



November Newsletter in the Year of Our Lord 2021

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

Worship Our Lord with Joy!

There is no greater privilege or priority in life more important than spending time with our gracious God in worship. He deserves our heartfelt praise and we desperately need the strength, forgiveness, and guidance he offers us in his Word and in the Lord's Supper.

God's Word encourages, "Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, since as members of one body you were called to peace. And be thankful. Let the message of Christ dwell among you richly as you teach and admonish one another with all wisdom through psalms, hymns, and songs from the Spirit, singing to God with gratitude in your heart." Colossians 3:15-16

We look forward to worshipping our Lord with joy as we make use of our new WELS hymnal, Christian Worship, beginning Advent 2021. We will continue to follow a familiar path of worship through the use of a liturgy called "The Service." God will speak to us through his Word, confronting us with our sins and assuring us of his forgiveness in Christ, and we will respond to him with our prayers, confessions, and songs of thanksgiving. Our worship will always focus on Christ and the blessings he freely offers us. We will continue to follow the church year calendar celebrating key events in the life of Christ throughout Advent, Christmas, Epiphany, Lent, Easter, Ascension, and the sending of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost.

Our worship services will also include variety as we make use of modern Christ-centered hymns and new settings for the beloved songs of the church such as the Gloria Excelsis (Glory to God in the highest). We will strive to use all of the gifts of God's people as we offer God our best. We will carry out our congregational Action Plan to offer excellence in worship, utilizing a variety of Christ-centered music styles and formats (traditional and modern).

When you set your weekly plans, where does time spent with your Lord in worship fit on your priority scale? Let's put God first in our lives as we adopt the mindset of King David who eagerly proclaimed, "I was glad when they said to me, 'Let us go to the house of the LORD!'"

Your partner in ministry,

Pastor Robert Hein



Worship Christ with us!

Saturdays at 4:00 pm* and 5:00 pm; Sundays at 8:00 and 10:30 am.

*The Saturday 4:00 pm services are shortened services with no singing and masks are required.

End Times – We are entering the End Times season of the church year, in which we focus on living in faith in these last days as we await Jesus' second coming. Here is the focus of each week:

Reformation Celebration– (October 30/31) Celebrate the truths Martin Luther restored that we are saved by grace alone, through faith alone, as revealed to us in God's Word alone.

Saints Triumphant – (November 13/14) Celebrate the glory our departed loved ones in Christ are enjoying with Jesus in heaven. We will remember in the service those members who passed away in the past year.

Christ the King – (November 20/21) Focus on Christ, our victorious King, who rules at the right hand of God.

Live A God-Lived Life! - We kicked off a spiritual growth emphasis in our worship services October 16/17. "A God Lived Life", however, is about more than stewardship. It's a whole-life challenge to God's people to live the life to which he has called us. We will devote one weekend a month for the next four months to this emphasis. The hope is that being challenged in specific ways will encourage us to put into practice a closer walk with God and a life of love toward others. That's a God-lived life! Our focus in October is to live the life of a disciple



Opportunities to Grow through the Word

NEW SUNDAY BIBLE STUDIES at 9:15 am beginning November 7th.
(7 Sessions)

Spiritual Wellness Are you spiritually well? We'll check our understanding of our own spiritual wellness by studying what Paul wrote in Romans 7:14-8:39. Led by Pastor John Paustian in the Fellowship Hall.

"Cherish the grace of God in the Apostle Paul's life and yours!"
God accomplished great things in the life of the Apostle Paul, converting him, empowering him and equipping him to serve. As we marvel at the grace of God in his life, we will also come to appreciate it in our own. Led by Pastor Hein downstairs in the Commons Area. Elevator is available to use.

Sunday School - All children from Preschool through 7th grade are invited to come and learn about Jesus and his love through Bible stories, crafts, games, songs, and fun activities. Sundays at 9:15 am.

WEEKDAY BIBLE STUDIES

GRIEF SHARE If you've lost a spouse, child, family member, or friend, you've probably found there are not many people who understand the deep hurt you feel. You find yourself alone, facing questions you've never faced before. GriefShare is a friendly, caring group of people who will walk alongside you through one of life's most difficult experiences. You don't have to go through the grieving process alone. Join our GriefShare support group. **Thursdays at 6:30 p.m. starting November 4th** in the Fellowship Hall. Cost: \$10 for the participant workbook. For more information, contact Pastor Paustian. Register online at www.goodshepherdwels.org.

