



June and July Newsletter in the Year of Our Lord 2022

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

Psalm 103:3 says, "From the rising of the sun to the place where it sets, the name of the LORD is to be praised."

Faith Too Weak?

Who doesn't love a great sunrise? Well...I guess those of you who love to sleep in don't. If you forgot to shut your mini blinds the night before, when the sun rises at 5:32 am these days, you may not fully enjoy the bright shining sun coming over the horizon. But those of you who are morning birds, a sunrise is a beautiful welcome sight. The birds are singing, the dew lays on the ground, the turkeys are coming into the fields, the fish are biting, the house is quiet, and the morning cup of coffee tastes so good.

And who doesn't love a great sunset? Well...I guess kids might not because then parents are actually able to put their little ones to bed because it's finally dark out! (Sorry parents, the sun is going to set later and later as the summer presses on. Currently sets at 8:07 pm.) But in general, I believe most people love sunsets. The colors, the cool air coming into the evening, the feeling it brings to your deck or patio, and the rest and relaxation of the evening.

So, what are you going to do between the beautiful sunrise and the gorgeous sunset? Let the name of the Lord be praised! At all times, in all places, with everyone you are with, praise the Lord who made the sunrise and sunset. Wake up and thank the Lord he has given you another day in the world he created. Worship him because he is with you and promises to bless you. Glorify him because like the new day, he has given you a new man inside yourself who loves God and his Son Jesus. Sing his praises because of the salvation he won for you with the death and resurrection of Jesus. You will one day be in an even more beautiful place than this world with its sunrises and sunsets; you will be in heaven. "From the rising of the sun to the place where it sets, the name of the LORD is to be praised."

Pastor Matt Mueller

Summer Worship Schedule Change

Our final Saturday evening services of the season will be Saturday, May 21.

Our first Thursday evening worship service will be Thursday, May 26 at 6:30 pm.



Worship our Lord with joy! Summer Schedule

Thursdays at 6:30 pm

Sundays at 8:00 and 10:00 am

Sunday School & Bible Study at 9:15 am

Ascension Day / Graduation Worship

Join us as we celebrate Jesus' glorious return to heaven at a special Ascension Day worship service featuring an uplifting message and music Thursday, May 26 at 6:30 pm. This will also serve as our 8th Grade Graduation Service.

Sunday worship services will be held at 8:00 and 10:00 am beginning Memorial Day weekend, May 29.

Welcome New Confirmands!

We welcome the following 11 youth Confirmands as communicant members of our congregation. They made their profession of their faith and celebrated their Confirmation May 15. May the Lord keep them strong in their faith through his Word and the Lord's Supper! Jonah DuCharme, Riley Ehley, Elizabeth Ehlke, Sydney Falkowski, Colton Geiger, Blake Hagenow, Haley Urbanek, Elise Weber, Michelle Wills, Brooklyn Young, and Tegan Schram.

Family Bible Study will be held Sundays at 9:10 am beginning June 5 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!



Opportunities to Grow through the Word

Summer Sermon Series

“God Rules Through His Kings – Saul, David, and Solomon.”

In our summer sermon series we will focus on key events in the lives of these kings and apply them to our faith life today.

June 5 – Celebrate the Festival of Pentecost

June 12 – Celebrate Trinity Sunday with special music from our Brass Choir

June 19 - Saul is chosen and anointed

June 26 -Saul is rejected because of disobedience

July 3 – Patriotic Theme

July 10 - David and Goliath

July 17 - David and the Psalms

July 25 - David on the run, trusts in the LORD to protect him

July 31 – VBS Theme – God’s Wonder Lab – Jesus Does the Impossible

August 7 – David & Bethsheba

August 14 – Solomon asks for wisdom

August 21 – Solomon dedicates the temple

August 28 - Jesus Cares Sunday with guest preacher

September 4 – Solomon’s downfall and hopeful return

A New Bible Information Class will be held on Monday nights beginning September 12, led by Pastor Robert Hein.

Church Picnic - Our church picnic and outdoor worship service will be held Sunday July 31 at Regner Park. We will have one outdoor worship service at 10:00 am, led by WELS musician Michael Westendorf. Our Vacation Bible School children will also sing. After the service, we will enjoy a delicious meal, fellowship, bean bag toss and games. Bring lawn chairs, yard games, and invite your friends.

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.

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

Special Events and Fellowship Opportunities



A New Member Welcome

will be held Sunday June 5 at the 8:00 am service. Join us for a time of fellowship between services to welcome our new members. We are encouraging everyone to wear name tags to get to know one another better.

Good Shepherd Ladies League invites members and guests to our picnic potluck Tuesday, June 7 in the Fellowship Hall. The event begins with a meal at 6:00 pm. We will then have a special presentation about the ministry of our WELS Central Africa Medical Mission. The speaker will be Angela Sievert, who has served on the board and visited Africa several times. There will be a freewill offering for CAMM. Watch for a signup sheet in the Welcome Center.

Honoring our Veterans and those actively serving in the military - Our worship services June 30 and July 2 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.

Memorial Day Parade – Students from our KML Elementary School Band Program will play in the West Bend Memorial Day Parade at 9:30 am.

