



Good Shepherd Lutheran Church Newsletter



February 2019

Our Vision

Connected to Christ!

Connected to One Another!

Connected to our
Community!

Good Shepherd is all
about building connec-
tions:

- 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.

* * * * *

**Worship the Lord with
joy!**

Saturdays at 5:00 pm

Sundays at 8:00 & 10:30
am

Sunday School & Bible
Study at 9:15 am

Shine Forth

SHINE



LIGHT

**Epiphany means to
"Shine Forth."**

- God used the light of a star to lead the Gentile wise men to worship Jesus.
- Jesus shined forth throughout his earthly ministry revealing himself to the Christ.
- As Christians, we shine forth to share the good news of Jesus with the people around us.

We have such a priceless Savior to talk about! We

have such a wonderful message to share! Let your light shine by inviting the people in your life to learn more about Jesus at Good Shepherd!

Here are four easy steps to follow:

Step 1) Identify among your family, friends, relatives and neighbors; people who do not confess faith in Jesus Christ, or do not have an active church home at this time.

Step 2) Pray for the people on your list – specifically, regularly, and dangerously. Ask the Holy Spirit to work powerfully in their hearts. Ask God to give you opportunities to witness to them.

Step 3) Talk about Jesus! You can talk about Jesus because you know who he is and what he has done for you. Talk about the blessings he won for you on the cross. Share the difference Christ

makes in your life!

Step 4) Invite people to attend a worship service, Bible class or a church activity where they can become acquainted with your church and other Christian friends.

When unchurched people were asked the reason they have not been attending a church, their most common answer was, "No one asked me."

When asked what they would say if they were invited, one out of four indicated that they would react positively.

Make the most of every opportunity!

Your fellow witness in
Christ,

Pastor Robert Hein

Opportunities to Grow through the Word

Sunday Bible Studies at 9:15 am

“Encouragement for Christian Life; Study of 2 Corinthians”. Led by Pastor Robert Hein in the Fellowship Hall.

“Equipped for Living”. Led by Pastor John Paustian in the IMC.

Teen Bible Study held in the Fireside Room. Led by Christeen leaders focusing on topical issues.

Wednesday Morning Bible Class -

We meet Wednesday mornings in church from 9:00-10:00am. We are studying the topic, “Heaven is My Home!” Regardless of your age,

come and join our active, ever growing group. Led by Pastor Richard E. Lauersdorf.

Women’s Bible Study - All ladies are invited to a Thursday evening Bible study called “Lies Women Believe” led by Marilyn Sievert beginning Thursday January 10th at 7:00 pm. Dispel the lies and discover the truth in God’s holy Word.

Time Out For Mom’s Friday Bible Study

“True Woman 101,” All moms invited. Grow in your understanding of the blessings and opportunities you

enjoy as a Christian woman. Led by Marilyn Sievert each Friday from 8:00-9:00 am in the Fireside Room. Free childcare provided.

Men of his Word Conference will be held at Oshkosh Convention Center Saturday February 9th. Enjoy great workshops on a variety of topics related to living as a Christian man. Koine will lead the music and worship. Register soon at www.menofhisword.org. For carpooling information, contact Pastor Hein

Special Events



Marriage Enrichment Night

Set aside Friday, February 15th from 6:00-9:00 pm for a special marriage enrichment

night at Good Shepherd held in our Fellowship Hall. Theme: “7 Proven Steps to Improve your Marriage.” Led by Pastor Robert Hein. All couples are welcome whether you are newlyweds or married 50 years already. Invite your nonmember friends as well. Strengthen your marriage, enjoy delicious food and great fellowship and some mixer games with other Christian couples. Registration forms are available at church or register online at www.goodshepherdwels.org.

Time Out for Mom’s Event Saturday, February 16th. Topic – Loving your Body – Come for a discussion on living a healthy lifestyle and how physical health can give a boost to

the whole person. Free childcare provided. Register at www.goodshepherdwels.org/timeout.

Our new church library is now open! Check it out! There are devotional materials, topical studies and Christian fiction. Thanks to Eileen Schmiege and her volunteers for providing this service.

St. Lucas Women’s Ministry Event – “Sing to the Lord a New Song”

February 23rd from 8:30 am – 2:30 pm. Speakers include Pastor Michael Schultz of our hymnal project, Dr. Patricia Backhaus, and Valerie Floeter. \$17 Registration fee includes lunch. Registration forms are available in the narthex.

Parenting Presentation

Mark the Date! Saturday, March 2nd at 10:30 am

Led by a Counselor from Christian Family Solutions. This was the most popular parenting topic

chosen from a recent parent survey Theme: Loving & Learning – Building a Strong Parent-Child Relationship. Free lunch for parents and children in childcare. Free childcare provided.

