



February Newsletter in the Year of Our Lord 2022

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

“He and his family were devout and God-fearing; he gave generously to those in need and prayed to God regularly.” Acts 10:2

Who is your family? Maybe it’s yourself, a one person family. Maybe it’s you and your spouse, a couple. Maybe it’s you and your child(ren) or you, your spouse, and child(ren). Families look different from one another, but all families have the same spiritual goal.

Acts 10:2 gives us an example of that goal being fulfilled with a man named Cornelius and his family. They were devout and God-fearing. They gave generously to those in need and prayed to God regularly. Let’s make our families like Cornelius’!

The goal is to put God first. To be devout and God-fearing is to always seek God’s thoughts and words for the tasks you do, the words you say, and the paths in life you take. If God doesn’t want you to do it, don’t do it. If God desires you to do it, do it. And then add to it, without hesitation. There is no questioning, no complaining, no making excuses, and no trying to get around it. This is how God wants our families to be, devoted to him. Partner this mentality with being in awe of God. He is almighty, holy, and majestic, completely different than ourselves. He saw us in our sinfulness and sent Jesus to save us, to save our families, those we care about the most. Let’s have our families care about him the most.

Next, let us put others second. Cornelius’ family gave generously to those in need. Without a doubt, this was financial support. Look for opportunities to lift someone out of a financial hole and support them if you are able. “He gave to those in need.” People around you need other things than monetary help though. They need love, care, concern, prayers, mental and spiritual support. They need people around them who make life pleasing. They need another family like yours.

And finally, this model family in Acts 10 prayed to God regularly. If it’s you, or you and your spouse, or you and child(ren), or you and your spouse and your child(ren), fold your hands, bow your heads, and say, “Dear God... Amen.” Fill the middle up with your thanks, your praise, your requests, your hurts, and your fears. Do this as a family. God hears them and he will bless you and your family with his goodness.

Pastor Matt Mueller



Worship Our Lord With Joy!

Saturdays at 4:00 pm* and 5:00 pm;
Sundays at 8:00 and 10:30 am.

(Holy Communion is offered the 2nd and 4th weekends of the month)

*At the 4:00 pm service masks are required for all and there is no congregational singing.



This is a whole-life challenge to God’s people to live the life to which he has called us.

The hope is that being challenged in specific ways will encourage us to put into practice a closer walk with God and a life of love toward others. That’s a God-lived life! January’s focus was to “Live Shrewdly”.

If you missed previous themes, you can view the video and download a summary of those stewardship encouragements along with a challenge card at our website www.goodshepherdwels.org.

Mission Festival – Missionary Greg Bey who has served our world mission speaker in Indonesia will be a our guest preacher for Mission Festival Sunday, February 13th at 8:00 and 10:30 am.

He will give a mission presentation in the Fellowship Hall at 9:15 am. Learn about the exciting opportunities to share the Gospel throughout the world! Our Saturday services will also have a mission focus.



Opportunities to Grow through the Word

Sunday Bible Study at 9:15 am

“**Cherish the Life of Christ**” an in-depth study of the life and ministry of Jesus Christ. Learn how Christ’s life impacts yours, for good. Co-led by Pastor Matt Mueller and Pastor Robert Hein in the Fellowship Hall.

Weekday Bible Studies

“**New Year, New Life**” Continues on Monday evenings at 7:00 pm through January 31st. The Gospel of Christ’s death, resurrection, and ascension gives us more than just forgiveness and the hope of heaven. Already now the Word also plants in us “the life that is really life.” Led by Pastor John Paustian.

Wednesday Morning Bible Class - We meet in church from 9:00-10:00 am. Our topic is “The Twelve” focusing on the 12 disciples. Led by Pastor Richard E. Lauersdorf.

Friday Women’s Bible Study 8:00 am when school is in session. Calling women of all ages! We will be studying the little known book of the Bible, Habakkuk: Remembering God’s Faithfulness When He seems Silent. Taught by Marilyn Sievert.

OWLS Update - Our Dodge/Washington OWLS January Meeting will be on Monday, January 24, 10:00 AM at Peace, Hartford. Hartford Police Detective Erik Engebretsen will speaking to us on Senior Spam”, highlighting the elder financial exploitation that is occurring in our homes via phone and computers. A short business meeting and a delicious potluck will follow.

Bible Reading Plans and Strategies - Saturday, January 29th from 9:00-10:00 am in the fellowship hall with Marilyn Sievert and Pastor Paustian. There will be coffee, juice, and pastries. Sign up online to attend, and also to request childcare.