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

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!

WELS Night at the Brewers is Friday, July 8 at 7:10 pm vs. the Pittsburgh Pirates. You may order select tickets for half price. Go to brewers.com/wels. Enjoy fun and fellowship with your brothers and sisters in the WELS!

Our Rams Open Golf Outing will be Saturday, September 11. Registration forms will be available at a later date in the Welcome Center.



Vacation Bible School will be held July 25-29 for ages 3 through Grade 8. The theme is

**"God's Wonder Lab
Jesus Does the Impossible".**

We are looking for volunteers (entering 8th grade and up) to help with crafts, teaching, outside recreation, music, and snack service, and other areas. 171 children attended last summer, so we can use plenty of volunteers. Even if you can't help all week, let us know which days you are available. Contact Cheryl Henckel or Pastor Hein for more information.

Register online or use the form included in this mailing.

An Online Church Member Directory is now available. You must request access to the member site and establish sign-in credentials with a personal email address.

The directory shows names, address, and household phone as permitted, as well as email address and Individual's contact information as permitted. A signed-in member may edit their household and personal information.

Go to the www.gslcwb.org/member-access for more information and a link to a form to request access. If you do not want your information displayed, please go to the same page for a form to opt-out. Alternatively, call the church office at 262-334-7881.

Ministry Update



Building "People" Connections Update

We are grateful that 252 families/individuals have promised \$953,262 towards our Building People Connections campaign to reduce or eliminate our \$1.2 million expansion mortgage. \$834,320 has already been received. 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 Updates/Voters Call Meeting – Rev. Nathaniel Timmermann declined our call to serve as our pastor, advising the Board of Worship and Board of Support. We wish him God's continued blessings in his ministry at Peace Lutheran.

We will call for a third pastor and a second support teacher at our Voters' Call Meeting **Sunday, June 12 at 11:00 am**.

If you have a name to consider for the pastor call list, please email that to Pastor Hein by June 1 for our district president to consider adding to the list.

We will also consider a proposal to make our Fellowship Hall available to the city several times a year as a voting location. We would be offering this as a community service. If you have input on this proposal, please contact Chairman Mark Frank or one of the pastors.

We will also consider a proposal from our Gift Trust Fund Committee concerning the use of our Housing Trust Fund.

All voting members are encouraged to attend.

We were blessed to receive a graduate to serve as our 6th grade teacher and music coordinator in a limited role. Mrs. Madison Boulden received a one year call. Her husband will be a first year student at Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary this Fall. We wish her God's richest blessings in her ministry at Good Shepherd.

Growth Groups – Our Family Nurture Board is trying to coordinate several growth groups to meet at member homes for Bible study, prayer, fellowship and encouragement. Right now we are seeking members willing to serve as facilitators and open their home for a growth group. To begin, the facilitators will meet together to learn what this looks like and how to facilitate a growth group. Contact Pastor Matt Mueller to learn more

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.

WELS News – Want updates on the ministry of the WELS? Go to www.wels.net. Traveling over the summer and looking for a church to attend? Make use of their church locator tool online.

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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Values adopted – What do you value in your life? Our leaders asked that question about our Good Shepherd congregation. What do we value? What matters to us as we set priorities and make decisions? These values were then adopted by our Coordinating Council and Voters' Assembly. You may pick up a detailed copy of our Values in the Welcome Center, but in summary our values include: God's Word, Worship Excellence, Welcoming Everyone as Family, Intentional Outreach, Life Long Christian Education, Use of our Spiritual Gifts, and Love in Action.

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).

School Information

Retirement Celebration – We will celebrate Mrs. Sarah Mehlberg's retirement from the teaching ministry Sunday, May 29 with a reception and treats between services. A gift box will also be out for cards and gifts in her honor.

Reception for Kramer family - We are holding a reception Sunday, June 12 between services for Joshua and Becky Kramer to thank them for their service to Good Shepherd these past 13 years as Mr. Kramer pursues a career in staff ministry. Treats and refreshments will be served, and there will be a card box for cards and gifts.

Special Gifts

\$10 from Patricia Dye in memory of Jane & Bill Barnes for Good Shepherd Lutheran Church

\$190 from family and friends in memory of Jim Kannenberg for Building Connections

\$1,430 from family and friends in memory of Dennis Benn for music instruction and percussion equipment

Good Shepherd Church Calendar

June 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2 6:30 pm Worship Service	3	4
5 8:00 am Worship 9:15 am New Member Reception 10:00 am Worship	6	7 6:00 pm Ladies League Picnic	8	9 6:30 pm Communion Worship	10	11
12 8:00 am Communion Worship 9:15 am Family Bible Study 10:00 am Communion Worship 11:00 am Voters' Call Meeting	13	14	15	16 6:30 pm Worship	17	18
19 8:00 am Worship 9:15 am Family Bible Study 10:00 am Worship	20	21 6:30 pm Coordinating Council	22	23 6:30 pm Communion Worship	24	25
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July 2022

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31 10:00 am Outdoor Worship Regner Park 11:00 am Church Picnic at Regner Park						