

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



God Laid the Guilt of Our Straying on Jesus

**“We all, like sheep, have gone astray, each of us
has turned to our own way; and the Lord has
laid on him the iniquity of us all.” (Isaiah 53:6)**

Sheep have a strong flocking instinct. Lacking a good way to defend themselves from predators, they typically find safety in the flock.

But certain sheep like to stray. They may go off from the flock to satisfy their curiosity. They may stray in search of food. Or they may wander off as they follow another sheep that’s moving away from the flock. (Sheep are great followers.) And, just about any sheep will stray if frightened.

The prophet Isaiah that “we all” are like that straying sheep. The cause of our straying is not curiosity or a search for food. Instead, Isaiah attributes our straying to “iniquity.” This word is derived from a verb that means to “bend” or “twist.” It then comes to mean crookedness, perversion, or guilt. Our iniquities are our crooked thoughts, words, and deeds that demand God’s punishment. These are the occasions where we’ve gone our own way, rather than following God’s way. Like a sheep gone astray, our iniquities have landed us in serious trouble.

God saw that we were in trouble and he responded. He did the unthinkable. He laid our guilt and iniquity on his Servant, the Messiah, Jesus. Jesus suffered the punishment our iniquity demanded. “He was crushed for our iniquities,” the prophet writes.

Christ’s death by crucifixion isn’t just a story of man’s inhumanity towards his fellow man. It is the story of God’s unthinkable love in offering his Son as our Substitute and sacrifice for our iniquity. In Jesus Christ, we are free from iniquity and fully forgiven.

The season of Lent, with its extra opportunities to gather at the cross of our Savior, is a time both to acknowledge our iniquity and to rejoice in God’s solution to iniquity, the sacrificial death of his Son. Restored to God’s flock, we joyfully praise and worship our Savior-God.

Pastor Paul Janke

Worship our LORD with Joy!



Saturdays at 5:00 pm
 Sundays at 8:00 and 10:30
 Holy Communion is offered
 the 2nd and 4th weekends.
 Sunday School and Bible Study
 at 9:15 am

Join us for Wednesday Lenten Services! Relive Jesus’ journey to the cross and empty tomb! It is a faith enriching experience! Wednesdays at 10:00 am & 6:30 pm.

Theme - “Lessons Learned from People of the Passion”

February 22	“Judas, the Opportunist”
March 1	“Caiaphas, the Schemer”
March 8	“Nicodemus, the Silent Believer”
March 15	“Peter, the Born Leader”
March 22	“Pontius Pilate, the Thinker”
March 29	“The Centurion, the Astonished”

Lenten Dinners are served in the Fellowship Hall Wednesdays during Lent 5:15-6:15 pm. Enjoy a delicious meal and warm fellowship. Bring a dessert to share. A freewill offering is gathered to cover expenses. Contact Cheryl Henckel if you can help with set up, serving, or clean up.

Holy Week Services

Maundy Thursday Communion Worship
April 6th at 10:00 am & 6:30 pm

Good Friday Worship - April 7 at 1:30 & 6:30 pm
(6:30 pm is Service of Darkness)

Easter Worship - Sunday, April 9 at 6:00 (Sunrise), 8:30, & 10:30 am ; Join us for Easter Breakfast.

Two Easter Breakfasts will be served
Sunday, April 9 at 7:00 am & 9:30 am.

To assist with planning and serving,
please sign up in the Welcome Center.





Opportunities to Grow through the Word

Sunday Bible Study at 9:15 am - **"Gifted to Serve"** Discover how God has marvelously designed and uniquely gifted you to serve him and others with the talents and opportunities he places before you. Led by Pastor Robert Hein in the Fellowship Hall.

Youth Bible Class: Mark your calendars – Sundays, Feb. 26, March 26, and April 23; 9:15-10:15 am downstairs in the Commons Area. All 8-12th graders are invited to come and study "How to..." with us.

