

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



**The B-I-B-L-E, Yes,
That's the Book for Me**

According to AI, 88% of Americans own one, and the average household has four. 20% of Americans believe it

is the literal Word of God. However, a larger portion, 49%, view it as inspired by God, but not everything in it is to be taken literally. You guessed it, I'm talking about the Bible.

So, what is the Bible to you?

Romans 1:16 says, "I am not ashamed of the Gospel because it is the power of God for the salvation of everyone who believes." First and foremost, the Bible is the Gospel. It is the good news about Jesus Christ. Romans 1:16 says that this Gospel is power. In the original Greek, the word that is used for power is the same word from which we get our English word "dynamite." The Gospel is dynamite.

Through the Gospel the Holy Spirit makes an impact and change in our hearts of sin and unbelief, and creates faith. Through that same Gospel, the Holy Spirit also strengthens our faith in Jesus.

Next, the Bible is not simply a rulebook or guidebook for life; rather it is a book about salvation. It is not as much about what we should do, as it is about what God has done for us. The Bible is the story of God's amazing grace. It tells us of a loving God who has rescued imperfect human beings like you and me. It tells us of a gracious God who sent his own Son into our world to live perfectly in our place and to die and rise for us so we can have eternal life.

So, what is the Bible to you? I pray that you confidently and joyfully sing along with me, the B-I-B-L-E, yes, that's the book for me! I stand alone on the Word of God, the B-I-B-L-E!

Pastor Mueller

Ascension Day Worship – Come celebrate Jesus' victorious return to heaven at our special Ascension Day worship service Thursday, **May 29 at 6:30 pm**. The Sunday worship services will follow our regular format.

Worship our Lord with Joy!

Saturdays at 5:00 pm; Sundays at 8:00 and 10:30 am.
 Sunday School and Bible Study at 9:15 am.
 Holy Communion is offered the 2nd and 4th Sundays of the month.

EASTER SEASON WORSHIP THEME: Because He Lives

The Apostle Paul writes, "Christ has indeed been raised from the dead" (1 Cor. 15:20). Paul is stressing that Jesus' resurrection really happened. Easter is not just a holiday, Easter is history! On time's infinite line, Jesus' resurrection is the moment that changes everything for us, now and forever. In the seven weeks of this Easter season, we will focus on the breath-taking blessings we have Because He Lives! See the schedule below:

- 4/26 & 27 Because He Lives: We Have a Meaningful Mission
- 5/3 & 4 Because He Lives: We Can See Things Clearly
- 5/10 & 11 Because He Lives: We Know Jesus is Trustworthy and True
- 5/17 & 18 Because He Lives: We Live Lives of Lavish Love
(5/18 at 1:30 pm is Confirmation)

–Summer Worship Schedule Begins–

- 5/22 & 25 Because He Lives: We Have Deep and Lasting Joy
- 5/29 Because He Lives: He Reigns on High (Ascension)
- 6/1 Because He Lives: Christ Creates Unity within Diversity

"Unworthy", an area WELS contemporary musical group, will play at our Sunday worship services Sunday, **May 4** at 8:00 and 10:30 am. A freewill offering will be gathered to support their music ministry. Invite your friends. Our Saturday evening service will follow the regular format.

Opportunities to Grow through God's Word



Sunday Bible Classes at 9:15 am through May 18th

Redeeming Technology: Calling all Good Shepherd Parents! Join us for a four-week Bible study designed to help you guide your children through the digital world with Christ-centered care. Through Scripture, discussion, and practical strategies, we will explore: How our identity in Christ shapes our technology use. How to use technology, not be controlled by it. Setting healthy boundaries without battles. Making technology serve faith and family rather than replace them. Each session will include real-life applications, insights, and challenges to put faith into action at home. **Join us Sundays at 9:15 am in the sanctuary, April 27–May 18**, between services. (Led by Pastor Schlicht and Pastor Mueller.)

God's Providence - refers to God's purposeful involvement in the affairs of the world, guiding and sustaining creation according to his wisdom and love. Does God have a plan for my life? How does that relate to the choices I make in my life? Come find the answers in this new Bible study "God's Providence." Led by Pastor Hein in the Fellowship Hall, **April 27-May 18**.

