

Good Shepherd Lutheran Church

June 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 6:30 pm Worship	2	3
4 8:00 am Worship 9:15 am Family Bible Study 10:00 am Worship 11:00 am Dinner in honor of Called Workers	5 6:30 pm Bible Info Class	6 6:00 pm Ladies League Picnic	7 6:30 pm Shaped to Serve Workshop	8 6:30 pm Communion Worship	9	10 4:00 Small Group/Men & the Grill
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*I am the **Good Shepherd.** The good **Shepherd** lays down his life for the sheep.*



Christ For Us and Christ In Us

The Christian church year can be divided into two parts: the festival half of the church year and the non-festival half. The festivals include Christmas, Epiphany, Easter, and Pentecost. After Pentecost, which is May 28 this year, we begin the non-festival half of the church year.

From Pentecost to Christmas, there are no major festivals.

Another way of looking at the Christian church year is to divide it into two themes: Christ for us and Christ in us. During the festival half of the church year, we focus on what Jesus Christ did for us. He took human flesh and entered this fallen world as an infant (Christmas). Christ revealed himself as the Son of God and Savior of all people (Epiphany). Christ became sin for us and suffered the terrible punishment we should have faced (Lent). Christ triumphed over death for us (Easter). Having now ascended to heaven, Christ intercedes for us at God's right hand as he also rules all things in heaven and on earth for us. Finally, Christ sent his Holy Spirit for us, to lead us to faith and sustain us on our way heavenward.

The theme of the non-festival half of the church year is Christ in us. During this time of the year our focus remains on Jesus, but we examine more closely the fruit produced in the lives of Christians as Christ lives in us. Jesus promised, "Anyone who loves me will obey my teaching. My Father will love them, and we will come to them and make our home with them." (John 14:23) The apostle Paul wrote to the Galatians about his new way of looking at life now that Jesus had made his home in him: "I have been crucified with Christ and I no longer live, but Christ lives in me. The life I now live in the body, I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me." (Gal. 2:20) Our "Heroes of Faith" sermon series this summer will demonstrate what Christ did in and through the Old and New Testament heroes of faith, but it will also remind us that Christ is still doing heroic work in us and through us. Both "Christ for us" and "Christ in us" are important!

Pastor Paul Janke

Worship our LORD with Joy!
 (Summer Schedule through Labor Day weekend)
Thursdays at 6:30 pm; Sundays at 8:00 10:00 am



Summer Sermon Series
"Heroes of Faith; Old & New"

- June 4 Called Workers, as we celebrate the blessings of the public ministry
- June 11 Barnabus, the Encourager
- June 18 Joshua, Leader by Example
- June 25 Bold Defenders of the Faith
- July 2 Daniel Stands Firm in a Foreign Land
- July 9 Enoch & Joseph Point Us to Heaven
- July 16 Noah Takes God at His Word
- July 23 Abraham Trusts God's Promises
- July 30 VBS theme – God's Living Water, Covered in God's Grace
- August 6 Moses Values Christ Above All
- August 13 Hezekiah Prays in Time of Trouble
- August 20 Esther Acts for the Good of her People
- August 27 Persecuted Believers Persevere
- Sept. 3 Find Rest in Christ Alone!

Family Bible Study will be held Sundays at 9:15 am beginning **May 28th** through Labor Day weekend, led by the pastors in the Fellowship Hall. They will dig deeper into the sermon topic of the day. All are welcome!

A New Bible Information Class will be held on Monday nights at 6:30 pm beginning September 11th, led by Pastor Robert Hein. Call him at 262-334-7881 to register in advance.



Ministry Events

Welcome New Confirmands!

We welcome the following 18 youth Confirmands as communicant members of our congregation. They made their profession of their faith and celebrated their Confirmation **May 21st**. May the Lord keep them strong in their faith through his Word and the Lord's Supper! We welcome Peter Amundson, Jake Bartelt, Layla Bublitz, Alayna Crass, Logan Haeuser, Dylan Hanson, Vanayah Kapler, Cameron Korolewski, Riley Lechmaier, Macy Milella, Easton Nichols, Cole Patasius, Joel Retzlaff, Nicolas Rios, Taylor Scherr, Dylan Schmandt, Ty Spaeth, and Carys Tanzi.

