

# ■ WORSHIP ■

# SUMMER SCHEDULE



**Beginning Sunday, June 1**  
 there will be only one  
 Sunday service at  
**9:30**

The service will be live streamed  
 on our website  
[www.gslacrosse.org](http://www.gslacrosse.org)



## GOOD SHEPHERD

LUTHERAN CHURCH

### The Shepherd's Voice

Monthly Newsletter June, 2025

Give. Serve. Lead. Connect.

From Pastor John Stennes-Spidahl

"Sommer kommer." That's Norwegian for summer is coming. In fact, as I write this it feels like summer is already here. It's hot and humid with thunderstorms predicted. Yes, summer is definitely coming. On June 1<sup>st</sup> we will begin our summer worship schedule. This year we are planning to continue what we tried last summer with just one service at 9:30. Most people reacted favorably to this change. It is a great way to get to know people who normally worship at the other service. I'm very grateful to our Membership, Growth & Fellowship committee for providing coffee, lemonade, and goodies before and after the 9:30 service so we have a reason to hang around for a while or come early and maybe meet someone new or renew acquaintances.

The Membership, Growth & Fellowship committee is just one many groups of people who collaborate to energize our congregational life. While some activities are scaled back over summer, they all get going full speed in September. I encourage you to think about what interests you or where your gifts can be used to be a blessing. Some of the active committees or groups at Good Shepherd include Parish Education, the Care Ministry Team, Stewardship Committee, the Good Shepherd Prayer Chain, Altar Guild, Good Shepherd Women – WELCA, Good Shepherd Men's Group, Building & Grounds, and the Finance Committee. If you like to sew, or are interested in learning about quilt making, the GS quilters meet on a regular basis. Another

way to make lasting friendships and provide meaningful ministry is to be part of the wonderful group of people who help to serve lunch after a funeral. Candie Luehne has coordinated this ministry for a number of years. In addition, there are ways to participate musically. The Sanctuary Choir, Sounds of Praise, and Bell Choir offer beautiful opportunities to contribute to our worship experience. Our Sunday School is thriving under the leadership of Breanna Ellison. She is always happy to welcome new people to show our love for the younger members of our congregation. There are also several groups that meet regularly to provide mutual support. These include Grief Support, Cancer Support, and Alzheimer's Support groups. Being involved in any of these groups and committees is a great way to feel yourself as more of a part of our community. One other very important way to be involved is to serve on our Church Council. Maybe God is calling you to serve on council. We have been blessed with some very gifted leaders in recent years. I'm deeply grateful for your service. No matter how you choose to be involved in the life of our congregation, know that your presence is valued. Many are happy to just show up on Sunday morning to be a friendly, smiling participant in worship. Thank you for being here. Have a pleasant and enjoyable summer.

Pastor John



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GSlacrosse.org/voice

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## Give Volunteering Within Church

### Flower and Bulletin 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. 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.*

### Readers & Ushers always 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 the church office (608)788-0450. We really do need your help!

### 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.



### Lydia Circle

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

If you have any questions, contact LeeAnn Lyden at (608)788-7651.



## Serve Enriching Life, Sharing Talents

### Thank You All So Very Much...

**The Altar Guild.** We are up and running again. With a few changes. If you are interested in being a part of this ministry, please contact the office 608-788-0450 or office@gsllacrosse.org

### 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

**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 the office to serve through prayer.





## 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!



**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)

#### Sunday School Choir

We rehearse as part of our 8:30am Sunday School program 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 Sunday School Choir, please contact Darlene Lassig at 608-769-1499 or at [darlene@gslacrosse.org](mailto:darlene@gslacrosse.org).

#### Hand Bell Choirs

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 email at [linda@gslacrosse.org](mailto:linda@gslacrosse.org).

#### High School Youth Group (Grades 9-12)

Good Shepherd Youth Group provides a chance to meet other awesome teens just like yourself. We meet weekly in the youth room of Good Shepherd on Wednesdays at 6:30pm. Come when you are able, during Lent we meet after the Wednesday Lenten Service.

*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 did 9 weeks for Mobile Meals throughout the 2024 calendar year and we will be doing 9 weeks in 2025!**

Remember that many of the people that our meal drivers deliver to may see no one else but the you that day, so please give them a big HI and a smile from you and Good Shepherd!! If you are interested in helping with Mobile Meals please contact the church office 608-788-0450.

