



Good Shepherd Lutheran Church Newsletter



February 2020

Our Vision

Connected to Christ!

Connected to One Another!

Connected to our Community!

Good Shepherd is all about building connections:

- Building stronger connections with Christ through his Word.
- Building 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.

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Worship Christ with us!

Saturdays at 5:00 pm;
Sundays at 8:00 & 10:30



Next session begins on Sunday, February 23 at 6:00 pm.

Our Safe Bomb Shelter

TV's History Channel was showing a documentary about World War Two and Hitler's V2 rockets ravaging London. As the air raid sirens sounded, people would scurry to the nearest bomb shelter. Many times they were safe within its walls, other times they weren't.

From hell Satan regularly fires off his V2 rockets, aimed at our destruction. "You're a sinner," he tells us, "God doesn't want you. Don't even dare to think about ending up in his heaven." "You're

worthless, nothing in God's sight," he bombards us, "don't expect him to help you with your troubles."

"Your days are numbered. Soon death will claim you," he fires at us, "Then I'll have you as my very own."

London's citizens had bomb shelters that could not always protect them. We have something better that never fails – "the name of the Lord." His name is "Savior," who has paid for all our sins. His name is "Helper" who

stands ready to aid in all our earthly needs. His name is "the Resurrection." He has conquered our death and will open our graves.

When Satan lobbs his rockets at us, we need to remember where to go. God's Word with its many promises is a bomb shelter that will never fail us. And that Word we find each week in God's house!

Your partner in using his bomb shelter,

Pastor Richard E. Lauersdorf

Worship

Join us for Lenten Worship!

Wednesdays at 10:00 am and 6:30 pm February 26- April 1

Take a spiritual journey with Jesus to the cross and the empty tomb!

Startling Statements from our Savior's Passion

February 26 "Simon,

Satan has asked to sift you as wheat"

March 4 "My soul is overwhelmed to the point of death"

March 11 "I will destroy this temple and rebuild it in three days"

March 18 "Not a word to Herod"

March 25 "Give us Barabbas"

April 1 "Weep for yourselves and for your children"

Lenten Dinners - Join us for our delicious Lenten Dinners starting at 5:15 pm each Wednesday of Lent. Bring a delicious dessert to share and a freewill offering to help cover expenses.! Contact Cheryl Henckel to volunteer.

Opportunities to Grow through the Word

Sunday Bible Studies at 9:15 am

“Lord, Help Me Make God-pleasing Decisions” Some decisions God’s Word speaks to directly. In other cases, the Bible gives us principles to follow. Learn how to make God-pleasing decisions. Led by Pastor Robert Hein in the Fellowship Hall.

“Prepared to Answer” These lessons focus on questions that can easily challenge our own faith and provide answers that we need for ourselves. Each week’s topic is a stand alone lesson. Feel free to join us for questions you’d like answered for yourself or others. These lessons are based on chapters from the popular “Prepared to Answer” books by Dr. Mark Paustian. Led by Pastor John Paustian downstairs in the Commons Area.

Teen Bible study is held Sundays

at 9:15 am in the Fireside Room, Topical issues led by our Christ teen leaders.

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

Wednesday Morning Bible Class - We meet Wednesday mornings in church from 9:00-10:00 am. We are studying the book of Proverbs. Regardless of your age, come and join our active, ever growing group. Led by Pastor Richard E. Lauersdorf.

Time Out For Mom’s Friday Bible Study All moms invited. Join us as we study the book of Ephesians Led by Marilyn Sievert each Friday from 8:00-9:00 am in the Fireside Room. Free childcare is provided.

Website - Check out our

church/school website at www.goodshepherdwels.org for ministry updates and the online calendar. We have had 2,829 visits to our website in the past two months and 493 connections to our Facebook page in the past month. Like us on Facebook at Good Shepherd, West Bend.

 support group provides help

and encouragement after the death of a spouse, child, family member or friend. Each session includes a video on an aspect of the grieving process and a discussion of the video. Each participant will have a workbook follow-up on that lesson. Register to attend online at www.goodshepherdwels.org. Starting Sunday, February 23 at 6:00 pm. Cost: \$15 for a workbook .

