

Good Shepherd Lutheran Church

August 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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August Newsletter in the Year of Our Lord 2023

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

Summertime Grace

Summertime is full of fun and excitement. Summertime is full of blessings from our good and gracious God. From the pool to the games to the vacations, people are filling their time with family and friends. Memories are made, pictures are taken, and joy is had. Everything you love during the summertime is a blessing from God. He created this world including the sun you soak up, the ground you play on, and the water you swim in. He gave the gift of family to fill our life with love and laughter. He gave us the gift of rest and rejuvenation. Thanks be to God for all these blessings during the summertime months.

Above all these blessings, summertime gives us many opportunities to fully appreciate the grace God gives. Without the grace, undeserved love, of God those dips in the pool, those games, and those vacations would only be a way for us to cover up the fear and sadness we would have not knowing the love God has for us. How fun would it be swimming in a pool if you haven't had the waters of Baptism poured over you? How many joyful pictures could you take if you didn't have the picture of Christ's love given for you on the cross in your heart? How relaxed could you feel on vacation if faith didn't fill your heart trusting God is with you wherever you go? But knowing God's grace, knowing you were made one of his children, knowing Jesus died for you and fills your heart with his love, makes all the summertime fun that much better. Therefore, I hope you enjoyed your summer, knowing full well God loves you.

"But God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us." Romans 5:8

Pastor Matt Mueller

Installation of all new and returning elected and appointed leaders and coordinators will take place at the worship service Thursday, **July 27** at 6:30 pm or our Outdoor Worship at Regner Park Sunday, **July 30**.

Bible Presentation – August 24 and 27th, we will present a Bible to all our incoming 3rd graders and our school children will sing at all services, as each family picks the service of their choice to attend.

Worship our LORD with Joy

Join us for worship this summer!

Thursdays at 6:30 pm; Sundays at 8:00 10:00 am



Summer Sermon Series

"Heroes of Faith; Old & New"

Our **Summer Sermon Series** continues through August focusing on "Heroes of the Bible; Old and New". Learn how God empowers his people to live as heroes of faith through the power of his Word!

- July 30 VBS theme – God's Living Water, Covered in God's Grace
- August 6 Moses Values Christ Above All
- August 13 Esther Acts for the Good of her People
- August 20 Hezekiah Prays in Times of Trouble (Pastor Schlicht's first sermon here)
- August 27 Persecuted Believers Persevere
- Sept. 3 Find Rest in Christ Alone!

Family Bible Study is held Sundays at 9:15 am 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!

Wednesday morning Bible study will resume **August 30** at 9:00 am. That's when we'll begin a study of the Old Testament book of Zechariah. The author of the recent commentary on Zechariah says that the book "is virtually unknown in the church today," with the exception of the Palm Sunday prophecy in chapter 9, "See, your king comes to you...lowly and riding on a donkey." Yet, of the twelve "Minor Prophets" (Hosea to Malachi in the Old Testament), Zechariah is quoted in the New Testament more than any other. After the book of Ezekiel, Zechariah is alluded to in the book of Revelation more than any other book in the Old Testament. Additionally, with its prophecies of the Messiah, Zechariah provides a template for the



Ministry Events

Installation of our new pastor, Pastor Peter Schlicht is Sunday, **August 13** at 1:30 pm with a luncheon to follow. We look forward to welcoming Pastor Peter and Rachel Schlicht and their children Solomon, Willow, Simeon, and Sparrow. Pastor Schlicht will advise our Worship and Support Ministries. His email is pschlicht@gslswb.org. Sign up in the Welcome Center to donate food for the meal or to help set up and serve. Join us as we offer them a warm welcome!

Teacher Installation – We look forward to the installation of our several new teachers at our worship service Sunday, **August 20** at 10:00 am. Teachers to be installed are Mr. Ryan Kluba, Miss Katie Donaldson, Mrs. Jackie Ihlenfeldt, Mrs. Kristine Franz, and Mrs. Kristen Kapler. We will also welcome and recognize Mrs. Kristi Bankenbusch who will serve as a Preschool 4 teacher.

Gifts and Cards – We invite you to bring a card and gift card (Scrip) to welcome our new pastor, teachers and families. We will have a designated box out in the narthex from **August 10-20** covering both installation services.