Called Worker Celebration – June 1st/4th our worship will focus on the importance and blessings of the public ministry. At the 10:00 am service we will thank the Lord for the blessings we have received through the teaching ministry of Patty Holem who is retiring after 35 years in the teaching ministry, Dan Schultz, who is celebrating 40 years in the teaching ministry, Carol Janke, who is celebrating 25 years in the teaching ministry, Anne Drewa, who accepted a call to Grace Oshkosh, and Madison Boulden who is completing her one year call. A program will be held in church following the 10:00 am service and a meal will be served in the Fellowship Hall. All are welcome. Sign up in the Welcome Center if you plan to attend the meal. A gift box will also be out for cards and gifts in their honor. Sign up in the Welcome Center if you can help bring food items, set up, or serve.

Ladies League Picnic is Tuesday, **June 6th** at 6:00 pm. All ladies are invited. Please sign-up on the counter in the Welcome Center.



Small Group – Men and the Grill (New Group) will meet on Saturday **June 10th** at 4:00 pm for food and fellowship at Jeremy Baerenwald's house. Signup on our church website to receive all the information for this small group.

Honoring our Veterans and those actively serving in the military. Our worship services **June 29th** and **July 2nd** will celebrate the blessings and protection God has poured out upon our country. We also plan to honor and pray for our veterans and active service members.

4th of July Celebration - Join us on the back lawn at Good Shepherd the **4th of July** from 8:00-10:00 pm for fireworks and fun! Bring your own lawn chairs to watch the fireworks at Riverside Park from a great vantage point. We plan to serve some snacks and refreshments as a time of fellowship for all. We are looking for volunteers to help us coordinate the food and refreshments. Contact Jessica Ingram to learn more. Invite your friends!



Vacation Bible School this summer will be held **July 24-28th** at 9:00 am for ages 3 through 8th

grade. The theme is "God's Living Water; Covered by God's Grace". Last year we were blessed with an enrollment of over 200 children, of whom many were unchurched. We are looking for volunteers (entering 8th grade and up) to help with crafts, teaching, outside recreation, music, set up and daily cleaning, snack service, and other areas. Contact Cheryl Henckel or Pastor Hein for more information. Register children online or use the form included with this mailing.

Our fabulous Church Picnic will be held Sunday **July 30th** at Regner Park starting after our 10:00 am outdoor worship service. The Branches Band will play and our VBS kids will sing. If you can assist with meal set up and serving, please sign up in the Welcome Center. There will be regular worship in church Thursday **July 27th**, but no 8:00 am service on **July 30th**.

Baby Bottle Banks have been available since Mother's Day weekend to fill with coins, cash, or checks in support of New Beginnings, a home for mothers in need. Bring them back to church by Father's Day.

Our Rams Open Golf Outing will be Saturday, **September 9th** with proceeds benefitting our school. Registration forms will be available at a later date in the Welcome Center.

A BIG Thank you to our GOAL parent teacher organization! At a recent meeting, GOAL approved paying for the remodel of Mr. Gibson's 8th grade classroom. This will add new carpeting and cabinets at a cost of \$12,000. Just last year, GOAL paid for the remodel of Mr. Braun's room. Thank you! GOAL also approved spending \$900 for the Gaga Ball rubber mulch which is much needed as the students enjoy that playground addition.

We also thank Gabby Zeinert for her leadership as GOAL president for the past 5 years. Thank you for your service!! We also appreciate Kelly Dahlberg who will take over as new GOAL president.

Ministry Update

At our Voters' Assembly May 9th we adopted our 23/24 Action Plans and Financial Plans for Ministry for our church, school, and Little Lambs, and issued a one year call to Pastor Paul Janke to serve as our retirement pastor. We elected the following leaders to our Coordinating Council; Paul Ihlenfeldt- President, Korey Johnson – Financial Officer, Tom Getka – Adult Nurture Chairman, Todd Biesterfeld – Outreach Chairman, Peter Kapler – Worship Board Chairman, Adam Retzlaff – Support Board Chairman. May the Lord bless the ministry we do together in his name!

Installation of all elected and appointed leaders and coordinators will be held at all services June 29/July 2nd worship services as we begin our new fiscal year.

Mortgage Burning – We praise the Lord for enabling us to completely pay off our \$3.2 million Building Expansion mortgage in just 6 years. What a blessing! Our expanded facilities are such a blessing! Thanks to all our members who have faithfully supported Building Connections with their talents and treasures! We will keep our Building Connections fund open as we prepare for our new phase of facility expansion, currently being planned. We celebrated a mortgage burning ceremony Sunday, May 21st.

