

# GOOD SHEPHERD

EV. LUTHERAN CHURCH & SCHOOL

June/July Newsletter in the Year of Our Lord 2025

*I am the* **Good Shepherd.** *The good* **Shepherd** *lays down his life for the sheep.*



## Getting it right matters!

Does it matter whether you receive precisely what you ask for?

Well, if you order a hamburger with pickles and ketchup, and they add mustard too, that might be annoying, but it's not a big deal.

What about when you go to the pharmacy to pick up your prescription? Let's suppose your doctor prescribed a specific medicine to treat your illness. Would you be satisfied if the pharmacist just gave you any pills off the shelf, because after all, "they are all medicine".

No! You want the specific medicine you asked for, to treat your specific need.

What about the confessions of a church? Sometimes you hear people say, "It doesn't really matter what your church teaches so long as you believe in Jesus."

But that's not what Jesus taught us. When he gave us the Great Commission, calling us to make disciples of all nations, he added, "teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you." Matthew 28:20

We don't want to be unclear about the medicine we receive at the drugstore, and we don't want to be unclear about the confessions we hold to, and the truths from Scripture we share with others. We want to proclaim God's truth clearly! Doctrines matter, confessions need to clear, truth needs to be embraced, and false teachings need to be rejected. Jesus emphasized this in the Lord's Prayer as well when he taught to pray, "Father, hallowed be your name!" God's name is his titles and everything he tells us about himself in his Word. Our love for God extends to our love for his Word. We honor God when we hold to the truth, defend the truth, speak the truth, live by the truth, and share God's precious truth with others.

As individual Christians, a church family, and a worldwide church body, may we always insist on receiving the truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth, so that God's name may be glorified and God's people edified. Then the apostle John can say of us what he said to his hearers in

3 John 1:4 "I have no greater joy than to hear that my children are walking in the truth." *Pastor Robert Hein*

## Worship our Lord with Joy!

### Summer Worship Schedule

Memorial Day weekend through Labor Day weekend: Thursdays at 6:30 pm; Sundays at 8:00 & 10:00 am

Our first Thursday worship service for the summer is Thursday, **May 22** at 6:30 pm

Sunday worship at 8:00 & 10:00 am begins **May 25**.

Note that we are celebrating Holy Communion in July on **July 10/12** and **July 17/20**.

**Our Ascension Day worship service** will be Thursday, **May 29** at 6:30 pm. Come celebrate our Lord's glorious ascension to the right hand of God, where he rules all things for our good!

**Honoring our Veterans and those actively serving in the military** - Our worship services **July 3 and 6** will celebrate the blessings and protection God has poured out upon our country. We also plan to honor and pray for our veterans and active service members.

**Our outdoor worship service will be held at Regner Park Sunday, July 27** at 10:00 am. The Branches Band will play and our VBS kids will sing. We will gather a freewill offering to support the music ministry of the Branches Band. After the service, join us for our Church Picnic. There is no 8:00 am service that Sunday, but there will be a Thursday service **July 24** at 6:30 pm.

### Summer Service Series - June 22 - August 22

## Wisdom for Life:

### Walking with the LORD in Proverbs

This summer we step into the timeless wisdom of Proverbs and discover what it means to walk with the LORD in every aspect of life. This practical and Christ-centered worship series is designed to shape our daily life, our families, our work, our words, and our hearts.

Let's open Proverbs and walk with the LORD—step by step, week by week—growing in the kind of wisdom that brings life, joy, and peace in Christ.

June 22	Start Here – Fear the Lord!
June 29	The LORD'S Wisdom vs. the Siren's Song
July 6	LORD of the Nations
July 13	Stay on the LORD'S Path
July 20	Work in the Fear of the LORD
July 27	VBS Theme "An Unforgettable Journey with Jesus"
August 3	Words that Please the LORD
August 10	Value the LORD'S Correction
August 17	Search for Someone who Fears the LORD



## Spiritual Growth Opportunities

**Family Bible Study** will be held Sundays at 9:15 am beginning **May 25** through Labor Day weekend, led by the pastors in the Fellowship Hall. They will dig deeper into the sermon topic of the day for roughly 30 minutes. Questions will be provided for families and single individuals--All are welcome!

**Head & Heart Bible Study & Fellowship** for ages 18-29 at Pastor Schlicht's home, 6:00-8:00 pm. Held the first and third Mondays of each month. Next classes are **June 2, 16, 30, July 14, 28 and August 18** and an end of summer party. Discuss meaningful topics together, bring your friends and a Bible to write in. For more information, text 920-268-2962.