Pick-up place is Franciscan/Mayo at the Mississippi Street entrance, pick-up time is 10:30am to 10:45am.

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



#### West Avenue Food Emergency Relief

Food donations for WAFER may be left in the stewardship area in the concourse or you can support WAFER with 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.



**Creatively and  
courageously working  
toward a just world  
where all are fed**

**ELCA World Hunger**

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

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

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

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

# Stewardship

## Memorials & Special Gifts

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

### Irene Thorelli Memorial

Eileen Van Kave  
Harald & Andrea Bringsjord  
Jim & Sue Bugge  
Debra Berg  
Jan Crandall  
Rick & Barb Doering  
Jan Thaldorf

### Freddy Korneta Memorial

Harald & Andrea Bringsjord

### Phyllis Lynch Memorial

Ruth Faulhaber  
James & Joan Peterson  
Kathy McLain



Shirley Role  
Rose Ann Kazmierczak  
Kristi Edwards  
James & Marion Frieden  
Steven Lefever  
Rob & Dianne Hamann  
John & Ardu Cleveland  
Marilyn Howard  
Bonnie Stevenson  
Joy Hicks  
William & Nancy Bloker

James & Dixie Sokolik  
Marvin & Karla Herr  
Rocky & Lori Ann Rossetti  
Dan & Melissa Lynch  
Jim & Sue Bugge  
Linden Park

### Food For Schools

John Wood

### Shirley Holmen Memorial

Glenn Seager

### Lois Juen Memorial

George & Judy Brockman



### April Monthly Benevolences From Good Shepherd Lutheran Church

ELCA / Synod Support	\$2,236
Lutheran Campus Ministry	\$84
Companion Synod - Peru	\$10
Synod Seminary Scholarships	\$10
Sugar Creek Bible Camp	\$160
WI Lutheran Social Services	\$200

# Church Numbers

## Weekly Sunday Attendance

Date	8:30	10:30
04/06/25	94	51
04/13/25	125	45
04/20/25	173	165
04/27/25	106	53

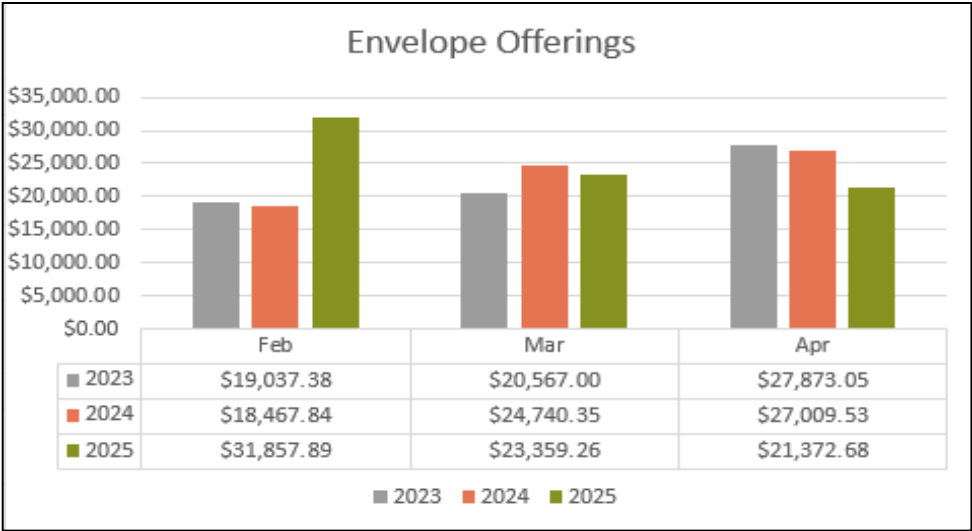
## Weekly Envelope Offerings

Date	Weekly	% Budget
04/06/25	\$6,342.26	86.9 %
04/13/25	\$4,743.19	65.0%
04/20/25	\$7,364.05	100.9%
04/27/25	\$2,923.18	40.0%
Total:	\$21,372.68	73.2%

## Envelope Offering Comparison

April 2025	April 2024	% Difference
\$21,372.68	\$27,009.53	-20.9%
YTD 2025	YTD 2024	% Difference
\$111,149.21	\$90,920.35	22.2%

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



## Around the Parish...

### Summer Service Time Change

To offer a richer worship service, and allow members from both services the chance to meet, we will only be having one Sunday worship service at 9:30am from June 1st through and including August 31st.

