

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



Lutheranism — New Religion or Return to the Original?

On October 31, 1517, Martin Luther nailed his 95 Thesis to the door of the Castle Church in Wittenberg, Germany, igniting the spark which flamed into the Lutheran Reformation. "Reformation" is a good name for this movement. Martin Luther did not establish a new religion. He didn't even like the word "Lutheran". He preferred that we call ourselves Christians. Martin Luther did not invent any new doctrines. He simply led us back to the original truths of the Bible. Think of someone driving a car to a chosen destination. At some point, they get off track and get lost. They need to return to the right path to reach their original destination.

How did the church of Luther's time get off track? They took their focus off of Christ and placed it on human effort. They took their focus off of God's Word and placed it on human tradition. Luther restored us to the truths which Christ and the apostles taught all along, and which the early Christians clearly confessed: We are saved by grace alone, through faith in Christ alone, as revealed to us in God's Word alone. This is the Reformation heritage we celebrate to this day, not teaching anything new or different, but cherishing and confessing the original truths as revealed to us in the Bible. This is the truth which sets us free and leads us to our ultimate destination – our eternal home with Jesus in heaven.

-Pastor Robert Hein

Reformation Festival Services: We will celebrate the blessings of the Lutheran Reformation **November 1/2** at all services. The effect of the Lutheran Reformation can hardly be overstated. Historians consider the Lutheran Reformation of greater significance than the discovery of the New World. Yet much more meaningful than earthly significance, the Reformation has affected souls by preserving and proclaiming God's Word in its truth and purity. This Reformation Festival service, we celebrate that in an uncertain world, we have truth and peace in Jesus. By grace, through faith in Scripture alone, we stand on solid ground each and every day.

Worship our Lord with Joy!

Psalm 122:1 - *I rejoiced with those who said to me, "Let us go to the house of the Lord."*

Saturdays at 5:00 pm; Sundays at 8:00 and 10:30 am.

Holy Communion is offered the 2nd and 4th weekends of the month.

Saints Triumphant Sunday will be observed **November 15-16** in which we focus on the glory our departed loved ones in Christ are enjoying in heaven. We will also read the names of our members who were called to heaven over the past year, in their memory.

Jesus Cares Worship: You are invited to our monthly Jesus Cares worship services for people with special needs. Our upcoming services are Tuesdays, **November 4, December 2, January 6** at 6:00 pm. Invite a friend with special needs and attend these blessed services with them. Promotional flyers are available in the Welcome Center.



Thanksgiving Worship - Join us Wednesday, **November 26** at 6:30 pm or Thursday, **November 27** at 9:00 am. This is a wonderful opportunity to reflect on God's goodness to us and praise him for his awesome blessings. "Praise the LORD, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits!"

Thanksgiving Food Drive - We also invite you to bring non-perishable goods prior to Thanksgiving to the designated box in the Fellowship Hall. 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.



Join us for Midweek Advent Worship!

Wednesdays - 10:00 am and 6:30 pm;
December 3, 10, and 17

Prepare your hearts to celebrate Christmas! The theme of our midweek Advent services is "Why Christmas Matters: Implications of the Incarnation." Services run about 45 minutes.

Advent Dinners will be held prior to our 3 Advent services from 5:15-6:15 pm in the Fellowship Hall. We can use volunteers to assist with setup, serving, and cleanup. Please bring a freewill offering to cover expenses. Bring a dessert to share. Signup in the Welcome Center to volunteer.

Christmas Season Worship Opportunities

Join us as we celebrate the birth of our Savior in Word and Song!



Good Shepherd Christmas Choir Concert – Sunday, **December 7** at 4:30 pm

Little Lambs Christmas Program – Saturday, **December 13** at 9:30 am

Children's Christmas Services – Saturday, **December 20** at 10:00 am & 1:00 pm

Sunday School Christmas Service – Sunday, **December 21** at 10:30 am (as part of our worship service)

Christmas Eve Candlelight Services – Wednesday, **December 24** at 4:00 & 9:00 pm (note new time of early service)

Christmas Day Festival Service – Thursday, **December 25** at 9:00 am.



