

Good Shepherd Lutheran Church

September 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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3 8:00 am Worship 9:15 am Family Bible Study 10:00 am Worship	4 Labor Day	5 9:30 am Ladies League 6:00 pm Jesus Cares 7:00 pm Ladies League	6 9:00 am Wednesday Bible Study 6:15 pm Adult Bells 6:30 pm Public School Catechism 7:30 pm Adult Bell Choir	7	8 8:00 am Women's Bible Study	9 GOAL Golf Outing 5:00 pm Communion Worship
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September Newsletter in the Year of Our Lord 2023

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

“Who knows but that you have come to your royal position for such a time as this.”

Esther 4:13-14

Those are the words of encouragement Mordacai offered to Esther to encourage her to go to King Xerxes and plead for the lives of her people. It was not just a coincidence that she was put into her royal position at this particular time. God placed Queen Esther there for a specific purpose. God would use her as his instrument to rescue his people and advance his saving plan. Esther stepped up in faith and acted boldly for the good of her people.

Do you ever apply Mordecai’s probing question to yourself? “Who knows but that you have come to your royal position for such a time as this.”

Consider the royal position into which God has placed you. The Apostle Peter reminds us, **“You are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God’s special possession, that you may declare the praises of him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light.”** 1 Peter 2:9-10

What gifts and opportunities has God placed before you? Pray that God would use you as his instrument to glorify his name and serve the needs of others. Put your faith into action for good!

An excellent way to grow in your appreciation of the gifts and opportunities God has bestowed upon you individually is to attend one of our “Shaped to Serve” Workshops offered throughout the fall. Details are listed in this newsletter. You will come away with a better understanding of your spiritual gifts and discover wonderful ways in which you can use your gifts to serve in your daily life and in the ministry of our church. A time and talent form, offering ministry opportunities over the next several months is also available in the Welcome Center. In gratitude for all that Jesus has done for us, let’s play an active role in his kingdom work!

Pastor Robert Hein

Worship our LORD with Joy

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

Our last Thursday evening service is Thursday, **September 7** at 6:30 pm.

Our first Saturday evening worship is Saturday, **September 9** at 5:00 pm.

Sunday morning worship at 8:00 & 10:30 am. starting **September 10th**.



New Worship Series September 16-October 15

Everyone loves a good story, especially when it has value for our lives. Much of what Jesus has to say to you and me is contained in parables. Parables are simple stories that contain profound truths about life and eternity. For the believer, a parable takes a challenging spiritual fact and makes it clear. Therefore, our prayer for this worship series is that Christ would send us his Holy Spirit, so that we might receive the peace and power Jesus offers us in his parables. Tell us a story, Jesus!

NEW SUNDAY BIBLE STUDIES

9:15 am beginning Sunday, **September 10**.

“Living in the Lion's Den”: A Bible Study on the Book of Daniel. Pastor Schlicht begins a new study on the book of Daniel in between our Sunday services in the Fellowship Hall. The Book of Daniel tells the story of four friends who demonstrated their faith in a pluralistic society which had become increasingly opposed to the true God. Sound familiar? Strong currents of pluralism and secularism in our current society push expressions of faith as far to the margins of public life as possible. The story of Daniel calls us

MAKE A JOYFUL SOUND!

Our **Adult Choir** will be directed by Mr. Ryan Kluba. Rehearsals will be held Wednesday at 7:30 pm beginning Wednesday, **August 30**. We welcome new members to help us worship our Lord with joy!

Our **Adult Bell Choir** begins another season on Wednesday, **September 6** 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, please 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 as part of a small group for worship. Contact Gwen Pasbrig at the church office 262-334-7881 to learn more.



Service and Fellowship Opportunities

Jesus Cares: You are invited to our monthly Jesus Cares worship services for people with special needs. Our upcoming services are **September 5, October 3, November 7, and December 5** at 6:00 pm. Invite a friend with special needs and attend these blessed services with them.

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 5**. 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 "Parables of Jesus; Cherishing Christ's Kingdom Work".



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 16** from 8:00-9:30 am. Held in our Fellowship Hall. Pastor Peter Schlicht will lead a short Bible study which compares our cultural understanding of strength with a biblical definition of gentleness. 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.

to be authentic Christians, never allowing our witness to become diluted or spineless. Daniel shows us how to be confident in the Lord, even as we live in the lion's den. No materials or prior Bible experience is necessary, just come!

Youth Bible Class: Directed to 8-12th graders. Once a month: **Sept 24, Oct 29, Nov 26, and Dec 17**. Sunday morning 9:15-10:15 am in the 6th grade classroom.

Childcare Available - We Have Babysitters for Sunday Morning Bible Study! Drop off your 0-2 year old in the Parents Rooms by the sanctuary and enjoy one of our Sunday morning Bible studies at 9:15 am. Starts Sunday, September 10. Register your child by emailing Holly Mueller at muellerhn24@gmail.com.

Sunday School resumes Sunday, **September 10** at 9:15 am for children 3 and up. You can register for Sunday School 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 10**. Contact Sunday School 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 6:30 pm, beginning **September 11th**. (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 Pastor Hein 262-334-7881. Led by Pastor Robert Hein in our Fireside Room.

Sunday Morning Bible Information Class – We are also considering offering a Sunday morning Bible Information Class starting **September 10th** from 9:15-10:15 am. This may work well for parents with children, who can attend Sunday School, or free childcare if they are under age 3. Led by Pastor Janke. Call the church office to register.