### Synod Assembly

June 6th - 8th with a Synod wide worship service at Riverside Park Sunday, June 8th at 10am. **There will be no services at Good Shepherd on June 8th.**

### New Good Shepherd Picture Directory!

Please schedule your photo secession for the directory online using the information you received in our mailing. Kathy will be available most Sundays after both services if you need assistance, or call her in the church office at (608)788-0450 Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday & Friday between 8am and 11am. The dates the photographers will be here are Tuesday, May 27th to Thursday, May 29th, 1 to 8pm and on Friday, May 30th from 11am to 6pm and **newly added** Thursday, June 19th from 3 to 7:45pm & Friday, June 20th from 11am to 6pm. Please register and be a part of the directory.

### Good Shepherd Women-WELCA

WELCA welcomes all women from our congregation to be part of this committee. Our next meeting is Thursday, June 5th at 6pm on Zoom and in person.

### Quilting

Please join us in making quilts for LWR. We meet on the 2nd and 4th Monday of the month, 9 am to 3 pm in the quilting room. If you are only able to stay for part of the day, come when you can and leave when you need to. If you wish to sew at home, you can look at the LWR web site for specifications for quilts. Hope to see you on June 9th.

### Grief Support

Grief support meets in the choir room at Good Shepherd twice a month on the 2nd & 4th Thursday at 3pm. We are off over the summer, and our next meeting will be Sept. 11th. All are welcome.

### Cancer Center Support Group

Cancer Support Group gives adult cancer patients and their caregivers a safe, confidential place to share feelings and experiences with others whose lives are affected by cancer. Meetings are the 3rd Tuesday of each month at 5pm in the Mattes Center. Next meeting is June 17th. Questions, call Janette 608-775-1197

### Bunco Night

Our next Bunco night will be on Friday, June 20th at 6pm. Please bring a \$5 wrapped gift. The theme is "4th of July". Bunco will be in the Mattes Center and is for ages 18 years and older. Contact person is Judy Christopherson @ 788-4335 or 769-9656.

### Rummage Sale

Good Shepherds annual WELCA rummage sale will be held on Sat. July 19, from 9-2 in the Mattes Center. You rent the table for \$10 and you keep the money from anything you sell. Set up will be Friday from 12-5 and Saturday from 8-9. Anything you don't sell goes back home with you. There will be a hot beef lunch (sandwich, chips, dessert and beverage) for \$7.00. Sign up forms are in the church office.

### Burrito Breakfast

Burrito breakfast will be off over the Summer. They will resume again Sunday, September 7th between services. Come join us again in September!

### Game Night

Game Night for all ages is will be off for the summer and will resume on Friday, September 12th from 6-9pm in the Mattes Center. Contact Randy at grimmcaf@hotmail.com with any questions.

### Lydia Circle

Lydia Circle will not be meeting again until Tuesday, September 2nd at 1pm in the Quilt Room. Any questions please call LeeAnn Lyden at (608)788-7651.

## Around the Parish...

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

Stop by our table Sundays or get an order form from our website. Email Bridget to place an order at [bridget\\_ammann@yahoo.com](mailto:bridget_ammann@yahoo.com)

**The office also has Kwik Trip cards available for immediate purchase!**

### Help Feed Area Children

Please continue to support the Food For Schools Project with your donations. Food is purchased for the children at Hintgen and donations made to the food pantries of other area schools too! Make your checks payable to church, but indicate Food For Schools Project in the memo line.

### Sign Up For Simply Giving

The *Simply Giving*® Program is an automated stewardship program that helps church members live generously. It's a convenient, safe and simple way for individuals to make automatic payments to Good Shepherd through electronic funds transfer (EFT) directly from checking or savings accounts. Vanco Services, LLC provides electronic payment processing services at reduced rates—so your generosity goes further. Learn more by contacting the church office at (608) 788-0450

### Thoughts & Ideas Welcomed

If you have an idea of how to improve ministry here at Good Shepherd, or things you would like to see us do or become involved in as a church, pick up a form from the bulletin board in the welcome area. Be sure to sign the form and then place it in the white mailbox in the main hall by the choir room.

