



August Newsletter in the Year of Our Lord 2022

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

Our Values Matter

Suppose you were told the home in which you lived was going to be overtaken by a wildfire. You have five minutes to grab what is most important to you and evacuate. What would you take with you? Those are the things you value most in life, the things you can't live without, the things you have to have.

Our church has values too, teachings and concepts and priorities that define us as a Christian family of believers, things we can't do without. Our values establish our priorities and drive our ministry plans.

Our leaders recently developed values to define our ministry at Good Shepherd. These were also adopted by our voters at a recent Voters' Assembly. We urge you to adopt these values as your very own, and make them a priority in your walk with Jesus.

GOD'S WORD - We cherish the Bible in its entirety as the inspired Word of God

All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness. 2 Timothy 3:16

WORSHIP EXCELLENCE - We proclaim and glorify the Lord through excellence and variety in worship

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 hearts. Colossians 3:16

WELCOMING EVERYONE AS FAMILY - We welcome all those we reach into our church family

Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer. Share with the Lord's people who are in need. Practice hospitality. Romans 12:12-13

INTENTIONAL OUTREACH - We share Jesus with as many people as possible with intention and purpose

Be wise in the way you act toward outsiders; make the most of every opportunity. Let your conversation be always full of grace, seasoned with salt, so that you may know how to answer everyone. Colossians 4:5-6 (continued next page)



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

Thursdays at 6:30 pm

Sundays at 8:00 and 10:00 am

*Note – Holy Communion will be offered
August 18/21 instead of August 25/28th.*

Family Bible Study at 9:15 am

Outdoor Worship - The 10:00 am worship service Sunday, August 21 (weather permitting) will be held out on a back lawn behind the school. We encourage you to bring your own lawn chairs. The pastors will bring Holy Communion to you as you are seated. The other two services will be held in church as usual. Come join us!

Bible Presentation – August 25 and 28, we will present a Bible to all our incoming 3rd graders and our school children will sing at all services, as each family picks the service of their choice to attend. Pastor Joel Gaertner will be our guest preacher, focusing on "Jesus Cares" Ministry to people with developmental handicaps.

Our **Summer Sermon Series** continues through August focusing on "The LORD Rules Through His Kings"

August 7 – David & Bethsheba

August 14 – Solomon asks for wisdom

August 21 – Solomon dedicates the temple

August 28 - Jesus Cares Sunday with guest preacher

September 4 – Solomon's downfall and hopeful return

LIFELONG SPIRITUAL EDUCATION - *We strive to grow spiritually through lifelong education for people of all ages*

Like newborn babies, crave pure spiritual milk, so that by it you may grow up in your salvation. 1 Peter 2:2

USE OF SPIRITUAL GIFTS - *We understand our gifts and want to serve God and others with them*

Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God's grace in its various forms. 1 Peter 4:10

LOVE IN ACTION - *We display Christian love to all while keeping Jesus at the center of all we do*

"A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another." John 13:34-45

Your fellow servant in Christ, Pastor Robert Hein



Opportunities to Grow through the Word

Public School Catechism Class will be held Wednesday nights from 6:30-8:00 beginning Wednesday September 8th. 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 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.

Wednesday Morning Bible Class resumes on September 7th at our usual time of 9:00 am. Our new topic will be a study of the Old Testament book of Ruth. Did you know she, a Gentile, was the greatgrandmother 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.

Our new Bible Information Class, "Our New Life with Jesus" will be held Monday nights at 7:00 pm, 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. 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 334-7881. Led by Pastor Robert Hein.

Griefshare is a small group ministry offering encouragement to those who have lost a loved one. Our next session will be held on Thursday nights at 6:30 pm starting in September 8th. Contact the church office to learn more.

Special Events and Fellowship Opportunities



Three Minute Reminder -

We, as the body of Christ, are called to be the visible presence of God's love. Be sure to demonstrate his love by practicing the "Three Minute Rule." Reach out and talk to someone new today. Rather than just coming to church, we want to "BE" God's church.

Christ-teens Pizza and Brownies Sale will be held in August to raise funds for their activities. You may fill out an order form by August 22nd and return it to the box in the narthex. Pickup is in the lower level kitchen Sunday, August 28. Thanks for your support!

