



Good Shepherd Lutheran Church Newsletter



December 2019

Our Vision

Connected to Christ!

Connected to One Another!

Connected to our
Community!

Good Shepherd is all
about building connec-
tions:

- Building stronger con-
nections with Christ
through his Word.
- Building stronger con-
nections with one an-
other through fellow-
ship, Christian educa-
tion, and service, and
- Building connections
with our unchurched
friends and relatives
through the power of
the Gospel.

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Worship Christ with us!

Saturdays at 5:00 pm;
Sundays at 8:00 & 10:30

Building “People” Connections

Four years ago our leaders assessed the need for our congregation to enhance and expand our church and school facilities. God has richly blessed our Building Connections stewardship emphasis. Our \$3.2 million building expansion project is now complete and being put to good use. 350 giving units have offered \$2,049,081 in gifts and three year pledges which conclude April 1, 2020.

Now our leaders are planning a follow-up stewardship emphasis called Building “People” Connections. We are not

looking to build more brick and mortar, but rather enhance our ministry, and help one another grow in our connections with Jesus and one another. We are working once again with WELS Stewardship Consultant Jeff Davis to develop a vision and action plan to share with all the members of the congregation. One goal is to help each member of Good Shepherd identify their gifts and use them in their daily vocation and in their life of Christian service. We are studying ways to involve more men and women in the ministry of

our congregation and also the need for a third full time pastor to focus on building stronger connections with youth and young families.

We will invite our members to consider offering a follow up gift / three year pledge to pay down our “Building Connections” mortgage of \$1,521,447. Our goal is to raise \$1,000,000 to \$1.250,000. This is crucial for the continued financial health of our congregation and to enable us to enhance our growing ministry.

Pastor Robert Hein

Worship

THANKSGIVING

Join us for **Thanksgiving Worship** Wednesday November 27th at 6:30 pm or Thursday November 28th at 9:00 am. Reflect on God’s goodness to us and praise him for his awesome blessings.

Midweek Advent Worship

**Wednesdays - 10:00 am
and 6:30 pm;**

**“The Three Comings of
Advent”**

December 4 - Prophets
foretold Christ’s first
coming

December 11 – Through
Word and Sacrament,
Christ comes to us daily

December 18 – We ea-
gerly await Christ’s sec-
ond coming

Join us also for our deli-
cious **Advent Dinners**
prior to our Wednesday
Advent services, 5:15 pm
held this year in our Fel-
lowship Hall. Bring a des-

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sert to share. Generous free-will offering are needed to cover expenses. Our teens are asked to help serve. Contact Cheryl Henckel for information.

Concert Services

Saturday, December 14th; 5:00 pm
Featuring our 7-8th grade Handbell Choirs

Sunday, December 15th; 8:00 & 10:30 am

Featuring our Adult & Children's Choirs, Ladies' Choir and Adult Hand Bell Choir.

An offering box will be in the narthex concert weekend to receive special gifts towards choir and handbell music,

Christian Fellowship & Food
6:00 p.m. on the 14th; 9:15-10:15 am on the 15th

Enjoy fellowship and food with our

guests and Good Shepherd family. If you plan to attend the late service, come early for fellowship! Sign up in the narthex if you can bring a treat to share. We are encouraging everyone to wear a name tag so we can get to know each other better. Sponsored by the Board for Parish Services. Sunday School will still be held that morning, but not the adult Bible classes.

Christmas Services

Children's Christmas Eve Services
December 24th at 3:00 & 5:30 pm.

If you are able, please park across the street at Little Lambs to leave more spaces for the elderly and our guests. Our children will present the Christmas message through word and song with the theme: Saints and Angel Hosts Rejoice.

Christmas Eve Candlelight Service
December 24 at 9:00 pm

Enjoy Christmas with special singing, musical groups, and candlelight. At the end of the service we put out all the lights except the Christmas tree, and sing "Silent Night" by candlelight as we each hold our own lit candles.

Christmas Day Festival Service
December 25th at 9:00 am

New Year's Eve Communion Worship
December 31st at 6:30 pm.

