



September Newsletter in the Year of Our Lord 2022

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

"The LORD himself watches over you" Psalm 121

The TV screen showed the president of our country coming down the steps of Air Force One. But he was not alone. More than a few Secret Service Agents were there to guard him. We may never have the protection of such trained security people. We do, however, have something better. The Lord himself, the commander-in-chief of earth and heaven, watches over us.

Let's not read too quickly over that little word 'You' in our verse. Yes, we know how God watched over baby Moses in the Nile River, Joseph, inside Egypt's prison walls, Paul on his difficult mission journeys. Such Bible knowledge comforts us, but not like the words, "The Lord watches over 'YOU'". That's what I need to know. That's what I need to hear. The Lord himself guards ME.

When my life is a path strewn with trouble's sharp stones, I need to know that the Lord walks with me, sometimes even carrying me. When the days are long and the nights even longer, I need to look up and see a Lord who never slumbers or sleeps. When sin's guilt plagues my heart, I need to feel his heart beating with forgiveness. When I draw my last breath, I need to rest securely in his arms carrying me home. The president needs his Secret Service agents. More so, I need the Lord to watch over me. Your partner in hearing his promise each week.

Pastor Richard E. Lauersdorf

Worship Schedule Change

Following Labor Day weekend we return to our regular fall worship schedule:

Our last Thursday evening service is Thursday, September 1 at 6:30 pm.

Our first Saturday evening worship is Saturday, September 10 at 5:00 pm.

Sunday morning worship at 8:00 & 10:30 am. starts September 11th.

"Unworthy", a WELS contemporary musical group, will be playing at Good Shepherd worship services Sunday, October 16 at 8:00 & 10:30 am.



**Join us for worship
this fall at
Good Shepherd.**

NEW SUNDAY BIBLE STUDIES

9:15 am beginning Sunday, September 11

"Speak the Truth in Love" - Learn the truth from God's Word and how to respond in a loving way to those who challenge you or are searching for answers – Speak the truth in love concerning life issues, marriage and sexuality, false teachings, other religions, or dealing with worldly philosophies. Led by Pastor Hein in the Fellowship Hall.

"The End" - When something comes to an end in life, how do you handle it and what do you do? Study these topics with us in the sanctuary Sunday morning 9:15-10:15am.

Oct 9 – The End of Having Kids/Being a Parent

Oct 16 - Preparing for the End (Prepping)

Oct 23 – "The End" of America

Oct 30 – The End of Life

Childcare Available - We have babysitters for Sunday Morning Bible Study! Drop off your 0-2 year old in the Parent's Room and enjoy one of our Sunday morning Bible studies at 9:15 am. Starts Sunday, September 11. Register your child by emailing Pastor Mueller at mmueller@gslswb.org.

Sunday School resumes Sunday, September 11 at 9:15 am for children 3 and up. You can register for Sunday School by signing up in the Welcome Center or online at www.goodshepherdwels.org. God calls on parents to bring up their children in the training and instruction of the Lord. Bringing them to worship and Sunday School is a great way to set them on the right path so they stay connected to Jesus all the days of their lives. All



Opportunities to Grow through the Word

Our new Bible Information Class, “Our New Life with Jesus” will be held Monday nights at 7:00, beginning September 12th. (13 Sessions) 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 course serves as our Adult membership class. There is no cost or obligation to join. Come and learn more. Invite a friend or family member to join you. To register in advance, contact the church office at 262-334-7881. Led by Pastor Robert Hein in our Fireside Room.

Wednesday Morning Bible Class resumes September 7th at 9:00 am. Our topic will be a study of the Old Testament book of Ruth. Did you know she, a Gentile, was the great-grandmother of David from whose line the Savior came? Her story is one of selfless love at a time when such love was little evidenced. Digging deeper into the book we see that it is the story of God's love in Christ as reflected in the lives of believers. Come! We'll welcome you. Led by Pastor Richard Lauersdorf in the Fellowship Hall.

Griefshare - A new session of GriefShare, a video-based grief support group for those dealing with the loss of a loved one. This is offered to our members and non-members alike, Thursdays at 6:30 pm beginning September 8th. Contact Pastor John Paustian for more information. Register online.

Friday Morning Women's Bible Study - God's Fingerprint: Genesis to Revelation. God's fingerprint is written in each book, and all are tied together as an inspired message of freedom and hope to everyone. This survey of the Bible will use a variety of support materials, videos and discussions, to cover the entire gist of scriptures between now and May. Feel free to come to all, hop on as you can, or catch up on your own. It's up to you!

