

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



### Jesus is Still Serving Us!

On Thursday, May 9<sup>th</sup> we will celebrate Jesus' Ascension into heaven with a special worship service of word and song. When star athletes retire, they can no longer play for their team. They can't throw any more passes or make any more shots to help their team win a victory. They are retired.

Jesus completed his redemptive work on the cross and then declared his victory for all the world to see when he rose from the dead on Easter Sunday morning. 40 days later he ascended to heaven. But please don't think that Jesus went into retirement. Jesus continues to serve and bless us to this very day. He continues to carry out his three fold office as our prophet priest and king for our benefit.

As our prophet, he sends us out to share his saving truth with others.

**You will be my witness! - Acts 1:8**

As our priest, he continues to intercede for us to our heavenly Father,

**Jesus is at the right hand of God and is also interceding for us. – Romans 8:34**

As our king, he rules in our hearts by his Word and he rules at the right hand of God for the good of his people.

**Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts! – Colossians 3:15**

What comfort and confidence this brings us as we gather together to worship our Lord with joy, grow spiritually throughout our lives, serve God and others in love, and share the good news of Jesus with all people. Christ is with us. Christ is in us. Christ continues to serve us. Christ empowers us to carry out the ministry of nurture and outreach he sets before us.

Therefore, stand firm. Let nothing move you. Always give yourselves fully to the work of the Lord because we know that your labor in the Lord is not in vain!

Your brother in Christ,  
Pastor Robert Hein

### Worship our Lord with joy!

Saturdays at 5:00 pm;  
Sundays at 8:00 and 10:30 am.  
Holy Communion is offered the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Sundays  
of the month.

**Ascension Day Worship** – Come celebrate Jesus' victorious return to heaven at our special Ascension Day worship service Thursday, **May 9** at 6:30 pm.

#### **Summer Worship Schedule Change –**

Our final Saturday evening services of the season will be Saturday, **May 18** at 5:00 pm.

Our first Thursday evening worship service will be Thursday, **May 23** at 6:00 pm. **This is also our 8<sup>th</sup> grade graduation service.** Please note the earlier starting time.

Sunday worship services will be held at 8:00 and 10:00 am beginning Memorial Day weekend, **May 26**.

**Summer Family Bible Study** will be held in the Fellowship Hall for all ages at 9:15 am beginning **May 26**. We will dig deeper into the sermon topic of the day. Led by the pastors.

**Jesus Cares:** Our next Jesus Cares worship service is Tuesday, **May 7** at 6:00 pm. Invite a friend with special needs and attend these blessed services with them.

**Graduation Acknowledgement** - We want to acknowledge our graduates from high school, college, tech/grad. school, or military. A insert will be included in the bulletin **May 30 & June 2** listing our graduates, the school they attended, and the degree they received. We will also include them in our prayers. To be included on this list, sign up in Welcome Center or call the church office at 334-7881 by **May 25th**.



## Opportunities to Grow through the Word

**Sunday Bible Classes at 9:15 am through May 19th**

**The Heart of the Bible: Learning to Love the Book of Psalms** - At the center of the Bible lies the book of Psalms. This poetic heart of the Scriptures has served as the hymnal of God's people for roughly three thousand years. Jesus spoke and sang psalms often, even quoting them from the cross. This 6-week course seeks to grow your love for the Psalms and to reveal our Savior's love for us through them. Not only will you learn about the different types of Psalms and how they relate to one another, but you will be equipped to read them on your own. Led by Pastor Schlicht.

**Youth Bible Class:** Directed to 8-12th graders. **April 28** from 9:15-10:15 am. In the 6th grade classroom. Led by Pastor Matt Mueller.

**Sunday School** is held Sundays at 9:15 am for children 3 and up. Bring your children to learn about Jesus. Our last Sunday School for this school year is **May 19**. All Sunday School children and guardians are invited to come to this special event where we will join together in the Fellowship Hall for a devotion, game, snack, and craft.

**Wednesday Morning Bible Study** is continuing its review of Luther's Small Catechism. We've just begun our study of the Apostles' Creed, an ancient expression of classical Christianity. We meet in the fellowship hall on Wednesdays from 9:00 to 10:00 am through May 22. The class is led by Pastor Paul Janke. Join us!

**"United in Christ: The Epistle to the Ephesians"** - You're invited to join us for a six-week study of the book of Ephesians held in the Fellowship Hall. We'll study and discuss topics like predestination, spiritual warfare, and the roles of parents, husbands, and wives. Above all, we'll see the glorious unity we have in Jesus Christ. Classes are on Thursdays at 6:30 pm through May 16.

**A small group Bible Study** is held at the home of Tom and Laurie Getka on Thursdays from 7-8 pm through May 16. Enjoy fellowship and spiritual growth in a small group setting. Each week we will dig deeper into the sermon topic of the previous weekend. Contact Tom at [tgetka@sbcglobal.net](mailto:tgetka@sbcglobal.net) or call 262-707-1393 to learn more. We have room for 4 more people.

