



# GOOD SHEPHERD

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

## The Shepherd's Voice

Monthly Newsletter September, 2022

Give. Serve. Lead. Connect.

From Pastor Harald Bringsjord

On two Sundays in August, we welcomed two new members by baptism, Lillian Nedegaard and Easton Kirslenlohr. What a joy to hold them, baptize them, and then to be able to walk around with them in my arms introducing them to the congregation. Even though we have had baptisms during the last couple of years, due of Covid we had them outside of the worship time. But as we learn to live with Covid, things are starting to change and Easton and Lillian were baptized during Sunday morning worship.

Thanks be to God for the new beginnings given to us in baptism and for the commitment parents and sponsors and the congregation make to care for and nurture the newly baptized into a life of faith in God the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

And each year, September brings new beginnings as well. The Christian education programs begin with Sunday School and Confirmation classes. These programs reflect the congregation's way of helping parents fulfill their commitments to faithfully bring their children to the services of God's house, teach them the Lord's Prayer, the Creed, and the Ten Commandments. And as they grow in years, to place in their hands the Holy Scriptures and provide for their instructions in the Christian faith, that living in the promise of their baptism and in communion with the Church they may lead godly lives until the day of Jesus Christ.

The challenge this year has been finding a new children's ministry coordinator as Tammy Klein decided to pass the baton after serving for more than 15 years in this position. It is a big task to head up the Sunday School program in a congregation, and filling this position has proven to have its challenges. As you can read in the update from the committee, we have not found the right person yet. We are not sure in which direction God's Spirit is taking us, but we trust that God will nudge the right person for this ministry. Please continue to keep our children's ministry program in your prayers.

All of this got me thinking about my own Sunday School experience and how I came to my first Sunday School class when I was in the third grade, and I was determined not to go. If my parents had let me run the house, I would never have entered Sunday School. But my parents chose to be parents and my dad took me into Judy's Sunday School class, and I was literally kicking and screaming all the way there. When I say literally, I mean literally: my dad had to drag me into the class, I was red with anger since I was being forced to go. As you can tell, I eventually discovered how wonderful congregational life is, and I'm still grateful for all the good and important things that happen because of local churches such as Good Shepherd and thousands of others.

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## Give *Volunteering Within Church*

### Flower and Bulletin Sponsorship

The flower and bulletin sponsorship charts are on the bulletin board in the back of the welcome area. Sponsoring the flowers or bulletins is an easy way to honor special dates such as birthdays and anniversaries, or the memory of a

loved one. If you have any questions on sponsoring the flowers or bulletins, please contact Kathy or Rick in the church office at (608)788-0450.



### Readers & Ushers Appreciated!

Readers and Ushers are always valued at our worship services. Please consider signing up on the sign up sheet in the welcome area at the back of the sanctuary. You can sign up to read for a

time and day that works for you. The readings will be sent (either by mail or email) to you early that week. Interested in ushering? Contact Kathy 788-0450. We really do need your help!

### Women Who Wrestle With The Word (W5)

If you would like to be a part of a regular gathering of Christian Women, you are always welcome to join W5. For info contact the church office.



### Lydia Circle

Lydia Circle meets the first Tuesday of every month at 1pm in the quilting room. All women are welcome!

If you have any questions, contact Carol at 787-0609.



### Children's Ministry Coordinator Hiring Committee Update

The Hiring Committee for the Children's Education Coordinator position placed an ad through our church media, the Synod Office and website, and Indeed.com. From this advertising we received 7 applicants, 4 of whom were contacted for an interview. After the interview process, the Hiring Committee offered the position to a qualified individual who later declined the position. The Committee then offered the position to the next qualified individual, who also declined the position. Both of these applicants are members of Good Shepherd.

The Hiring Committee did not feel the remaining applicants were as qualified for the position of Children's Education Coordinator and will continue its search for a qualified, creative individual to lead our children's ministry program within Good Shepherd. We ask for your prayers as we continue this search. If you or someone you know has been thinking of applying, we encourage it!

