



September Newsletter in the Year of Our Lord 2021

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

Crave pure spiritual milk!

Our fall schedule of Bible studies and special programs and our gift of Bibles to our 3rd graders have been planned to encourage you to crave the rich food of God's Word, **so that by it you may grow up in your salvation, now that you have tasted that the Lord is good.** (1 Peter 2:2-3)

I remember how eager I was to grow up through late grade school and high school. Children with older siblings are eager to enjoy the privileges given to a big brother or sister, but not so eager to take on the responsibilities that come with them.

Have we fallen into a desire for personal spiritual growth that is focused on self? I want my faith to grow so that I am calmer, more confident, more hopeful! I want to keep my faith a personal, private, individual thing.

Read on in 1 Peter 2 and you will see that Peter is encouraging growth with the big picture in mind—living stones being built into a spiritual house and offering sacrifices that bring joy to God's heart. Don't filter his words from the perspective of American individualism and individual rights! Don't forget who you are! Don't forget your privilege! **You are a chosen people... that you may declare the praises of him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light.** Such praise draws people together and builds living people connections.

Make this fall the fall where you commit yourself to attending a Bible study or a special program for spiritual growth!

In Christ,

Pastor John Paustian

Thanks to those who organized my 40th celebration and those who encouraged me with cards and gifts, making it a very memorable day.

Programs to help you better understand God's gift of emotions:

Cornerstone—A six week course on developing a faith-fueled emotional resilience system. The presenter of this program from Christian Family Solutions is Karen Fischer. She is a Licensed Professional Counselor and a member of our congregation. "In this world you will have trouble. But take heart! I have overcome the world." - John 16:33 Begins Thursday, September 23rd at 7:00 pm. (Six sessions) Register online.

Griefshare - A new session of GriefShare, a video-based grief support group for those dealing with the loss of a loved one. Thursdays at 6:30 pm beginning Nov. 4th. Register online.

Worship our Lord with joy!

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

Our last Thursday evening services are Thursday, September 2nd at 5:00 & 6:30 pm (6:30 pm Outdoor on back lawn, weather permitting)

Our first Saturday evening worship is Saturday September 11th at 4:00 * & 5:00 pm.

Masks are required for our Saturday services at 4:00 pm and there will be no congregational singing.

Sunday mornings at 8:00 & 10:30 am. starting September 12th.

Outdoor Worship Service – Our Thursday evening worship service September 2nd at 6:30 pm will be held outside on the back lawn. If it rains, we will move inside. We will set up chairs, but please also bring your own lawn chairs. Treats and refreshments will be served after the service as a time of fellowship. We are making a special effort to invite our new school families to attend.

Make a Joyful Sound! - Our Adult Bell Choir begins another season on Sept. 8th at 6:00 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 or questions, please contact Eileen Schmiede at 262-338-3114.

Opportunities to Grow through the Word

NEW SUNDAY BIBLE STUDIES

9:15 am beginning Sunday September 12th. Sign up online or in the Welcome Center.

“Love, Listen, Lead” Grow in your ability to share your faith and encourage others in their time of need. This video based study will be led by Pastor Hein in the Fellowship Hall. This is part of Evangelism emphasis for Member Witness.

“Elephants in the Room” - Theistic evolution relies on ignoring the elephants in the room, key biblical teachings. Pastor Robert Koester breaks down evolutionary arguments and shows believers how to discern biblical teachings about creation from common doctrinal errors. Led by Pastor Paustian Sundays at 9:15 am in the Commons Area.

Sunday School resumes Sunday September 12th at 9:15 am for children 3 and up. Register by signing up in the church narthex 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 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 12th. We are in need of a 3-4th grade Sunday School teacher assistant. Contact Coordinator Wes Schmandt for more information.

WEEKDAY BIBLE STUDIES

Our new Bible Information Class, “Our New Life with Jesus” will be held Monday nights at 7:00, beginning September 13th. (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 334-7881. Led by Pastor Robert Hein in our Fireside Room.

Women’s Bible Study – Six Monday nights starting September 13 at 6:30 – 7:30 pm. **Living Life on Purpose** is a continuation of the summer study we started on a book by Dr. Rhoda Wolle and Amber Swenson. Registration required for study materials! It is okay to join us, even though you didn’t start this summer. You will easily catch up on this topic as we reflect and renew your passion to know and use your personal gifts, talents and interests intentionally in the kingdom. Led by Marilyn Sievert. Register online!