**Friday Morning Women's Bible Study** - "Seated at The Table with Jesus." As Lutheran believers, we grasp that we are justified, forgiven, sanctified and redeemed. But seated? Are we missing an essential truth? What does it mean? And why would the Apostle Paul, at a historic time in the church at Ephesus, use this image and this verb? Join us Fridays from 8:00 to 9:00 am through May 17 to dig deeper into this incredible concept: I'm seated! All women invited. Child care available - Team taught by Melissa Linton and Marilyn Sievert.

## Special Events

**OWLS** - The next meeting of our Dodge/Washington OWLS will be Monday, **April 22**, 10:00 am at Peace, Hartford. Our speaker will be Coral Cady Metcalfe from WELS Kingdom Workers who will tell us about her work in Indonesia and elsewhere to provide water, sanitation and hygiene, thus providing opportunities to share the Gospel. Everyone is invited. A short business meeting and our potluck lunch will follow so please bring a dish to share.

**Lutheran Chorale Concert "Sola Scriptura"** - Saturday, **April 27** at 4:00 pm. At Christ the Lord Lutheran Church in Brookfield. All are invited.

**Ministry Anniversary Celebration** - We are celebrating the 25<sup>th</sup> teaching ministry anniversary of Mrs. Chrissy Rau Sunday, **April 28** at the 10:30 am service with a presentation and speakers in church and treats and fellowship to follow in the Welcome Center. A box will be available for cards and gifts. We thank Mrs. Rau for her many years of faithful service to our Lord and his people!

**Confirmation** for our 8<sup>th</sup> grade Confirmands will be held Sunday, **May 19** 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 Events

**KML Spring Play** - **Friday and Saturday, May 3-4** at 7:00 pm; **Sunday, May 5** at 2:00 pm.

**KML Jazz/Echoes Concert** is Wednesday, **May 8** at 6:30 pm in the KML Performing Arts Center.

**KML Percussion Concert** is Saturday, **May 11** at 6:30 pm in the KML Performing Arts Center.

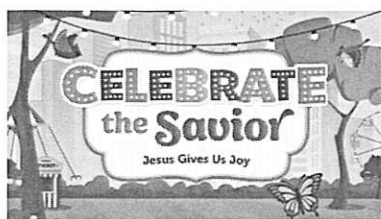
**KML Spring Concert** is Saturday, **May 18** at 6:30 pm in the KML Performing Arts Center.

**KML Graduation** is Saturday, **May 25** at 1:00 pm.

**KML Charity Golf Outing** - Monday, **July 15**

**Taste of Missions** will be held at Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary **June 15<sup>th</sup>** from 11:00 am – 4:30 pm. Sample ethnic cuisine, interact with home and world missionaries, and celebrate with a Worship service of Thanksgiving. Learn more at [tasteofmissions.com](http://tasteofmissions.com).

**WELS Night at the Brewers** is Friday, **July 12** at 7:10 pm vs. the Cincinnati Reds. Tickets are half price! We would like to put together a group from Good Shepherd to sit together and enjoy the fun and fellowship with our other brothers and sisters in the WELS! We are planning to sit in the Loge Outfield Box, \$17 a ticket. There is a signup sheet in the welcome center with envelopes for your payment. All payments can be dropped in the welcome center payment slot.



**Vacation Bible School** will be held **July 22-26** for ages 3 through 7th grade. The theme is **“Celebrate the Savior; Jesus Gives Us Joy”**. We are looking for volunteers (entering 8th grade and up) to help with crafts, teaching, outside recreation, music, and snack service, and other areas. 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. Contact coordinator Cheryl Henckel for more information.

**Church Picnic** - Our fabulous church picnic and outdoor worship service will be held Sunday, **July 28** at Regner Park. We will have one outdoor worship service that Sunday at 10:00 am. Our VBS kids will also sing. After the service, we will enjoy a delicious meal, fellowship, and 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.

## Service and Fellowship Opportunities

**A Property Workday** will be held Saturday, **May 4** 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 4/5**.

**Baby Bottle Banks** will be available Mother's Day weekend **May 12<sup>th</sup>** 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.

**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. Contact Marcia Weber at 262-334-2508 to learn more.

**Babysitters** – Are you looking for babysitters? Contact Holly Mueller for a list of babysitters from Good Shepherd you can contact.

## Ministry Update

**Rejoice with us!** Little Lambs has a called director! Mari Leininger writes, "I hereby accept my call to be Director of the Little Lambs Child Care ministry of Good Shepherd Lutheran Church and School. I love all the children here and think of them as part of my extended family. I am grateful to continue learning and growing in my leadership abilities, and for all the support from our staff, the pastors and everyone. I look forward to helping Little Lambs continue to thrive and grow in God's Word and I am proud to be a part of our mission to serve the little children in our community." This is an extremely exciting time for Little Lambs. Please pray for Mari and Little Lambs as a whole that God continues to bless them both.

