



October Newsletter in the Year of Our Lord 2022

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

Getting Ready

Every morning when you wake up, you start the process of getting ready for the day. This process includes taking a shower and using face wash, shampoo, conditioner, and body wash. Next, you proceed to brush your teeth, clean your ears, and put on deodorant/perfume. You do your hair, make up, and maybe even an array of other pre-day morning rituals. All of this is to ensure that you are clean and ready to go about your next 12 hours.

Include in getting ready for your day the assurance that you have been made clean by the love of God, and he has made you ready not only for the next 12 hours, but also for all eternity. God has cleansed you from all of your sins. He has sprinkled you with clean water. He has put a new heart and spirit in you.

Now you can go about your day feeling confident. Not confident that your breath doesn't stink or you aren't permeating a bad odor from your body, but confident that the only true and faithful God is your God. This assurance prepares you for every day, no matter what may come from it. It prepares you for your workday ahead, knowing that you are not only working for an employer, but for God himself. It prepares you for when temptation comes and you hold to the truth that you have been cleansed from all sins and now desire to keep God's commands. It prepares you for sadness and strife because the God who saves us will help us. Because of God's love in Jesus you are ready for today and for all eternity.

Ezekiel 36:25-29, "I will sprinkle clean water on you, and you will be clean; I will cleanse you from all your impurities and from all your idols. 26 I will give you a new heart and put a new spirit in you; I will remove from you your heart of stone and give you a heart of flesh. 27 And I will put my Spirit in you and move you to follow my decrees and be careful to keep my laws. 28 Then you will live in the land I gave your ancestors; you will be my people, and I will be your God. 29 I will save you from all your uncleanness."

Pastor Matt Mueller



**Join us for worship
this fall at
Good Shepherd.**

WORSHIP CHRIST WITH US!

Psalms 122:1 - I rejoiced with those who said to me, "Let us go to the house of the Lord."

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

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

KML Sunday is set for October 1 & 2. Learn more about the blessings of Christian education at our Lutheran High School. Presently, we have 42 students from Good Shepherd attending KML, with an additional 33 from Shepherd of the Hills. As a congregation our ministry plan includes \$95,724 in support of KML. Special gifts are also welcome towards debt retirement.

"Unworthy", a WELS contemporary musical group, will be playing at Good Shepherd worship services, Sunday, October 16 at 8:00 & 10:30 am. A freewill offering will be gathered to support their music ministry.

Little Lambs Childcare is celebrating 18 years of sharing Jesus with his precious lambs at our services October 15 & 16. Please keep Little Lambs ministry in your prayers! Special gifts toward mortgage principal payments are welcome and included in your envelope packet.

Reformation – We will celebrate the blessings of the Lutheran Reformation October 29 & 30 at all services. May we always hold firmly to the precious truths Martin Luther passed down to us. We are saved by grace alone, through faith in Christ alone, as revealed to us by God's Word alone. This is our Reformation heritage to share!



Opportunities to Grow through the Word

Wednesday Morning Bible Class is held at 9:00 am. Our topic is a study of the Old Testament book of Ruth. Digging deeper into the book we see that it is the story of God's love in Christ as reflected in the lives of believers. Come! We'll welcome you. Led by Pastor Richard Lauersdorf in the Fellowship Hall.



GRIEF SHARE **Griefshare** - If you've lost a spouse, child, family member, or friend, you've probably found there are not many people who understand the deep hurt you feel. You find yourself alone, facing questions you've never faced before. GriefShare is a friendly, caring group of people who will walk alongside you through one of life's most difficult experiences. You don't have to go through the grieving process alone. Thursdays at 6:30 p.m. in the Fireside Room. Led by John Paustian and Marina Shafranski. Register online at www.goodshepherdwels.org.

Thursday Evening Bible Study - Great Chapters of the Bible - There are 1,189 chapters in the Bible. Each chapter is "great" in that it was inspired by the Holy Spirit to reveal God's plan to save us from sin and death. But some chapters of the Bible are great in that they provide great comfort to God's people. In a six-week Thursday evening Bible class this fall we will begin with Pastor Janke leading a study of 1 Corinthians 15, St. Paul's great resurrection chapter. Join us Thursday evenings, beginning October 6, at 7:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall. Sign up in Welcome Center for planning purposes.