## 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.

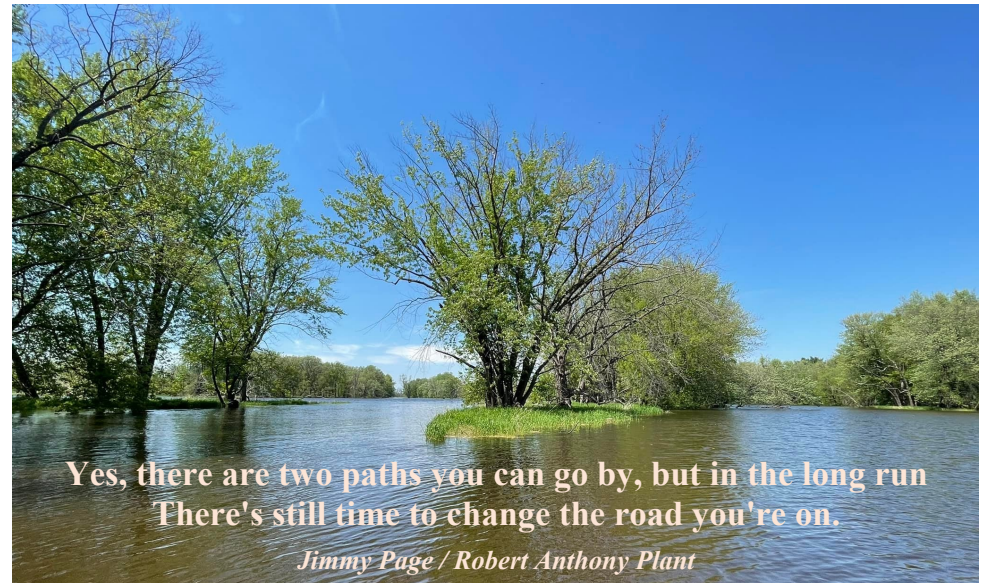
Thank you to Ann Hudson who sends out meaningful cards and handmade prayer shawls to bereaved families throughout the year.

**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](http://causewaycaregivers.org)



*Yes, there are two paths you can go by, but in the long run  
There's still time to change the road you're on.*

*Jimmy Page / Robert Anthony Plant*



## Lead

### *Raising Up Spiritual Leaders*

#### Calling All Musicians!

Our "Sounds of Praise" worship band invites you to help us lead the worship here at Good Shepherd. "Sounds of Praise" is intended to bring together the greatest number and variety of instruments possible, presenting special music and enhancing our wide variety of

hymn styles. Whatever type of instrument you play, "Sounds of Praise" welcomes you! Please call Randy Lyden at (608) 792-1305 or email [randy@gslacrosse.org](mailto:randy@gslacrosse.org) to be a part of this growing and exciting praise band!



#### The Gloria Dei Choir

We rehearse between services on Sundays from September through May in the Mattes Center and new members are always welcome! If your children would like to be a part of the Gloria Dei Choir, please contact Darlene Lassig at 608-769-1499 or at [darlene@gslacrosse.org](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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 July 15 through August 22.

#### Hintgen Food Project

Bev Kettler  
Jackie Meyer  
Jim & Jan Quinn  
Barb Hegge  
Rob & Dianne Hamann  
Norm & Joanne Jerome  
John Wood

#### Mary Johnson Memorial

Meg Buchner

memorials  
& gifts

#### Joyce Boldt Memorial

Harald & Andrea Bringsjord  
Alois & Mary Servais  
Tom & Phyllis Lynch

#### Carol Becker Memorial

Harald & Andrea Bringsjord

#### Ruth Rebhan Memorial

Pennie Bell  
Andrea Britton  
Harald & Andrea Bringsjord

#### ELCA Disaster Response

John & Naomi Stennes-  
Spidahl

Thank  
you



#### July Monthly Benevolences From Good Shepherd Lutheran Church

ELCA/Synod Mission Support	\$2,018
Lutheran Campus Ministry	\$84
Companion Synod - Peru	\$10
Synod Seminary Scholarships	\$10
Synod Missions-Ukraine	\$1,000.00
Sugar Creek Bible Camp	\$160
WI Lutheran Social Services	\$200
WAFER	\$62