### Hospital Visitations

**If you are hospitalized and would like a visit from Pastor Harald, please contact the church office.** Neither Gundersen or Mayo will provide us patient status unless we are asking on a specific name.

### Help Support LuMin!

LuMin, Lutheran Campus Ministry La Crosse, is a Christ-centered community. We believe that all people are created in God's image, and we thank you for your support of LuMin—in prayer, through cookies, and through your giving!

1. To make a donation online, go to [www.laxcg.org/giving](http://www.laxcg.org/giving)
2. Or make a check out to Lutheran Campus Ministry and send it to La Crosse Area Synod / LuMin, 2301 South Avenue, La Crosse, Wisconsin 54601
3. Or make a check out to Good Shepherd with LuMin on the memo line and include it with your offering.

### Office Assistant needed

Good Shepherd Lutheran Church is seeking a person for our Office Assistant position. This is a very diverse part-time position (15-20 hours per week) assisting The Pastor and Office Manager as needed, as well as completing their own responsibilities in a timely and professional manner.

Pay is commensurate with experience. A full job description and application form is available in the church office, or on our website at <https://gslacrosse.org/we-are-hiring/>

Applications can be dropped off in person, or emailed to [office@gslacrosse.org](mailto:office@gslacrosse.org)



# June 2025



**Sunday School Choir**  
Meets in Sunday  
School Sept.-May.



**Bell Choir**  
Meets Sundays at  
5:30pm Sept.-May.



**Sanctuary Choir**  
Meets Sundays at  
9:30am Sept.-May.



**Sounds of Praise**  
Meets as scheduled on  
Saturdays at 4pm..

*We have one Sunday Worship Service at 9:30 June 1 through and including August 31. The 9:30 service will be live steamed at [www.gslacrosse.org](http://www.gslacrosse.org)*

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>May 25</b> 8:30am Worship 10:30am Worship 6:30pm GS Men's Group	<b>26 Memorial Day</b> <b>Church Office Closed</b>	<b>27</b> 1pm Directory Pictures <b>NO Parish Ed Meeting</b>	<b>28</b> 1pm Directory Pictures	<b>29</b> 1pm Directory Pictures	<b>30</b> 11am Directory Pictures	<b>31</b>
<b>June 1</b> 9:30am Worship/communion 6:30pm GS Men's Group	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b> 6pm Buildings & Grounds	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b> 6pm WELCA Meeting	<b>6 Synod Assembly</b> <b>7pm Synod Service in Westby</b>	<b>7 Synod Assembly</b> 10am Before the After
<b>8</b> 10am Worship in Riverside Park <b>NO service at Good Shepherd</b> 6:30pm GS Men's Group	<b>9</b> 9am Quilting	<b>10</b> 1:15pm Dementia Support 1:45pm Hillview Communion	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b> 3pm Grief Support	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b> 10am Korneta Visitation 1pm Korneta Funeral
<b>15 Father's Day</b> 9:30am Worship/communion 6:30pm GS Men's Group	<b>16</b> 6pm Membership Meeting	<b>17</b> 5pm Cancer Support 6pm Admin/Exec Meeting 7pm Church Council Meeting	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b> 3pm Directory Pictures	<b>20</b> <b>July Voice Articles Due</b> 11am Directory Pictures 6pm Bunco (4th of July)	<b>21</b>
<b>22</b> 9:30am Worship 9:30 Hein Baptism 6:30pm GS Men's Group	<b>23</b> 9am Quilting	<b>24</b> 6pm Parish Ed Meeting	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b> 3pm Grief Support	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>
<b>29</b> 9:30am Worship 6:30pm GS Men's Group	<b>30</b>	<b>July 1</b> 6pm Buildings & Grounds	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b> 6pm WELCA Meeting	<b>4 4th of July</b> <b>Church Office Closed</b>	<b>5</b>



## Church Council Members

- **Jim Bugge** *President of the Congregation*  
buggejim@gmail.com
- **Janette Dawson** *Vice President of the Congregation*
- **Tim Knudsen** *Treasurer*
- **Jennifer Laszewski** *Secretary*

**Other Church Council Members include:** Karl Noll, Thea Johnson, Mark Skolos, Lori Lowell, Matt Heberlein, Barb Smyth, Tom Andersen, Barb Coppernoll-Geary, Jen Servais, Glen Johnson, and Pastor Bringsjord.

