

“PROTECT THEM
IN YOUR NAME ...
THAT THEY MAY
BE ONE.”

JOHN 17:11, NRSV



GOOD SHEPHERD

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

The Shepherd's Voice

Monthly Newsletter June, 2022

Give. Serve. Lead. Connect.

From Pastor Harald Bringsjord

Tucked away in the corner of the church campus behind the kitchen is a small little room that is bustling with activity, and there are no plans to slow down throughout the summer either. It is the quilting room with a wonderful group of quilters, women and men, young and old, members and non-members. When my daughter Berit met her husband Nolan a number of years ago when they were both in college, they got on the topic of sewing with a group of others. They asked each other if anyone knew how to sew. Nolan said he did, and with surprise they asked where he learned to sew. And his answer was: from the quilters of my church. Nolan wasn't from Good Shepherd but I know that the quilters here at Good Shepherd would be more than willing to help teach anyone wanting to help with the quilting how to cut, piece together, sew, and tie. The point is, you don't have to be a professional quilter to participate, all you need is a willingness to learn and get involved.

To have a place for a group of quilters fits so well in the ministry of the Church, because to me quilts remind me of the Church. Each little piece of fabric is not enough, in and of itself, to create a quilt. Although some pieces might be more attractive to the eye than others, no one piece is more useful than another. When all the pieces are put together they form something greater than the individual parts and are a work of art.

We are like these little pieces of fabric,

all equally important. We are incomplete without those around us participating and letting their beauty shine as well. Together we are the patchwork of the body of Christ. It is in sewing us together into one community that we make God visible to world.

In John 17, Jesus prays for his disciples saying: "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 we are joined together as a quilt from so many varied pieces we reflect Christ's love, grace and beauty. Thanks be to God.



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From our Re-opening Committee

Reflects changes from our committee meeting on May16

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 encouraged 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)

Jim Bugge (Vice President of Congregation)

Dr. Karl Noll (Church Council)

Pastor Harald Bringsjord (Senior Pastor)

Kathy Johnson (Office Assistant)

Rick Laufenberg (Office Manager)

Janet Torkelson

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



Springtime 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 608-769-1499 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 April 22 through May 22.

WELCA

Phyllis & Tom Lynch
Delores Pierson
Charlotte Travelli
Kim & Tim Candahl
Shanon & Mark Torgerud
Joyce Herlitzke
Peg & Vern Garves
Rita & Leonard Klahn
Cindy Thurston
Mary Ann & Gordon Dreves
Dianne & Rob Hamann
Patricia & Tom Johnson
Rosemary Werner
Jan Crandall
Lila & Glenn Seager
Judy & George Brockman
loose cash
Darryle & Marv Clott
Barb Hegge
Sandra Demoran

memorials
& gifts

Tracy Stoll
Mary & Keith Isaacs
Sherrill Munson
Penni & Barry Miller
Lorraine Olson
LeeAnn Lyden
Julie & Karl Noll
Jan & Jim Quinn
Kathy & Al Johnson
Kim & Bob Johnson
Diane & Steve Ambrose
Shirley Holman
Sue & Jim Bugge
JoEllen & Gary Oliver
Barb & Dave Foye

Ann & Ed Keuper
Judy Christopherson
Andrea & Harald Bringsjord

LWR Ukraine

Pat Anderson
Dave & Karen Osley

Parking Lot Project

Steve & Diane Ambrose
Rosemary Werner

Hintgen Food Program

Barb Hegge
Norm & Joann Jerome
Richard Figgie
Jim & Jan Quinn

WAFER

John Wood

Thank
you



May Monthly Benevolences From Good Shepherd Lutheran Church

ELCA/Synod Mission Support	\$2,186
Lutheran Campus Ministry	\$84
Companion Synod - Peru	\$10
Synod Seminary Scholarships	\$10
Sugar Creek Bible Camp	\$160
WI Lutheran Social Services	\$200
WAFER	\$0
ELCA Synod Missions	\$1,955