Service and Fellowship Opportunities

Ladies’ League is held the first Tuesday of each month at both 9:30 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. The first meetings are Tuesday, September 7th. All ladies are invited. A booklet highlighting Ladies League events and service opportunities is available in the narthex. The theme for the year is “Equipped for service.”

Women's Ministry Event: All women (grade 7 and up) are invited to a meet up on Saturday, September 18 in the Fellowship Hall from 9 to 10:30 am to discuss the vision for Women's Ministry at Good Shepherd. There will also be a devotion, craft, and fellowship time. Sign up online or in the narthex.

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 2021 to July 2022. Rather than an in person presentation, this year 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.

Our Good Shepherd golf outing, sponsored by GOAL, will be held at West Bend Lakes Golf Course Saturday, September 11th. 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 Gabrielle Zeinert at pkz1026@yahoo.com. Registration information is in the Welcome Center. This will be a four-person scramble.

Pioneers –Welcoming all children 1st-8th grade! The 2021/2022 Pioneers program is set to start Monday, September 13th 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 \$25/child. For more information, including registration and calendar, please email pioneerswb@gmail.com.


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

A special door offering, sponsored by our Dodge/ Washington OWLS, will be gathered September 16 & 19th to support the WELS European Chaplaincy program. You may also send your gift to the church office with that designation. Our WELS European civilian chaplain is based in Spiesheim, Germany. He serves people in a number of

German cities, but also travels to Italy, England, and Switzerland. Both civilians and military personnel living in Europe are referred to our European civilian chaplain for spiritual support. Your special gifts in support of this ministry are appreciated!

Beats For Heartbeats - September 18th - 2:30-9:00 p.m. Washington County Fairgrounds, West Bend, WI Featuring music from : Him + Her Worship, Koiné, Crowder info@beatsforheartbeats.com. Heartbeats, Inc. celebrates the value of every life through the power of Christ. We act as a conduit to provide support - through awareness and fundraising - for organizations that focus their efforts on benefitting abundant life.

Update – We are grateful that 240 families/individuals have promised \$839,184 towards our Building People Connections campaign to reduce or eliminate our \$1.2 million expansion mortgage. \$581,379 has already been received reducing our debt to \$599,000. 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 Voter's Call Meeting August 12th our congregations called Pastor William Monday to serve as our pastor. He is married to Lori and has 4 children ages 10-18. He presently serves as part of a 5 man team at St. Peter, Freedom, WI, North Campus and the Core in Appleton. Both campuses total 2,289 souls. He has been serving in the ministry for 17 years. Please keep him and his family in your prayers as he deliberates both calls.

2020-2021 Annual Report Booklets are available in the Welcome Center. This is a great way to review the blessings of the past year and focus on the opportunities of our new ministry plan.

Voters' Assembly Update – On August 22nd our voters approved proposals to improve the lighting in the church sanctuary and to adopt the use of the new WELS Hymnal-Christian Worship beginning in Advent. Both will be funded by special gifts. The new WELS hymnal will include all the best— time tested hymns and traditions cherished by Lutheran worshippers, and new opportunities for praise and proclamation including hundreds of additional psalm settings in numerous music styles. To learn more, go to www.wels.net. We are seeking special gifts for new hymnals, altar books, resources for musicians and worship guides, totally over \$10,000. Special gifts in memory of a loved one or in honor of a special event are welcome. Each new hymnal is \$24. Designate your gift to "New Hymnal Fund."

Wednesday Morning Bible Class will resume Wednesday, Sept 8th, at 9:00 a.m. meeting in the Fellowship Hall. Topic will be "Moses, God's Faithful Servant." When's the last time you looked at this Old Testament leader, and what we can learn from him? Led by Pastor Richard Lauersdorf.

"Love, Listen, Lead" Small Group - Grow in your ability to share your faith and encourage others in their time of need. This video based Small Group Bible study will be led by Paul and Carly Braun at their home on Wednesdays at 6:30 pm in September beginning September 15th. This is part of Evangelism emphasis for Member Witness.

Mom's Bible Studies - 8:00 am Fridays when school is in session. **Habukkuk: Remembering God's Faithfulness When He seems Silent.** Confused by what God's is doing or not doing around you, yet hesitant to ask, "Why?" Troubled by the injustice around him, the prophet Habakkuk complained, "Why don't you do something?" God's answer left him even more confused, yet the Lord led him to find the answer in his unchanging faithfulness. Taught by Marilyn Sievert. Ideal for meeting other moms! Moms take turns providing childcare. Books will be provided, so registration is required. You can register online.