Summer Choir Rehearsals - We welcome our new 6th grade teacher, Mr. Ryan Kluba, who will also direct our Adult Choir this year. We thank Mrs. Eileen Schmiege for serving us so well this past year! We plan to have our choir sing at the installation service of Pastor Schlicht Sunday, **August 13** at 1:30 pm and also at the installation service of several of our teachers Sunday, August 20 at 10:00 am. There will be 3 rehearsals to prepare for these events, Thursdays **July 27, August 3, and August 10** at 7:30 pm. We need your voices to help us worship our Lord with joy! Please email Mr. Ryan Kluba at rkluba@gslswb.org if you can sing with our choir for one or both of these installation services.

Our Adult Choir will begin regular rehearsals Wednesday, August 30 at 7:30 pm.

The Adult Bell Choir will resume rehearsals Wednesday, **September 6th** at 6:15 pm. *We can use more ringers.* You do not need experience with ringing bells, but a bit of music reading experience is helpful, such as playing the piano, playing another instrument, or previously singing in a choir. We work together joyfully and cooperatively as we learn our music to praise the Lord. Please contact Eileen Schmiege at 262-338-3114 if you are willing to join us in the Adult Bell Choir.

Jesus Cares Worship Services will take place the first Tuesday of the month starting in September. Tuesday, **September 5** at 6:00 pm will be our first service back following our summer break. Invite those with physical and mental disabilities to attend these simplified worship services.

Greeter Opportunity – We encourage you to serve as a greeter to welcome members and guests to our church each week. You can pick the service time of your choice. Sign up at “greeter signup” at our website www.goodshepherdwels.org

Passion history of our Lord Jesus. For these reasons and more, it's our aim to see to it that the book of Zechariah is not "virtually unknown" at Good Shepherd. We invite you to come and explore this challenging and enlightening book with us on Wednesday mornings starting August 30. Led by Pastor Paul Janke.

Our new Bible Information Class, “Our New Life with Jesus” will be held Monday nights at 6:30 pm, beginning **September 11**. (13 Sessions) This course covers the fundamental teachings of the Bible--a refresher course for our members and a great introduction to the Bible for those who would like to learn more. This course serves as our Adult membership class. There is no cost or obligation to join. Come and learn more. Invite a friend or family member to join you. To register in advance, contact the church office at 334-7881. Led by Pastor Robert Hein.

Church Picnic - Our church picnic and outdoor worship service will be held Sunday, **July 30** at Regner Park. We will hold our regular Thursday worship at 6:30 pm in church. No Sunday 8:00 am worship. We will have one outdoor Sunday worship service at 10:00 am, led by the WELS Musical Group “Branches Band”. Our Vacation Bible School children will also sing. After the service, we will enjoy a delicious meal, fellowship, bounce house, and bean bag toss. Bring lawn chairs, yard games, and invite your friends. We will have a freewill offering in support of the Branches Band and to help cover meal expenses.

We need volunteers to help make this event a success! Sign up at the link below or in the Welcome Center to help with meal prep, serving, clean up, game coordination, or monitoring the bounce house.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20F0C48A9AB22A6F58-church1>

Vacation Bible School will be held **July 24-28th** from 9:00 -11:30 am for ages 3 through 8th grade. The theme is “God’s Living Water – Covered with God’s Grace”. We have closed registration at 233 children. The children will sing at our Outdoor Worship service July 31st at 10 am at Regner Park. We can still use teacher helpers. VBS is funded through special gifts designated toward “Kid’s Programs”. Envelopes are available in the narthex. Donations of goldfish crackers and cookies are appreciated to feed our hungry army of kids! Bring them to the Fellowship Hall.

Ministry Update

Our leadership team is in place with a Coordinating Council and six boards overseeing six key areas of ministry. The board are working with our coordinators to develop ministry descriptions, develop a yearly Action Plan, and recruit volunteers to serve on ministry teams. Marilyn Sievert and Catherine Moldenhauer serve as Member Ministry Coordinators to help members identify their spiritual gifts and link them to service.

Here is a listing of our Coordinating Council: Paul Ihlenfeldt - President, Justin Rechlicz- Vice President, Dan Herriges – Secretary, Korey Johnson - Financial Officer, Tom Getka - Adult Nurture Board Chairman, Kurt Kolander - Family Nurture Board Chairman, Todd Biesterfeld- Outreach Board Chairman, Nathan Karst, Board for Lutheran School Chairman, Peter Kapler, Worship Board Chairman, Adam Retzlaff - Support Board Chairman. We thank outgoing council members Mark Frank and Mark Mertes for their outstanding service to our Lord and his people!