## Church Numbers

### Weekly Sunday Attendance

Date	8:30	10:30
07/03/22	38	41
07/10/22	29	40
07/17/22	37	44
07/24/22	27	41
07/31/22	36	37

### Weekly Envelope Offerings

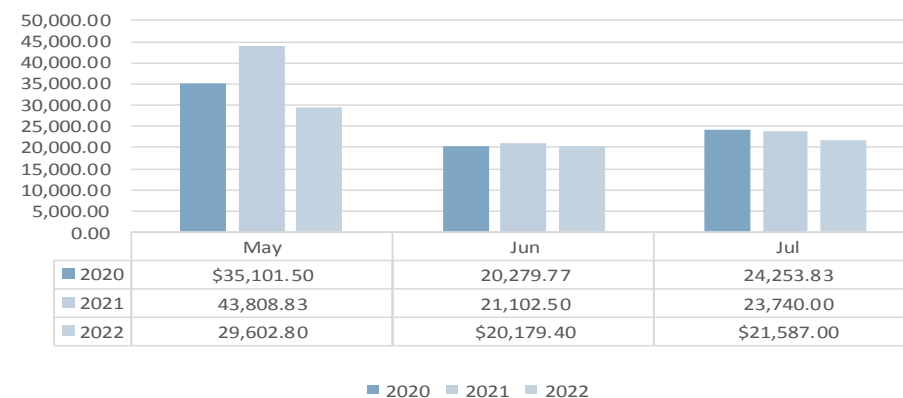
Date	Weekly	% Budget
07/03/22	\$6,285.00	107.7%
07/10/22	\$3,554.00	60.9%
07/17/22	\$5,502.50	94.3%
07/24/22	\$2,781.50	47.6%
07/31/22	\$3,464.00	59.4%
Totals	\$21,587.00	74.0%

### Envelope Offering Comparison

July 2022	July 2021	% Difference
\$21,587.00	\$23,740.00	-9.1%
YTD 2022	YTD 2021	% Difference
\$157,677.49	\$198,953	-20.7%

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...

### Rally Sunday is September 11

Second Service returns to its regular start time of 10:30.

### Support Ukraine

Your gifts will support Ukrainians and others. Gifts to "Eastern Europe Crisis Response" will be used in full (100%) to assist those affected by the crisis in Ukraine and neighboring countries.

You may give through Good Shepherd by dropping your donation in the offering plate or bringing it to the church office. Please be sure to write "Eastern Europe Crisis Response" on your check memo line.

Our prayers abound for the loss and devastation experienced in Ukraine and Eastern Europe.

### Help Wanted

In honor of Tammy Klein's Retirement. In recognition of Tammy's dedication to the children of Good Shepherd Lutheran Church as the Children's Ministry Director, Tammy will be recognized on Sunday, September 11th during both services with a reception after each service. Please help celebrate the amazing job that Tammy has done!

If you would like to be involved in this celebration, please contact Lori Lowell, Parish Education, (608)386-3388, [lori@gslacrosse.org](mailto:lori@gslacrosse.org), or (608)788-7315.

### Bulletins & Flower Sponsorship

Sign up on the bulletin board in the concourse to sponsor the weekly bulletins or flowers in honor of a loved one or a special event.

When signing up for either the bulletins or flowers, please give us the reason you are sponsoring them. If you do not give us a reason, the bulletin will only have your name as the sponsor.

*If you wish to sponsor the chancel or pulpit flowers, you are responsible for ordering and paying for them directly. Please be sure the flowers are delivered to the church office on or before Friday at noon.*

### Good Shepherd Women-WELCA

WELCA welcomes all women from our congregation to be part of this committee. Our next meeting is Thursday, September 1st at 6pm on Zoom and in person in the Mattes Center.

### Lydia Circle

Lydia Circle will be Tuesday, September 6th at 1pm in the Quilt Room. The study this year is going to be on Angels. All ladies are welcome. Any questions please call Carol Abraham at 787-0679. We hope you will join us for some good chats & always dessert & coffee.

### Rally Sunday & Churchwide Picnic

Join us September 11th immediately after 2nd Service. Another tradition is back!