The **Wednesday Morning Bible Class** starts at 9:00 a.m. each week. **Focus: Moses, God's Faithful Servant.** Led by Pastor Richard Lauersdorf.

Mom's Friday Bible Study – Fridays at 8:00 am when school is in session. Moms take turns providing childcare. Calling women of all ages! We are studying the little known book of the Bible, **Habakkuk** with the theme: **Remembering God's Faithfulness When He Seems Silent.** Taught by Marilyn Sievert in the Fellowship Hall.

Men's Bible Breakfast – We invite all men, young and old to our next Bible Breakfast Saturday, November 6th at 8:00 am in the Fellowship Hall. Enjoy a delicious breakfast, Christian fellowship and a Bible study, led by Pastor Hein. Topic – What does it mean to be a servant leader? Sign up in the Welcome Center or online for planning purposes. Also, indicate if you can help prepare the food.

of Jesus. If you missed those services, you can view the video and download a summary of this stewardship encouragement along with a challenge card at our website. November 6/7th our focus will be on **"A Life Lived for Others."**

Join us for **Thanksgiving Worship** Wednesday November 24th at 6:30 pm or on Thursday November 25th 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!"

Food Pantry Donations – We invite you to bring non-perishable goods to the designated box in the Welcome Center prior to Thanksgiving. They will be included in our Thanksgiving display in front of church and then will be taken to the local food pantry, as a way to express our gratitude to the Lord for his many blessings. We will take these items to our local food pantry to help those in need.

Special Events

Technology 101 - Helping parents protect their children from the dark side of technology

This one-hour presentation by Kristen Kapler, our school counselor is scheduled for Saturday, November 20th, starting at 9:00 am.

This is the first in a series of 1 hour presentations being planned for Saturday mornings. Coffee, juice and pastries will be available. The Board of Adult Nurture has invited other boards to propose topics and presenters for their areas of ministry.

Coming January 29th: Bible Reading Plans and Strategies with Marilyn Sievert and Pastor Paustian. **Coming February 26** Pastor Matthew Mueller on **Family Nurture.**

Christmas Service Schedule Changes

The Coordinating Council has ratified a proposal from the Joint Board for Lutheran Schools that will move our **Children's Services from Christmas Eve to the Sunday prior to Christmas Eve.** This year that will be **Sunday December 19th at 4:00 and 6:00 pm.** They will continue to include the children of our elementary school and Sunday School.

On **Christmas Eve** there will be one service at 5:00 pm and another, a Candlelight Service, at 9:00 pm. Our **Christmas Day** Service will be at 9:00 am.



Service and Fellowship Opportunities

OWLS Update - The October meeting of the Organization of WELS Seniors will be Monday, October 25th, 10:00 am at Peace, Hartford. Our speaker will be Wendy Smith, owner of Hartford Faith & Giggles and a member of Peace. She is very knowledgeable on the subject of sex trafficking in our community and she will share that with us. This timely topic should concern us all. Everyone is invited, not just OWLS members. After our meeting we will enjoy a tasty potluck, so please bring a dish to pass.

Pioneer Kringle Pickup is in the Fellowship Hall Saturday, November 13th from 11:30 am - 12:30 pm.



Christmas for Kids will be Saturday December 4th 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 Christmas with singing, crafts, video, Bible stories and fun. Invite your unchurched friends! If you would like to help, fill out a volunteer form at church or contact Beth Bartelt or Pastor Hein. Register children online at www.goodshepherdwels.org or pick up a registration form at church. All volunteers need to have returned a volunteer training form.

Shepherd Youth Packer Party will be held Sunday, November 7th from 3:00-6:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall. Sign up in the Welcome Center for planning purposes. Please note that "Shepherd Youth" is the new name for our youth group, combining teens from both Good Shepherd and Shepherd of the Hills.

Advent by Candlelight - SAVE THE DATE! Good Shepherd Ladies League, assisted by the Women's Ministry Team, will host an evening of Advent By Candlelight on Tuesday, December 7, beginning at 6:00 pm. We invite the women of Good Shepherd to attend this special event. Watch for details and information about signing up in early November.