Sunday School - Sundays at 9:15 am All children Preschool 3 and up are invited to come and learn about Jesus and his love through Bible stories, crafts, games, songs, and fun activities. We now offer a link which provides a weekly Sunday School Update. It is <https://us4.campaign-archive.com/home/?u=7a82814a3941bd314c787020d&id=17c5b1a19e>

Wednesday Morning Bible Study is held at 9:00 am in the Fellowship Hall. Pastor Paul Janke is leading us through a study of the book of Job. This class is also Livestreamed at our website.

Friday Women's Bible Study – Fridays at 8:00 am when school is in session. Calling women of all ages! Focus on "The Chosen. A video depiction of the life and ministry of Jesus Christ." Led by Melissa Linton and Marilyn Sievert.

Men's Bible Breakfast is Saturday, **March 25** from 8:00-9:30 am. Signup online or in the Welcome Center. Enjoy a hearty home cooked all you can eat breakfast and a Bible study with the theme "Standing Firm in Christ in our Current Culture" led by Pastor Robert Hein. If you can assist with meal prep, please indicate that when you signup.

Ministry Events



Personal Member Ministry Workshops - You are invited! –Shaped to Serve workshops will be held Saturdays from 8:30 am - 12:30 pm **February 25, March 11, April 22 and May 6**. We urge every member of Good Shepherd to attend one of these exciting presentations. It is a wonderful opportunity to discover how marvelously God has gifted you to serve in your home, church, and community. Come discover how you have been "Made for More!" Register using this QR code, or signup in the Welcome Center.



A Gym Play day is set for Saturday, **February 25** from 9:00 am – 12:00 pm at Good Shepherd. Bring the kids for indoor fun and fellowship, including our own bounce house. Invite your friends! We will also hold a Gym play day March 25.

OWLS Update - The February meeting of our Dodge/Washington OWLS will be on Monday, **February 27**, 10:00 AM at Peace, Hartford. A DVD movie produced by Salty Earth Studios "Stand in the Gap" will be shown. It is another one of their Christian based productions. Everyone is invited. No business meeting due to the movie. We will end with a potluck meal so please bring a dish to share. Volunteers to set up and clean up are always needed. J

Ladies Night with games and taco potluck. Friday, **March 3**, 6:00-8:00 pm (note correct time) in the Fellowship Hall. Please register in the Welcome Center. All children of the ladies attending are invited to the IMC here at church for a fun night as well! Supervision will be provided by the Dads with Kids group.

Dads with Kids will gather on Friday, **March 3** from 6:00-8:00 pm (note correct time) for a fun night with lots of friends. We will meet in the Commons Area downstairs. Please bring your kids fed and ready for a great time.

Sheepshead Tournament at Good Shepherd Saturday, **March 4** from 1:00-4:00 pm at Good Shepherd Fellowship Hall. Sign up in Welcome Center and bring a treat to share.

Jesus Cares: Our next Jesus Cares worship services are Tuesday, **March 7**, April 4, and May 2 at 6:00 pm. Invite a friend with special needs and attend these blessed services with them. Flyers are available in the Welcome Center. Take some home and invite a friend. Thanks to all our wonderful volunteers who make this ministry possible!

Easter for Kids will be held Saturday, **March 11** from 9:00 am to 11:45 am for children ages 3 through 4th grade. Celebrate the joyous meaning of Easter with Bible story, crafts, music, egg hunt and fun. Register online at www.goodshepherdwels.org or in our Welcome Center. Invite your friends! If you would like to assist, please fill out a volunteer form in the Welcome Center.

A Daddy/Daughter Dance will be held at Good Shepherd gym Saturday, **March 11** from 6:00-8:00 pm.

KML Sacred Band and Choir Concert will be Tuesday, **March 15** at 6:30 pm in the Performing Arts Center.

Shepherd Youth March Madness Event is Sunday, **March 19** from Noon – 3 pm. Sign up in the Welcome Center.

