Good Shepherd Lutheran Church

October 2023

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
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| 1 8:00 am Worship Service 9:15 am Sunday School & Bible Study Bible Study 10:30 am Worship Service 2:30 pm KML Fall Concert | 2 | 3 9:30 am Ladies League 6:00 pm Jesus Cares Worship 7:00 pm Ladies League | 9:00 am Wed. Bible Study 6:15 pm Adult Bells 6:30 pm Public School Catechism 7:30 pm Adult Choir | 5 7:00 pm Life of David Bible Study | 6 8:00 am Women's Bible Study 6:00 pm Member Ministry Core Team 6:00 pm Shepherd Youth Tailgate at KML Football | 7 9:00 am LWMS Rally – St. Lucas 5:00 pm Communion Worship |
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October Newsletter in the Year of Our Lord 2023

I am the Good Shepherd.

The good Shepherd lays down his life for the sheep.

The Heartbeat of Good Shepherd

The worship service is often called the heartbeat of a congregation. What a wonderful way to think of our gathering on Sunday or Saturday here at Good Shepherd! God's Word and Sacrament pulse each week, pumping the Holy Spirit's power into our lives to keep the body of Christ strong and active. This illustration of worship also helps us remember who is acting upon whom in worship.

The old German term for a Lutheran worship service was "Gottesdienst" which means "God's Service". As in, God primarily serves us in worship, not the other way around. When we come to Good Shepherd for church we firstly receive God's service—his Word and Sacrament—and then secondly we respond with praise, thanksgiving, and offerings. In keeping with this action, the whole service becomes a beautiful progression of reception and response. As your pastor overseeing the heartbeat of worship here at Good Shepherd, I will remain committed to keeping our focus on the service God graciously gives. I will also seek to bolster our response to his service with a special focus on music in worship.

One of my encouragements when I accepted the call to Good Shepherd was to increase the frequency of a mixed ensemble leading in worship. There are already many talented musicians in our congregation with whom I look forward to working with in our response to God's grace! There are many children in whom I seek to foster a love for music in the church. What a blessed challenge and opportunity!

This September and October we enter a series based on the parables of Jesus called "Tell Us a Story". We all love stories, and Jesus is a master storyteller. Consider reading through Matthew 18-21 in preparation, paying close attention to Jesus' parables. I look forward to getting to know you better as we remain focused on God's service to us in Christ. Let us set the heartbeat of worship as the life-giving rhythm of our lives.

Pastor Peter Schlicht

Worship Christ with us!

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.



New Worship Series through October 15

Everyone loves a good story, especially when it has value for our lives. Much of what Jesus has to say to you and me is contained in parables. Parables are simple stories that contain profound truths about life and eternity. For the believer, a parable takes a challenging spiritual fact and makes it clear. Therefore, our prayer for this worship series is that Christ would send us his Holy Spirit, so that we might receive the peace and power Jesus offers us in his parables. Tell us a story, Jesus!

The Parable of the Workers in the Vineyard – A Story of Offensive Generosity (September 23 & 24)

The Parable of the Two Sons – A Story of Spiritual Insincerity (September 30 & October 1)

The Parable of the Tenants – A Story of Determined Patience (October 7 & 8)

The Parable of the Lost Sheep – A Story of Reckless Love (October 14 & 15)

Little Lambs Childcare is celebrating 19 years of sharing Jesus with his precious lambs at our services October 14 & 15. Please keep Little Lambs ministry in your prayers! Special gifts toward mortgage principal payments are welcome and included in your envelope packet. A Little Lambs wish list will also be available. **Reformation Festival Services** – We will celebrate the blessings of the Lutheran Reformation **October 28/29th** at all services. The effect of the Lutheran Reformation can hardly be overstated. Historians consider the Lutheran Reformation of greater significance that 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. During the Reformation Festival service, we will celebrate the reforms Martin Luther established for the good of God's truth. By grace, through faith in Scripture alone, we stand steadfast each and every day.

Jesus Cares Worship: You are invited to our monthly Jesus Cares worship services for people with special needs. Our upcoming services are Tuesdays, October 3, November 7, and December 5 at 6:00 pm. Invite a friend with special needs and attend these blessed services with them.

Opportunities to Grow through the Word SUNDAY BIBLE STUDIES at 9:15 am

"Living in the Lion's Den" A Bible Study on the Book of Daniel led by Pastor Schlicht. The Book of Daniel tells the story of four friends who demonstrated their faith in a pluralistic society which had become increasingly opposed to the true God. Sound familiar? Strong currents of pluralism and secularism in our current society push expressions of faith as far to the margins of public life as possible. The story of Daniel calls us to be authentic Christians, never allowing our witness to become diluted or spineless. Daniel shows us how to be confident in the Lord, even as we live in the lion's den.

Sunday Morning Bible Information Class – We are offering a Sunday morning Bible Information Class starting September 10th from 9:15-10:15 am. This course covers the fundamental teachings of the Bible--a refresher course for our members and a great introduction to the Bible for those who would like to learn more or may be looking for a church home. This may work well for parents with children, who can attend Sunday School, or have free childcare if they are under age 3. Led by Pastor Janke in the Fireside Room.