Youth Mornings - Activities include icebreaker game, praise songs, keynote from Pastor Mueller, Crumbl Cookies and male/female breakout sessions led by young adult leaders. Our next Youth Morning will be **May 11** from 9:15-10:15 am. We meet in the 7th grade classroom. Ages include 8th grade-12th grade.

Sunday School is held Sundays at 9:15 am for children 3 years old (potty trained) through 7th grade. We welcome all children to attend! Register online and read weekly lesson updates at this link. <https://www.goodshepherdwels.org/ss>. Our Sunday School closing program will be Sunday, **May 18** at 9:15 am in the Fellowship Hall.

We are looking for people to join our Sunday School team. Would you be willing to help as a substitute when we are short staffed? Would you be interested in co-leading a class or perhaps assist with the younger students while they are being taught? Contact Cheryl Fischer at cherafischer@gmail.com or 262-483-8380.

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. Learn more at tasteofmissions.com.

Our Jesus Cares worship services are held the first Tuesday of each month with the next service Tue. **May 6** at 6:00 pm. These simplified worship services bring the Word of God to those with special needs using music, participation, and rhythm instruments. There are flyers in the Welcome Center for you to invite those you know with special needs.

NOTE: Summer Worship Schedule Change

Our final Saturday evening services of the season will be **Saturday, May 17** at 5:00 pm

Our first Thursday evening worship service for the summer will be **Thursday, May 22** at 6:30 pm.

Sunday worship services will be held at **8:00 and 10:00 am beginning Memorial Day weekend, May 25**.

An **8th Grade Graduation service** will be held the last day of school, **May 21** at 6:00 pm.

Summer Family Bible Study will be held in the Fellowship Hall for all ages from 9:15-9:45 am beginning **May 25**. We will apply the sermon topic of the day.

Weekday Bible Studies

Monday - 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, **April 21, May 5 and 19**. Discuss current topics together, bring your friends and a Bible to write in. For more information, text 920-268-2962.

Monday Evening Women's Bible Study - "Philippians, Why Was Paul So Joyful?" See same description under Friday Women's Bible study. Selected Mondays at 6:30 pm in the Fellowship Hall. Next is Class **April 21, May 5 and 19**. Led by Marilyn Sievert.

Wednesday Morning Bible Study is continuing to focus on the Gospel of Mark with the theme, "Your Kingdom Come." The class is led by Pastor Paul Janke. Final class of the season is **May 28**.

Friday - Women's Morning Bible Study "Philippians, Why Was Paul So Joyful?" Join us Friday mornings 8:00-9:00 am in the Fellowship Hall when school is in session. When we read what the Apostle Paul wrote to the Christian believers in the city of Philippi, we find ourselves being caught up in his unmistakable joy. We can have that joy, too. Join us any time, and find out why! We meet in the Fellowship Hall. All women invited. Team taught. YES, we have child care! (and coffee).

OWLS - The next meeting of our Dodge/Washington OWLS will be Monday, **May 19**, 10:00 am here at Good Shepherd Fellowship Hall. Our speaker will be Brad Price of the U.S. Military Support Group. Everyone is invited.

School Musical - You are invited to see our children in grades 5-8 perform the musical "Annie" in our school gym Friday, **April 25** at 6:30 pm and Sat. **April 26** at 1:00 pm.

Women's Ministry is holding a special event Sunday, April 27 from 1:30-4:00 pm. The theme is "Every Thought Captive—Power in Weakness": What it Means to be Mentally Healthy in the Eyes of God - Women's Ministry Speaker Event with Melissa Kreuser will explore what the Bible says about mental health and learn strategies for dealing with common cognitive distortions we may see in ourselves and/or others. It is our prayer that you leave this presentation with a better understanding of the topic, hope for stronger tomorrows and a set of tools to assist yourself and others. Snacks and beverages will be served. Register at this QR code. \$10 cost paid online or at church office.



Open Forums – All Members invited! Planning is underway to develop our 2025-2026 Ministry Plan which will be approved at our Voters' Assembly Tuesday, **May 13** at 7:00 pm. Open Forums will be held right after each service Saturday, **May 3** at 6:00 pm and Sunday **May 4** at 9:00 am and 11:30 am to share Ministry Highlights, preliminary Action Plans and Ministry Financial Plans with for your information and input. We will emphasize new ministry initiatives and offer opportunities for personal involvement.

