peter's parents were arrested and murdered at Auschwitz in 1942. Helped by Quakers and others, Peter was hidden in various places including the French village of Le Chambon which helped save 3,500 Jews, mainly children. Provided with false identity papers, Peter was finally helped across the border into Switzerland in May 1944 and emigrated to the U.S. in July 1946.

Peter is the only living diarist of the 14 featured in the book *Salvaged Pages: Young Writers' Diaries of the Holocaust* edited by Alexandra Zapruder. Alexandra sifted through 62 diaries left by teens during the Holocaust before choosing her final 14. A bonus

will be having Alexandra with us to discuss her book that night before Peter presents. *Salvaged Pages* will be on sale at Viterbo the evening of Peter's presentation, and he will do a book signing. Peter is dynamic and his story will amaze you.

I look forward to seeing you. Please invite friends to join you and do come early to get a seat. I used to advise people to come by 6:30 p.m. to insure getting a seat, but when we had our last survivor at Viterbo, some people who arrived at 6:30 p.m. were turned away because we were full. Masks are recommended but not required.

Feel free to e-mail me at clottdarryle@gmail.com or call me at 612-720-6447 with questions. The age of survivors is drawing to a close. To meet Holocaust survivors in person is to touch history. No two stories are exactly alike, but the sense of the story-the impact of terror, deprivation and personal loss-touches the listener. It is difficult to describe the feeling of awe a person experiences when hearing history from one who lived it. Please do not miss this opportunity.

Sincerely,
Darryle Clott