**Java and Jesus at No Way Cafe** - Selected Saturdays 8:15 am - 9:15 am - Ladies! Join us for coffee and conversation at No Way Cafe, 403 S. Main Street this summer. Arrive early (cafe opens at 7:30 am) to purchase coffee/treat. We also will have a carafe of coffee outdoors for donations! Enjoy the patio and get to know other women in a relaxed atmosphere. Bring your Bibles and let's talk about our Best Friend! We can accommodate 20 women, so please register <https://goodshepherdwels.churchcenter.com/registrations/events/2945513> See you **June 21, July 19, August 9!**

**Our next Bible Information Class**, "Our New Life with Jesus" will begin Monday, **September 8** at 6:30 pm.

## Ministry Events

### Welcome New Confirmands!

We welcome the following 20 youth Confirmands as communicant members who made their profession of faith at their Confirmation **May 18**. May the Lord keep them strong in their faith through his Word and the Lord's Supper! We welcome



Marium Amundson, Landon Birno, Connor Buscher, Brady Crass, Anna Dahlberg, Caden Groothousen, Aubrey Haeuser, Cadence Haeuser, Jayden Hamacher, Rachel Karst, Rowen Kolander, Brady Kolberg, Noelle Kreis, Nicholas Ley, Jackson Reis, Taryn Schram, Jameson Spaeth, Jordyn Theisen, Emma Urbanek, and Paul Zeinert.

**Ladies League Picnic** is Tuesday, **June 3** at 6:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall. All ladies are invited. We have a potluck meal and a very short business meeting. There is a sign-up sheet in the Welcome Center for attending the picnic and also if you wish to bring a salad or a dessert (not required to bring anything to attend). Guests are welcome - just indicate the number attending.

**Taste of Missions** will be held at Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary, **June 14** from 11:00 am – 4:30 pm. Sample ethnic cuisine, interact with home and world missionaries, and celebrate worship service of thanksgiving. Register at [tasteofmissions.com](http://tasteofmissions.com).

**4th of July Celebration** – Because of our new gym construction this summer, we are not planning a 4<sup>th</sup> of July celebration on our back lawn. However, informally, all are still welcome to bring their lawn chairs to view the fireworks where seating is available.

**WELS Night at the Brewers** - Sign Up Now! We're excited to announce our third annual group outing for WELS Night at the Brewers! Join us for a fun evening of baseball and fellowship as we cheer on the Milwaukee Brewers vs. the Washington Nationals on **Friday, July 11** at 7:10 PM at American Family Field. Our congregation has reserved a block of Loge Outfield Box seats, which offer fantastic views of the game. Tickets are half-priced at just \$15.00 each. We'll also be hosting a pre-game tailgate in the parking lot for anyone who would like to join in the fun beforehand. To reserve your spot, please sign up on the sheet located in the Welcome Center. Payment envelopes are also provided—just drop yours in the welcome center payment slot. Want to show your WELS spirit? Special WELS Night t-shirts are available for purchase starting at \$10.00 through the WELS Store: [welsstore.net/products/wels-night-at-the-brewers-softstyle-t-shirt](http://welsstore.net/products/wels-night-at-the-brewers-softstyle-t-shirt) Don't miss this opportunity to enjoy America's pastime with fellow Christians.

**Vacation Bible School** this summer will be held **July 21-25** at 9:00 am for ages 3 through 7th grade. Our theme is "Epic Australian Adventure ~ An unforgettable Journey with Jesus." You may register or volunteer online at our website [www.goodshepherdwels.org](http://www.goodshepherdwels.org), fill out a VBS volunteer form in the Welcome Center, or contact Cheryl Henckel if you can assist as a teacher, helper, craft leader





etc. Over 200 children attended last summer, so we can use plenty of volunteers. Even if you can't help all week, let us know which days you are available.

**Summer Play Days** are set for kids and their families to enjoy fun and fellowship together from 9:00-11:00 am. Join the fun **June 10** at Riverside Park, West Bend; **July 14** at Rotary Park Splash Pad in Slinger; **August 8** at Hickory Park in Jackson.

**Our Church Picnic** will be Sunday, **July 27** at Regner Park starting after the 10 am service. The Branches Band will play and our VBS kids will sing. If you can assist with meal set up, cooking, and serving, please sign up at our volunteer QR code below or in the Welcome Center. Thanks to Linda LaFleur for helping coordinate this event. There will be regular worship in church Thursday, **July 24**, but no 8:00 am service on **July 27**.

**Installation of all elected and appointed leaders and coordinators** will be held at our outdoor worship at Regner Park Sunday **July 27** at 10:00 am worship service, to kick off our new fiscal year.

**Our Rams Open Golf Outing, sponsored by GOAL**, will be Saturday, **September 6** with proceeds benefitting our school. Registration forms will be available at a later date in the Welcome Center. **A BIG Thank you to our GOAL parent teacher organization** which funded the remodel of the 7<sup>th</sup> grade classroom last year, and will fund the remodel of the 6<sup>th</sup> grade classroom this year. This costs about \$12,000 per classroom.

## Service and Fellowship Opportunities

**Are you looking for opportunities to serve God and others?** We have some upcoming events where we could use your spiritual gifts and abilities. Please sign up to partner with us and help all of our ministries be successful. Please click on this QR Code to sign up. We also have hard copy volunteer forms in the Welcome Center.