We thank God for you! We will honor Mrs. Judy Weigand for her many years of faithful service as an organist, accompanist and piano teacher, helping God's people worship our Lord with joy, Sunday, **May 11** at the 8:00 am service. Treats and refreshments will follow

Ministry Celebration – We will celebrate the retirements of Miriam Paustian and Linda Hughes from the teaching ministry Sunday, **May 18** at the 10:30 am service with a presentation in church, and treats and fellowship in the Welcome Center. A box will be available for cards and gifts. Mrs. Hughes has served us for one year. Mrs. Paustian entered the teaching ministry here at Good Shepherd in 1983, and has served here most years since. We thank Mrs. Paustian and Mrs. Hughes for their faithful service to our Lord and his people!

WELS Lutherans for Life – Miriam's Walk, Saturday, May 10 at Wisconsin Lutheran High (track) 330 Glenview Ave, Milwaukee. Honor Miriam Kremer at this event to benefit WELS Lutherans for Life's pregnancy medical clinic. Alife2.com/Miriams-Walk

Confirmation for our 8th grade Confirmands will be held Sunday, **May 18** at 1:30 pm. They will each have an opportunity to offer a profession of their faith at a Confirmation interview in early May. Pray that the Lord would keep these young people connected to Jesus all the days of their lives.

KML Spring Play – **May 2-3** at 7:00 pm; **May 4** at 2:00 pm.

KML Jazz/Echoes Concert is Wednesday, **May 7** at 6:30 pm in the KML Performing Arts Center.

KML Percussion Concert is Saturday, **May 10** at 6:30 pm in the KML Performing Arts Center.

KML Spring Concert is Saturday, **May 17** at 6:30 pm in the KML Performing Arts Center.

KML Graduation is Saturday, **May 24** at 1:00 pm.

KML Charity Golf Outing – July 14

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

Don't miss this opportunity to enjoy America's pastime with fellow Christians.

Vacation Bible School will be held mornings this year **July 21-25** for ages 3 through 7th grade. Our theme is "Epic Australian Adventure ~ An unforgettable Journey with Jesus" You may register online at our website www.goodshepherdwels.org. 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. We also plan to hold our outdoor worship service and fabulous church picnic at Regner Park on **July 27** at 10:00 am at which the VBS kids will sing.

Church Picnic - Our fabulous church picnic and outdoor worship service will be held Sunday, **July 27** at Regner Park. We will have one outdoor worship service that Sunday at 10:00 am. Our VBS kids will also sing and the Branches Band will play. After the service, we will enjoy a delicious meal, fellowship, bean bag toss. Bring lawn chairs, yard games, and invite your friends. If you would like to assist with set up and serving, please sign up in the Welcome Center.

A Property Workday will be held Saturday, **May 3** beginning at 8:00 am with indoor and outdoor projects available. A signup sheet is available in the Welcome Center. Contact Property Coordinator Mark Peters for more information.

Summer Camp - Camp Phillip Summer Camp brochures are available in the Welcome Center. As a member of the federation supporting Camp Phillip, our children receive a discount. A special offering to support Camp Phillip will be gathered at our services **May 3/4**.

Our Voters' Assembly is Tuesday, **May 13** at 7:00 pm. At this meeting, we will elect leaders to our Coordinating Council and approve our Action Plans and Financial Plan for Ministry for church, school and Little Lambs for fiscal year 24/25. We will also issue another one year call to Pastor Paul Janke to serve in a retirement capacity. All voting members are encouraged to attend.

Baby Bottle Banks will be available Mother's Day weekend, **May 11** to be filled with coins, cash, or checks in support of "New Beginnings", a home for mothers in need. Please return them by Father's Day weekend. Address checks to "Good Shepherd Ladies League". This special offering is being sponsored by our Ladies League.

Little Lambs Teacher Appreciation week will be held **May 5-9**. Little Lambs will have the opportunity to show our teachers love and appreciation for all they do for the littlest of lambs. Use this sign-up link to contribute to lunches or breakfasts for our fabulous team: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0B4BA5AC2DABFEC25-56158911-little>

We appreciate your support of our wonderful teachers and staff!!