Women's Friday Bible Study - "Bible Sisters" This Bible study looks at six believing women of the Bible with insights for Christian living today. Led by Melissa Linton on Fridays from 8:00-9:00 am in the Fellowship Hall, beginning September 23. All women are welcome to attend!

Small Groups will begin to meet during the months of October and November. These groups are intended to enjoy life with other Christians, build relationships, grow spiritually, and pray together. Check out our small groups on our website under the Church tab, Small Groups to request to join.

Men's Bible Breakfast - Men, you are invited to our Men's Bible Breakfast. Enjoy a hearty breakfast, and a Bible study Saturday, November 5 from 8:00-9:30 am in our Fellowship Hall. 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, please sign up in the Welcome Center. Can you help us with cooking and set up at 7:00 am? Please contact Pastor Hein.



Sunday Bible Studies At 9:15 am

"Speak the Truth in Love" - Learn the truth from God's Word and how to respond in a loving way to those who challenge you or are searching for answers - Speak the truth in love concerning life issues, marriage and sexuality, false teachings, other religions, or dealing with worldly philosophies. Led by Pastor Hein in the Fellowship Hall.

"The End" - When something comes to an end in life, how do you handle it and what do you do? Study these topics with us in the sanctuary Sunday morning 9:15-10:15 am.

Oct 9 - The End of Having Kids/Being a Parent
Oct 16 - Preparing for the End (Prepping)
Oct 23 - "The End" of America
Oct 30 - The End of Life

Childcare Available - We have babysitters for Sunday Morning Bible Study! Drop off your 0-2 year old in the Parent's Room and enjoy one of our Sunday morning Bible studies at 9:15 am. Register your child by emailing Pastor Mueller at mmueller@gslswb.org.

Sunday School is held Sundays at 9:15 am for children age 3 through 7th grade. Come help your children grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ. Invite the children of your family, coworkers and friends also.

Youth Bible Class: "How to..." - Once a month in person: Oct 2, Nov 6, Dec 4. Sunday mornings 9:15-10:15 am in the Commons Area downstairs. Also check out the video, "How To's" posted on Good Shepherd Lutheran Facebook throughout the semester. Topics include: how to fit in, prioritize, date, guard your heart, fight doubts, treat parents, solve conflict, and not worry.

Special Events and Fellowship Opportunities

Greeter Opportunity - One great way to build connections at Good Shepherd is to greet members and guests as they come to worship. We want to offer everyone a warm welcome. Sign up for a specific service online at www.goodshepherdwels.org (signups).

Sound room volunteers are needed to run the worship slides in the sound room. You can choose the services of your choice. We will train you. Contact Mr. Jim Sievert to learn more.

Jesus Cares Ministry: The next training date is Tuesday, September 27, at 6:30 pm in the church. Pastor Gaertner will be with us to lead our session again. If you would like to be involved in our Jesus Cares Ministry, you are invited to attend.

Lutheran Women's Missionary Society (LWMS) Fall Rally will be Saturday, Oct. 22, at St. Paul, Brownsville, 605 Highland Ave. Non-perishable food items or cash donations may be brought for Trinity Community Center Food Pantry, plus Baby items (blankets, hats, infant clothing) slightly used or new, will be collected for CAMM. Registration will begin at 8:30. Rally begins at 9:00 am and concludes at 12:30 pm. Pastor Lucas Callies, serving in North Liberty, Iowa will be speaking about doing mission work within our own communities and connecting with the unchurched.

A Craft and Bake sale to support Branch Lutheran Schools in Haiti will be held at Trinity Community Center, (N6409 County Rd. P, Mayville) Saturday, October 29, from 9:00 am-4:00 pm. You may support with shopping at the event of donations of crafts and baked goods. For more information, call Edie Ash at 262-457-5000.

Seminary Food Drive – We are collecting non-perishable food items in September for the married seminary student's food pantry. Bring items to the designated box in the Fellowship Hall.



A Sheepshead tournament will be held at Good Shepherd Fellowship Hall Saturday, November 12, at 1 pm.