Men of his Word Conference – More Than Conquerors. Saturday, February 19, at the Oshkosh Convention Center. Music by Koine. To learn more or to register, go to www.menofhisword.org. Contact Pastor Hein for carpool planning.

Sunday School - Sundays at 9:15 am. All children from Preschool and up are invited to come and learn about Jesus and his love through Bible stories, crafts, games, songs, and fun activities.



Support Group - the current session continues on Thursdays at 6:30 p.m. in the Fireside Room through February 10th. You are

welcome to join us for the remaining topics: Lessons of Grief, Heaven, and What do I Live For Now? Look for a new session after Easter.

Sacred Concerts & Special Events

Retirement Celebration – Pastor John Paustian is retiring at the end of January. He will preach January 29/30th and we will honor him for his 40+ years of faithful service in the public ministry with a reception in his honor between Sunday services. Treats and refreshments will be served. A card box will be in the narthex for cards and gifts of thanks.

Marriage Enrichment Night – Friday, February 11th from 6:00-9:00 pm. "Cherishing our differences to make a great partnership" Friday, February 11th from 6-9 pm at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church.

Strengthen your marriage, enjoy Christian fellowship, great desserts and a mixer game! Led by Pastor Robert Hein and Pastor Matt Mueller. \$15 a couple covers materials, snacks, refreshments and fabulous desserts. We are not having a dinner this year, but subs will be available.

Return payment to church office or Marriage Retreat Box in Welcome Center." Make checks payable to "Good Shepherd". Invite your friends! Sign up today!

KML Musical – “The Wizard of Oz” In the Performing Arts Center - Friday & Saturday, February 25 & 26, 7:00 PM and Sunday, the 27 at 2:00 PM. Call KML for ticket information.

Our next Bible Breakfast for men and women is Saturday, March 12th from 8:00-9:30 am. Enjoy a delicious breakfast, warm fellowship, and a Bible study on “**Radical Hospitality**” led by Pastor Hein. Register online or sign up in the Welcome Center. Invite your friends!

Lent by Candlelight - Save the Date! Tuesday, March 22nd at 7pm for women ages confirmation age and up. This special event will be hosted by the Women's Ministry Team in the Fellowship Hall. Come for an evening of reflective worship to prepare our hearts for the Lenten season. Musical enjoyment and fellowship with snacks and beverages will also be provided.

Weather Updates Check out Fox News #6 or our website for any Good Shepherd delays or cancellations.



Service and Fellowship Opportunities

Time & Talent sheets with opportunities for service through April are available in the Welcome Center. Look for some ways you can use your gifts to serve the Lord and his people.

Thanks to the many wonderful volunteers who helped make Christmas for Kids a wonderful success. 135 children from our church and community were registered. Now we can invite these families to events at Good Shepherd.

2022 Offering envelopes are available in the narthex. Please do not use any old offering envelopes in 2022 as packet numbers change.

Food & Clothing Donations will now be gathered in special bins located in the Fellowship Hall rather than in the Welcome Center. Thanks for all your donations for our Thanksgiving Food Drive to our local food pantry.

You may bring non perishable food items to the bins in the Fellowship Hall anytime to support Northside Ministries.

Sound Room Volunteers are needed to advance the worship slides in our sound room. Training will be provided by Jim Sievert. You can pick the service times of your choice.

School Information

If you missed our Preschool or Kindergarten Open House events, contact the school office for a tour and more information.

Retirement Announcement – Mrs. Sarah Mehlberg plans to retire from the teaching ministry at the end of this school year. We thank the Lord for how he has blessed her ministry, and wish her God's blessings in her retirement.

Student Teacher Housing needed- Good Shepherd will have two student teachers arriving at the end of February through May. If you can house one or both, please contact Principal Dan Schultz at 262-334-7881



We are grateful that 242 families/ individuals have promised \$868,080 towards our Building People Connections campaign to reduce or

eliminate our \$1.2 million expansion mortgage. \$687,863 has been received. Another \$60,000 principle payment brings the mortgage down to \$475,000. 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.

Ministry Plan Update - We encourage all members of Good Shepherd to return their first fruits to the Lord as a joyful act of worship and thanks. Our regular offerings are meeting our ministry expenses. The new year brings additional expenses. God encourages proportional giving; that is, based on your level of income. Consider what great things God has done for you, and then set your plan of grateful response.

2021 offering statements are available in the narthex, along with stewardship encouragement for 2022.

