



Good Shepherd Lutheran Church Newsletter



November 2018



Reformation Sunday

October 31st is a day to celebrate the blessings of **Reformation Past.**

On that day, 501 years ago, Martin Luther nailed his 95 Theses to the door of the Castle Church in Wittenburg, Germany lighting the spark that ignited the Lutheran Reformation.

Reformation: Blessings Past & Present

Martin Luther never intended to start a new church with new teachings. He intended only to reform the church, to return the church and its people to the simple truths of the Gospel. He wanted the people to enjoy the certainty of knowing that we are saved -

- By Grace Alone,
- Through Faith in Christ Alone,
- As revealed in God's Word Alone!

This is our Reformation Heritage!

But in another sense reformation is an ongoing present activity. We continually need to review our teachings to make sure we have not veered off course, but are still honoring God's Word as the final authority for Christian faith and life. We also need to continually reform our hearts. What Isaiah wrote 2,700 years ago still holds true today, "We all like sheep have gone astray, each of us has turned to our own way." Isaiah 53:6 That's why regular examination of our attitude and lives

in the mirror of God's holy Law is so important for us. As God's Law exposes our sins and drives us to repentance, we can bring our sins to Jesus, cherishing his forgiveness and receiving his strength to lead a God-pleasing life. Come worship Christ regularly! Receive his strength in Holy Communion often! That's a great way to celebrate Reformation past and present!

Your Brother in Christ,
Pastor Robert Hein

Worship

Reformation Celebration

We will celebrate the blessings of the Lutheran Reformation November 3rd-4th. Come worship Christ with us!

End Times – We are entering the End Times season of the church year, in which we focus on living in faith in these last days

as we await Jesus' second coming.

Reformation Celebration

(November 3-4) Celebrate the truths Martin Luther restored that we are saved by grace alone, through faith alone as revealed to us in God's Word alone.

Last Judgment – (Nov 10-

11) Be prepared to stand before the Lord on the Last Day, trusting in Christ as our Savior.

Saints Triumphant

– (Nov 17-18) Celebrate the glory our departed loved ones in Christ are enjoying in heaven. We will remember those members who passed away in 2018.

Christ the King – (Nov 24-25) Focus on Christ, our

victorious King, who rules at the right hand of God.

Join us for **Thanksgiving Worship** Wednesday November 21st at 6:30 pm or Thursday November 22nd at 9:00 am. This is a wonderful opportunity to reflect on God's goodness and praise him for his blessings. "Praise the LORD, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits!"

Opportunities to Grow through the Word

NEW SUNDAY BIBLE STUDIES at 9:15 am beginning November 4th.

Colossians: New Courage for Daily Living A study of Paul's letter to the Christians in Colossae. Their faith was under attack by some who claimed they offered much more than Christ. Led by Pastor John Paustian in the fellowship hall.

"Lord, Teach Me to Pray!" The Bible teaches that the prayer of a righteous person is powerful and effective. Learn how to improve your prayer life as we focus on the model prayer Jesus provided us in the Lord's Prayer. 7 week Bible study. Led by Pastor Robert Hein downstairs in the IMC. The new elevator is available to use.

Teen Bible Study is held in the Fireside Room covering various topical studies, led by our youth leaders. All teens are encouraged to attend!

WEEKDAY BIBLE STUDIES

Wednesday Morning Bible Class - We meet Wednesday mornings in the fellowship hall from 9:00-10:00am. We are studying the book of Philippians in which we learn to rejoice in the Lord always! Regardless of your age, come and join our active, ever growing group. Led by Pastor Richard E. Lauersdorf.

Time Out For Mom's Friday Bible Study

November 9, 16 & 30 and Decem-

ber 14, 21 we continue with the theme is "True Woman #101". All moms invited for a time of spiritual growth, sharing and caring. Led by Marilyn Sievert in our new Fireside Room. Free childcare provided.

Bible Breakfast for all! – We are inviting men and women and children to our next Bible Breakfast Saturday, November 3rd at 8:00 am in the Fellowship Hall. Enjoy a delicious breakfast, great fellowship and a discussion of how we can better connect unchurched friends and neighbors, especially Millennials. Breakfast and childcare will also be provided for children whose parents attend. Sign up in the narthex for planning purposes.

Special Events

Time Out for Moms Event – Saturday, November 17th from 9:00-11:00 am at Little Lambs. All ladies invited! Theme: Learning Your Mind. Led by Pr. Wendy Close of WLC. Join us as we delve into the masterpiece of the human mind. We'll be discussing the uniqueness of the female brain and its many twists and turns. Register online at www.goodshepherdwels.org/timeout.

KML Veterans Day Presentation will be Thursday Nov. 1st at 9:20 am. The choir and band from KML will also perform. All are welcome to attend this patriotic event at Kettle Moraine Lutheran High School.

Support our Lutheran Pioneers! You may order Racine Kringles, cookie dough, brownies, or cinna-

mon buns to support our local Lutheran Pioneer program. Order forms are available in the church narthex or office. Return your order to designated box with check addressed to Lutheran Pioneers. Each Kringle is \$9.50 and cookie dough is \$11.50. There are a variety of flavors for both. Brownies and Cinnamon buns are \$7 each. Deadline is October 31st at 3:00 PM. Pickup your order at school November 17th from 11:30 to 12:30 or after services November 17-18th. Thanks for your support!

