



Good Shepherd Lutheran Church Newsletter



October 2018

Our Vision

Connected to Christ!

Connected to One Another!

Connected to our
Community!

Good Shepherd is all about building connections:

- Building stronger connections with Christ through his Word.
- Building stronger connections with one another through fellowship, Christian education, and service, and
- Building connections with our unchurched friends and relatives through the power of the Gospel.

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“Return to Grace,” is the new Luther movie made in commemoration of the 500th anniversary of the Reformation. Come to a **special showing** Tuesday, October 30th at 6:30 pm in our Fellowship Hall.

BUILDING WITH GOD

“For we are God’s fellow workers; you are...God’s building” 1 Cor 3:9

“This church is being built by God,” said the sign on the construction site. Under those words someone had scrawled, “Plumbing by Johnson and Son.” There’s more truth than fiction to such thinking when it comes to building God’s invisible church of believers in Christ.

The Master Builder is hiring. Those whom the Spirit brings into God’s church become members of his construction team – no ifs, ands, or buts about it. Their work is not to create faith in

people – that’s the Spirit’s work alone. But they do handle the Spirit’s construction equipment, the gospel in Word and sacrament, through which the Spirit mortars people into God’s church.

Yes, we’ve built our extensive and expensive addition to our church. Many have put volunteer hours into it and even more have brought and will continue to bring their offerings for it. But all of us know that God was the Master Builder who guided and motivated us to build his house.

Now comes the most

important part of our building with Jesus. He wants us to be partners with him in using our facilities to spread that beautiful message of salvation. Through his powerful Word he will send the Holy Spirit to add others to his church of believers.

Can we even imagine our joy when we finally stand in heaven at his side, brought there by his grace? And what added joy when looking around, we can say in our heart, “I helped build that church.”

Your partner in working with Jesus, Pastor
Richard E. Lauersdorf

Worship

Worship Christ with us!
Saturdays at 5:00 pm;
Sundays at 8:00 & 10:30

Join us for our Stewardship Series – September 29-30, October 6-7, October 13-14

“Thank You, Lord, for

**Your Precious Gifts! –
TIME, TALENTS,
TREASURES”**

Each week we will review the precious gifts God has lavished upon us, and learn how we can use them to his glory and for the benefit of others.

Each service will include a Stewardship Talk led by a member of our Stewardship Committee, along with a video or testimony from a member, something to take home for further reflection, and a survey to receive your input on how to enhance our ministry.

Opportunities to Grow through the Word

SUNDAY BIBLE STUDIES at 9:15 am
“Using God’s Gifts to God’s Glory”

Any gift of God can be misused. Learn to use God’s gifts in a God pleasing way to his glory and for the benefit of others. Led by Pastor Robert Hein in the fellowship hall.

“Ten Words of Wisdom” When we find God’s Law under attack, we have more to say than just, “You’re wrong!” We will discuss ways in which we can help people see the 10 Commandments as expressions of God’s love designed to protect blessings. Led by Pastor John Paustian in the IMC. Elevator is available to use.

Teen Bible Study (grade 8-12) is held in the Fireside Room, covering topical issues led by youth leaders.

WEEKDAY BIBLE STUDIES

Reaching Muslims and Hindus with the Gospel – Dr. Jordan Patrick, the coordinator of our mission outreach and humanitarian aid work in Pakistan will be our guest speaker for chapel Wednesday, October

17th at 8:10 am, and again for a Wednesday Bible Study presentation at 9:00 am. Come learn how we are sharing the good news of Jesus with precious souls despite hardship and persecution. Held in church sanctuary.

Women’s Thursday Bible Study. The theme is “Beautiful Feet.” 4 weeks, September 13 - October 4 at 7:00 pm at Good Shepherd. God has equipped you with uniquely beautiful feet for your walk with Him. In “Beautiful Feet”, spend time taking a closer look at Your feet, and the feet of those around us. Be reminded that Christ walks beside us, and we must learn and follow what the Lord is calling our feet to do. Led by Marilyn Sievert in the Fireside Room.