Pre-call Discussions – With Pastor Paustian's retirement at the end of January, our leaders are having pre-call discussions to refine the job description for a third full time pastor.

Important WI Parental Choice Notice

Good Shepherd Lutheran School is excited to participate 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 1st and runs through April 15, 2022. It is a tremendous blessing which can pay for your child's education all through elementary and high school!

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 entering grades PK4, K, Grade 1, and those new to our school may apply. For more information, contact Principal Dan Schultz (262-334-7881) / ([dschultz@gslswb.org](mailto:d Schultz@gslswb.org)) or Mr. Jim Sievert (jseivert@gslswb.org).

Call Meeting – The Joint Council for Christian Education, with leaders representing both congregations supporting our joint school, has approved proposals to call two teachers. A Call meeting will be held at Good Shepherd Sunday, January 30th at



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,



*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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11:30 am for our voters to call a support/special education teacher to replace Mrs. Nicole Gibson. Mrs. Gibson has agreed to an adjustment of her present call to teach 4th Grade starting next school year since Mrs. Sarah Mehlberg has announced her retirement.

Shepherd of the Hills is also having their own voters' call meeting February 6th to call for a second Kindergarten teacher, which is needed due to increased enrollment. If someone has a name to suggest for either call, please share that with Principal Dan Schultz by January 23. He will forward those names to our district president to consider placing on the call list. Also contact Principal Schultz for a description of the qualifications needed to fill the special education call. May the Lord bless our efforts to fill these call needs for the benefit of the families entrusted to our care!

Little Lambs 15 year old playground equipment is in need of repair and the big slide needs to be replaced because of a crack. We are seeking \$5,000 in special gifts to help fund this playground upgrade. If you would like to assist, write out your check to Good Shepherd, but designate your gift to Little Lambs Playground Equipment. Thanks!

Special Gifts

From family and friends in memory of Loran Schultz:

\$125 for WELS World Missions and \$25 for Tuition Assistance

From family and friends in memory of Don Zitlow:

\$4,605 for Building Connections

\$45 for the Ziesemer Scholarship Fund

\$25 WELS Christian Aid & Relief

\$25 for Little Lambs

From family and friends in memory of Jane Schwichtenberg:

\$45 for General Fund

\$25 for KML Debt Retirement

\$50 for Building Connections

From Lloyd Gatzke in memory of Marvin Tuttle, \$25 for Little Lambs

From family and friends in memory of Edna Schuster, \$1,050 for Building Connections

From family and friends in memory of Elaine Paustian:

\$20 for Banners

\$105 for Building Connections

\$300 for Choir Music

\$200 for the Coffee Bar

\$520 for Good Shepherd Tuition Assistance

\$25 for General Fund

\$50 for Hymnal Fund

\$25 for KML Tuition Assistance

\$85 for Little Lambs

\$520 for GS Tuition Assistance

\$370 for Playground Equipment

\$25 for the Ziesemer Scholarship Fund

Good Shepherd Lutheran Church

February 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 9:30 am Ladies League 7:00 pm Ladies League	2 9:00 am Wednesday Bible Study 6:00 pm Adult Bell Choir 6:30 pm Public School Catechism 7:30 pm Adult Choir: Rehearsal	3 8:00 am Catechism Class 6:30 pm Griefshare	4 8:00 am Women's Bible Study	5 4:00 pm Worship (Masks) 5:00 pm Worship Service
6 8:00 am Worship 9:15 am Sunday School and Bible Study 10:30 am Worship	7 No School 7:00 pm Bible Information Class 7:00 pm KML General Board Meeting	8	9 9:00 am Wednesday Bible Study 6:00 pm Adult Bell Choir 6:30 pm Public School Catechism 7:30 pm Adult Choir: Rehearsal	10	11 8:00 am Women's Bible Study 6:00 pm Marriage Enrichment Night	12 4:00 pm Communion Worship (Masks) 5:00 pm Communion Worship
13 8:00 am Communion Worship 9:15 am Sunday School and Bible Study 10:30 am Communion Worship	14 6:00 pm Pioneers 7:00 pm Bible Information Class	15 6:30 pm Coordinating Council	16 8:00 am Newsletter Mailing 9:00 am Wednesday Bible Study 6:00 pm Adult Bell Choir 6:30 pm Public School Catechism 7:30 pm Adult Choir: Rehearsal	17	18 8:00 am Women's Bible Study	19 4:00 pm Worship (Masks) 5:00 pm Worship
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