

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



“Jesus then began to teach them that the Son of Man must suffer many things and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests and the teachers of the law, and that he must be killed and after three days rise again. He spoke plainly about this.” Mark 8:31-32

Easter Means the Words of Jesus Are True

The resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead means many things. It means that Jesus is the Son of God, because only the Son of God could lay down his life, and then take it back again three days later. The resurrection of Jesus means that our sins are forgiven. If Jesus’ earthly remains are still lying in a tomb, we have no relief from our sins. But Jesus has risen! Therefore our sins have been erased, thanks to his perfect payment at the cross. In addition, Jesus’ resurrection means that we can look forward to our own resurrection. Joined to Christ’s death and resurrection in Holy Baptism, we too will rise from death.

The fact of Jesus’ resurrection also assures us that Jesus’ words are true. Jesus didn’t give some vague or ambiguous promise that he would rise from the dead. The Gospels tell us that as he made his way to Jerusalem and the suffering awaiting him there. Jesus three times predicted that he would suffer and die. And each time he predicted his death, Jesus also predicted that he would “after three days rise again.” (Mark 8:31) The Evangelist Mark even adds, “He spoke plainly about this.” (Mark 8:32)

We don’t have to wait years or decades or centuries to find out if what Jesus promised about his resurrection is true. After three days, we know. He either spoke the truth or what he said was false and wrong. When we see Jesus walking and talking with the Emmaus disciples (Luke 24), we know his words are true. When we see him appear to his disciples on Easter evening and again a week later, we can be certain that Jesus speaks the truth. He said he’d rise on the third day and he did exactly that.

The reliability of the words of Jesus is of immense (cont.)

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.



Join us for Holy Week Services

Palm Sunday April 12/13 we invite you to gather in the Welcome Center prior to each service to join in our joyful processional with palm branches just as Jesus’ disciples did 2,000 years ago.

Holy Thursday Communion Worship April 17 at 10:00 am & 6:30 pm. Celebrate the Lord’s Supper on the night Jesus first instituted it.

Good Friday Worship April 18 at 1:30 & 6:30 pm (6:30 pm is Service of Darkness)

(No Saturday worship April 19th)

Easter Worship Sunday, April 20 at 6:00 (Sunrise), 8:30 (note the time), & 10:30 am.

Join us for Easter Breakfast at 7:00 am and 9:30 am.

Easter Breakfasts – We look forward to celebrating Jesus’ resurrection on Easter Sunday, **April 20**. At 7:00 am & 9:30 am, we are hosting two Easter Breakfasts in the Fellowship Hall. You have an opportunity to participate by helping set up and serve or bringing various food items. We can still use many volunteers to help prep and set up on Saturday or serve at one of the breakfasts on Easter Sunday. Please sign up in the Welcome Center.



Our Jesus Cares worship services are held the first Tuesday of each month with the next services Tuesday, **April 1, 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.

importance to us. His words are the foundation of our faith. He has declared himself to be the Messiah, the Son of God, and the one who gave his life as a ransom for us. Because he's not in the tomb, having risen from the dead, we can dare to stake our lives on what he's said. Jesus lives! His promises are true! *-Pastor Paul Janke*

Opportunities to Grow through God's Word

A Study of Colossians - As we study this epistle written by the Apostle Paul, we will rejoice in the glory we enjoy as members of God's holy church and strive to reflect that glory in our daily activities. Led by Pastor Hein in the Fellowship Hall through **April 13**.

Youth Mornings - Activities include icebreaker game, praise songs, keynote from Pastor Mueller, Crumb Cookies and male/female breakout sessions led by young adult leaders. Our next Youth Morning will be held **April 13th and May 11th** from 9:15-10:15am. 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 updates here: <https://www.goodshepherdwels.org/ss>.

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.

New Sunday Bible Study beginning April 27!

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.)

Lent by Candlelight will be held Tuesday, **April 8** at 7:00 pm for all women age 13 and up, hosted by the Women's Ministry Team and the Ladies League in the Fellowship Hall. Come for an evening of reflective worship to prepare our hearts for the Lenten season. Focus on the final words of Jesus. Music and fellowship with snacks and beverages will be provided. Sign up with this QR code or in the Welcome Center.