Church Numbers

Weekly Sunday Attendance

Date	8:30	10:30
04/03/22	53	71
04/10/22	57	66
04/17/22	134	79
04/24/22	34	54

Weekly Envelope Offerings

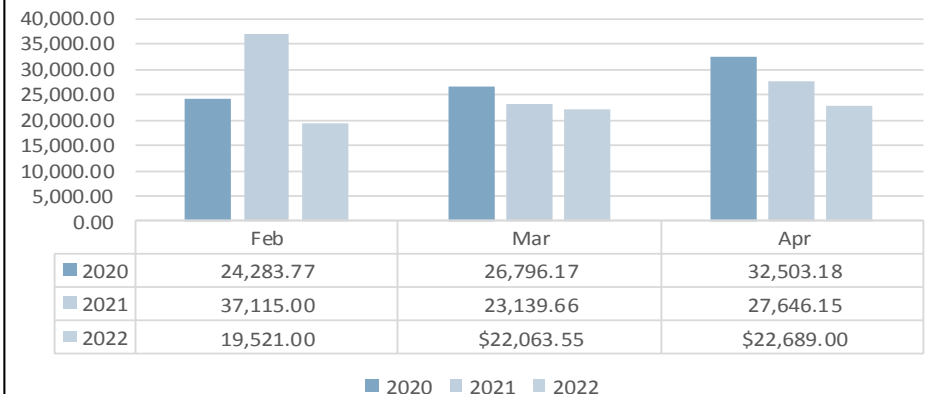
Date	Weekly	% Budget
04/03/22	\$4,544.50	62.3%
04/10/22	\$4,397.50	60.3%
04/17/22	\$10,018.50	137.4%
04/24/22	\$3,728.50	51.9%
Totals	\$22,689.00	77.8%

Envelope Offering Comparison

April 2022	April 2021	% Difference
\$22,689.00	\$27,646.15	-17.9%
YTD 2022	YTD 2021	% Difference
\$86,308.29	\$110,301.67	-21.8%

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...

Service Time Changes!

Next Sunday, June 5th, and continuing through summer our second service will be at 10:00am instead of 10:30am. The first service will still begin at 8:30am.

Synod Assembly Worship

Good Shepherd is hosting the opening of the 2022 Synod Assembly with a special Worship Service Friday, June 10th at 7 pm. All are welcome to participate in this Friday evening service!

Can You Help?

Good Shepherd is hosting the Synod Assembly Service Friday, June 10, and we are hoping for donations of 1-2 dozen cookies, or a pan of bars (able to be served on a napkin after the 7 p.m. service)

We are also looking for volunteers to help set up, welcome, serve, assist, and clean up afterwards.

Feel free to sign up on the sheets on the bulletin boards in the back of church. If you have any questions, please contact Lori at 608-386-3388 or at lelowell22@gmail.com

No services at Good Shepherd June 12!

Instead, please join us and the entire synod at Riverside Park at 10:00 am for the Synod Assembly Worship Service. All are Welcome to this Outdoor Service! If Inclement Weather, Service will be at UW-L.

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!

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

Sunday Bible Study

We held our last study on May 22 and will start up again in fall. Thank you to all who participated!

Good Shepherd Men's Group

Our men's group meets Sundays at 6:30pm in the Mattes Center. Simply show up if you would like to join us or contact Randy Page at grimmcaf@hotmail.com for more info.

Good Shepherd Women-WELCA

WELCA welcomes all women from our congregation to be part of this committee. Our next meeting is Thursday, June 2 at 6pm on Zoom and in person in the Mattes Center.

Join Us for W5

W5 (Women Who Wrestle with the Word) is gathering on Monday the 13th of June at 630pm for those interested in participating in a summer book study. A light meal will be provided. Call Judy Casto at 608-385-1410 for questions. RSVP at judyldcasto@gmail.com.

Game Night

Game Night for all ages is Friday, June 17th from 6 - 9pm. Bring your favorite game or learn a new one. Games vary, but include a variety of board, card, and other games. Contact Randy at grimmcaf@hotmail.com, or Jim at 641-485-6941 with any questions.

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. Masks are encouraged 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.

Youth Scrip Cards

Kwik Trip, Festival Foods, and many other scrip cards are available at the Youth Table in the welcome area. You can also choose from many other cards available to order. Thank you for supporting our Youth Program through this fundraiser!

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.

Vanco Mobile App

Thank you to everyone who has been using the GivePlus app to make donations to Good Shepherd! GivePlus has been discontinued To continue using mobile giving to contribute to our ministry, or to begin if you've never tried it, download Vanco's new **Vanco Mobile Faith Engagement** app from your app store and get started today!