Christmas for Kids will be Saturday December 1st from 9:00 am -noon for Preschool (potty trained) through 4th grade. We had a great turnout last year from our church family and our community. The children will learn the joyous meaning of Christians at different

stations for singing, crafts, video, Bible story, cookie decorating, and fun. Invite your unchurched friends! If you would like to help, fill out a volunteer form at church or contact Beth Bartlett or Pastor Hein. Register children online at www.goodshepherdwels.org or pick up a registration form at church.

Christ Teens next event will be a Packer Party held at Good Shepherd Sunday December 2nd from 12- 3 pm. They will also assemble care packages for college students. Sign up in the narthex for planning purposes. Hope to see all teens there!

Service and Fellowship Opportunities

Luther Movie Showing – “Return to Grace” is the name of a new Luther movie made in commemoration of the 500th anniversary of the Lutheran Reformation. All are invited to a special showing of this spiritually enriching movie Tuesday, October 30th at 6:30 pm in our Fellowship Hall. Discussion

Food Pantry – We invite you to bring non-perishable goods prior to Thanksgiving to the designated box in the narthex. We will include these items in our Thanksgiving display in front of church as a way to express our gratitude to the Lord for his many blessings. After services, we will take these items to our local food pantry to help those in need.

Greeter Opportunity – One great way to build connections at Good Shepherd is to greet members and guests as they come to worship. We want to offer every member and guest a warm friendly welcome. Contact Greeter Coordinator Gretchen Crowley for more information or sign up online at

www.goodshepherdwels.org.

College Care Packages – It is time to show some love to our member college kids. The Teens are collecting items and gift cards for fast food to send to college kids right before exams. You can donate Little Debbie type snacks, popcorn, fun pens, post it notes, hot chocolate, granola bars, fun socks, ramen noodles, or soup packets to the box in the narthex by Nov 30. Thank you! If you know a member college kid, please put his/her full address at school on the form in the narthex. We would love to deliver more packages this year.

Studying for the Public Ministry – Please keep in your prayers young people from our congregation studying for the public ministry at our WELS worker training schools: Luther Preparatory School – Zachary Krewald, Max Krewald, Matthew Blank. Martin Luther College – Nicholas Blank, Elizabeth Blank. Cassie Rose, Emmalie Olsen, Andrew Mantz.

“Blessed Beyond Belief” Kettle

Moraine Lutheran High School Building Campaign

Good Shepherd provides \$88,434 in general support to the ministry of KML. In addition we encourage special gifts to KML Debt Retirement which help cover loan payments for capital debt.

We encourage our members to offer special gifts to the “Blessed Beyond Belief” Kettle Moraine Lutheran High School Building Campaign also. There is a need to expand facilities to meet the needs of growing enrollment at KML. We are eager to match KML facilities to our growing ministry. Phase 1 expansion includes 4 Science classrooms and 7 general purpose classrooms. The goal is to raise all the money and pledges by 12/31/18 and not add to our current debt. Recently a donor gave a challenge gift of \$100,000 to the campaign when we receive 1,000 gifts from the federation before December 31st. You may designate an envelope for this purpose or use a “Blessed Beyond Belief” envelope in the narthex.

Ministry Update



How blessed we are to enjoy our new expanded facilities! Your special gifts to “Building Connections” make this possible. Please keep up with your pledged amount. Remember that any “front loading” of gifts will greatly reduce our interest expenses. “Building Connection” envelopes are available in the

church narthex or your envelope packet. Special gifts in honor of a special blessing or in memory of a loved one are welcome. Although we celebrated dedication, we thank our many volunteers who continue to complete various projects. This includes renovation of the new church library, construction of lower level storage shelves, landscaping, painting, and planning for decorations and additional furnishings by our design committee.

If you would like to offer a special gift to help furnish our expanded facility, an updated price list along with cards and envelopes is available in the narthex. Gifts may be offered in memory of a loved one or in honor of a special blessing.

Garbage Enclosure – Volunteers are needed to help construct a new garbage enclosure behind the school Saturday, November 3rd at 9:30 am. Contact Dave Garvey for more information.

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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.*



Ministry Update

Member loans are a great way to invest in our church expansion project while reducing our loan payments over the years. Over the years we have received additional blessings from members who have chosen to donate their interest or investment itself as a gift. 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.

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.

Ministry Plan Update - Our Vision

Over the next three years, Good Shepherd will be 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. In gratitude for all that God has done for you, return your first fruit time, talents and treasures to the Lord as a joyful act of worship. Remember, 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!

Online Giving - If you would like to offer your gifts to the Lord's work online, sign up under "giving" at our website www.goodshepherdwels.org with a secure sign in and password. All the designations in your envelope packet are also available online. You can offer a one time gift or set up weekly amounts.

Special Gifts

\$122 in memory of Jerry Henckel from the Little Lambs Staff for Sunday School Program

\$50 in memory of Jerry Henckel from Marcia & Ken Weber for Little Lambs

\$500 from Helping Hands to the Building Connections Fund