Special Gifts

In memory of Grace Schulz from family and friends
\$1,160 to Gym Floor Building Fund

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Building Connections Expansion Update

We rejoice that our expansion plans were recently approved by the West Bend Planning Commission. Groundbreaking for our facility expansion is **June 1** at 9:15 am with construction completed August 2026. First the new gym will be constructed through March of 2026. Then renovation of our present gym into classrooms will begin. There will be many 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. Please keep our expansion project in your prayers!

Call News – Mrs. Emily Huonder accepted our one year call to serve as an instructional teacher. Shepherd of the Hills is issuing a one year call for an additional Kindergarten teacher April 15. May the Lord bless all of our called workers and staff.

Teacher Appreciation Week - This year, during the week of **May 5 - 9**, we invite you to show your appreciation for our amazing staff here at Good Shepherd! Our entire staff works so hard to provide our kids with an amazing, Christ centered education. This is the perfect opportunity to show them how much we value their hard work and dedication.

We will be providing the staff with breakfast and lunch during this entire week and if we have enough monetary donations collected, we would like to provide our staff with gift cards. You can sign up to help with food and other items that we need at the following link. <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70A0F4CA9AF2DAAF85-48861206-teacher>

*New for this year: we will be planning ahead and preparing posters for all staff. If you have time and would like to create a special poster ahead of time or help serve and clean up during the week, please sign up here. All help is greatly appreciated and needed! <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70A0F4CA9AF2DAAF85-48861209-teacher>

Please drop off all items in the Fellowship hall upstairs and mark everything with TAW. Along with meals, I am collecting monetary donations to offset the cost of one meal being purchased from a local business. Please send monetary donations to the school office marked in an envelope "Teacher Appreciation Week." Checks can be made out to Good Shepherd Lutheran School. Please have all donations to school by **May 1**. Thank you to everyone for helping make this week extra special for our wonderful staff! If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to reach out.

Thank you, Breanna Warmka schellbre@gmail.com

Good Shepherd Lutheran Church

May 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 6:30 pm Public Sch. Cat. 7:30 pm Adult Choir	2 8:00 am Women's Bible Study 7:00 pm KML Play	3 8:00 am Property Workday 10:00 am Leadership Seminar 5:00 pm Worship 7:00 pm KML Play
4 8:00 am Worship 9:15 am Sunday School & Bible Study 10:30 am Worship 2:00 pm KML Play	5 6:00 pm Head & Heart Study 6:30 pm Bible Info Class 6:30 pm Women's Bible Study	6 9:30 am Ladies League 6:00 pm Jesus Cares Worship 7:00 pm Ladies League	7 9:00 am Wed. Bible Study 6:30 pm Adult Bells 6:30 pm Public Sch. Catechism 6:30 pm KML Jazz/Echoes 7:00 pm Adult Choir	8 6:30 pm Public Sch. Cat. 7:30 pm Adult Choir	9 8:00 am Women's Bible Study	10 5:00 pm Communion Worship 6:30 pm KML Percussion Concert
11 8:00 am Communion Worship 9:15 am Sun School & Bible Study 10:30 am Communion Worship	12 6:30 pm Pioneers	13 6:00 pm Confirmation Rehearsal 7:00 pm Voters' Assembly	14 9:00 am Wed. Bible Study 6:30 pm Adult Bells	15 7:30 pm Adult Choir	16 8:00 am Women's Bible Study 9:00 am School Olympic Day	17 5:00 pm Worship 6:30 pm KML Spring Concert
18 8:00 am Worship 9:15 am Sunday School & Bible Study 10:30 am Worship 1:30 pm Confirmation Service	19 10:00 am OWLS at Good Shepherd 6:00 pm Head & Heart Study 6:30 pm Women's Bible Study	20 6:30 pm Coordinating Council	21 Last day of school 8:00 am Newsletter Mailing 9:00 am Wed. Bible Study 6:00 pm School Graduation	22 6:30 pm Communion Worship 7:30 pm Adult Choir	23	24 1:00 pm KML Graduation
25 8:00 am Communion Worship 9:15 am Family Bible Study 10:00 am Communion Worship	26 Memorial Day	27	28 9:00 am Wed. Bible Study	29 6:30 pm Ascension Day Worship	30	31