Sacred Concerts & Special Events

Marriage Enrichment Night

Set aside Friday, February 14th from 6:00-9:00 pm for a special marriage enrichment night at Good Shepherd held in our Fellowship Hall. All couples are welcome whether you are newlyweds or married 50 years. Invite your non-member friends as well. Strengthen your marriage, enjoy delicious food and great fellowship. Guest presenter KML Pastor Ben Reichel will promote “Friendship in Marriage.” Since this is Valentine’s Day, we will enjoy a candlelight dinner together as well. Registration forms are available at church or online at www.goodshepherd.wels.org.

Time Out for Moms Event

Topic: Tech Tools: Parenting in a Cyber-driven Culture on Saturday, February 22, from 9:00-11:00 am at Little Lambs Childcare Center. In the fitness world, understanding how to use a heart monitor or step tracker can maximize results. For today’s parents, understanding the technology in our kids’ hands is not optional. Attend this event for high-leverage tools essential to training our children in today’s cyber-driven culture.

Free childcare provided. Register online at www.goodshepherdwels.org/timeoutformoms.

Kettle Moraine Lutheran High

School's Drama Program is excited to announce this winter's musical production of **“Little Women.”** Dates: Friday, February 21, 7:00 pm, Saturday, February 22, 7:00 pm, Sunday, February 23, 2:00 pm Purchase Tickets Online at www.kmlhs.org

The February meeting of our Dodge/Washington OWLS will be Monday, February 24, 10:00 am at Peace, Hartford. Our speaker will be Pastor Aaron Steinbrenner who will speak on his 2019 trip to Italy. We will also prepare the next mailing for our OWLS European Civilian Chaplaincy Offering, followed by a brief business meeting and our

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usual great potluck. Bring a dish to pass. All are invited and welcome to attend. Questions? Call Pastor Scheele, 353-9838.

Jesus Cares simplified Bible study is held at Good Shepherd the third Saturday of each month from 9:00-10:00 am.

If you would like to assist with the program or know someone who could benefit from this program, please contact Lora Gatzke or one of the pastors.

Women's Retreat

All women are invited to the St. Lucas Women's Retreat Saturday, February 22nd from 8:30 am – 2:30 pm. Registration fee including lunch and presentations is \$17. To learn more, go to



www.stlucawels.org

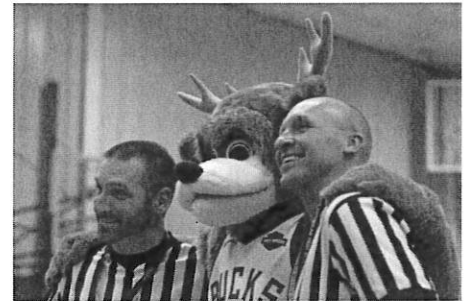
Be a Greeter! - We are looking for individuals and families to serve as greeters prior to our worship services. This is a great way to offer a friendly welcome.

You may sign up online at www.goodshepherdwels.org and choose the times and dates of your choice. Click on the church tab and then greeter signup. Contact

Gretchen Crowley for more information.

Join us for our Faculty/8th Grade Basketball Game Friday, February 28th at 6:00 pm.

Students are also hosting a bake sale to help the Kremer family with medical expenses as Miriam is being treated for leukemia. Come join the fun!



Ministry Update

BUILDING Connections

By God's grace, we have received \$2,073, 711 in pledges and gifts to our building expansion project with \$105, 579 remaining from our three year pledges ending March 2020. What a blessing! "Building Connections" envelopes are available in your envelope packet and the church narthex. Special gifts in honor of a special blessing or in memory of a loved one are welcome and will reduce our loan amount. How wonderful it is to use our expanded facilities to build stronger connections to the glory of God!

We encourage all members of

Good Shepherd to return their first fruits to the Lord as a joyful act of worship and an expression of gratitude to God for his priceless blessings.

As a church, our regular offerings are presently meeting our ministry expenses. In the Bible, God encourages proportional giving; that is, based on your level of income. Consider what great things God has done for you, and then set your plan of grateful response. God's Word says, "**Honor the LORD with your wealth, with the firstfruits of all your crops!**" Proverbs 3:9

Offering Statements

2019 offering statements are available in the narthex. Take your copy home as a record of your giving plan. It also offers a letter of stewardship encouragement for 2020.

