



Good Shepherd Lutheran Church Newsletter



March 2019

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.

Worship Christ with us!

Saturdays at 5:00 pm;
Sundays at 8:00 & 10:30

Daylight Savings Time

Remember to move your clocks ahead one hour before you go to bed Saturday March 9th for Daylight Savings Time.

The Father's Gift

¹³ For he has rescued us from the dominion of darkness and brought us into the kingdom of the Son he loves, ¹⁴ in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

Colossians 1:13-14

Do you catch the finality of what the Father has done for you?

By the gift of his Son, he has rescued you from the place where darkness is in charge, the darkness of sin that brings with it cold and confusion, fear and uncertainty, the darkness of being apart

from God, the darkness we have gone looking for, the darkness we deserve.

Just what is the Father's gift to us in his Son? We have redemption, the forgiveness of sins. We have the promise of eternal life.

But that is not all!

The Father's gift changes where we live already now. He has brought us into the kingdom of the Son he loves.

If we think of the kingdom as a place where God is in charge,

that's not wrong, but it is incomplete.

The kingdom of the Son is a place filled with light, the light of the Father's glorious love revealed in the face of Christ.

Lenten worship is about making sure we don't forget where we live and all the blessings that come with that already now.

He has brought us into the light, so let us walk as children of the Light!

In Christ,

Pastor John Paustian



Journey with Jesus to the cross and empty tomb as he reveals his amazing love for you! Your faith will be enriched and God will be honored!

Join us for Wednesday Lenten Services!

10:00 am & 6:30 pm
March 6- April 10

Three words of Truth

"Is it I?"
March 6

"Love One Another"
March 13

"Watch and Pray"
March 20

"I Am He"
March 27

"What is Truth?"
April 3

"Take Him Away!"
April 10

Services are designed to last about 50 minutes.

Lenten Dinners will be served in the fellowship hall starting at 5:15 pm. Enjoy a hot meal and warm fellowship.

A freewill offering is gathered to cover expenses. Bring a dessert to share. Contact Cheryl Henckel to assist.

Opportunities to Grow through the Word

Sunday Bible Studies at 9:15 am

“Encouragement for Christian Life; A 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 the fellowship hall from 9:00-10:00 a.m. 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.

Time Out For Mom’s Friday Bible Study – Topic: “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 in our Fireside Room. Free childcare provided. Fridays at 8:00 a.m.

Financial Peace University (FPU) offered at Shepherd of the Hills

Do you want to get out of debt? Achieve your financial goals? Learn how to budget your money? Stop living paycheck to paycheck? Learn God’s way of handling money? No matter where you are in life you can benefit from FPU. FPU is a 9 week class with DVD lessons that talks in simple terms that make it easy to understand. Classes begin Sunday nights at 6 pm the end of February. If you have a question or

want to sign up contact Jean Soyk soyks@sbcglobal.net, 262-355-5355.



Congregational Bible Breakfast – Everyone is invited! Enjoy a hearty homemade breakfast, served by our Board of Evangelism Saturday March

9th from 8:00-9:45 am – 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. Sign up in the narthex.

Sacred Concerts & Special Events

Mission Work in Pakistan – Dr. Jordan Patrick and his wife will give a special presentation on sharing the Gospel in Pakistan at our Wednesday Bible Study Wednesday, February 27th at 9:00 am. They will also make a presentation to our school children at chapel at 8:10 am. All are invited!

Parenting Presentation

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. Please sign up in

narthex and indicate if you need childcare by Feb. 28th.

Easter for Kids will be held Saturday morning April 13th from 9:00-11:50 am for ages 3-10. Children from our church and community will celebrate the joyous meaning of Easter with crafts, Bible story, music, videos and fun!

If you are interested in being a head shepherd or working with arts and crafts, music, recreation or other areas, please contact Pastor Hein or Beth Bartelt. Volunteer and registration forms are available in the church narthex or office. You may also register children online at www.goodshepherdwels.org. Easter for Kids is funded through spe-

cial gifts. If you would like to support this ministry, please use a “Kid’s Program” envelope in the narthex.

Good Shepherd Concert Services will be March 16-17th featuring our Youth Handbell Choirs Saturday at 5:00 pm and our Adult Choir, Ladies Choir, Children’s Choir, and Adult Bell Choir Sunday at 8:00 and 10:30 am. Sunday School will be held, but no Adult Bible Study to allow time for fellowship between services in the Fellowship Hall. Bring a treat to share following the Saturday night service or between services on Sunday. We will also have a special offering box in the narthex to receive special gifts to purchase music for our choirs throughout the year.

Sacred Concerts & Special Events (continued)

School Sacred Concert - The children of Good Shepherd Elementary School will present a sacred concert Friday March 1st at 6:30 pm. All are invited as we join in praising God for his blessings.

Martin Luther College Touring Choir will present their Spring Concert "Wisdom from Heaven" Friday, March 1st at 1:45 pm and at Crown of Life, Hubertus, at 7:00 pm. All are invited!