Come, enjoy sloppy joe's and hotdogs and all the sides, salads and desserts our church is famous for! There is a sign-up sheet on the easel in the Welcome Area for you to sign up your favorite dish or dessert to pass! Come, Celebrate, and welcome back one of Good Shepherds family traditions!

### W5 Update

We will meet next on September 12th at 6:30pm. We will continue to discuss Rob Bell's book: What is the Bible? All women who wrestle with the word are welcome. Hope to see you there. Call Judy Casto at 608-385-1410 for questions or email [judyldcasto@gmail.com](mailto:judyldcasto@gmail.com).

### Game Night

Game Night for all ages is Friday, September 9th 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](mailto:grimmcaf@hotmail.com), or Jim at (641)485-6941 with any questions.

### 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](mailto:grimmcaf@hotmail.com) for more info.

## Around the Parish...

### Indoor Movie Night

Mark your calendar for Indoor Movie "Night" in the Mattes Center on Sunday, September 18th at 2 pm featuring, Soul Surfer. Based on the true story of Bethany Hamilton, a champion surfer who in her early teens was attacked by a shark and lost almost all of her left arm. One month later, she was back on a surfboard and has since won several championships and is a professional surfer. Hot, Fresh Popcorn will be waiting for you! Simply bring your own beverage, and maybe a comfortable blanket or chair for watching this inspiring movie!

### "God's work. Our hand's."

Watch for upcoming details regarding our next annual project tentatively planned for October! -Lori Lowell

### Sunday Morning Bible Study

Sunday Morning Bible Study with Pastor John will start up again on Sunday, October 23rd at 9:45am. Hope to see you.

### 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](mailto:tcjj23511@gmail.com) The office also has Kwik Trip cards available for immediate purchase Monday -Friday from 8am - 1pm.

### Good Shepherd Trust Foundation

Mission funding is now available from the Good Shepherd Trust Foundation at the request of church members in good standing. Applications for funds are available in the church office or on our website <http://gslacrosse.org/funding-available-from-good-shepherd-trust-foundation/>. To be eligible, requests must align with the Mission Statement of the Church as well as our Core Values. Applications are due in the office by Friday, September 30.

### Vanco Mobile App

To use mobile giving to contribute to our ministry we encourage everyone to download the Vanco Mobile Faith Engagement 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.

### Motivating Ministry - "We rise by lifting others."

This year, the Stewardship Committee challenges this congregation to Motivate Ministry from Good Shepherd outwards into our community and world.

Ministry at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church is rooted in the love of God, made known through Jesus Christ. Let's motivate ourselves to increase giving over our weekly offering, to grow the positive impact we can make in another's life.

### Our Community -

Making a positive impact in our community for needs that are constant, new, or emerging.

Supporting ongoing and seasonal, established ministry efforts in our community.

### Our World -

Continuing to make a positive impact in our world through ministry networks of Lutheran World Relief and Disaster Relief, Water to Thrive, ELCA World Hunger and YAGM—Young Adults in Global Mission.

You will be receiving a Statement of Intent Card. Please return the completed card by September 18th by mail or email to the Church Office or put it in the Outside Drop Box.

### A Challenge Gift has been made!

IF 125 Statement of Intent Cards are returned by September 18th, this Challenge Gift will provide funds for 5 herds of animals! That's 65 animals for humanity in need... if you simply return your Intent card!