Online Giving - If you would like to offer your gifts to the Lord's work online, sign up under "giving" at our website

www.goodshepherdwels.org with a secure sign in and password.

All the designations in your envelope packet are also available online. You can offer a one time gift or set up weekly amounts.

School Information

Important Tax Information - You may be qualified to claim the subtraction for K-8 tuition paid in 2019 for your dependent child to attend a private school. There is more information on this at tax-brackets.org/Wisconsin-tax-forms/schedule-ps

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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.*



School News

Important WI Parental Choice Notice

Good Shepherd School is excited to participate in the Wisconsin Parental Choice Program (WPCP)! For students selected by the state, families receive a voucher that pays their students' tuition in full. Currently over 40 families participate. The open application period for the statewide Wisconsin Parental Choice Program (WPCP) for the 2020-2021 school year begins February 3 and runs through April 20, 2020. Is your family eligible for the WPCP? It is a tremendous blessing which can pay for your child's education all through elementary and high school! Go to <https://dpi.wi.gov/sms/choice-programs/student-applications> or contact the school office .

A letter from Mrs. Melissa Linton:

Dear Members of Good Shepherd and Shepherd of the Hills, For the last two years I have had the privilege to teach your students and watch them grow in faith, maturity and knowledge. As this school year draws to a close, I will be resigning from my position at Good Shepherd, as Matt and I have recently learned we are expecting our fourth child in August.

Thank you for allowing me to teach your children and be a part of Good Shepherd. I look forward to continuing to be involved from the parent side in the future!

Miss Henckel - Our Preschool and Little Lambs Director, Cheryl Henckel has received a call to teach at St. Paul Lutheran School in Ixonia. Your encouragements to her would be welcome along with your prayers.

KML Percussion Concert is Saturday, February 8th at 6:30 pm
Everyone is invited!

Special Gifts

\$147 in memory of Helen Yenter from Ken & Sue Blaine for Christmas Decorations

\$10 in memory of Edith Backhaus Welch from Patricia Hill for the Building Connections Fund

BUILDING People Connections

January 20, 2020

Dear Family of Good Shepherd:

The coming weeks will be significant in the life and growth of our church family. We are beginning a special stewardship appeal to reduce our building expansion mortgage debt and begin efforts to better connect people with ministry. Further details on our "Building People Connections" appeal will be communicated to you very soon. Our stewardship appeal culminates on Celebration Sunday, the weekend of March 29, when we will ask our members to make their gift promises to our appeal.

The members of our Stewardship Appeal Steering Committee have been recruited and are now finalizing the plans for the appeal. We are recruiting the people who will assist us in this important endeavor. You may receive an invitation from one of these members asking you to serve as a volunteer in our program. Please be open to their invitation. The program is organized so that a great amount of work is distributed among a lot of people so each one has just a little to do. We are confident you will enjoy the opportunity to assist.

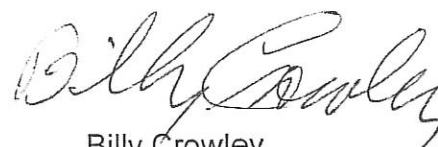
It is a privilege and honor to serve as the General Chairpersons of the Appeal. Other members of the Steering Committee are:

Communication Chairpersons: Kristen Kapler, Dan Schultz, Marilyn Sievert
Telephone Chairpersons: Deanna Borns, Marcia Krenek, Marcia Weber
Leader Gift Chairpersons: Mark Frank, Peter Kapler, Ramiro Paz, Jim Sievert, Richard Schmidt
Spiritual Encouragement Chairpersons: Martin Scheele
Appeal Secretary: Gwen Pasbrig
Pastor Robert Hein and Pastor John Paustian

We enjoyed serving as leaders with our past funding effort and look forward with excitement for this next appeal. We ask for your support and input during the next ten weeks or so as we march forward as brothers and sisters of the faith! Remember, "this service you provide is not only meeting the needs of God's people, but is also overflowing in many expressions of thanks to God!"
2 Corinthians 9:12

Yours in Christ,


Dave Ertmer
General Chairperson


Billy Crowley
General Chairperson