Youth Bible Class: Directed to 8-12th graders. Once a month: Sept 24, Oct 29, Nov 26, and Dec 17. Sunday morning 9:15-10:15 am in the 6th grade classroom.

Sunday School Lessons for Adults: Enjoy the stories of the Bible that kids love and cherish while discovering spiritual truths and insights. Once a month: Oct 1, Nov 5, Dec 3. Sunday morning from 9:15-10:15 am in the 6th grade classroom. **"Starting Point"** – When faced with questions about right and wrong, truth and error, how do we find the answer? Our starting point is God and his Word. Learn how to follow God's Word as a lamp for your feet and a light for your path. Led by Pastor Hein. 3 sessions on Sundays, **October 1, 8, 15 at** 9:15 am in 7th grade classroom.

Childcare Available - We have childcare 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 Holly Mueller at muellerhn24@gmail.com.

Sunday School is held Sundays at 9:15 am for children 3 through 7th grade. Come help your children grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ. Invite the children of your family, coworkers and friends also.

WEEKDAY BIBLE STUDIES

Wednesday morning Bible study is held Wednesday at 9:00 am. We are studying the Old Testament book of Zechariah. We invite you to come and explore this challenging and enlightening book with us. Led by Pastor Paul Janke.

Life of David Bible Study - Warrior, poet, and Israel's greatest king, David was "a man after God's own heart." Yet David also confessed that he was a sinner who needed God's grace and mercy. Join us as we review the life of David and draw lessons from his life for our own. We'll meet in the fellowship hall Thursday evenings from 7:00 pm to 8:00 pm, September 28 through November 16. Led by Pastor Paul Janke. Sign up in Welcome Center for planning purposes.

Friday Morning Women's Bible Study - Special invitation to school moms and women to attend a Bible study on Esther. See how God masterfully orchestrates and weaves together every detail of our lives in jaw-dropping ways. Nothing and no one can thwart His plan! In this study, explore the subject of God's providence, walking verse by verse through the book of Esther. This study includes lively video discussions with a panel of young moms as they seek guidance for today's world from the story of Esther. Fridays from 8:00-9:00 am when school is in session. Led by Melissa Linton.

Small Groups: Surround yourself with Christians like you. These groups are intended to enjoy life with other Christians, grow spiritually, pray together, and build relationships. Check out our small groups on our website under the Church tab, Small Groups to request to join. "Shaped to Serve Workshops"-Every Member Invited! IDENTITY is the #1 concern in today's culture. That means everyone is seeking to know the answers to "Who Am I?" and "Why Am I Here?" Good Shepherd's leadership is inviting each and every member to find God's answers to these questions by providing SHAPED to SERVE workshops through a system called Personal Member Ministry. We urge everyone to COME & SEE God's love for you personally. He planned just the right gifts for you to use in life, in the church and in the world!

Learn how to serve God and others with more love, more freedom and more joy! Please SIGN UP for your SHAPED workshop now! Call 262-334-7881 for more information. Yes, you were Made for More. Saturdays, October 14, and November 11 from 8:30 am – 12:30 pm.



Sunday Morning "Shaped to Serve Class" - Another option is to attend this Shaped to Serve Workshop over four Sunday mornings October 22 - November 12 from 9:15-10:15 am. While parents attend, their children 3 and up may attend Sunday School, or free childcare if they are under three. Please plan to attend all four sessions.

Get Your Smile On!

Pictorial Directory - We are producing a new church Pictorial Directory this fall and we want you to be a part of it! This is a great tool to help us get to know one another better! We will also receive digital photos of each family to include in our online directory. Photos are taken in the narthex, and you will view proofs right after. Each family photographed will receive a free 8/10 photo and a free directory. There is no obligation to purchase additional photos. You may invite additional family members to pose for your own extended family picture purchases, but the standard member photo will be included in the directory. Non-member school families may also be photographed. Sign up today! If you are not available to have your picture taken, but need to submit a photo, contact Rita Bartholomew at 262-338-0432 for more information. There is a \$15 fee, but you do receive a copy of the pictorial directory.

Photo Dates: October 17-20 from 2:00-8:30 pm, and October 21 from 9:00 am – 3:00 pm.

October 27 from 2:00-8:30 pm and October 28 from 9:00 am - 3:00 pm.

Signup online today at www.ucdir.com. Church Code is wi287. Password is: photos

Special Events

Seminary Food Drive – We are collecting non-perishable food items in September for the married seminary student's food pantry. Bring items to the designated box in the Fellowship Hall.



OWLS - The next Dodge/Washington OWLS will be September 25, 10:00 am at Shepherd of the Hills. A speaker from Aurora Health will talk about Brain Health & Memory Issues. Interesting topics for us seniors especially. Everyone's invited. Our potluck will follow the business meeting, so please bring a dish to share.

KML Fall Band/Choir Concert - Sunday, October 1st at 2:30 pm at KML Performing Arts Center.