Good Shepherd Lutheran School Update

- We were blessed to serve 251 students in our preschool to grade 8 where children heard God's truth shared with them daily.
- Our partnership with Shepherd of the Hills continues to grow. Of our 251 students in K3-8 attending our school, approximately 25% are from Shepherd of the Hills and that number continues to grow.
- In technology, we updated our Wi-Fi access points for students, added 60 additional Chromebooks for students and were also thrilled to purchase 50 Apple iPads to be used for students in preschool to grade 2 this past school year.
- Our school is blessed with growth! Early projections for next year indicate a substantial increase in enrollment to approximately 260. Two new classroom spaces are being added in the downstairs commons area and we officially started a building committee to add classrooms, church meeting rooms, and possibly a new gym in the future.
- Our 4K enrollment this last school year was approximately 30 which caused us to add another classroom and teacher to split that large group into two classrooms. In addition, we added a second Kindergarten classroom and teacher to accommodate 31 K students this past school year.

And this next school year, we have made plans to add another first grade classroom and teacher.

- Approximately 50% of the tuition of each student attending Good Shepherd School is funded through the generous support we receive from our members and school parents at Shepherd of the Hills and Good Shepherd. We thank you and ask that you continue to pray for and support our school's ministry to the next generation! Thank you to the members of Good Shepherd and Shepherd of the Hills for your support on the one thing needful!

- As we begin another year, please continue to keep our incredible Good Shepherd School staff in your prayers. What a blessing we have in these workers! Give Thanks to the Lord for he is good!

Special Events

GOAL Golf Outing - Greetings friends! The Good Shepherd annual golf outing is quickly approaching. It is **Sept 9** this year. We hope to see you. Here is the online link and the cost can be mailed to Good Shepherd at 777 S. Indiana Ave. West Bend, WI 53095. Make sure your name matches the one on the registration. https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfL401Yju08wny5wjjeGM55BvHgKgGhjdj2D2-p_KgxYy-dA/viewform

We are looking for basket donations to the golf outing. If you would like to donate a basket, please Stacy Geiger at stacygeiger@yahoo.com.

Shepherd Youth Downtown Scavenger Hunt will be held Saturday, **August 12th** at 11:00 am.

Pioneers will have its first meeting of the school year on **September 18**, 6-7:30pm. Be sure to register your kids at the school office.

School Information

Little Lambs Update – Little Lambs is searching for a new director. The director will have responsibilities in the areas of curriculum, supervision, staffing, budgeting, licensing, recruitment, and especially in the area of growth of the children in the grace and knowledge of their Savior Jesus Christ. Applicants must have a Level 13 Early Childhood and Youth Development Degree or a Bachelor's Degree. If interested, please contact Pastor Mueller.

Ice Cream Social – Good Shepherd Lutheran School is hosting an ice cream social for new and returning school families Sunday, **August 20** from 1:00-3:00 pm. Come meet the teachers and get to know new and returning families. Good Shepherd Lutheran School begins Wednesday, **August 23** at 8:00 am.

Service & Fellowship Opportunities

EVERY MEMBER INVITED! - IDENTITY is the #1 concern in today's culture. That means everyone is seeking to know the answers to "Who Am I?" and "Why Am I Here?" Good Shepherd's leadership is inviting each and every member to find God's answers to these questions by providing **SHAPED to Serve workshops** through a system called Personal Member Ministry. We urge everyone to COME & SEE God's love for you personally. He planned just the right gifts for you to use in life, in the church and in the world! Learn how to serve God and others with more love, more freedom and more joy! Please SIGN UP for your SHAPED workshop now! Click this link to register! Or call 262-334-7881 for more information. Yes, you were



Made for More. Starting up again in the Fall! Saturdays, **September 23, October 14, and November 11** from 8:30 am – 12:30 pm. Sunday mornings for four sessions **October 22 - November 12th**.

Soundroom volunteers are needed to advance the worship slides. You may pick the service time of your choice. Training will be provided. Contact Jim Sievert at jsievert@gslswb.org to learn more.

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

Volunteer Cleaning – We can use volunteers to help clean the church on an occasional basis, on your schedule. Contact Marcia Weber at 262-334-2508 to join the team!

Maintenance Man – Good Shepherd is hiring a part time maintenance person. Contact Adam Retzlaff to learn more at adamretzlaff@charter.net.

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

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Facility Expansion Update - 60 people attended our Facility Planning Meeting led by Jeff Davis on June 25th. We discussed three questions; why to build, what to build, and how to build. Our greatest need is for additional classrooms due to our growing enrollment. We appreciate all the input received as we plan our next steps. Gifts to our Building Connections Fund are still encouraged as we prepare for our next facility expansion.