Opportunities to Grow Through the Word

SUNDAY BIBLE STUDIES— 9:15 am

"Stories that Stick" God's Word is meant to be told. For generations, the people of God have shared his truth through stories that touch hearts and stay with us long after they're told. In this 4-week Bible study, we'll learn how to tell the stories of Scripture by heart—and why doing so is such a powerful way to share our faith. Together, we'll see how God uses simple storytelling to open doors, disarm defenses, and build genuine connections in everyday conversations. You'll come away with confidence to speak God's Word naturally and faithfully—so that his stories become a part of you, and you become his voice to others. Join us Sundays Oct. 26th --Nov. 16th at 9:15am in the Fellowship Hall. Led by Pastor Schlicht.

Be Strong and Courageous – An Overview of Joshua, the man of God – 5 lessons, **November 23—December 21st**. Learn lessons in courage and faithfulness. Led by Pastor Hein in the Fellowship Hall.

Youth Mornings - Activities include an icebreaker game, praise songs, keynote from Pastor Mueller, Crumbl Cookies and male/female breakout sessions led by young adult leaders. Youth Mornings will be held **November 9** and **December 14** from 9:15-10:15 am. We will begin in the 7th grade classroom and break into small groups from there. 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. Help your children stay connected to Jesus!

Childcare Available - We have babysitters for Sunday Morning Bible Study! Drop off your 0-2 year old in the Parents Rooms by the sanctuary and enjoy one of our Sunday morning Bible studies at 9:15 am. Register your child by emailing Hannah Marggraf at marggrafhm@gmail.com.

WEEKDAY BIBLE STUDIES

Head & Heart Bible Study & Fellowship for ages 18-29 held at Pastor Schlicht's home, 6:00-8:00 pm Mondays twice a month, **November 3 & 17, December 1 & 15**. Bring a friend and a Bible. For more information, text Pastor Schlicht at 920-268-2962.

Wednesday Morning Bible Study is held at 9:00 am in the Fellowship Hall. Focus on the passion history of our LORD based upon the Gospel of Mark. Everyone is welcome to attend. Led by Pastor Paul Janke.

Women's Friday Morning Bible Study - "Faith Unleashed" Join us Friday mornings 8:00-9:00 am when school is in session. While you may know your spiritual gifts, you have never studied them this way! In the book, authored by Lori Lorig & Marilyn Sievert, you will have ample time to meet biblical characters who used and shared their gifts - people just like you! All women are invited. Team taught by Cathy, Alli, and Marilyn. YES, we have child care! Coffee provided - bring your mug! Bring your Bible!

Service and Fellowship Opportunities

KML Children's Theatre presents "Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs" and "One Act Double Feature" at the KML Performing Arts Center Friday, **October 31** at 7:00 pm and Saturday, **November 1** at 2:00 pm.

Ladies League meets Tuesday, **November 4** at 9:30 am and 7:00 pm. All ladies are invited to attend. They are also holding their Christmas Party Dinner Tuesday, **December 2** at 6:00 pm.

KML Veteran's Day Observance is Thursday, **November 6** at 9:20 am in the Performing Arts Center. Everyone is invited. This is a wonderful way to honor those who have served our country in the armed forces.



Kringles ordered from Lutheran Pioneers may be picked up Saturday, **November 8** from 11:30 am until 12:20 pm in the Fellowship Hall.

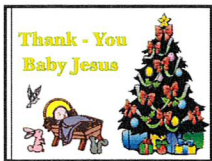
Men's Bible Breakfast – All men and young men are invited! Enjoy a hearty meaty breakfast, and a short Bible study Saturday, **November 15** from 8:00-9:30 am in our Fellowship Hall. This is a great way to grow in your faith and get to know your brothers in Christ better. Invite your friends. For planning purposes, please sign up in the Welcome Center.



The Northwestern Publishing House Book and Gift Display will be held the weekends of **November 15/16** and **November 22/23**. You will be able to order NPH books at a 10% discount and no extra shipping costs. Advent calendars, Christmas cards, ornaments and other faith based items will also be available for purchase.

A Sheephead tournament will be held at Good Shepherd Fellowship Hall Saturday, **November 22** from 1:00 -4:00 pm. Sign up in the Welcome Center. Please bring a snack to share. Invite your friends!

The Wednesday Bible Study Christmas Luncheon will be held Thursday, **December 4** at 12:00 pm in the Good Shepherd Fellowship Hall.