# September 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](http://www.gslacrosse.org)*

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>August 28</b> 8:30am Worship 10am Worship 6:30pm GS Men's Group	<b>29</b> 12:30pm Quilting	<b>30</b> 6pm Parish Ed Meeting	<b>31</b>	<b>September 1</b> 6pm WELCA Mtg	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>
<b>4</b> 8:30am Worship/Communion 10am Worship/Communion 6:30pm GS Men's Group	<b>5 Labor Day</b> Office Closed	<b>6</b> 1pm Lydia Circle 6pm BS Troop 22 Adult Meeting 6:45pm BS Troop 22 Meeting	<b>7</b> 6pm SS Volunteer Meeting	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b> 6pm Game Night	<b>10</b>
<b>11 2nd Service returns to 10:30am / Rally Sunday / Pre School Milestone / All Church Picnic</b> 8:30am Worship 8:30am Sunday School 10:30am Worship 6:30pm GS Men's Group	<b>12</b> 10am Before the After 12:30pm Quilting 6:30pm W5	<b>13</b> 1:15pm Dementia Support Grp 1:45pm Hillview Communion 6:45pm BS Troop 22 Meeting	<b>14</b> 6pm SS Volunteer Meeting 6:30pm Confirmation Student/ Parent Orientation	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b> <b>October Voice Articles Due</b>	<b>17</b>
<b>18 Stewardship Sunday</b> 8:30am Worship/communion 8:30am Sunday School 10:30am Worship/communion 2pm Movie Afternoon 6:30pm GS Men's Group	<b>19</b> 12:30pm Quilting 6pm Communal Health 7pm Membership Meeting	<b>20</b> 6pm Admin/Exec Mtg 6:15pm Hintgen Meeting 6:45pm BS Troop 22 Meeting 7pm Church Council Mtg	<b>21</b> 6:30pm Confirmation	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>
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## Church Council Members

- **Sara Wrobel** *President of the Congregation*  
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- **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



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## Your Health *From the desk of our Parish Nurses*

Greetings,

For this month's topic we decided to focus on atrial fibrillation (a-fib). According to the Mayo Clinic, a-fib is an arrhythmia in which the upper chambers of the heart (the atria) beat irregularly (quiver) instead of beating effectively to move blood into the ventricles. This type of arrhythmia can result in a clot formation. If a clot enters the bloodstream and lodges in an artery leading to the brain, a stroke results. About 15–20 percent of people who have strokes have this heart arrhythmia. This clot risk is why patients with this condition are put on blood thinners. Many patients are unaware that a-fib is a serious condition.

More than 2 million Americans have a-fib. It's more common in people 60 and older. Other heart problems can make it more likely: Heart disease due to high blood pressure, Heart valve disease, Heart muscle disease ([cardiomyopathy](#)), Heart defect from birth (congenital heart defect), [Heart failure](#), Past heart surgery, and [Coronary artery disease](#). People with certain medical conditions have a greater chance, too, and at least 1 in 10 people with a-fib have no other heart problems: Long-term lung disease (such as [COPD](#)), Overactive thyroid gland, [Sleep apnea](#), A blood clot in your [lung](#), called a pulmonary embolism.

When your heart is in a-fib, you might feel: Like your heart is racing or fluttering in your chest ([palpitations](#)), Fatigued or weak, Dizzy or lightheaded, [Chest pain](#) or pressure, Short of breath If you have these

symptoms, call your doctor and make an appointment as soon as possible. If they last more than 24 hours, go to the hospital. Sometimes it doesn't cause any symptoms. If you're at risk, talk to your doctor about your chances for having a-fib, and get regular checkups.

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

Well, Hello AGAIN,

I am so excited to be helping the new Sunday School Director get started. I am hoping that we will be able to introduce that person during our excitement of Rally Sunday and the All Church Picnic. In the meantime, this gives me chance to give you some highlights from VBS 2022!

Jerusalem Marketplace was an awesome week. Suppers, Synagogue School, Playground and Marketplace activities were busy as we had 32 kids in attendance and 4 of those were guests. It was also "all hands on deck" for our volunteers! I want to thank them all – all of our generations – for coming to help and share in the VBS Experience this year! It was amazing and we had MANY: Youth – Emily Sanwick, Sam Blegen, Grace Blegen, Sienna Torgerud; Confirmants – Mason Peterson, Anja Johnson, Kaylyn Torkelson; Young Adults – Kylie Klein, Keith Klein, Austin Stalsberg, Shira Busch, Brea Ellison; and then all the grown-ups... Pastor John, Pastor Harald, Bill Klein, Randy Page, Janet Torkelson, Candi Luehne, Heidi, Penny Bell, Kari Ellison, Shanon Torgerud, Tom & Jill Kohlstedt, Julie Foreman, Stephanie Andersen.

And then the helpers we had for Saturday Set Up – Colin Smith, Keith-Kylie-Bill Klein, Michelle-Alejandro-Lucy Flores, Randy Page, Pastor Harald, Shira Busch.