Voting for one precinct of West Bend will be held at Good Shepherd Tuesday, August 9. Voters will be met at the carport entrance by volunteers and directed to the Fellowship Hall to vote. No one, other than our staff, will be allowed to go beyond the entranceway into our church or school area. We are offering our site for voting as a community service at the request of the city of West Bend, with the approval of our Voters.

Good Shepherd Rams Golf Outing, sponsored by GOAL, will be held September 10 at West Bend Lakes Golf Course. Proceeds support Good Shepherd Lutheran School. If you would like to donate a drawing prize, auction item, or sponsor a hole, 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!

Donations and prayers are invited for Traci Schramm and her children Teagan and Taryn. Her husband Travis died in a motorcycle accident and she suffered serious injuries. Support at this link.

[https://www.gofundme.com/f/support-for-schrams?](https://www.gofundme.com/f/support-for-schrams?utm_source=customer&utm_medium=copy_link&utm_campaign=p_cf+share-flow-1)

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There is a Caringbridge site

<https://www.caringbridge.org/visit/tracischram>



Vacation Bible School will be held July 25-29th from 9:00 -11:25 am for ages 3 through 8th grade. The theme is "God's Wonder Lab

– Jesus Does the Impossible". The children will sing at our Outdoor Worship service July 31st at 10 am at Regner Park. Registration is now closed as we have reached capacity at over 200 children. VBS is funded through special gifts designated toward "Kid's Programs". Envelopes are available in the narthex. Donations of cookies are appreciate to feed our hungry army of kids!

Church Picnic - Our church picnic and outdoor worship service will be held Sunday, July 31 at Regner Park. We will hold our regular Thursday worship at 6:30 pm in church. No Sunday 8:00 am worship. We will have one outdoor Sunday worship service at 10:00 am, led by WELS musician Michael Westendorf. Our VBS children will sing. After the service, we will enjoy a delicious meal, fellowship, and bean bag toss. Bring lawn chairs, yard games, and invite your friends.

We need volunteers to help make this event a success! Sign up at the link below or in the Welcome Center to help with meal prep, serving, clean up, game coordination, or monitoring the bounce house.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20F0C48A9AB22A6F58-church1>

SCHOOL INFORMATION

During a time when there are more than 125 teaching vacancies in WELS classrooms across the country, Good Shepherd was blessed to fill all 4 of our teaching positions. This is truly a blessing for us. Your prayers are encouraged for many of our schools which still have vacancies. Mrs. Carol Janke has accepted our call to serve as an instructional teacher in the primary grades. Mrs. Janke currently serves in Watertown, SD, and she and her husband, Pastor Paul Janke will be moving to this area in August. We welcome them!

Miss Allison Bovee has accepted a one-year call to serve as our second Kindergarten teacher. Miss Bovee begins her work in July and we are excited to have her join our team!

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Ministry Update



Building "People" Connections Update

We are grateful that 252 families/ individuals have promised \$960,382 towards our Building People Connections campaign to reduce or eliminate our \$1.2 million expansion mortgage. \$876,987 has already been received. Our expansion mortgage is now down to \$232,016. 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 Update – Our Voters' Call meeting for a third pastor advising the Board of Worship and Support, which includes Stewardship ministry will be Sunday, July 24th at 11:00 am. We are thankful that Pastor Paul Janke accepted our one year call to serve as our retirement pastor. His wife Carol also accepted a teaching position in our school. Pastor Janke will help with visitation, hospital calls, and occasional preaching. He begins in September.

Our new ministry structure is in place with a Coordinating Council and six boards overseeing six key areas of ministry. The board are working with our coordinators to develop ministry descriptions, develop a yearly Action Plan, and recruit volunteers to serve on ministry teams. Marilyn Sievert and Catherine Moldenhauer serve as Member Ministry Coordinators to help members identify their spiritual gifts and link them to service. Here is a listing of our Coordinating Council: Mark Frank - President, Justin Rechlicz- Vice President, Dan Herriges – Secretary, Mark Mertes - Financial Officer, Paul Ihlenfeldt - Adult Nurture Board Chairman, Kurt Kolander - Family Nurture Board Chairman, Jack Freiheit - Outreach Board Chairman, Nathan Karst, Board for Lutheran School Chairman, Peter Kapler, Worship Board Chairman, Adam Retzlaff - Support Board Chairman.