Christmas for Kids will be Saturday **December 6** from 9:00 am – 11:45 am for three year old (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 with singing, crafts, a video, a Bible story and fun. Invite your unchurched friends! If you would like to help, fill out a volunteer form at church or use the QR code for volunteers. Register children online at www.goodshepherdwels.org or pick up a registration form at church. All volunteers need to have returned a volunteer form.



Care Packages – Our Shepherd Youth are preparing care packages for college students in January. If you know of someone, you would like to be included on this list, please sign them up in the Welcome Center by **January 5**. Donations are also welcome! Please bring hot chocolate, popcorn, granola bars, pens, post it notes, candy, ramen, Little Debbie's, mini pringles cans, etc. to the designated box in the Fellowship Hall.

Advent by Candlelight—"The Handmaid of the Lord", an Advent by Candlelight event - Tuesday, **December 9** at 7:00 pm, for all women ages 13 and up. Doors open at 6:30 pm - held in the sanctuary. Come for a special Acacia Theatre touring performance as you experience the birth and life of Jesus through the eyes of his mother, Mary. Janet Peterson, in an original one-woman show, will be dressed in period costume as she weaves the Gospels together in compelling storytelling. Invite your daughters, friends, and neighbors! Hosted by the Women's Ministry Team and the Ladies League. Please sign up by December 5 on the sheet in the Welcome Center or online at this QR code.



Are you looking for opportunities to serve God and others? We have upcoming events where we could use your spiritual gifts and abilities. Sign up to partner with us and help all of our ministries be successful. We are looking for those who are interested in helping to clean our church, serve at events like Trunk or Treat, Advent Dinners, Christmas for Kids and more. Please use this QR code.



Helping those in need – You are invited to designate a special offering to our "Needy Fund" through online giving, your blue envelope or designating a special gifts envelope, available in the narthex. Our leaders have been using these funds to help people in our church and community in time of need with food vouchers and financial assistance. We also used some of these funds to provide items for kindness kits for Faith in Action Day. Special gifts are encouraged to replenish this fund. Thanks for your special gifts of love!



Thanks to everyone who donated food and helped us gather food items from our community for our Faith in Action Day. We collected 26 barrels and 4,910 pounds of food which will benefit needy families in Washington County through our local Full Shelf Food Pantry. The combined weight of the Packers starting offensive linemen is 1,585 pounds. The food collected weighed more than 3 times the weight of the entire offensive line.



*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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Facility Expansion Update—Due to our growing school enrollment, we are expanding our facilities to provide additional classrooms, meeting spaces, a new gym, and additional parking. Walls are going up for our new gym.

Once the gym is completed around February, renovation of the present gym into classrooms will take place. Building Connections envelopes are available in the narthex, your envelope packet, or through Online Giving. Special gifts in memory of a loved one are welcome!

Volunteers Needed! - Builders for Christ, under the coordination of Mark Pamperin, will save us a great deal of money by completing the rough carpentry of areas around the new gym. We are providing lunch and snacks for our Builders for Christ volunteers through November 17. You can donate food items, prepare a lunch, or help serve. Sign up in the Welcome Center.

IRA Distribution - If you are 70 ½ or older, you may direct IRA Distributions directly to the church as your offering which also results in tax savings to you. Contact our business manager, Jim Sievert for more information.

A Little Lambs Giving Tree is set up in the Welcome Center. Take home tags with wish list items to enhance their ministry as they prepare for licensing.



Special Gifts

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,

SERVE God and others in love,

SHARE the good news of Jesus!

Good Shepherd Church Calendar

November 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1 5:00 pm Reformation Worship
2 8:00 am Reformation Worship 9:15 am Sunday School and Bible Study 10:30 am Reformation Worship	3 6:00 pm Head & Heart Study 6:30 pm Bible Info Class 7:00 pm KML General Board	4 9:30 am Ladies League 6:00 pm Jesus Cares Worship 7:00 pm Ladies League	5 9:00 am Wed. Bible Study 6:30 pm Adult Bells 6:30 pm Public Sch. Catechism	6 9:20 am KML Veteran's Day 6:30 pm Griefshare 6:30 pm Men's Choir 7:00 pm Adult Choir	7 No School	8 5:00 pm Communion Worship
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