AND to top that all off all of the parents and families that stayed and helped our littlest ones and got all of the BIG ITEMS out Thursday Night so we could put Jerusalem away for another time – Thea & Jerry Johnson, Mark & Bridget Skolos, Matt & Jessica Peterson. Most of the people previously mentioned and I am sure quite a few I missed as I think everyone was helping in some manner.

Then we took our time saying our Shalom.

But, this builds on our excitement going into the coming year as Sunday School kicks off on September 11<sup>th</sup> at 8:30am Service. We will continue 2022/23 with an 8:30am Sunday School. Please bring your kids to church as we will be going to Sunday School AFTER the Children's message time.

Sunday September 11<sup>th</sup> will also be our 3 and 4 Year Old Preschool Milestone presentation. We will need registration for these so we can bring the kiddos and families up to receive their gifts. Please email Tammy as she is getting the first milestone ready (with our new Director) and we want to put names on the 3 Year Old tote bags. If your 4 year old did not receive one, please let us know. The email is [Tammy@gslacrosse.org](mailto:Tammy@gslacrosse.org). Please also include anyone who will be attending with your Sunday Schooler who will be called up front for the presentation.

Then on October 30<sup>th</sup> we will be presenting our 3<sup>rd</sup> Graders their bibles. This is also Reformation Sunday. With Martin Luther putting the Bibles into the hands of all people to read for themselves with the translation in German, it is a great tie in to our Baptismal Promise as a congregation to put the word into the hands of our children.

Then to top it off, we are still looking for Sunday School help. If you think VBS sounded like a LOT OF FUN, you should see Sunday School. We are looking for another Shepherd along with a teacher or two. I am happy to answer any questions and you will be helping to KICK OFF THE New Year and welcome the new Director! Cinema (Movie Theater) and Games both need leaders. But we will take more and be able to trade off and team teach (as we know, more friends and family always make it more fun!).

Our stories this year will include Daniel and the Lions Den, Joseph and the Pharaoh, Queen Ester (always one of my favorites), Love IS, The Star, Prodigal Son, Lydia and Doubting Thomas! If you didn't learn a lot about these stories growing up, do what I did and come and learn with the kids. It is never a miss, always a HIT.

Thank you again for a wonderful 15 years over the past 18! I was truly blessed to be a part of Sunday School and Children's Ministry and I look forward to working with the new Children's Ministry Coordinator to make their next years as rewarding as mine were.

Tammy

## Quick-Look

### Upcoming Events At a Glance

September 11th	First day of Sunday School/Rally Sunday/3 & 4 year old Milestone Presentation/All Church Picnic after 2nd Service
Sept 18th—Oct 2nd	Joseph and the Pharaoh (Games, Cinema, Cinema, Computer)
October 9th-23rd	Queen Esther (Science, Kitchen, Art)
October 9th	Kindergarten Milestone Presentation
October 30th	3rd Grade Bible Milestone Presentation



### Tammy Klein

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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



*And let us consider how to provoke one another to love and good deeds, not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day approaching." ~Hebrew 10: 24-25*

Rebound...what does that word mean to you? What does it mean for our kids, who are coming off a pandemic experience that none of us have faced before? Does it mean going back to normal? Does it mean starting over? These are the questions our kids discussed during the ELCA Tri-Synod Youth Gathering held in River Falls. Good Shepherd sent 5 kids to the event, where they wrestled with how to move forward in their faith journeys in this new world. The kids attended workshops on leadership, painting, yoga, ukulele 101, and discussions on how to make a difference in the world around them. They attended joyful worship services, filled with inspirational speakers and lots of music! They also spend an afternoon helping out a family who is facing some difficulties while caring for a family member. They ended with a bang, at Valleyfair! It was a great three days watching our kids meet new people, be reminded of God's love, and grow in their faith. I can not thank our congregation more for buying Kwik Trips cards, Butter braids, and participating in all the other fundraisers that allow our kids to experience these events.