Time Out for Moms Events 2018-2019 - Theme - "Mind, Body, Spirit"

All moms invited! Held at Little Lambs Childcare Center. No charge, free childcare available, but please register. To get more information or to register, go to <http://www.goodshepherdwels.org>, then find the Time Out website from the

"Get Connected" menu or go to our Facebook page.

September 29, "Mind, Body, Spirit: Living Connected," presented by Karen Fischer, Licensed Professional Counselor.

November 17, "Learning Your Mind," presented by Dr. Wendy Close (WLC)

Time Out For Mom’s Friday Bible Study - All moms invited. Theme for September 21 & 28 is “Sisterhood is Powerful!” Join us as we review and recap True Woman 101, a wonderful series based on God’s design for women located in Titus 2. If you have a book, bring it! If not, there will be some to share. Led by Marilyn Sievert in our new Fireside Room. Free childcare provided. October 5, 12, 19 & 26 our theme is “Beautiful Feet.” God has equipped you with uniquely beautiful feet for your walk with Him. In Beautiful Feet, spend time taking a closer look at your feet, and the feet of those around us. Be reminded that Christ walks beside us, and we must learn and follow what the Lord is calling our feet to do.

Special Events

Friends Walk 2018 - Our grade school children will participate in our Friends Walk to benefit Friends, Inc. of Washington County on Friday, October 5th. Pledge sheets will be provided soon. After the walk we engage the children in By Kids For Kids service projects. The following items can be dropped off in the Friends Walk box in the narthex prior to Friday, October 5th to support this project:

1 ½ yard pieces of fleece; Legos, Action figures, Matchbox cars, card games, coloring books/crayons/markers/colored pencils clear stones, liquid glue, construction/art paper packets, ribbon, fun shaped erasers/pencils.

LWMS Fall Rally Saturday, September 29th at 9:00 am at St. Lucas, Kewaskum. Guest speaker is Sem student Vladislav Horpnychek of the Ukraine Lutheran Church. Sign

up in the narthex and indicate if you would like to carpool.

Little Lambs Family Fall Festival - Bring the whole family for games, food, and fun on Friday, November 2nd to Good Shepherd School Gym for our Fall Festival! Join us from 6:00 pm -7:30 pm You are welcome to wear your favorite fall costume.

KML Fall Music Concert Sunday Oct 7th at 2:30 pm in the PAC.

Service and Fellowship Opportunities

Good Shepherd Open House - We are planning an Open House for our members, friends, and our community Sunday October 14th from 2-4 pm. We know there are people from the community interested in knowing about the ministry of our church and school, as well as our expansion project, and this will be a wonderful opportunity to invite them to come and visit, and connect with them personally. We will offer tours of our facility and Little Lambs, offer tasty treats and refreshments, set up displays promoting various ministries, and hand out information promoting upcoming events. There will also be activities for the kids. Invitations are available at church. Take as many as you can use to personally invite friends, coworkers, and neighbors.

A Property Workday is scheduled for Saturday, October 20th beginning at 9:00 am. There will be a list of indoor and outdoor projects to work on to beautify our facility and grounds. Lunch will be served. Sign up in the narthex.

Good Shepherd Lutheran School Enrollment

3K: 6	4th: 16
4K: 24	5th: 22
5K: 17	6th: 18
1st: 16	7th: 26
2nd: 24	8th: 14
3rd: 21	

Total PK: 30 Total K-8: 174

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Volunteer Youth Worker Training

– All called, hired and volunteer youth workers (18 and older) who work with our youth for child care, kid's programs like VBS and Christmas For Kids, sports, Sunday School, Pioneers, drive for field trips etc. are required to annually attend a youth worker training session. Our next session will be held prior to Our Friends Walk Friday, October 5th at 11:40 am in the Fellowship Hall.

Greeter Opportunity – One great way to build connections at Good Shepherd is to greet members and guests as they come to worship. Once again this year we are inviting

each area of ministry to take a weekend to serve as greeters. This also offers a wonderful opportunity to promote this area of ministry to our congregation. Contact Greeter Coordinator Gretchen Crowley for more information.