Facility Maintenance and Improvement Projects - We thank our Board of Support and Property Coordinator Mark Peters for overseeing these facility upgrades and taking good care of our building and grounds. Special gifts, including those from the Church Memorial Fund and Engeleiter estate gift were used to fund these projects.

Materials and labor for upgraded controls for our HVAC system, Church roof leak repair and gutter replacement and installation, Gym roof repair, Bell & intercom system for school, Divider partitions for Commons area to provide an additional classroom space, Parking lot repair at Little Lambs and church parking lot, Lower level entryway improvements.

Special Gifts and Memorials

In Memory of Gerry Cash from family and friends
\$20 for Building Connections, \$50 for Memorial Fund

In Memory of Don Schulz from family and friends
\$80 for Building Connections, \$10 for KML, \$570 for Church Memorial Fund

\$50 from Mark & Maribeth Frank in memory of Lewis Enderle for Building Connections

\$55 from Herman Schiefelbein in honor of their 55th Anniversary for Building Connections

\$40 from Irene Cudworth in memory of her sister Margaret for the Music Fund

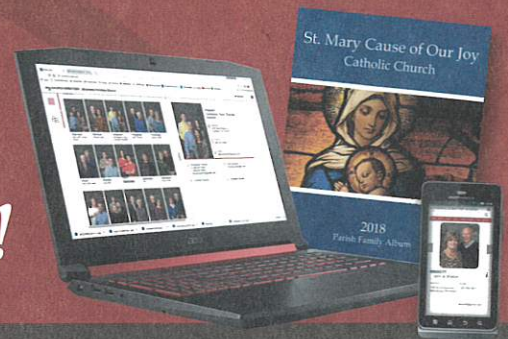
\$100 from Joan Kulow in honor of our called worker celebration

\$200 from family & friends in honor of Patty Holem's retirement for the School

\$50 from Claudia Busse in honor of our called worker celebration for the school

\$25 from Joan & Gerald Krug in memory of Jim Weber for Jesus Cares Ministry

Dear Church family, It's time for a New Directory!



*Celebrating faith.
Connecting families.
Sharing hope.*

When people enter the doors of our church they are looking for a place to belong. Our directory brings us together to develop new relationships, connect with our own families, and reconnect with those we haven't seen in a while. Join us for this "Connections Event" and be part of what God is doing right here at our church!

Directory Committee

Connections Event

Our church directory will not be complete without you. Join us to celebrate faith and family with our new church family album.

- **Schedule your professional photography session when you stop by the sign-up table at the church or simply go online and follow the instructions below.** If we don't see your name on our list of appointments, you will receive a phone call inviting you to participate.
- **Everyone who is photographed by Universal will receive a complimentary 8 x 10 portrait and a directory!**
- **Universal provides a complete professional portrait studio right here at our church!** You'll enjoy a variety of poses, backgrounds, portrait sizes, finish and framing options AND have the opportunity to purchase portraits to give to family and friends.

Set your appointment with Universal today!

*Gathering families,
Connecting generations.*



We are producing a new church Pictorial Directory this fall and we want you to be a part of it!

Photo Dates

August 17 and 18 from 2:00-8:30 pm, August 19 from 10:00 am – 4:00 pm
October 17-20 from 2:00-8:30 pm, and October 21 from 9:00 am – 3:00 pm,
October 27 from 2:00-8:30 pm and October 28 from 9:00 am - 3:00 pm.

Signup online today at www.ucdir.com. Church Code is wi287. Password is: photos
See backside for additional information.

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This is a great tool to help us get to know one another better! It has been six years since our last pictorial directory and we have many new families to include. This helps us carry out our Vision:

Connected to Christ ~ Connected to One Another ~ Connected to our Community!

We are organizing a ministry team to coordinate the scheduling and creation of the ministry and activity pages in the front part of the directory. Contact Rita Bartholomew at 262-338-0432 to assist or with questions about hosting and scheduling.

Contact Liz Schmidt at 920-210-7578 to assist with designing the front part of the directory and taking pictures of activities.

We will also receive digital photos of each family to include in our online directory.

Photos are taken in the narthex, and you will view proofs right after. Each family photographed will receive a free 8/10 photo and a free directory. There is no obligation to purchase additional photos.

We urge families with children going away to **college** to sign up for the August dates to include the whole family.

You may invite additional family members to pose for your own extended family picture purchases, but the standard member photo will be included in the directory.

Non-member school families may also be photographed.

Online signup will be turned off during certain worship weekends to allow people to also sign up at church.

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