## Meet Our CHURCH STAFF

- **Rev. Harald Bringsjord** *Senior Pastor*  
prharald@gslacrosse.org
- **Rev. John Stennes-Spidahl** *Assistant Pastor*  
prjohn@gslacrosse.org
- **Rick Laufenberg** *Office Manager*  
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- **Open Position** *Office Assistant*  
office@gslacrosse.org
- **Brea Ellison** *Children's Ministry Coordinator* breanna@gslacrosse.org
- **Karina Bronson** *Coordinator of Confirmation and Youth Ministry*  
karina@gslacrosse.org
- **Randy Lyden** *Music Director/ Organist* randy@gslacrosse.org (608) 792-1305
- **Linda Jerome** *Bell Choir Director*  
linda@gslacrosse.org
- **Karl & Jaime Greenfield** *Sanctuary Choir Directors* karl@gslacrosse.org (608)790-3785
- **Darlene Lassig** *Volunteer Sunday School Choir Director* (608)769-1499  
darlene@gslacrosse.org
- **Cody & Kerstin Nedegaard** *Volunteer Parish Nurses*  
Cody\_Kerstin@gslacrosse.org

**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

Hello everyone!

In May we wrapped up our 2024-2025 Sunday school year! Thank you so much to all the amazing volunteers that helped the children learn fun bible stories and do creative activities! Thank you to Lori Lowell, Janet Torkelson, Kylie Klein, Bill Klein, Julie Foreman, Lynn Pataska, Jessica Peterson, Patty Kraemer, Kari Ellison, Darlene Lassig, Steve Ellison, Rick Laufenberg, and Kathy Johnson. Thank you to the youth helpers, Claire, Sophie, and Carly Von Ruden, Gus and Charlie Ellison, Liam Johnson, Kaylyn Torkelson, Rosalynn May, Anja Johnson, and Lauren Doering. We could not have done Sunday school without you!

Congratulations to our fifth graders Nora Johnson and Brody Place as they move on to sixth grade and Confirmation next year!

The registration sheet for the 2025-2026 Sunday school year is out now. The sign-up sheet is posted on the Sunday school bulletin board or families had a digital copy sent to their emails. It is important to keep our information up to date on birthdays, contact information, allergies, and grades in school. Thank you for your help with this!

This summer, I would love to see your child while attending God’s Creation:

Vacation Bible School! VBS will take place August 10th – 14th from 5:45pm - 7:30pm. An optional supper will be from 5pm - 5:45pm. The registration sheets are posted on the Sunday school bulletin board and I also sent Sunday School families a digital sign up. We can’t do VBS without our amazing volunteers! If you have been interested in seeing what Sunday school is all about and would like to help out with VBS or Sunday school for next year, feel free to reach out to me or find me on Sundays! I would love to talk to you about the fun we have!

Have a great Summer!

Brea Ellison



# Quick-Look

Upcoming Events At a Glance

June - August 2025	Enjoy your Summer!
August 10th – August 14th	Vacation Bible School: God’s Creation
Sunday, September 7th at 8:30am	First day back to Sunday School!
Sunday, September 7th at 9:30am	Rally Sunday! Breakfast, games, and outdoor fun



## Brea Ellison

Children's Education Coordinator  
Breanna@gs-lacrosse.org (608)788-0450

### Stay Connected!

Receive message alerts for Sunday School at Good Shepherd. Send the message @gs-Sunday 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



*"Let my teaching fall like rain and my words descend like dew, like showers on new grass, like abundant rain on tender plants."*  
Deuteronomy 32:2

We are now coming into a time of the year when I'm sure a lot of us will be spending a good majority of our time outdoors enjoying these first few weeks of summer. Some will even continue to grow their faith by going to summer camp.

With that being said I am hoping to connect with our confirmed 8th graders and get out to do something fun this summer and do things they like to do. I am also looking for volunteers to help with the youth room and getting that organized and ready for my new incoming youth group. This will include going through cabinets, moving sofas, and making it more modern. If you'd like to help, please let me know.

Thank you to the confirmation students who helped out with Sunday School and attended Education Sunday. I wish everyone a very blessed summer and enjoy wherever God takes you.