**Little Lambs Gifts** - Please note that a quarterly envelope is included in your envelope packet and available through online give for Little Lambs Debt Retirement to reduce their mortgage principal. Your special gifts are appreciated.

**Open Forums** – All Members invited! Planning is underway to develop our 2024-2025 Ministry Plan which will be approved at our Voter's Assembly Tuesday, **May 14** at 7:00 pm. Open Forums will be held Saturday, **April 20** at 6:00 pm and Sunday, **April 21** at 9:30 and 11:30 am to share Ministry Highlights, preliminary Action Plans and Ministry Financial Plans with all our members for your information and input. We will emphasize new ministry initiatives and offer opportunities for personal involvement. Please make plans to attend.

## Our Congregational Mission

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!



*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.*

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**Building Connections to Share Jesus** is the theme for our facility expansion emphasis. Our leaders are conducting an Awareness and Feasibility study **May 11<sup>th</sup>** to plan our next steps. God is blessing us with tremendous growth in our school and we want to provide the facilities we need to make the most of those opportunities to share Jesus with the children of our church and community.

**Our Voters' Assembly** is Tuesday, **May 14** 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.

## School Information

**Good Shepherd school children** are performing the musical "Bye Bye Birdie" Friday, **April 26** at 6:30 pm and Saturday, **April 27** at 1:00 pm in our school gym. Everyone is invited.



**Teacher Appreciation Week** is **May 6-10**. During the week, breakfast and lunch will be served to our teachers at Good Shepherd. Along with providing meals, we are also collecting monetary donations to offset the cost of one meal being purchased from a local business to help support our community, as well as gift cards for staff members. If you would like to contribute in this way, please send your donation to the school office in an envelope marked "Teacher Appreciation Week." Checks can be made out to "Good Shepherd Lutheran School." Please have all donations to the office by Wednesday, **May 1**. Thank you for helping make this week extra special for our teachers!

Little Lambs is also celebrating teacher appreciation week May 6-10. Use this link <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0B4BA5AC2DABFEC25-49099485-little> to sign up to provide snacks, dishes, or donuts for our amazing staff.

## Special Gifts

In memory of Mary Ciriacks from family and friends  
\$70 for General Fund  
\$495 for Building Connections

### Our Vision

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

# Good Shepherd Church Calendar

## May 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			<b>1</b> 9:00 am Wed. Bible Study 6:15 pm Handbell Choir 6:30 pm Public Sch. Catechism 6:30 pm Bible Information Cl 7:30 pm Adult Choir	<b>2</b> 6:30 pm Ephesians Bible St.	<b>3</b> 8:00 am Women's Bible Study	<b>4</b> 8:00 am Property Workday 5:00 pm Worship
<b>5</b> 8:00 am Worship 9:15 am Bible Study & Sunday School 10:30 am Worship	<b>6</b> 6:00 pm Pioneer Closing Program	<b>7</b> 9:30 am Ladies League 6:00 pm Jesus Cares Worship 7:00 pm Ladies League	<b>8</b> 9:00 am Wed. Bible Study 6:15 pm Handbell Choir 6:30 pm Public Sch. Catechism 6:30 pm KML Jazz/Echoes Concert 6:30 pm Bible Information Cl 7:30 pm Adult Choir	<b>9</b> 6:30 pm Ascension Worship	<b>10</b> 8:00 am Women's Bible Study	<b>11</b> 8:00 am Awareness / Feasibility Meeting 5:00 pm Communion Worship 6:30 pm KML Percussion Concert
<b>12</b> 8:00 am Communion Worship 9:15 am Bible Study & Sunday School Closing 10:30 am Communion Worship	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b> 6:00 pm Confirmation Rehearsal 7:00 pm Voters' Meeting	<b>15</b> 8:00 am Newsletter Mailing 9:00 am Wed. Bible Study 6:30 pm Public Sch. Catechism 6:30 pm Bible Information Cl	<b>16</b> 6:30 pm Ephesians Bible St.	<b>17</b> 8:00 am Women's Bible Study  Olympic Day	<b>18</b> 5:00 pm Worship Service 6:30 pm KML Spring Concert
<b>19</b> 8:00 am Worship 9:15 am Bible Study & Sunday School 10:30 am Worship 1:30 pm Confirmation	<b>20</b> 10:00 am OWLS at Peace, Hartford	<b>21</b> 6:30 pm Coordinating Council	<b>22</b> 9:00 am Wed. Bible Study 6:30 pm Bible Information Cl	<b>23</b> 6:00 pm Graduation and Worship	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b> 1:00 pm KML Graduation
<b>26</b> 8:00 am Communion Worship 9:15 am Family Bible Study 10:00 am Communion Worship	<b>27</b> Memorial Day	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b> 6:30 pm Bible Information Cl	<b>30</b> 6:30 pm Worship	<b>31</b>	