Member loans are a great way to invest in our church expansion project while reducing our loan payments over the years. Investments work similar to Certificates of Deposit (CD's). The following loan rates are available: 3 years-2.6%, 5 years-3.0%, 8 years-3.6%, 10 years-4.0%. Contact Ken Mantz at 335-1804 for more information.

Bible Breakfast for all – We are inviting men and women to our next Bible Breakfast Saturday, November 3rd at 8:00 am in the Fellowship Hall. Enjoy a delicious breakfast, great fellowship and a presentation from a guest speaker on how to connect with the unchurched, especially Millennials. Breakfast and childcare will also be provided for all parents who attend. Please sign up in the narthex for planning purposes.

Ministry Update

Our Quarterly Voter's Meeting is Tuesday October 23rd at 7:00 pm. Our nominating Committee is contacting people to serve in appointed and elected positions of leadership to be determined at this meeting. A ministry plan summary along with financials will be provided. All voting members are encouraged to attend.

Building Connections Update – Thanks to everyone who helped us celebrate the dedication of our ex-

panded facilities. You can view a tour of our facilities and a summary of the Dedication Rite online at "Washington County Insider." Dedication booklets are available in the narthex. Please remember to keep up with your pledges. Any gifts which are "front loaded" will reduce interest payments. Special gifts are still welcome to pay for furnishings and equipment not included in our building fund expenses. An updated list with prices is

available in the narthex. Special gifts may be offered in memory of a loved one or in honor of a special gift.

Ministry Plan Update - In gratitude for all that God has done for you, return your first fruit offerings to him as a joyful act of worship. Your gifts glorify God and meet the needs of God's people. **Proverbs 3:9** - Honor the LORD with your wealth, with the firstfruits of all your crops!

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Our Congregational Purpose

Compelled by the love of our Good Shepherd, we gather together around God's Word to

- WORSHIP** our Lord with joy,
- GROW** spiritually,
- SERVE** God and others in love,
- SHARE** the good news of Jesus .

*My sheep
listen to my
voice,*

*I know
them,*

*They follow
me.*

*I give them
eternal life
and they
shall never
perish.*

*No one can
snatch them
out of my
hand.*



Special Ministries

Jesus Cares Ministries (JCM) assists congregations in reaching out to people with intellectual and developmental disabilities, their families and communities. A simplified program has been developed for people with limited reading abilities.

The West Bend JCM program had previously been held at Shepherd of the Hills however the JCM Bible classes have now been moved to Good Shepherd.

A simplified Bible class will now be held in the IMC at Good Shepherd on the 3rd Saturday of the month from September thru May from 9:00 -10:30 a.m. The class incorporates a devotion, Bible lesson with a flannel board to accompany the story, special music including using simple rhythm instruments which allows non-readers or those who are nonverbal to make a joyful noise to the Lord and activities such as bingo.

At 6:30pm on the 1st Monday of each month we have simplified "Worship at the Cross" services at Shepherd of the Hills, 6869 Wildwood Rd, West Bend. Pictures and symbols lead participants through the parts of the service. We also have special music including using simple rhythm instruments allows non-readers or those who are nonverbal. A PowerPoint presentation is used for a responsive worship service for those who are unable to participate The service runs 40 minutes with light snacks and refreshments being served following the service.

Our JCM group would love for more participants to join us. We are also in need of more volunteers to help at the bible class on the 3rd Saturday of each month. It can be as simple as driving students to/from the class &/or helping/teaching the class. No teaching experience needed. It's a small commitment of time for a very rewarding experience. For more information contact Lora Gatzke at (414) 852-6156.

Special Gifts

\$2,000 in honor of Tom & Louise Frailing's 45th Wedding Anniversary to the Building Connections Fund

\$1,000 for Furnishings for Expansion from Steve and Linda Graczykowski in memory of Pastor Harmon C. Krause and Pastor Armin C. Roekle

\$50 for Furnishings for Expansion from Gerald and Linda Ehлке in honor of their 38th Wedding Anniversary

\$25 for Furnishings for Expansion in memory of Minnie Degnitz from her family