Lent by Candlelight - All women 7th grade and up are invited to prepare your hearts for Lent as we consider Ashes to Stones - Seven Symbols of Lent, with readings and blended worship music. We will meet in the Fellowship Hall on Tuesday, **March 21** with the program starting at 7:00 pm. Bring your friends! Light snacks and refreshments will be served during the program. Register online at our website or sign up in the Welcome Center. Sponsored by the Women's Ministry Team and Ladies' League.

Service Opportunities

Easter Flower signup is in the Welcome Center. Fill out the form and address checks to "Good Shepherd". You may designate your gift in memory of a loved one or in honor of a special blessing. Deadline is **March 5**. Thanks for beautifying our church for Easter!

Our Bell Choir would like to add two additional large bells to add to the range that we can play. We have some funds available, but can use additional gifts (\$3,000) to make this a reality. If you wish to assist, address your special gift to Good Shepherd, and mark your envelope "Handbells."

Little Lambs is hiring. Thank you for the interest in spreading the word to help Little Lambs become fully staffed again. Rooms are combined currently in efforts to care for the children that we have. In order to grow and take the children off the waiting list we are still hoping to hire an Infant Lead teacher, and a 2 year old Lead teacher. For anyone one that you know looking for an early childcare career - please tell them to contact Little Lambs at 262-338 - 1764."If you - or someone you know has these skills please call Anita Cook at Little Lambs.

The Lutheran Women's Missionary Society (LWMS) Spring Rally will be held Saturday, **April 15** at Good Shepherd, starting at 9:00 am. The speaker will be Stefan Felgenhaur. He and his wife recently returned from serving as missionaries in Africa and he is Mission Coordinator for WELS World Missions. Sign up to attend and assist today in the Welcome Center!

Ministry Update



Building "People" Connections

Update – We are grateful that 261 families/individuals have promised

\$1,005,379 towards our Building People Connections campaign to eliminate our \$1.2 million expansion mortgage. Our expansion mortgage balance is now \$83,625. 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.

We celebrate the 3rd anniversary of our Building People Connections emphasis in March. Wouldn't it be a blessing to have this expansion mortgage completely paid off to free up funds to enhance our ministry?

School Information

Register for Preschool & Kindergarten - Would you like to find out more about our Preschool and Kindergarten programs for next school year (2023-2024)? Call the school office at 262--334-7881 to learn more. We can give you a tour and connect personally. Enrollment is now open at our website! Tell your unchurched friends! Ask about our Parental Choice program.

Important WI Parental Choice Notice - Good Shepherd Lutheran School participates in the Wisconsin Parental Choice Program (WPCP)! For students selected by the state, families receive a voucher that pays their students' tuition in full. The open application period for the statewide Wisconsin Parental Choice Program (WPCP) for the 2022-2023 school year begins February 1 and runs through April 15, 2023. It is a tremendous blessing which can pay for your child's education all through elementary and high school! We currently have 50 students who are receiving vouchers to attend Good Shepherd. Go to <https://dpi.wi.gov/sms/choice-programs/student-applications> or contact the school office for more information. Students new to the Choice Program must provide proof of income and residency documentation. All required supporting documentation must be received by Good Shepherd during the open enrollment period. Students may apply entering grades PK4, K, Grade 1, or any grade if at a new school. For information, contact Principal Dan Schultz (262-334-7881) / (dschultz@gslswb.org) or Mr. Jim Sievert (jseivert@gslswb.org).

Vacation Bible School will be held this summer **July 24-28**. Our Outdoor Worship and Church Picnic will be held at Regner Park July 30.

Teachers for the 23/24 School Year

Mr. Dan Schultz - Principal,
Mr. Josh Gibson - Grade 8
Mr. Paul Braun - Grade 7
Mr. Joseph Loescher is considering our call - Grade 6
Mrs. Christine Rau - Grade 5
Mrs. Nicole Gibson - Grade 4
Mrs. Marlee Hill - Grade 3
Mrs. Kirsten Biesterfeld - Grade 2
Mrs. Carol Janke - Grade 1
Miss Allison Bovee – Grade 1
Mrs. Miriam Paustian – Kindergarten
Mrs. Kristine Franz - Kindergarten
Mrs. Hannah Swiontek - Instructional Teacher,
Calling additional – Instructional Teacher
Miss Cheryl Henckel - Preschool 3 and 4
Mrs. Sarah Schmandt – Spanish
Miss Katie Donaldson is considering our call for Special Education
Mrs. Kristen Kapler – School Counselor



*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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Facebook: Good Shepherd Lutheran—West Bend, WI

Camp Phillip offers wonderful summer camp opportunities for children and families. Brochures are available in the Welcome Center. To learn more, go to www.campphillip.com.