Ministry Plan Update

We thank the Lord for moving the hearts of his people to offer their first-fruit offerings to support our ministry plan and the Lord's work elsewhere. We ended the fiscal year with our income meeting our expenses. What a blessing! Our new ministry plan brings new challenges and opportunities as it includes funding for a third full time pastor. We encourage each member to review their giving plan in light of the blessings God has given you and the important ministry we carry out at Good Shepherd. Remember that we don't give to "pay the bills." We are eager to offer God our firstfruit offerings in gratitude for the incredible blessings we enjoy from him. We give, trusting in the Lord to provide for our needs, and making the most of the ministry opportunities God places before us. Online giving is available through your checking or savings account at our website www.goodshepherdwels.org.

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

School Information (continued)

We have received an MLC graduate, Mrs. Madison Boulden to replace Mr. Kramer to teach in the upper grades. We are very excited to have Mrs. Boulden join our staff! We welcome Hannah Swiontek, a Wisconsin Lutheran College graduate, who will serve as an instructional teacher here. We look forward to adding her to our team!

Enrollment in K3-8 has increased by about 25 students to approximately 260. What a great opportunity to provide more children with a Christ-centered education! Our 4K enrollment is approximately 31 so we will continue to have two classrooms. We have made significant investments in technology for the coming school year: We have added 50 additional Chromebooks which will provide 1 to 1 Chromebook usage in grades 3-8. In addition, this will allow us to expand Chromebook usage in grades K-2. We are also thrilled to purchase 50 more Apple iPads to be used for students in preschool to grade 2.

Two new office/classroom spaces are being added in the commons area. New classroom furniture will be seen throughout the school. Many student desks and chairs were updated again in our classrooms. The 7th grade room is being remodeled with new carpeting and shelving. It looks great! What a great staff we have at Good Shepherd School! It was a blessing to have our entire staff lead us through this past school year with wisdom and grace! As we begin another year, please continue to keep our incredible Good Shepherd School staff in your prayers. What a blessing we have in these workers!

Ice Cream Social – Good Shepherd is hosting an ice cream social for new and returning school families Sunday, August 21 from 1:00-3:00 pm. Come meet the teachers and get to know new and returning families and classmates. School begins Monday, August 22 at 8:00 am.

We are hiring at Little Lambs for teachers starting in August. We have been blessed with a successful summer with excellent summer/college teachers and we would like to bring in some new teachers for the school year. We have openings in the toddler and preschool rooms. Our days are full with many rewarding experiences getting to make crafts with children, bonding with our little friends and teaching children to explore and use their creativity, but most rewarding of all would be teaching them about their Savior and being part of the Little Lambs and Good Shepherd ministry. If you or anyone you know is interested please call Anita Cook at 262-338-1764.

Special Gifts

\$540 from family and friend in memory of Sandy Geier for Building Connections

GOOD SHEPHERD LUTHERAN CHURCH

August 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3 9:00 am Wednesday Bible Study 6:30 pm Public School Catechism 7:30 pm Adult Choir: Rehearsal	4 6:30 pm Worship	5	6
7 8:00 am Worship 9:15 am Family Bible Study 10:00 am Worship	8 7:00 pm KML General Board	9 Voting at Good Shepherd	10	11 6:30 pm Communion Worship	12	13
14 8:00 am Communion Worship 9:15 am Family Bible Study 10:00 am Communion Worship	15	16 6:30 pm Coordinating Council	17 8:00 am Newsletter Mailing	18 6:30 pm Communion Worship	19	20
21 8:00 am Communion Worship 9:15 am Family Bible Study 10:00 am Outdoor Communion Worship 1:00 pm Ice Cream Social	22 8:00 am First Day of School	23	24	25 6:30 pm Worship	26	27
28 8:00 am Worship 9:15 am Family Bible Study 10:00 am Worship	29	30	31			