**Volunteer Cleaners** are needed to help keep our church sanctuary and narthex clean and looking their best. You can choose the times which work best for you on a schedule. We need to add more volunteers to our cleaning team. Click on Volunteer QR code to volunteer.

**Baby Bottle Banks** have been available since Mother's Day weekend to fill with cash, checks, or coins in support of New Beginnings, a home for mothers in need. Bring them back to church by Father's Day, **June 15**. See [homeformothers.com](http://homeformothers.com) for more information about this life giving ministry.

**Food Donations** – You may bring non-perishable food items to the bins in the Fellowship Hall to assist people in need through the ministry of Northside Ministries.



### Faith in Action — Saturday, September 13

starting at 9:00 am. Mark your calendar!

We are planning a special Faith in Action Day as an opportunity to put our faith into

action for the benefit of our community. We will deliver bags to 1,000+ homes in our community, knocking on doors, and inviting our neighbors to fill them with non-perishable goods to help those in need through our local Full Shelf Food Pantry. Then will collect those grocery items Saturday, **September 20** at 9:00 am. We will also prepare some kindness kits to help people through some of our local volunteer and service agencies. There will be numerous ways in which you can be involved on this day, walkers and drivers to drop off bags at homes and to pick up canned goods the following Saturday. You may also request to deliver bags to you own neighborhood. Contact our coordinators for the option. To participate, sign up at volunteer QR code. We thank Jerry and Kathy Balser for serving as coordinators of our Faith in Action Day.

## Ministry Update

**At our Voters' Assembly** May 13, we held elections, adopted our 25/26 Action Plans and Financial Plans for Ministry for our church, school, and Little Lambs, and issued a one year call to Pastor Paul Janke to serve as our retirement pastor, another one year call to Mrs. Mari Leininger to serve as our Little Lambs Childcare Director, and to Mrs. Susan Golisch to serve as additional Preschool 4 teacher.

Returning elected Coordinating Council members include Paul Ihlenfeldt – President, Korey Johnson – Financial Officer, and Todd Biesterfeld – Outreach Board Chairman. Newly elected include Curt Horbas – Support Board Chairman and Eric Bublitz, Worship Board Chairman. We thank Adam Retzlaff and Peter Kapler who have completed their terms of service. May the Lord bless the ministry we do together in his name!



### Building Connections Expansion Update

Groundbreaking for our facility expansion is **June 1** at 9:15 am. Come, join the celebration!

First the new gym will be constructed starting mid June through March 2026. Once completed, renovation of the present gym into classrooms will take place. Next May, after school is out, we can start converting two lower level classrooms into bathrooms, changing rooms and concessions. There will be many



## Our Mission in Christ

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

WORSHIP our Lord with joy,

GROW spiritually throughout our lives,

SERVE God and others in love,

SHARE the good news of Jesus with all people!



*My sheep listen to  
my voice,*

*I know them,*

*They follow me.*

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

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opportunities to save money on this project through volunteer labor in areas like demo, painting, clean up, running wires, etc. This is a great way to use your gifts to serve our Savior! Fill out a volunteer application in the Welcome Center. Special gifts in memory of a loved one or in honor of a special blessing are welcome. Our Building Connections Fund balance is \$1,525,963. Please keep our expansion project in your prayers!

**Matching Gift** – A donor is offering a matching gift toward the \$185,000 cost of our new gym floor. Now we are seeking special offerings to match this gift. \$25,000 has been received so far. To donate, designate “gym floor” on a Building Connections envelope or choose this specific option through Online Giving.

We welcome **special Groundbreaking thank offerings (June 1)**, over and above our pledges, which will be applied to our gym floor expense, to increase the matching donation.

**Online Giving** - We invite you to return your first-fruit offerings as your joyful act of worship. It's a beautiful way to express your gratitude to the Lord for your blessings and express your trust in him to provide for your future needs. Your gifts also help us carry out our ministry plan. God's Word teaches, **“He who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will also supply and increase your store of seed and will enlarge your harvest of righteousness. You will be enriched in every way so that you can be generous on every occasion, and through us your generosity will result in thanksgiving to God.”** 2 Corinthians 9:11 Online giving is available at our website with all the designations available from your envelope packet (click on the “more” button on top of the screen and then “offering”).

**Email updates**—To be added to our weekly ministry updates, send an email to Pastor Hein at [revrhein@gmail.com](mailto:revrhein@gmail.com). It's a great way to stay connected.

**Church / School Office** hours in the summer are Monday-Thursday 8:30-10:30 am. Call 262-334-7881 if you have a special need.

### SPECIAL GIFTS

In memory of Molly Kemp from family and friends  
- \$10 for Building Connections

In memory of Barb Heller from family and friends  
- \$765 for Little Lambs Mortgage Reduction

In memory of Glen Ellefsen from family and friends  
- \$50 for new gym floor match

# Good Shepherd Lutheran Church

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<b>1</b> 8:00 am Worship Service 9:15 am Groundbreaking for Expansion 10:00 am Worship Service	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b> 6:00 pm Ladies League Picnic	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b> 6:30 pm Communion Worship	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>
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