Friday Bible study is for women of all ages, with its primary focus for younger women who are in the stages of parenting. If you are new to the Bible or a veteran student, plan to learn new ways to see God's plan through media and other perspectives. Class starts **September 16th at 8 - 9 am** in the Fellowship Hall. Child care may be provided, based on need. (TBA) Please [register](#) on the GS website. We cannot wait to get started!

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.

parents and children will meet in the church at 9:15 am for orientation and instructions, and then be dismissed to their classrooms for Sunday School. We will install our Sunday School teachers at the 8:00 am service on September 11th. Contact Coordinator Wes Schmandt or the office for more information.

Youth Bible Class: “How to...” - Once a month in person: Oct 2, Nov 6, Dec 4. Sunday mornings 9:15-10:15 am in the Commons Area downstairs. Also check out video, “How To's” posted on Good Shepherd Lutheran Facebook throughout the semester. Topics include: how to fit in, prioritize, date, guard your heart, fight doubts, treat parents, solve conflict, and not worry.

Special Events and Fellowship Opportunities

Make a Joyful Sound! – Our **Adult Choir** will be directed this year by Mrs. Eileen Schmiede. Rehearsals will be held Wednesdays at 7:30 pm beginning August 31st. We welcome new members to help us worship our Lord with joy!

Our **Adult Bell Choir** begins another season on Wednesday, August 31 at 6:15 pm. We welcome back returning members and invite new members. We play at worship services throughout the year and participate in a handbell festival in the spring. Music-reading ability and rhythmic skills are helpful, but prior experience is not necessary. You will learn as you go. If you have an interest in playing, contact Eileen Schmiede at 262-338-3114 by August 29th so she can assign bell parts.

We are seeking members who are willing to play an instrument or sing a solo—or be part of a **small group** for worship. Contact Gwen Pasbrig at the church office 262-334-7881 to learn more.

Job Opportunity - Good Shepherd Lutheran Church and School is looking to hire KML students for part-time custodial help and after-school care workers. If interested, please contact us at school@gsldswb.org or 262.334.7881

Quilts will be on display for purchase September 10/11th after all services. Helping Hands uses the proceeds to help needy causes and to purchase more materials.

Public School Catechism Class will be held Wednesday nights from 6:30-8:00 beginning Wednesday, September 7. This is a two year course of instruction led by Pastor Mueller. Since our goal is spiritual growth, students will also want to attend worship and Sunday School regularly. Attendance at Sunday School is expected to be prepared for Confirmation. Interested families need to call Pastor Mueller this summer at 262-334-7881 to set up an appointment to meet personally about the goals of catechism instruction and to register your child prior to the first class.

Men's Bible Breakfast – Men, you are invited to our Men's Bible Breakfast. Enjoy a hearty meaty breakfast, and a short Bible study Saturday, September 24 from 8:00-9:30 am. Held in our Fellowship Hall. The topic – "Do As I Have Done for You," based on John 13:1-17 will be led by our retirement pastor, Pastor Paul Janke. This is a great way to grow in your faith and get to know him and your brothers in Christ at Good Shepherd better. For planning purposes, please sign up in the Welcome Center. Can you help us with cooking and set up at 7:00 am? Please contact Pastor Hein.

Staying connected while away at College - It is vital that young people going off to college not drift away from Christ and his Word during those crucial years of education. WELS Campus Ministry is here to help by providing religious materials and opportunities for spiritual growth and Christian fellowship. Please submit the church office addresses of all college students to the church office as soon as possible so we can add them to the campus ministry mailing list.

Ladies' League is held the first Tuesday of each month at both 9:30 am and 7:00 pm. The first meetings are Tuesday, September 6. All ladies are invited. A booklet highlighting Ladies League events and service opportunities is available in the Welcome Center. The theme for the year is "God, our Refuge and Strength."

Stay Connected – To receive a weekly ministry and prayer chain update, send an email to revRhein@gmail.com with that request.

Ministry Update



Building "People" Connections Update

We are grateful that 256 families/ individuals have promised \$965,346 towards our Building People Connections campaign to reduce or eliminate our \$1.2 million expansion mortgage. \$886,408 has already been received. Our expansion mortgage is now down to \$196,394. 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.

Call Meeting Update – At our Voters' meeting Thursday, September 1st at 7:30 pm, we will call an associate pastor to advise our Boards of Worship and Support, including Stewardship ministry.