If you are a GivePlus user, you can simply sign in using your email address and GivePlus password. If you are a new user, set up is easy and only takes a few minutes.

We encourage everyone to download the app for free at the Apple App Store or Google Play. Once downloaded, simply open the app and search for Good Shepherd Lutheran Church then select the one in La Crosse, there are a lot of Good Shepherds out there!

Please call Rick in the church office at 788-0450 if you have any questions.

Care Ministry needs your help.

We meet with our people once a month to visit and give communion. We set up an appointment with them before visiting. We are a bridge to the church family and share what's happening in the church. We ask if there are any specific prayer requests before communing. We listen, connect and share time together. Then we let the church office know we have visited and shared communion and if there's a need for a pastoral visit. If we cannot visit in person, we have sent a card or called to check in with them.

The Care Ministry team is a wonderful team to be a part of, because of the people you meet and the meaningful work we do. If you would like to be apart of this meaningful work in the church, please call the church office (608)785-0450.

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.

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!

Simply Giving

Good Shepherd offers electronic giving options for making donations, and we'd love to see more of our members sign up for this program! Simply Giving provides a means for making your contributions on a scheduled, automated basis. It's convenient for you and provides much-needed financial consistency for the church. Pick up an authorization form from the office or the information area in the back of the church. If you have any questions, or would like to get started, call Rick at 788-0450 M-F 8-1.

June 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 & 10:00. The 8:30 service is also live streamed on our website at www.gslacrosse.org

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
May 29 8:30am Worship 10:30am Worship 6:30pm GS Men's Group	30 Memorial Day Office Closed	31	June 1	2 6pm WELCA Mtg.	3	4 10am Before the After
5 8:30am Worship/Communion 10am Worship/Communion 6:30pm GS Men's Group	6 12:30pm Quilting	7	8	9	10 7pm Synod Evening Service	11 2:15 & 3:30pm Synod related Workshops in the UW-La Crosse Student Union. For more info call the Synod office (608) 788-5000.
12 No In Church Service 10am Synod Worship Service at Riverside Park, Bandstand, 100 State St, La Crosse (Picnic & Service Projects Following) 6:30pm GS Men's Group	13 12:30pm Quilting 6:30pm W5	14 1:15pm Dementia Support Grp. 1:45pm Hillview Communion	15	16	17 6pm Game Night	18
19 Father's Day 8:30am Worship/communion 10:30am Worship/communion 6:30pm GS Men's Group	20 12:30pm Quilting 7pm Membership Mtg.	21 6pm Admin/Exec Mtg. 7pm Church Council Mtg.	22	23	24	25 15 MS Bike Riders will be staying in Mattes Center
26 8:30am Worship 10am Worship 11:30am Waller Baptisms 6:30pm GS Men's Group	27 12:30pm Quilting 6:30pm W5	28 6pm Parish Ed Mtg.	29	30	July 1	2
3 8:30am Worship/Communion 10am Worship/Communion 6:30pm GS Men's Group	4 4th of July Office Closed	5	6	7 6pm WELCA Mtg.	8	9

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 a Youth Representative



- **Rev. Harald Bringsjord** *Senior 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,

We decided to focus this month's article on the observance of National Stroke Awareness Month. Each year in the US there are more than 800,000 strokes. Stroke is a leading cause of death in the country and causes more serious long-term disabilities than any other disease. Roughly three-quarters of all strokes occur in people over the age of 65.

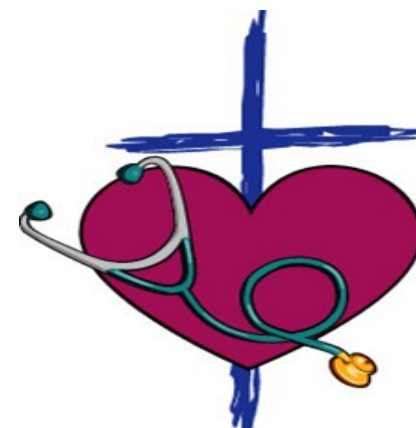
Stroke is a disease that affects the arteries leading to and within the brain. A stroke occurs when a blood vessel that carries oxygen and nutrients to the brain is either blocked by a clot or bursts. When that happens, part of the brain cannot get the blood it needs, so it and brain cells die. An easy way to remember what happens during a stroke is to think of F.A.S.T. F stands for face, ask the person to smile, does one side of the face droop? A stands for arm weakness, ask the person to raise both arms. Does one arm drift downward? S stands for speech, ask the person to repeat a simple phrase, is his or her speech slurred or strange? T stands for time to call 911 (time is brain). If you or someone you know experiences any of these symptoms, and you suspect they may be having a stroke, call 911 as soon as possible.