Pioneer Pinewood Derby and Rain Gutter Regatta will be held Sunday March 10th at 12:30 pm in the gym. Come watch the exciting races!

The Christ Teens are going to Sky Zone Trampoline Park March 10 from 12:00-3:45. The cost is \$20.

Please sign up in the Narthex by March 7 for planning purposes.

Kettle Moraine Lutheran High School Sacred Choir & Band Concert will be held Tuesday, March 19th at 6:30 pm. All are invited.

Dodge/Washington OWLS at Good Shepherd - Our local Dodge/Washington OWLS chapter (Organization Of WELS Lutheran Seniors), which normally meets monthly at Peace, Hartford, will be meeting here at Good Shepherd on Monday, March 25, 10:00 AM in the Fellowship Hall. Our speaker will be Lynn Pasbrig, nurse and member of Peace, who will speak about the Albrecht Free Clinic where she is employed, with a possible tour of the facility. If you are

55 and over come and check out our OWLS chapter. Join us for a pot luck lunch after the presentation and meeting. It's an opportunity for WELS seniors for fellowship and service to our Savior. If you have any questions please contact Pastor Marty Scheele, 262-353-9838, or e-mail mnsscheele@charter.net.

KML Family Music Fest is Friday, April 12th with the theme, "On Broadway." We welcome donations of gift baskets and pies for auction. Additional information is available in the narthex.

KML Dinner Auction is Saturday, April 27th at 5:00 pm. Go to www.kmlhs.org for more information.

Ministry Update



Please remember to keep up with your "Building Connections" pledge gifts. Gifts that can be "front-loaded" will reduce our loan expenses. Special gifts in celebration of a blessing or in memory of a loved one are also welcome. Total pledges and gifts is \$2,038, 549. Total received so far is \$1,590, 071 toward our \$3.2 million project.

Member loans are a great way to invest in our church expansion project while reducing our loan payments 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%. We have already received \$73,000 in member loans toward our building expansion project. Contact Ken Mantz at 335-1804 for more information.

Furnishings Update – New furniture will arrive March 1st for our Fireside Room. Work continues on signage and furnishings in new areas. Gifts are still needed to equip our coffee bar.

Ministry Plan Update

Planning is underway to develop our 2019-2020 Ministry Plan which will be approved May 28th. Each area of ministry is researching their ministry needs. We thank the Lord for moving the hearts of his people

to offer their first-fruit offerings to support our ministry plan and the Lord's Work Elsewhere. Presently our income is tracking closely with our expenses. Always remember however that we don't give to "pay the bills." We offer God our firstfruit offerings in gratitude for the incredible blessings we enjoy from him. We give, trusting in the Lord to provide for our needs, and we give to make the most of the ministry opportunities God places before us.

Call Issued – At our Voters' Call Meeting we called Mr. Daniel Schultz to serve as our school principal. Daniel and his wife Monica live in Shakopee, MN where he teaches at Bloomington Lutheran School. Please keep him in your prayers as he deliberates this call.

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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.*



Service & Fellowship Opportunities

Easter Breakfast

Our Easter celebration will include two opportunities for food and fellowship:

- a delicious "HOT" breakfast complete with eggs, ham, and cheesy hash-browns at 7:00 am
- and a delicious "COLD" breakfast with hard boiled eggs, rolls/jam, fruit, desserts, and juices at 9:30 am.

Help us plan by signing up in the narthex for your preference by March 31st. Also sign up to assist with set up or cooking/serving. Contact Chris Horbas for information.

GOAL Meeting is Thursday, March 7th at 6:30 pm. All school parents are encouraged to attend!

Volunteers Wanted for Service Day— To continue to Build Connections in our community, Good Shepherd will host it's second annual Service Weekend in May. Members, prospects and visitors will be invited to join in an array of activities during the weekend of May 4th/5th to serve our Church, School and Community. To learn more, please contact Peter Kapler at 262-224-5058.

Thrivent Choice – Members who have Thrivent Insurance are able to designate Choice Dollars to the charities of their choice, including Good Shepherd. You may do this on your own online. Ramiro Paz will have a computer available to assist you through this process after services February 23-24th.

Our worship services are broadcast each week on the West Bend Community Channel (Charter #987) at 4:00 pm Tuesdays and 11:30 am Wednesdays.

Special Gifts

\$20 in memory of Ward Ciriacks from Jim & Tonya Ciriacks for the Building Connections Fund

\$25 in memory of Marjorie Zuehlke from Edna Schuster & Esther Wasmund for the Furnishings Fund

\$60 in memory of Marvin Schmeling from his daughters for the Kid's Programs Fund

\$160 in memory of Lloyd Schmiede from family and friends for the Building Connections Fund

\$10 in memory of Lloyd Schmiede from Judy Weigand for the Organ Fund

\$25 in memory of Elmer Belger from Lewis & Florence Enderle for the Furnishings Fund.