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. Pastor Hein will lead the class the first half of the year, and Pastor Paustian the second half. They alternate every year. 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 Hein 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.

Men's Bible Breakfast – Men, you are invited to our Men's Bible Breakfast. Enjoy a hearty meaty breakfast, served by our Board of Evangelism, and a short Bible study Saturday, September 25th from 8:00-9:30 am. Focus on promoting a Christian culture. Held in our Fellowship Hall. Special safety precautions will be taken in serving and eating. This is a great way to grow in your faith and get to know your brothers in Christ at Good Shepherd better. For planning purposes, please sign up in the Welcome Center.

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. WELS Campus Ministry is here to help by providing religious materials and opportunities for spiritual growth and Christian fellowship. Please submit your college student's address to the church office as soon as possible so they will receive campus ministry mailings.

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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Vacation Bible School - Thanks to our 60+ volunteers who offered their time and talents to make our VBS a great blessing. 170 children were enrolled, with many coming from unchurched families. The VBS children also sang at our Outdoor Worship August 1st at Regner Park with a good turnout of children. 490 people attended the outdoor worship, led by the WELS musical group "Unworthy." Thanks to our great volunteers who set up and served to make a church picnic a special day!

Christmas Service Schedule Change – The Coordinating Council ratified a proposal from the Jt. Board for Lutheran Schools to move our Children's Christmas Eve Services to the Sunday prior to Christmas Eve. These services will also include our Sunday School Children. This year our children's services will be on Sunday December 19th at 4:00 and 6:00 pm. On Christmas Eve we will hold one Christmas Eve Service at 5:00 pm and a Candlelight Service at 9:00 pm. Our Christmas Day Service will be at 9:00 am.

Special Gifts

A beautiful black cross for the gym, constructed by one of our members, from our 2021 Good Shepherd graduates.

\$50 from Ken & Marcia Weber in memory of Orville Shine for Church Lightning

\$250 from Gary & Jeanette Gudex in memory of her mother, Violet Frank for Ziesemer Scholarship

\$50 from Ken & Marcia Weber in memory of Bill Gauger for Church Lightning

\$50 from Leland Schultz in memory of Clara & Ernie Schultz for Organ Fund

\$150 from Robert & Jeanette Schultz in honor of their 50th wedding anniversary for New Hymnal Fund and \$10 in honor of Mrs. Wilk's 40 years of teaching for our school.

\$20 from the Rau family in honor of Diane Robinson's mother Gladys, for Building Connections

\$50 from Gerald and Lisa Kudek in memory of Alex Kudek for the Alex Kudek Scholarship

\$5 from Naomi Franzmann in memory of Lois Lenz for Building Connections

\$70 from Sherry Gatzke in memory of Michael O'loughlin for Building Connections

\$35 from William Scherschel in memory of Gladys Bublitz for Building Connections

\$50 from Naomi Engeleiter in honor of Pastor Paustian's 40th ministry anniversary for Building Connections

\$100 from Martin Biller in memory of Janet Biller for Building Connections

\$50 from Harold Janke in memory of Shirley Leininger for Little Lambs

\$100 from Richard Leininger in memory of Shirley Leininger for New Hymnal Fund

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

GOOD SHEPHERD CHURCH CALENDAR

September 2021

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2 5:30 pm Worship 6:30 pm Worship (Outdoor)	3 No School - Labor Day	4
5 8:00 am Worship 9:15 am Family Bible Study 10:00 am Worship	6 No School – Labor Day	7 9:30 am Ladies League 7:00 pm Ladies League	8 School Pictures 9:00 am Wednesday Bible Study 6:30 pm Public School Catechism	9	10 8:00 am Quilting	11 8:00 am Golf outing 4:00 pm Communion Worship (mask required) 5:00 pm Communion Worship
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19 8:00 am Worship 9:15 am Sunday School and Bible Study 10:30 am Worship	20 7:00 pm Bible Information Class	21 6:30 pm Coordinating Council	22 9:00 am Wednesday Bible Study 6:30 pm Public School Catechism 7:00 pm Cornerstone Presentation	23 7:00 pm Cornerstone Meeting	24 8:00 am Quilting	25 8:00 am Men's Bible Breakfast 4:00 pm Communion Worship (mask required) : 5:00 pm Communion Worship
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