"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.

Little Lambs Spring Program will be held in church Saturday, **April 5** at 9:30 am, with a time of fellowship and refreshments to follow. All are welcome!

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 7 and 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**. Led by Marilyn Sievert.

Wednesdays - "The Gospel of Mark: Your Kingdom Come." Wednesday morning Bible Study is held at 9:00 am in the Fellowship Hall. Everyone is welcome to attend. Led by Pastor Paul Janke.

Thursday - A small group Bible study is held at the home of Tom and Laurie Getka from 7:00-8:00 pm. (8 sessions) Enjoy fellowship and spiritual growth in a small group setting. We will dig deeper into the sermon topic from the previous weekend. Contact Tom at tgetka@sbcglobal.net to learn more. New people still welcome!

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! Registration required for purchase of materials. We meet in the Fellowship Hall. All women invited. Team taught. YES, we have child care! (and coffee).

Special Events

OWLS - The next meeting of our Dodge/Washington County OWLS will be Monday, **March 24**. It will be a tour of the Bend Theater in downtown West Bend. We will meet at 10:00 AM at the entrance to the theater. After the tour we will go to the Pizza Ranch for lunch. All are invited.

The Spring rally for our Dodge/Washington LWMS circuit will be Saturday, **April 5** at St. Paul, Neosho; with registration beginning at 8:30AM and rally from 9 to 12:30PM. Rev. John Borgwardt will present on District Mission Work. Food, household items and monetary donations will be collected for seminary families. A sign-up sheet with carpool request is located in the Welcome Center. (include phone number).

Sheepshead Tournament at Good Shepherd Saturday, **April 5** from 1-4 pm at Good Shepherd Fellowship Hall. Sign up in Welcome Center and bring a treat to share.

Moms & Sons Mini-Golf Event - Saturday, **April 5** from 6:00-8:00 pm - Join us "fore" a night of golfing, fun, and yummy snacks! We welcome all mother figures and sons to join us for this memorable event!

KML Family Music Fest & School Art Fair— Join us for a Journey to the Stars Friday, **April 11**, from 5:00 -9:00 pm. Monies raised at this event will go toward the improvement of technology within the KML Music Department. This event features elementary and high school musical performances, games, live auctions, and Art Fair projects from our Lutheran Elementary School students. Food options include a fish fry, concession items, a dessert bar, and new this year is a chicken nugget meal for kids! Join us for a night of music, food, and family fun! Adult admission is \$5. Children/students get free admission. The nugget meal is \$7. The fish dinner is \$17. Payment will still be accepted at the door upon arrival but there is now also a pre-pay option at kmlhs.org/fmf. **Donations of fancy desserts** for our Family Music Fest live auction would be happily accepted! If you would like to donate or volunteer, contact Angela Hohenstein (angela.hohenstein@kmlhs.org). Visit www.kmlhs.org/fmf for forms or use QR code.



Women's Ministry is holding a special event Saturday, April 26th 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.



Easter for Kids will be Saturday, **April 12** from 9:00-11:45 am for children 3 years old (potty trained) through 4th grade. Bring your kids and invite their friends to celebrate the joyous meaning of Easter. Register here or online at www.goodshepherdwels.org or in the Welcome Center, where volunteer forms are also available. We can use shepherds, helper shepherds and volunteers to serve at various stations.

Serve God and Others in Love

A Property Workday is planned for Saturday, **May 3**, beginning at 8:00 am. We can use volunteers to beautify our campus inside and out. Sign up in the Welcome Center for planning purposes.

Vacation Bible School will be held mornings this year

July 21-25. 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. We also plan to hold out outdoor worship service and fabulous church picnic at Regner Park on **July 27** at 10:00 am at which the VBS kids will sing.

School News

Important WI School Parental Choice — The deadline to apply for school parental choice is **April 17**. Please check out our school website for more info.