The major risk factors for stroke include high blood pressure, diabetes, high LDL cholesterol levels, smoking, and infections or conditions that cause inflammation, such as lupus or rheumatoid arthritis. Early treatment with medications, or an emergency endovascular procedure can drastically improve someone's recovery from a stroke. Exercising regularly,

eating a diet rich in fruits and vegetables, managing diabetes, quitting tobacco use, and lowering the amount of cholesterol, and saturated fat in your diet are some of the best ways to help prevent a stroke.

Take Care,

Cody and Kerstin



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

Welcome Summer!

I cannot believe it's Father's Day, Summer Solstice and Summer Vacation all rolled into one Sunny Season! That means we have a brief break to regroup and plan for August VBS and Sunday School 2022-23!

Education Sunday was a little emotional. Thank all the staff that have gone through this COVID experience with me was a reminder of how much a family we all are. From February 2020 to August 2021 as virtual and VBS in a Bucket, through our Save/hybrid Summer VBS Weekend Outside in 2021 and Safe Zoned Sunday School for 2021/22, we have gone through the trials and triumphs with our families as a team and as disciples. I am so proud of what we have accomplished, learned and shared over the past 3 Sunday School Seasons. There is truly nothing we cannot do, together, in the sharing of our faith and love with the Children of Good Shepherd.

With that said, we are moving on to new chapters soon, and that means growing needs for volunteers, support for materials, and prayers for success as we plan for VBS 2022, Jerusalem – Jesus' Journey to the Cross. This is a Bible-Times Village emersion experience for the whole family. Ages 3 as of September 1st through 5th grade will be part of our "Bible Tribes" and will Visit all sorts of Marketplace tents, play games, sing songs, see stories, and visit our Synagogue School. It will be a memory to share so invite your friends and neighbors. We need people who like to paint (not artists, but we will take artists), People who like to share stories, People who like to sing (not musicians, but we will take them), and all ages too. There is a fun spot for EVERYONE! Please complete your registrations (request one by email, or pick up at church) and return it as soon as possible so that materials and Music CD's can be ordered before supplies run out! Link to see more and hear some of the music at <https://www.group.com/childrens-ministry/vbs/jerusalem-marketplace/>.

Sunday School – everyone can give 15 hours a year to share God's Love with children. That's what we do, and we have fun doing it. Join our Sunday School Family! You will not regret it. We will be having Sunday School at 8:30am and are planning to go back to Children's Message in church in September. As always, health and safety will be a priority, but we have been through COVID and have proven that we can adapt. But we need help, as we offer Art, Computer Lab, Cinema, Bible Games, Science and Cooking to our kids as projects to reinforce and make our stories stick in our hearts and minds. Do you know the story of the 10 Lepers Healed? Well, neither did I... till I shared the story with our kids in Sunday School. Come and share your time with children. It is always time well spent and is our most valuable resource. <https://www.wearesparkhouse.org/store/category/286790/Spark-Rotation>.

Sugar Creek is a little different now that they are also working towards full programming. If you are interested in having your Sunday Schoolers attend camp, but are not sure of the cost, please let Tammy or Pastor know. There are funds and scholarships to support this experience for our Good Shepherd children and we want them to be able to have this experience if they choose to sign up. We are also looking at taking part in a "Explorer's Day" experience for our 1st through 5th graders with a program for the grown-ups who wish to visit Sugar Creek. <http://wp.sugarcreekbiblecamp.org/>.

All registrations and sign-ups will be available on the table in the concourse as you enter church. Please fill them out and drop them off in the basket. Don't forget...we need your help to be able to have these events. Please watch for me at the table before services and contact me for any questions. Thank you and have a safe, healthy and joyful June!