Join us for our Faculty/8th Grade Basketball Game Friday, February 22nd at 6:00 pm. Students are also hosting a bake sale to support our local food pantry for needy families. Come join the fun!

Congregational Bible Breakfast – Everyone is invited! Enjoy a hearty homemade breakfast, served by our Board of Evangelism Saturday March 9th from 8:00-9:30 – Mr. Jesse Kremer, former WI State Representative will speak on Christians serving in government – The whole congregation is invited to this breakfast!

Childcare is available, but please register for it by March 7th by calling the church office at 334-7881.

Ministry Update



By God's grace, we have received \$2,038,549 in pledges and gifts to our building expansion project, with \$1,590,071 already received. In addition, members have taken out \$73,000 in member loans toward this project.

Please follow through on the pledge you adopted in support of this expansion project. Remember, that any gifts that are "front loaded" will save us in interest costs. "Building Connections" envelopes are available in the church narthex and your envelope packet.

Special gifts in honor of a special blessing or in memory of a loved one are welcome and will reduce our loan amount.

What a blessing this expansion is to our congregation as we carry out our Vision.

Connected to Christ! Connected to One Another! Connected to our Community!

Our Quarterly Voters' Meeting will be held Tuesday, January 29th at 7:00 pm. A ministry and financial update will be provided. We encourage all voting members to attend this important meeting!

Call Meeting - Our voters recently called Mr. Landon Zacharyasz to serve as principal. Landon currently serves as principal of Mt. Olive, Appleton. Landon is married and

has three children (2,4,6). Mt. Olive is Landon's first call. Landon is a graduate of KML. Please keep him in your prayers as he deliberates this call.

Ministry Plan Update

We encourage all members of Good Shepherd to return their first fruits to the Lord as a joyful act of worship and an expression of gratitude to God for his priceless blessings.

As a church, our regular offerings are presently meeting our ministry expenses. In the Bible, God encourages proportional giving; that is, based on your level of income.

Consider what great things God has done for you, and then set your plan of grateful response. God's Word says, "**Honor the LORD with your wealth, with the firstfruits of all your crops.**" Proverbs 3:9

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.

Blessed Beyond Belief

KML Building Campaign Update

- God has provided more students than we thought possible, even more than some of our specialty science classrooms can handle in the coming fall.
- He has challenged us to respond to his blessings and get ready to educate, encourage, and equip his people with a Bible-focused curriculum in all areas.
- He has blessed us beyond our best gift of faith. So many responded to the need for facility expansion. In a short six month campaign:
 - \$3.48 million has been given or pledged, 1,289 people participated in the campaign.
 - 630 people made their best gift ever to expand our ministry facilities.
 - 386 people made their first gift ever to the KML ministry because of the campaign.

The overall goal of the Blessed Beyond Belief campaign was to raise \$4.7 million to build four necessary science classrooms and seven additional classrooms to handle our enrollment growth.

We are also challenged with a goal of reaching the \$4 million milestone. This is exciting because the National Exchange Bank Foundation committed an extra \$125,000 gift to the campaign at that point. The total \$4.125 million allows us to begin construction this spring,

**GOOD SHEPHERD EVANGELICAL
LUTHERAN CHURCH & SCHOOL**

777 Indiana Avenue
West Bend, WI 53095
Phone: 262-334-7881

www.goodshepherdwels.org

Please like us on Facebook:

Good Shepherd Lutheran—West Bend, WI

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 (continued)

finish the second floor science classrooms, and shell the first floor for later completion.

This is what we know:

The nearly \$3.5 million given is an awe-inspiring blessing for which the KML Federation is sincerely thankful.

The \$500,000 gap to get to the \$4 million milestone is too great to begin construction. It is not recommended to the KML Federation that we add to the current \$6.3 million debt.

The KML Mission Excitement team continues seeking gifts that will help us reach the \$4 million goal.

The KML administration is working on a variety of solutions to educate, encourage, and equip the projected 520 students in the fall of 2019.

God has provided the blessings and the challenge. We ask every member of the KML Federation to pray for God to show us the solution. Those who still want to donate to Blessed Beyond Belief have that option. Special envelopes are available in the narthex. Those who have already given are able to extend their gift through a 1-2 year pledge if they wish. We also assure every gift and pledge will be counted and will help determine what and how much we build.

Special Gifts

\$225 in memory of Richard Ihlenfeld for Building Connections from family and friends.

\$20 in memory of Richard Ihlenfeld from John & Sharon Uekert for the Current Expense Fund

\$95 in memory of Richard Tharman from friends & family for the Building Connections Fund

\$20 in memory of Richard Tharman from Susan Blaine for the Ziesemer Scholarship Fund

\$500 in memory of Ben Eldridge from Randy & Deanne Marquardt for Sound System/Church Technology

\$4,500 in celebration of God's abundant blessings from Randy and Deanne Marquardt for Sound System/Church Technology