School Musicals - You are invited to see our children Preschool – 2nd grade perform the musical "**Goldie and the Bears**" and "**Pajama Party!**" in our school gym Friday, **April 4** at 6:00 pm.

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 Saturday, **April 26** at 1:00 pm.

Lutheran Women's Missionary Society (LWMS) annual national convention will be **June 26 - 29** in Tulsa, Oklahoma. This organization is dedicated to serving Jesus by increasing awareness of, interest in, and support of the mission outreach of WELS. Packets containing schedule of events, hotels and transportation information, tours in Tulsa, registration forms and a preview of Convention workshops are located in the Welcome Center. Registration fee is lower if received by April 1st and, if you have never gone or haven't attended a convention in 10 years, you can apply for funds to help pay for costs. Call or text Carolyn Pamperin (262-689-2696) for more information and questions.



Open Forums – all Members invited!

Planning is underway to develop our 2025-2026 Ministry Plan which will be approved at our Voter's Assembly Tuesday, **May 13th** at 7:00 pm.

Open Forum presentations will be offering right after each of our three worship services Saturday, **April 27** and Sunday, **April 28** to share 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.



*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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Building Connections Expansion Update

Groundbreaking for our facility expansion is **June 1** at 9:15 am with construction completed August 2026. Our Building Committee meets every other week to help develop working drawings which will be presented to the city in April. We have expanded new parking to add 50 additional spaces. We are working on the layout for the lower level classrooms and multipurpose room in the renovated gym. Soon we will go out to bid for various aspects of construction. If you wish to make a bid or volunteer labor or materials, fill out a bidding form in the Welcome Center. 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!

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. To donate, designate "gym floor" on a Building Connections envelope.



SPECIAL GIFTS

In memory of Albert Fisher from family and friends
\$1,250 for Building Connections

In memory of her aunt, Charlotte Kranski
\$50 from Sue Blaine for Building Connections

In memory of Ken Blaine from his wife Sue and family
\$500 for Building Connections

In memory of Roger Youngbeck from family and friends
\$10 for Building Connections

Good Shepherd Lutheran Church

April 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 9:30 am Ladies League 6:00 pm Jesus Cares Worship 7:00 pm Ladies League	2 9:00 am Wednesday Bible Study 10:00 am Lenten Worship 5:15 pm Lenten Dinner 6:30 pm Lenten Worship 7:20 pm Adult Bell Choir	3 6:30 pm Public School Cat. 6:30 pm Men's Choir 7:00 pm Adult Choir	4 8:00 am Women's Bible Study 6:00 pm Musical Preschool-2nd	5 9:30 am Little Lambs Spring Program 9:30 am LWMS Spring Rally – St. Paul, Neosho 1:00 pm Sheepshead Tourney 5:00 pm Worship Service 6:00 pm Mom & Son Golf
6 8:00 am Worship 9:15 am Sunday School and Bible Study 10:30 am Worship	7 6:00 pm Head & Heart Study 6:30 pm Bible Information Class 7:00 pm KML General Bd.	8 7:00 pm Lent By Candlelight	9 9:00 am Wednesday Bible Study 10:00 am Lenten Worship 5:15 pm Lenten Dinner 6:30 pm Lenten Worship 7:20 pm Adult Bell Choir	10 6:30 pm Public School Cat. 6:30 pm GOAL Meeting 6:30 pm Men's Choir: Rehearsal 7:00 pm Adult Choir	11 8:00 am Women's Bible Study 6:00 pm KML Family Music Fest	12 9:00 am Easter for Kids 5:00 pm Communion Worship
13 8:00 am Communion Worship 9:15 am Sunday School and Bible Study 10:30 am Communion Worship	14 6:00 pm Pioneers 6:30 pm Bible Information Class	15 6:30 pm Coordinating Council	16 8:00 am Newsletter Mailing 9:00 am Wednesday Bible Study 6:30 pm Men's Choir 7:00 pm Adult Choir	17 10:00 am Holy Thursday Communion Worship 6:30 pm Holy Thursday Communion Worship	18 1:30 pm Good Friday Worship 6:30 pm Good Friday Worship	19
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