Serve our Lord with joy! – Opportunities to use our time and talents to serve our Lord and carry out the ministry of our church may be viewed on a yellow form in the Welcome Center. Fill it out and return it to the designated box.

Ministry Update



Building "People" Connections Update

We are grateful that 256 families/individuals have promised \$970,407 towards our Building People Connections campaign to reduce or eliminate our \$1.2 million expansion mortgage. \$897,515 has already been received. Our expansion mortgage is now down to \$179,050. 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.

Call Update - At our Voters' Call meeting September 1, we called Pastor Frank Italiano to serve as our associate pastor, with a focus on worship, stewardship and support. He is 49 years old, married to Gretchen with 4 children, ages 18-8. He has been serving at Trinity Lutheran, Crete IL since 1999. Please keep him and his family in your prayers as he deliberates his calls.

Ministry Structure Update - Our ministry is overseen by our Coordinating Council and six boards – Adult Nurture, Family Nurture, Outreach, School, Worship, and Support. Our Coordinating Council has appointed two Member Ministry Coordinators, Marilyn Sievert and Catherine Moldenhauer to help our boards and coordinators develop written position descriptions and action plans. We are also working with a WELS ministry consultant, Lori Lorig to enhance our member ministry at Good Shepherd. This helps us develop plans to carry out one of our congregational Action Plan goals – To help our members discover their spiritual gifts and link them to service.

Online Giving – In gratitude for all that Jesus has done for us we are eager to return our first-fruit offerings to him as a joyful act of worship. Start by recalling the spiritual and physical blessings God has given you, and set your giving plan in keeping with your income. Would you like to set up a regular plan for giving through your checking or savings account? This free program is available on our website at www.goodshepherdwels.org. Click on the "online giving" button to set up your own user name and password. All designations in your envelope packet are also available online. You can offer a one-time gift or ongoing weekly amounts.

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

Looking for resources concerning Creation/Evolution? Go to www.LutheranScience.org.

For information on the ministry of our synod, go to www.wels.net

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

Facility Upgrades – Thanks to our wonderful volunteers, our 7th grade classroom has been updated with carpet squares, cabinets, cupboards, shelves and a sink. We also thank the volunteers who are constructing and preparing two small classrooms in our Commons Area to be used by our school counselor and special education teacher as they meet with students in small groups. Our leaders are already discussing our needs for future expansion to meet our growing school enrollment.

Good Shepherd Lutheran School Enrollment

3K: 7	4th: 19	Total PK: 39
4K: 32	5th: 22	Total K-8: 214
5K: 32	6th: 28	Total PK-8: 253
1st: 25	7th: 22	
2nd: 21	8th: 23	
3rd: 22		



Pioneer Kringle Order – Would you like to support our Lutheran Pioneer program? Fill out a Pioneer Kringle order with payment in the church Welcome Center by October 26, with pickup November 12 from 11:30 am – 12:30 pm in the Fellowship Hall. Thanks for your support!

Little Lambs Trunk or Treat will be held outside at the Little Lambs parking lot featuring Trunk or Treat, snacks, refreshments and fellowship, Friday, October 21, from 5:30-6:30 pm. Bring the whole family for fun and fellowship! We are looking for volunteers to decorate a trunk, and to set up and serve cookies and hot chocolate while handing out promotional materials for our church, school and childcare. Contact Anita Cook at 262-338-1764 to learn more. You may also donate candy by bringing it to the Welcome Center.



Trunk or Treat at KML - Join us at Kettle Moraine Lutheran High School Sunday, October 16, from 3:30-5:30 pm for Trunk or Treat! Face painting, food for sale, candy, and more! Register to bring your children to trunk or treat at kmlhs.org/trunkortreat by October 7.

Good Shepherd Lutheran Church

October 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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2 8:00 am Worship 9:15 am Sunday School and Bible Study 10:30 am Worship	3 7:00 pm Bible Information Class	4 9:30 am Ladies League 7:00 pm Ladies League	5 9:00 am Wed. Bible Study 6:15 pm Adult Bells 6:30 pm Public School Catechism 7:30 pm Adult Choir	6 6:30 pm Griefshare 7:00 pm Bible Study	7 8:00 am Women's Bible Study Pioneer Camping	8 Pioneer Camping 5:00 pm Communion Worship
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