Our regular worship schedule remains in effect Saturday, December 28th at 5:00 pm and Sunday December 29th at 8:00 and 10:30 am. As you come for special holiday worship services, make sure not to miss out on our regular worship opportunities. There will be no Sunday School or Bible Study December 29th.

Sacred Concerts & Special Events

The Lutheran Chorale Concert is December 1st at 2:00 and 4:30 pm at Trinity, Waukesha.

The Kettle Moraine Lutheran Adult Chorale Concert will be held at Peace, Hartford Saturday, December 7th at 4:00 pm.

The Kettle Moraine Lutheran High School Band Concert will be Sunday, December 8th at 2:30 pm

The Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary Christmas Concert is Sunday, December 8th at 3:00 and 7:00 pm.

KML Christmas Choir Concert will be held Saturday, December 14th at 6:30 pm.

The Crown of Life Orchestra pre-

sents its Christmas Concert, "Journey to Bethlehem," December 13 and 14, at 7:00 p.m., and December 15, at 4:00 p.m. Enjoy the sounds of the season through the music of the Trans-Siberian Orchestra and other inspired originals. Crown of Life Lutheran Church is located at 1292 Tally Ho Trail in Hubertus.

Christmas Poinsettias – If you would like to purchase a Poinsettia to decorate the sanctuary for Christmas, or purchase some for yourself, fill out an envelope in the church narthex. Orders are due by Sunday, December 1st. Flowers given to decorate the church may

be picked up after Christmas Day services, and may be given in memory of or honor of a special event or person. The greenhouse is providing a gift of 25% of the purchase price to our Christ teens ministry.

Ladies' League Christmas Party

Tuesday, December 3rd at 6:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall. LWMS President Emily Kom will be our guest speaker. Spouses and guests are also invited to attend this special event. Sign-up sheets for decorating a table and attending are in the narthex. Envelopes for special gifts to various ministries can be

Sacred Concerts & Special Events (continued)

brought to the party.

Cookie Walk – Calling All Cookie Bakers! Time Out for Moms will be hosting our 13th annual cookie walk Sunday, December 8th at 7:30 am until the cookies are gone in the Good Shepherd gym. The Cookie Walk supports the Time Out for Ministry by funding our events, child care for the events and speakers! We have set a goal of 200 dozen cookies this year. The sign-up sheets to bake are in the back of church along with the trays for you to bring them to the Cookie Walk. Please consider baking and then join us in December at the cookie walk and pick up your favorite Christmas goodies!

Packer Game Party – Join the fun Sunday December 15th from 12-3:30 p.m. in the fellowship hall. Everyone is invited. Watch the Packer game on our two new screens. We will supply hot ham and rolls, chips and drinks. We ask

everyone to bring a dish to pass. Sign up in the narthex by December 12th for planning purposes.

A Giving Tree will be set up in the narthex in November. Instead of ornaments, it will have tags with gifts items listed. These gifts will help children from our church and community to receive some special Christmas gifts. Please DON'T wrap the gifts. Place them under the tree unwrapped. We will have a pizza / wrapping party Sunday December 15th after the late service in the fellowship hall together with the Packer Party. Everyone is invited.

Christmas Gifts for Good Shepherd Staff and Children Christmas is a time for gift giving. We celebrate the greatest gift ever given, the gift of God's Son Jesus to be our Savior and give gifts to others to reflect God's love to them. We receive donations during the month of De-

cember for these gifts. We express our appreciation to those who serve in our midst, a financial gift to our called workers and gift cards for our Sunday School teachers. Children who participate in our Christmas Eve service will receive a gift certificate for a special treat. We are inviting you to give a special gift for this purpose. You may use the designated envelope included in your envelope packet, returning it by way of the offering plate or directly to the church/school office by December 15th. A special door offering will also be received after each service December 7-8th for this purpose.

A Sheephead at Good Shepherd in the Fellowship Hall Saturday, January 11 from 1:30-4:00 pm. Everyone is welcome to play. Come enjoy the fun. Sign up in the narthex and bring a snack to share.

Opportunities to Grow through the Word

SUNDAY BIBLE STUDIES AT 9:15 AM through December 22nd

"Prepared to Answer" Lessons on Bible story evangelism based on chapters from the popular "Prepared to Answer" books by Dr. Mark Paustian. Led by Pastor John Paustian in the Fellowship Hall.