Pastor Paul Janke will be installed as our retirement pastor Sunday, September 18 at the 8 am service. He will serve our congregation by helping visit our 47 shut-ins and people in the hospital on a rotation with Pastors Hein and Mueller. He will also preach occasionally and help lead Bible studies. We wish him God's blessings as he begins his ministry among us.

Annual Report – Our 2021-2022 Annual Report is available in the Welcome Center. Take your copy home today. This is a great way to review the blessings of the past year and focus on the opportunities of our new ministry plan.

Vacation Bible School - Thanks to our 60+ volunteers who offered their time and talents to make our VBS a great blessing. Over 200 children were enrolled, with many coming from unchurched families. The VBS children also sang at our Outdoor Worship July 31st at Regner Park with a great turnout of children. 540 people attended the outdoor worship led by the WELS musician Michael Westendorf. Thanks to our great volunteers who set up and served to make the service and church picnic a special day!

SCHOOL INFORMATION

Installation of our new teachers - We are thankful that the Lord brought four new teachers to serve the children and families of Good Shepherd Lutheran Church and Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Church through our joint school ministry.

One of our goals is to promote a strong partnership between the called workers and members of both congregations.

We are blessed to install 4 new teachers for our school this year; Miss Allison Bovee was called by Shepherd of the Hills.

Mrs. Carol Janke, Miss Hannah Hungerford and Mrs. Madison Boulden were called by Good Shepherd.

To strengthen our partnership and allow both congregations to welcome them, we are planning installation/welcome services at

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!



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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Serve our Lord with joy! –

Opportunities to use our time and talents to serve our Lord and carry out the ministry of our church may be viewed by scanning this QR code. To use this code: Open the camera on your phone. Hold over the QR code. Watch for a link to press or simply wait until the form called "Fall 2022 - Serving God and Others in

Love" opens. Fill out form with your choices. Click SUBMIT. A copy of your choices will be sent to your email! Paper copies are also available in the Welcome Center.

both congregations. We will install and/or welcome our new teachers at Good Shepherd on Sunday, August 21 at 10 am. (Outdoor service if good weather) We will serve some treats and refreshments after the service. Shepherd of the Hills will install and/or welcome these new teachers Sunday, August 28 at 9:30 am. A card/gift box will be available to welcome each of our new called workers.

Pioneers – Welcoming all children 1st-8th grade! The 2022/2023 Pioneers program is set to start Monday, September 19 from 6:00-7:30 pm, beginning in church. 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 Good Shepherd golf outing, sponsored by GOAL, will be held Saturday, September 10 at West Bend Lakes Golf Course. All proceeds from this event support Good Shepherd Lutheran School. If you would like to donate a drawing prize, auction item, or sponsor a hole, please contact Mrs. Rau at crau@gslswb.org or Gabby Zeinert at gzeinert@mcw.edu. Keep your eye out for a volunteer sign up, as well as registration information. This will be a four-person scramble, so start getting your team together!

Volunteer Training – All called, hired and volunteer youth workers (18 and older) who work with our youth for child care, kid's programs like VBS and Christmas For Kids, sports, Sunday School, Pioneers, drive for field trips etc. are required to annually view a youth worker training video and return a completed form. This covers August 2022 to July 2023. Rather than an in-person presentation, you can view the presentation online at www.goodshepherdwels.org. You will need to download and print out the form. Fill it out by hand. Then scan or take a picture of it, and email it to school@gslswb.org, or return it to the church office by the end of August. If you don't have internet access, you may view the presentation on a computer at church.

Special Gifts

\$40 from family & friends in memory of Margaret Thiele for the General Fund

\$20 from Dick & Diane Techtman in memory of Sandi Geier for Building Connections

From family and friends in memory of Doris Bunkelmann:

\$105 for Music Fund

\$270 for Kid's Programs

\$170 for Building Connections

\$445 for Audio/Visual Fund

\$400 for Organ Fund

Good Shepherd Lutheran Church

September 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 6:30 pm Worship	2 No School	3
4 8:00 am Worship 10:00 am Worship	5 No School Labor Day	6 9:30 am Ladies League 7:00 pm Ladies League	7 9:00 am Wednesday Bible St. 6:00 pm Member Ministry Meeting 6:15 pm Adult Bell Choir 6:30 pm Public School Catechism 7:30 pm Adult Choir Rehearsal	8 6:30 pm Griefshare	9 8:00 am Women's Bible Study	10 9:00 am Golf Outing 5:00 pm Communion Worship
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