Wednesday Morning Bible study will resume **August 30** at 9:00 am. That's when we'll begin a study of the Old Testament book of Zechariah. The author of the recent commentary on Zechariah says that the book "is virtually unknown in the church today," with the exception of the Palm Sunday prophecy in chapter 9, "See, your king comes to you...lowly and riding on a donkey." Yet, of the twelve "Minor Prophets" (Hosea to Malachi in the Old Testament), Zechariah is quoted in the New Testament more than any other. After the book of Ezekiel, Zechariah is alluded to in the book of Revelation more than any other book in the Old Testament. Additionally, with its prophecies of the Messiah, Zechariah provides a template for the Passion history of our Lord Jesus. For these reasons and more, it's our aim to see to it that the book of Zechariah is not "virtually unknown" at Good Shepherd. We invite you to come and explore this challenging and enlightening book with us on Wednesday mornings starting August 30. Led by Pastor Paul Janke.

Friday Morning Women's Bible Study - Special invitation to all school moms and women to attend a Bible study on **Esther**. See how God masterfully orchestrates and weaves together every detail of our lives in jaw-dropping ways. Nothing and no one can thwart His plan! In this study, explore the subject of God's providence, walking verse by verse through the book of Esther. This study has some lively video discussions with a panel of young moms as they seek guidance for today's world from the story of Esther. Starts Friday, **September 8** from 8:00-9:00 am. See you there!

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.

Public School Catechism Class will be held Wednesday nights from 6:30-8:00 beginning Wednesday, **September 6**. This is a two year course of instruction led by Pastor Mueller and Pastor Schlicht. 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.

Use your gifts to serve our Lord! - Our leaders have prepared Time and Talent Ministry Opportunities for the next several months. Click on this QR Code to view the list and sign up to serve. A paper copy is available in the Welcome Center, but we encourage you to sign up online.



VBS THANK YOU! - Thank you to our fabulous volunteers who served together so well to make our VBS a success. Thanks for the donations of cookies and crafts as well. Family background - of our 235 children registered for VBS, 48 families are from Good Shepherd, 19 families are from Shepherd of the Hills, 25 listed "other" and 34 families listed no church home. What a wonderful opportunity to share the love of Jesus with these precious children!

Special Events

Our Good Shepherd golf outing, sponsored by GOAL, is quickly approaching. It is **September 9th** this year. We are looking for basket donations to the golf outing. If you would like to donate a basket, please Stacy Geiger at stacygeiger@yahoo.com.

Pictorial Directory - We are producing a new church Pictorial Directory this fall and we want you to be a part of it! This is a great tool to help us get to know one another better! We will also receive digital photos of each family to include in our online directory. We have photo dates October 17-20 from 2:00-8:30 pm, and October 21 from 9:00 am – 3:00 pm, October 27 from 2:00-8:30 and October 28 from 9:00 am- 3:00 pm. Photos are taken in the narthex, and you can view proofs right after. Each family photographed will receive a free 8/10 photo and a free directory. Pictures you order will be here before Christmas. There is no obligation to purchase additional photos. You may invite additional family members to pose for extended family pictures, but the standard member photo will be in the directory. Signup online today at www.ucdir.com. Church Code is W1287, Password is: PHOTOS. SIGN UP TODAY!

Quilts will be on display for purchase September 9/10th after all services. Helping Hands uses the proceeds to help needy causes and to purchase more materials.

OWLS - The next meeting of our Dodge/Washington OWLS will be Monday, **August 28**, 10:00 am at Peace Hartford. Our speaker will be Pastor Jordan Paul who will speak on the mission outreach to the Hindus and Pakistanis. Everyone is invited, as always. We will have our potluck meal after the presentation so please bring a dish to share. Come to learn and to enjoy some Christian fellowship.

Service & Fellowship Opportunities

EVERY MEMBER INVITED! - IDENTITY is the #1 concern in today's culture. That means everyone is seeking to know the answers to "Who Am I?" and "Why Am I Here?" Good Shepherd's leadership is inviting each and every member to find God's answers to these questions by providing **SHAPED to Serve workshops** through a system called Personal Member Ministry. We urge everyone to COME & SEE God's love for you personally. He planned just the right gifts for you to use in life, in the church and in the world! Learn how to serve God and others with more love, more freedom and more joy! Please SIGN UP for your SHAPED workshop now! Click this link to register! Or call 262-334-7881 for more information. Yes, you were Made for More. Starting up again in the Fall! Saturdays, **September 23, October 14, and November 11** from 8:30 am – 12:30 pm. Sunday mornings for four sessions **October 22 - November 12.**



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 addresses of all college students to the church office as soon as possible so we can add them to the campus ministry mailing list.

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

Annual Report –Our 2022-2023 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.

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Pioneers – Welcoming all children 1st-8th grade! The 2023/2024 Pioneers program is set to start Monday, **September 18** 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.

Thank You from Pastor Schlicht and Family: Thank you for all the kind cards, gifts, prayers, and greetings at my installation service and over the past few weeks in general. My family and I have felt truly welcome at Good Shepherd. I thank the Lord that I now get to serve here as your new pastor in full-time ministry. We look forward to becoming more entwined with God's family of believers here at Good Shepherd.

Pastor Schlicht

School Information

Little Lambs Update – Little Lambs is searching for a new director. The director will have responsibilities in the areas of curriculum, supervision, staffing, budgeting, licensing, recruitment, and especially in the area of growth of the children in the grace and knowledge of their Savior Jesus Christ. Applicants must have a Level 13 Early Childhood and Youth Development Degree or a Bachelor's Degree. If interested, please contact Pastor Mueller.

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 2023 to July 2024. 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.

Special Gifts and Memorials

In Memory of Larry Emmrich from family and friends
\$515 to Building Connections
\$200 to Audio/Visual Equipment
\$300 to Church Memorial Fund
\$20 to WELS Missions

In memory of Lewis Enderle as a gift from his estate
\$75,393