Daylight Savings Time – Remember to move your clocks ahead one hour before you go to bed Saturday, **March 11** for Daylight Savings Time.

Special Gifts

In Memory of Marilyn Anderson from family and friends
\$490 for Little Lambs, \$195 for Building Connections, \$90 for Memorial Fund, \$25 for Music Fund

In Memory of Naomi Engeleiter from family and friends
\$60 for Building Connections; \$490 for Memorial Fund

In Memory of Jim Kannenberg from Judy Kannenberg
\$500 for Memorial Fund

In Memory of Grant Peterson from family & friends
\$20 for Music Fund; \$150 for Memorial Fund

In Memory of Jean Riegleman from family & friends
\$60 for Memorial Fund

In Memory of David Oppermann from family and friends
\$195 for Memorial Fund, \$20 for School Tuition Assistance Fund

In Memory of Lloyd Gatzke from Ken & Marcia Weber
\$200 for new Bibles

In Memory of Pastor Richard E. Lauersdorf from family and friends
\$1,790 to WELS World Missions; \$175 to Good Shepherd Lutheran School. \$530 Building Connections, \$2,180 for Good Shepherd Memorial Fund



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!

Good Shepherd Church Calendar

March 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 9:00 am Wed Bible Study 10:00 am Lenten Worship 5:15 pm Lenten Dinner 6:30 pm Lenten Worship 7:30 pm Adult Handbells	2 6:30 pm Public Sch.Catechism 7:30 pm Adult Choir	3 8:00 am Women's Bible Study 6:00 pm Women's Ministry Event 6:00 pm Dads with Kids	4 1:00 pm Sheepshead Tourney. 5:00 pm Worship
5 8:00 am Worship 9:15 am Bible Study & Sunday School 10:30 am Worship	6 4:00 pm Pioneers Riveredge 7:00 pm Bible Info. Class	7 9:30 am Ladies League 6:00 pm Jesus Cares Worship 7:00 pm Ladies League	8 9:00 am Wed Bible Study 10:00 am Lenten Worship 5:15 pm Lenten Dinner 6:30 pm Lenten Worship 7:30 pm Adult Handbells	9 6:30 pm Public Sch.Catechism 7:30 pm Adult Choir	10 8:00 am Women's Bible Study	11 8:30 am Shaped to Serve Workshop 9:00 am Easter for Kids 5:00 pm Communion Worship 6:00 pm Daddy/Daughter Dance Set clocks ahead one hour
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19 8:00 am Worship 9:15 am Bible Study & Sunday School 10:30 am Worship 12:00 pm Shepherd Youth March Madness	20 7:00 pm Bible Info. Class	21 6:00 pm Coordinating Council 7:00 pm Lent by Candlelight	22 8:00 am Newsletter Mailing 9:00 am Wed Bible Study 10:00 am Lenten Worship 5:15 pm Lenten Dinner 6:30 pm Lenten Worship 7:30 pm Adult Handbells	23 6:30 pm Public Sch.Catechism 7:30 pm Adult Choir	24 8:00 am Women's Bible Study	25 8:00 am Men's Bible Breakfast 9:00 am Gym Play Day 5:00 pm Communion Worship
26 8:00 am Communion Worship 9:15 am Bible Study & Sunday School 10:30 am Communion Worship	27 7:00 pm Bible Info. Class No School: Monday- Friday	28	29 10:00 am Lenten Worship 6:30 pm Lenten Worship 7:30 pm Adult Handbells	30 7:30 pm Adult Choir	31	