Tammy

Quick-Look

Upcoming Events At a Glance

May 1 – August 1	VBS Registration
August 21-25	Summer VBS
July	Explorer's Day at Sugar Creek (Please watch for more information)
May 1 – Sept. 4	Sunday School 22-23 Registration
September 8	Sunday School Volunteer Social
September 11	Rally Sunday/Church Family Picnic



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."

Tammy Klein

Children's Ministry Coordinator

tammy@gsiacrosse.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)

G4Squad



"And pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests. With this in mind, be alert and always keep on praying for all the Lord's people."
~Ephesians 6:18

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 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 preserve? 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 these 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 2022:

Ava Blegen	Porter Pretasky
Mara Geiwitz	Kody Pretasky
Brailyn Haskey	Karina Bronson
Emma Overby	Addie Dahlstrom
Jacob San Miguel	Dylan Ellefson
Sam Fergot	Kaitlyn Lenser
Aidan Wellington	Kaylee Lenser
Liam VandeZande	Quinn Servais

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JOIN US FOR REBOUND High School Youth Gathering

Although the National Youth Gathering was canceled, 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! For you high school athletes, this is a "dead" week by WIAA rules meaning that there can be no sports practices. This means you don't have to worry about missing any practices! It is a great opportunity to log some service activities, hang out with friends, and grow in faith. 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! Check out the website for more information <http://nswsi.org/rebound>. I will need all paperwork in and completed by JUNE 15th to ensure we get registered.

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Music Notes

From The Director of Music

Hymn Focus: Blest Be the Tie That Binds

Blest be the tie that binds Our hearts in Christian love; the unity of heart and mind is like to that above.

Born in Yorkshire, England John Fawcett (1739-1817) was orphaned at the age of 12. He was largely self-educated and served as a tailor's apprentice to survive. At the age of 16 he was exposed to the preaching of George Whitfield and became a Christian. He first joined the Methodist Church and three years later became active in the Baptist Church in Bradford, where he was often asked to preach.

At the age of 25, the newly married Fawcett was invited to serve as pastor at the small Baptist Church in Wainsgate, Yorkshire and was ordained as minister there. The small town of Wainsgate was populated by people who were mostly farmers and shepherds, poor and uneducated. Since the people could pay Fawcett little in salary, they would help by bringing John and his wife, Mary, wool, potatoes and other produce. As Mary began having children, they found it very difficult to make ends meet. The Fawcett's, nonetheless, embraced the poor people of Wainsgate and grew the congregation by engaging families house to house, developing a strong bond with the townspeople.

In 1772 Fawcett accepted an invitation to serve as pastor at Carter's Lane Baptist Church in London. Carter's Lane was a large church offering a much higher salary, which would relieve John and Mary's struggling financial situation. They packed

up their household belongings and prepared to move. John preached his last sermon at Wainsgate and concluded with the hymn he wrote for this occasion, "Blest Be the Tie That Binds". However, after seeing the people's outpouring of love and tears, Mary later told John that she didn't think she could leave these people whom they had learned to love and John allowed that he shared her sentiment, so they unpacked the wagon and John served as pastor there for the rest of his life.



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SANDY SCENES

Make a scene with this fun summer craft you can create outdoors.



What you need:

- Play sand
- Spoons
- Empty jars
- Powdered tempera paint
- Cardstock paper and pencil
- Craft glue
- Paintbrush

What you do:

1. Pour a few tablespoons of sand into empty jars. (You need one jar for every color of paint you make.)
2. Add a small amount of powdered paint to the sand and then mix. Experiment with the amount, using more paint to create deeper colors.
3. Lightly sketch a design on cardstock.
4. Working in one small section at a time, paint an even layer of craft glue on the paper.
5. Use a spoon to sprinkle colored sand atop the glue. Tilt the paper so extra sand falls off. Repeat to complete the entire design.
6. Let dry on a flat surface before displaying upright.



Beyond number

God is all-knowing, and his thoughts toward us are beyond number.

Directions: Solve the addition problems and use the code to complete Psalm 139:17-18, NIV.



How 13+10 to me are your 12+6, God!

How 8+11 is the 10+3 of them!

Were I to 15+6 them, they would 3+12 the grains of 4+18

when I 13+4, I am still with you.

PSALM 139:17-18, NIV

Answer: precious, thoughts, vast, sum, count, outnumber, sand, awake



"I can be more humble than you."