Shepherd Youth Fundraiser – You may order cheese curds to support the activities of our Shepherd Youth ministry, **October 1st-15**th. Order Shadow Clock Creamery cheese curds at goodshepherdwels.org/sy

Lutheran Women's Missionary Society Fall Rally Saturday, October 7th at St. Lucas, Kewaskum. All ladies are invited. This rally includes a presentation from Reverend Stephan Kruschel, pastor at St. Paul's in Platteville on WELS Campus Ministry, Bible study and fellowship. Sign up in the Welcome Center for planning purposes. You may also order a 2024 LWMS Prayer calendar which includes picture and stories from our missionaries as well as prayers. It's a great way to stay connected.

KML Trunk or Treat - Sunday, October 15, from 1:00-3:00 pm. Face painting, food for sale, and candy. Register to bring your children to Trunk or Treat by October 6 at kmlhs.org/trunkortreat

Pioneers – Welcoming all children 1st-8th grade! You do not need to be a member of Good Shepherd or go to Good Shepherd School to join Pioneers. It is open to all children. The cost for the year is \$30/child. For more information, including registration and calendar, please email pioneerswb@gmail.com. Our October event is October 23rd at 4:00 pm. Meet at 3:50 pm at Riveredge Nature Center.

Women's Retreat – a joint event of Good Shepherd and Shepherd of the Hills – Saturday, October 28th from 8:30 am – 4:00 pm held at Shepherd of the Hills. Theme: Immeasurably more. Sign up at sothwi.com.

Men's Bible Breakfast - Men, you are invited to our Men's Bible Breakfast. Enjoy a hearty meaty breakfast, and a short Bible study led by Pastor Hein



Saturday, November 4th from 8:00-9:30 am in our

School Information

Good Shepherd Lutheran School Enrollment

| 3K: 17 | 4th: 21 | Total PK: 41 |
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| 4K: 24 | 5th: 19 | Total K-8: 215 |
| 5K: 27 | 6th: 21 | Total PK-8: 256 |
| 1st: 33 | 7th: 28 | |
| 2nd: 23 | 8th: 23 | |
| 3rd: 20 | | |

Online Giving – In gratitude for all that Jesus has done for us we are eager to return our first-fruit offerings to him as a joyful act of worship. Start by recalling the spiritual and physical blessings God has given you, and set your giving plan in keeping with your income. Would you like to set up a regular plan for giving through your checking or savings account? This free program is available on our website at www.goodshepherdwels.org. Click on the "offering" button to set up your own user name and password. All designations in your envelope packet are also available online. You can offer a one-time gift or ongoing weekly amounts.

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,

SERVE God and others in love,

SHARE the good news of Jesus!

Good Shepherd Evangelical Lutheran Church & School

777 Indiana Avenue, West Bend, WI 53095 Phone: 262-334-7881 www.goodshepherdwels.org Facebook: Good Shepherd Lutheran—West Bend, WI Fellowship Hall. This is a great way to grow in your faith and get to know him and your brothers in Christ. For planning, sign up in the Welcome Center. Can you help us with cooking and set up at 7:00 am? Please contact Pastor Hein



Little Lambs Trunk or Treat Happy Fall Y'all! Trunk or Treat is coming up for Little Lambs on Friday, October 20th (5:30 pm - 6:30pm). We had an amazing community turnout last year, with 250+ kids and families -- we are

expecting even more this year! Would you like to decorate a trunk? Help with setup or cleanup? Donate candy or give-aways? We'd love to have your participation! You can sign up using any of these ways: paper sign up sheet at Little Lambs, paper sign up sheet in the Welcome Center, online signup form at website, send an email to littlelambs@gslswb.org. Please reach out to Jessica Ingram (360-929-0114, jingram@gslswb.org) with any questions. Thank you in advance!

Pioneer Kringle Order – Would you like to support our

Lutheran Pioneer program? Fill out a Pioneer Kringle order with payment at the church Welcome Center by **October 22nd** with pickup **November 11th** from 11:30 am – 12:30 pm in the Welcome Center.



A Sheepshead tournament will be held at Good Shepherd Fellowship Hall Saturday, November 18th from 1-4 pm. Everyone is welcome to enjoy fun and fellowship. Sign up in Welcome Center. Please bring a snack to share.

Bell Choir – We have an immediate need for several ringers for the Adult Bell Choir. You do not need experience with ringing bells – we will teach you. Some experience with music is helpful – such as past piano lessons, band performance, or choir participation. Our group is joyful and eager to work together. We meet at 6:15 pm Wednesdays. Call Eileen Schmiege if you have questions or an interest. 262-338-3114.

Special Gifts

In memory of Rosemary Habeck \$10 From Finley Bolander-Hayden \$10 for Church Memorial Fund

In memory of John Donley St from family and friends \$50 for Building Connections \$440 for Church Memorial Fund

In memory of Bob Kudek from his family \$250 for Alex Kudek Memorial Fund \$1,000 for Building Connections In memory of Bob Kudek from relatives and friends \$930 for Building Connections