September means the start of Confirmation. Our first meeting will be Wednesday, September 14th at 6:30pm. We will be going back to small group breakout sessions each week and I need some volunteers to help with this. I promise you will grow in your faith by helping! All the lessons will be given to you so there is no prep work. Please let me know if you can help. Confirmation will run from September to Ash Wednesday from 6:30 to 8pm. If you have a student in 6th—8th grade, email me or go to the church website to fill out a registration form.

September 14th will be a short meeting as I would like families to attend to get an introduction to the program and other information.

Finally, as many of our kids begin or continue their high school experience, I want to remind them about the importance of community activity, including church related ones, for their future plans. Colleges, scholarships, National Honor Society, to name a few, all want to have students that are active in their community. Helping out at church is a great way to do this. You can usher and read, help with Confirmation, and take advantage of the volunteer opportunities I email out.

Good luck to all our students for this upcoming school year! Make it a great one! Remember that as you let your own light shine, the light God gave you, you subconsciously give other's permission to shine too!

In Peace,  
Jen



Follow the activities of the G4Squad on Instagram: g4squadlax

## Support Good Shepherd's Youth Group by purchasing scrip cards!

Contact Corrine Holtz to see what is currently 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.

Corrine's contact information is:

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



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In the Office: Varied hours



Music Notes  
From The Director of Music

Sounds of Praise to Resume!

We are pleased to announce that Sounds of Praise is starting back up at Good Shepherd this September! We will rehearse on Saturday, September 17th at 4pm and play at the 10:30am worship service on Sunday, September 18th.

Sounds of Praise is a worship band that is intended to bring together the greatest number and variety of instruments possible to enhance our wide variety of hymn styles. It is also a way for musicians to offer and share their musical gifts by helping to lead worship here at Good Shepherd. Sounds of Praise continues to add great vitality to our worship here at Good Shepherd and we have a lot of fun in the process!

If you play a musical instrument, then consider joining Sounds of Praise. If you think that you can't play your instrument well enough to join us, fear not; your parts will be arranged to accommodate your level of proficiency. If you want to give Sounds of Praise a try, please contact me so I can have printed music ready for you when you arrive at rehearsal. If you need your music sooner than that, I will be happy to email it to you ahead of time. Remember, whatever type of instrument you play, Sounds of Praise welcomes you!

Sounds of Praise generally helps lead worship in church twice each month at either the 8:30am or 10:30am service and rehearses at 4pm on the Saturday before playing. To learn more about Sounds of Praise, please call Randy Lyden at (608) 792-1305 or email [randy@gsllacrosse.org](mailto:randy@gsllacrosse.org).



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I'm grateful that my parents saw the wisdom of teaching me the faith at home and bringing me to church and Sunday School, carrying out their baptismal promises.

I'm also grateful to see so many here at Good Shepherd participating in Vacation Bible School this week as I'm writing this article. Parents, grandparents, guardians, bringing almost 30 kids to VBS. Lots of people helping to make this a meaningful, exciting and faith building week for the kids of this church and community. Thanks be to God.

Let us pray: God, direct our paths to live out our calling rooted in your love and grace. Guide us all to be motivated to service and participate in the life of the congregation with our lives and all that we are and have. Especially stir up in the heart of the right individual to serve as the children's ministry coordinator and for all of us to support our children's ministry here at Good Shepherd.

In Christ's name we pray. Amen.





# PUZZLE

## Fruit or false

Spotting true fruits can be tricky. Thankfully, it's much easier to spot the fruit of the Spirit.

**Directions:** Determine whether each item is a fruit or vegetable and circle the correct letter. Then insert the letters in order below to complete the verses.

Fruit	Vegetable		Fruit	Vegetable	
Apple	V	P	Pepper	O	U
Carrot	E	O	Spinach	R	S
Tomato	Y	R	Watermelon	H	P
Grape	C	F	Broccoli	G	N
Eggplant	T	D	Pumpkin	T	Y
Celery	I	N	Pear	F	C
Banana	K	M	Asparagus	L	R
Cucumber	N	W			

But the fruit of the Spirit is lo\_e, j\_ \_\_, pea\_e,

pa\_ie\_ce, \_\_ind\_\_ess, go\_dne\_s,

fait\_ful\_\_ess, gen\_\_leness, sel\_\_-cont\_ol.

GALATIANS 5:22-23, ESV