We will produce a new Pictorial Directory this fall. This is a great tool to help us get to know one another better! We are presently organizing a ministry team to coordinate the scheduling and preparation of the front part of the directory. Each family photographed will receive a free 8/10 photo and a free directory. We will also receive digital photos of each family to include in our online directory. If you would like to assist with this project, please contact Pastor Hein.

We have appointed a Facility Expansion Committee to develop plans to meet our facility needs. We are holding a Building Planning meeting Sunday, **June 25th** at 6:00 pm to help us plan what to build and how to finance it, led by Jeff Davis, who worked with us on our Building Connections campaigns. We have also authorized Excel Engineering to start doing some research with the city of West Bend as to what we are allowed to build on our present site with some preliminary plans in mind to convert our present gymnasium into classrooms and meeting spaces/offices, add parking, and build a new gym with an atrium and restrooms behind our school. Contact President Mark Frank with questions or input.



Graduation Acknowledgement - We want to acknowledge our graduates from high school, college, tech/grad. school, or military. An insert will be included in the

bulletin June 1 & 4 listing our graduates, the school they attended, and the degree they received. We will also include them in our prayers. To be included on this list, sign up in Welcome Center or call the church office at 334-7881 by May 30th.

Online Giving - We invite you to return your first-fruit offerings as your joyful act of worship. It's a beautiful way to express your gratitude to the Lord for your blessings and express your trust in him to provide for your future needs. Your gifts also help us carry out our ministry plan. God's Word teaches, "He who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will also supply and increase your store of seed and will enlarge your harvest of righteousness. You will be enriched in every way so that you can be generous on every occasion, and through us your generosity will result in thanksgiving to God." 2 Corinthians 9:11 Online giving is available at our website with all the designations available from your envelope packet (click on giving button).

Email updates—To be added to our weekly ministry updates, send an email to Pastor Hein at revRhein@gmail.com. It's a great way to stay informed.

Call Accepted – We rejoice that Pastor Peter Schlicht has accepted our call to serve as our associate pastor. He and his wife Rachel have 4 children, Solomon, Willow, Simeon, and Sparrow. Please keep them in your prayers during this time of transition.

Special Events

Taste of Missions will be held at Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary **June 10th** from 11:00 am – 4:30 pm. Sample ethnic cuisine, interact with home and world missionaries, and celebrate with a worship service of thanksgiving. Learn more at tasteofmissions.com.

Our Rams Open Golf Outing will be Saturday, **September 9th** with proceeds benefitting our school. Registration forms will be available at a later date in the Welcome Center.

KML Charity Golf Outing – July 17

Church Office hours during the summer are Monday-Thursday 8:00-11:00 am. Call 262-334-7881 if you have a special need.

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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School Information

Little Lambs Update – Little Lambs director Anita Cook has announced she will be leaving Little Lambs at the end of May. We thank her for the two years she spent dedicating her time, energy, prayers, and life to the ministry of Little Lambs. Her service to God, Little Lambs, and the children is greatly appreciated by so many in our Good Shepherd/ Little Lambs' circle. We wish her God's richest blessings !

Therefore, 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.

Little Lambs is also searching for a part-time office associate (15-20 hours per week). Applicants must have computer and keyboard skills, organizational skills, handle detailed work, have written and oral communication skills, and be emotionally mature. The responsibilities include providing and maintaining an environment where children grow spiritually, intellectually, and physically, assisting the director with administrative duties, and keeping the center's records and files current. Responsibilities will also include providing child care at times to assist teachers when needed. If interested, please contact Pastor Mueller.

Special Gifts and Memorials

A bench out by the carport entrance in memory of Pastor Richard Lauersdorf.

In memory of Lewis Enderle from family and friends

\$180 for Building Connections

\$100 for Little Lambs Debt Retirement

\$25 for WELS Missions

\$125 for KML

\$40 for Time of Grace

\$50 for Good Shepherd

\$10 from Dick Boughton in celebration of his 94th birthday for General Fund

\$1,000 from Ken and Sue Blaine in celebration of the blessings they enjoy in Christ and the sale of their salvage business for Kid's Programs.

\$95,974 from the estate of Naomi Engeleiter to our Memorial Fund. 6% of this gift will go to WELS and 4% to KML Building Fund.