"Major Messages from Minor Prophets" We are studying two short books of the Old Testament,–Jonah and Malachi. Led by Pastor Robert Hein downstairs in the Commons area.

Teen Bible Study – 8th grade and up, held in Fireside Room Sundays at 9:15 AM, led by Christ teen lead-

ers.

Griefshare Support Group meets Sundays at 6:00 pm in the Fireside Room through December 15th. Anyone is welcome to attend. A new group will start up on January 12th. Contact Pastor Paustian to learn more.

New Bible Information Class— "Our New Life with Jesus" Monday nights at 7:00 pm, beginning January 6th. This course covers the key truths of Christianity, a great refresher course for our members and an introduction to the Bible for those who may be looking for a church home. This 13 session

course serves as our Adult membership class. There is no cost or obligation to join. To register, contact the church office at 334-7881. Led by Pastor Robert Hein in the Fireside Room.

Wednesday Morning Bible Class - From 9:00-10:00 am. A study of the book of Proverbs with the theme "Living by the Wisdom of Christ," with Pastor Lauersdorf.

Time Out For Mom's Friday Bible Study All moms invited Fridays at 8:00 am. We are studying the book of Ephesians. Led by Marilyn Sievert in our Fireside Room. Free childcare.

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Special Gifts

\$75 in memory of Bonnie Pawlowski from
Terry & Brenda Corey for Building Con-
nections

\$100 in memory of Patsy Krug from Gerald &
Joan Krug for Handbell Choir

\$55 in memory of Alice Stahl from Charles &
Cynthia Bunkelmann & Paul & Kathryn Redig
for Church Memorial Fund

*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.*



Service & Fellowship Opportunities

Small Group Bible Studies are being planned for the new year, held at member homes. One group will meet Wednesdays at the home of Paul and Carly Braun beginning January 8th at 6:30 pm. The topic is "The Impact of Christ's Life upon Yours." Contact Pastor Hein if you would like to learn more about small groups.

Christmas For Kids Join us for Christmas for Kids Saturday December 7th from 9:00-11:45 am for children Preschool-4th grade. The children will learn the joyous meaning of Christmas at different stations for singing, crafts, video, Bible story, cookie decorating, and fun. If you would like to help, fill out a volunteer form at church or contact Beth Bartlett or Pastor Hein. All adult volunteers are asked to attend the yearly youth training class. Registrations forms are available at church You may also register online at www.goodshepherdwels.org. Invite your friends and neighbors to attend as well. If you wish to support this outreach program financially, please use a yellow "Kid's Program" envelope in the church narthex. Gifts are needed to cover costs for crafts, advertising, and gifts for the children.

Volunteer Training Wednesday, December 4th at 7:30 pm in the Fireside Room. All who volunteer to work with our youth are required to attend a yearly volunteer training session.

Christmas Tree Set Up - Volunteers are needed to help decorate our church Christmas tree, Wednesday, December 11th at 11:00 am and take it down Wednesday, January 8th at 10:00 am. Contact Ron Kempf for more information. We are getting a new pre-lit Christmas tree this year. We wish to thank Jan Techtmann for overseeing this project so faithfully for many years!

Little Lambs Christmas Program Little Lambs Child Care will present their Christmas program Saturday, December 14th at 9:00 am in the church. Come, enjoy the children's fun songs and reflect on the true meaning of Christmas. We will be serving refreshments after the program in the fellowship hall.

Call Update Miss Joan Kulow has announced her retirement as Good Shepherd's third grade teacher effective at the end of this school year. We thank her for her 46 years of faithful service. Our Joint Board of Lutheran Schools and the Joint Council for Christian Education recommend that Shepherd of the Hills extend the call for a new third grade teacher. This decision has no effect on the funding plan of our joint school, but strengthens the partnership between our two churches by having faculty as members of both congregations. Shepherd of the Hills will hold their call meeting December 1st at 11:45 am. If someone has a name to consider placing on the call list, share that with Principal Schultz by November 24th to share with our District President David Kolander for consideration.