Call Accepted

We rejoice that Pastor Matthew Mueller has accepted our call to serve as our youth and family pastor. He is married to Holly, and they have 5 children, ages 9,8,6,3,1, Lilie, Matthew, Eli, Daisy, and Ivy. Please keep him and his family in your prayers as they go through this time of transition and also pray that the Lord would provide a new shepherd to lead Living Hope, Peoria, IL.



We are grateful that 241 families/individuals have promised \$846,215 towards our Building People Connections campaign to reduce or eliminate our \$1.2 million expansion mortgage. \$600,610 has already been received. Please keep up with your pledged amounts. Building Connections envelopes are available in your envelope packet or in the narthex. Special gifts in memory of a loved one or in honor of a special blessing are welcome. Consider remembering the ministry of Good Shepherd in your estate plans as well.

Ministry Plan Update - Our Vision

The ministry of Good Shepherd is all about building connections. Building stronger connections with Christ through his Word; stronger connections with one another through fellowship, Christian education, and service, and building connections with our unchurched friends and relatives through the power of the Gospel. In gratitude for all that God has done for you, return your first fruit time, talents and treasures to the Lord as a joyful act of worship. If you like, you may sign up for secure online giving at our website. Remember, your gifts glorify God and meet the needs of God's people!

Member Ministry

One of our Action Plan goals is to help our members discover their spiritual gifts and link them to service. Our Member Ministry Coordinators, Catherine Moldenhauer and Marilyn Sievert, are receiving training for their ministry from WELS consultant Lori Lorig. Presently they are working with our boards to help them further develop Action Plans and complete ministry position descriptions to help everyone clearly understand what is involved in each area of ministry and find joy in serving.



Don't Forget to Fall Back November 7th!

Our Congregational Purpose

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 .



*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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Special Gifts

\$100 from Jill Zieseimer in memory of Pastor James Zieseimer for New Hymnal Fund

\$15,500 from Dennis Tennier in memory of Joyce Gatzke, Florence Enderle, and Lois Lenz for Little Lambs Debt Retirement, Organ Fund, and Church Lighting Project

\$44 from Josh and Melissa Staller in memory of Arthur & Evelyn Zarling for New Hymnal Fund

\$40 from Michele Laufer in memory of Winifred Mindel for New Hymnal Fund

\$500 from Albert & Carol Fisher in honor of their 75th Wedding Anniversary

\$100 from LaVonne Mey in memory of Mark Mey for the New Hymnal Fund

\$50 from Sharen Svien in memory of Paul Svien for the New Hymnal Fund

\$100 from Ken & Marcia Weber in memory of Charlene Lauersdorf and Joyce Gatzke for the New Hymnal Fund

\$48 from John Pedersen in memory of Lester & Marguerite Pedersen for the New Hymnal Fund

\$50 for New Hymnal fund, \$500 for Time of Grace, \$1,000 for the Wisconsin Seminary, \$1,000 for WELS Christian Aid and Relief (Zambia bore holes) from Roy and Marlene Biermann in memory of loved ones.

\$500 from Gertrude Fellenz in memory of Roman Fellenz for the New Hymnal Fund

\$300 from Ken and Sue Blaine in memory of Pastor Pautz and Pastor Zieseimer for the New Hymnal Fund

\$100 from Debra Schmid in memory of Art Schmid for the New Hymnal Fund

\$100 from Karen Trepes in memory of Leo Trepes for the New Hymnal Fund

\$50 in memory of Sandy Pucher's birthday for Little Lambs and \$50 in memory of Mark Pucher Jr.'s birthday to Youth Programs from Michelle Weston-Pucher

IRA Distribution

If you are 70 ½ or older you may direct IRA Distributions directly to the church which also results in tax savings for you. There is a flyer in the narthex explaining this option further.

GOOD SHEPHERD LUTHERAN CHURCH

November 2021

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 7:00 pm Bible Information Class 7:00 pm KML General Board Meeting	2 9:30 am Ladies League 7:00 pm Ladies League	3 9:00 am Wednesday Bible Study 6:30 pm Public School Catechism 7:30 pm Adult Choir: Rehearsal	4 Parent Teacher Conferences 9:20 am KML Veteran's Day Observance 6:30 pm Griefshare	5 No School 9:00 am Quilting	6 8:00 am Men's Bible Breakfast 4:00 pm Worship (mask required) 5:00 pm Worship 9:00 pm Turn clocks back 1 hour in evening
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