Cheers,  
Karina



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



## Attn: High School Youth

We are looking for members to revitalize our High School Youth Group. We plan to meet weekly in the youth room of Good Shepherd on Wednesdays at 6:30pm. Come when you are able, leave when you need to. During Lent we also meet after the Wednesday Lenten Service.

We plan to have social events throughout the year, along with a yearly mission trip, but we need active and involved members to do these things! If you would be interested in joining our Good Shepherd Youth Group, Please contact Karina Bronson at [Karina@gslacrosse.org](mailto:Karina@gslacrosse.org).

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

Contact Bridget Skolos 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 of your 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.

Bridget's contact information is:

[bridget\\_ammann@yahoo.com](mailto:bridget_ammann@yahoo.com)

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

## Karina Bronson

Coordinator of Confirmation and Youth Ministry  
[Karina@gslacrosse.org](mailto:Karina@gslacrosse.org) (608) 788-0450

In the Office: Varied hours



## Music Notes

### From The Director of Music

#### The Battle Hymn of the Republic

The tune for "The Battle Hymn of the Republic" preceded its famous text by many years, having been sung at American camp meetings in the early 1800s with various versions of the text "Say, Brothers Will You Meet Us".

(1st verse)

Say, brothers, will you meet us (3×)  
On Canaan's happy shore.

(Refrain)

Glory, glory, hallelujah (3×)  
For ever, evermore!

(2nd verse)

By the grace of God we'll meet you (3×)  
Where parting is no more.

(3rd verse)

Jesus lives and reigns forever (3×)  
On Canaan's happy shore.

During the Civil War this tune was united with the many versions of the text "John Brown's Body", a song referring to the abolitionist John Brown, who was hanged in 1859 for leading a failed slave rebellion at Harpers Ferry in West Virginia. The song was popular with and widely sung by Union soldiers. One of the many versions of the song included the words:

John Brown's body lies a-mouldering in the grave; (3×)  
His soul is marching on!

(Chorus)

Glory, glory, hallelujah! Glory, glory, hallelujah! Glory, glory, hallelujah! his soul is marching on!

It was under the pen of Julia Ward Howe (1819-1910) that the tune was married to the text we are familiar with today. Ward, a poet and author, was an activist for prison reform, abolitionism, and equal rights for women. In 1861, she and her husband were visiting Washington, D.C. along with their pastor, Rev. James Freeman Clarke of the (Unitarian) Church of the Disciples, Boston. While there they heard the Union troops singing "John Brown's Body" and Rev. Clarke asked Julia if she could write some lyrics of a more uplifting nature. The next morning, she awoke early with the words forming in her head and she immediately wrote them down. In 1862 she sold the poem to the Atlantic Monthly for five dollars. Though not written as a church hymn, the song has found its way into numerous hymnals.



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## IN MY FATHER'S FOOTSTEPS

Make this keepsake to express love for your dad or another special man this Father's Day.

#### What you need:

- White construction paper (11" x 13" sheet)
- Pencil
- Black permanent marker
- Crayons or paint

#### What you do:

1. In the center of the paper, trace your foot in pencil. Darken the outline with marker.
2. Color or paint the footprint. Let it dry.
3. Trace your father's foot (same side) on top of your footprint (with yours in the middle of his).
4. Color or paint his footprint. Let it dry.
5. Sign your names and the date at the bottom.



## PUZZLE

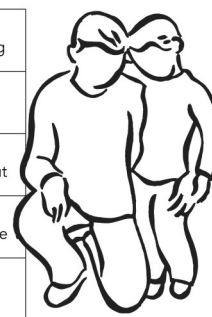
### FATHERS OF FAITH

Fathers do amazing things for their families, but the greatest gift our dads can share with us is their faith in God.

Complete this puzzle to read Isaiah's advice to fathers.

Directions: Working left to right, first write down all the 1's in the word blanks. Continue with the 2's and finally the 3's.

1 The	2 as	3 tell	1 living
2 I	3 their	1 the	2 am
3 children	1 living	2 doing	3 about
1 they	2 today	3 your	1 praise
2 parents	3 faithfulness	1 you	



Isaiah 38:19, NIV  
Answers: The living the living—the living—they praise you, as I am doing today; /parents tell their children about your faithfulness. Isaiah 38:19, NIV



"If we're all God's children, just think of all the cards he gets on Father's Day."