



# Good Shepherd Lutheran Church Newsletter



April 2020

## Our Vision

Connected to Christ!

Connected to One Another!

Connected to our  
Community!

Good Shepherd is all  
about building  
connections:

- Building stronger connections with Christ through his Word.
- Building stronger connections with one another through fellowship, Christian education, 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  
Public worship will not be held until the governor's order is lifted. Check out our website for online worship opportunities.

## Don't worry!

Have you found yourself wanting to tell someone not to worry?

- Don't worry about the coronavirus!
- Don't worry about what's happening to the economy!
- Don't worry about your job!
- Don't let the at times frantic scramble to take care of the basic necessities of life stress you out!
- Don't worry about your family!

...but avoided saying that because it seemed a bit

simplistic and because you know your own struggle against worry?

When Jesus tells us not to worry, he does not in any way minimize the challenges of life. He knows how much we need food, water, and clothing!" Instead, he redirects our attention, pointing us to the love of the Father who sent him.

<sup>31</sup> **So do not worry, saying, 'What shall we eat?' or 'What shall we drink?' or 'What shall we wear?'** <sup>32</sup> **For the pagans run after all these things, and your heavenly**

**Father knows that you need them.** Matthew 6:31-32 (NIV)

That doesn't bring an instant end to our struggle with worry, but it changes our perspective. Jesus intends to take us back to our childhood, back before we had time to worry about these things, because our parents already knew. Your Father in heaven knows what you need even before you ask.

In Christ,

Pastor John Paustian

## Corona Virus Update

### Corona Virus Update –

Due to the governor's mandate concerning large group meetings and to prevent the spread of this virus, we need to cancel some of our upcoming worship services and other upcoming events.

Stay tuned to our church website for further devel-

opments. We are preparing an online, shortened version of our worship services to help you stay connected to Jesus through word and prayer.

In this time of uncertainty and trial, we cherish the gracious care and security our God of free and faithful love provides

his people. There is no safer place to be!

Please pray for God's wisdom and spiritual strength.

Pray for safety and healing.

Pray for the many people suffering financially because of the impact of this virus.

## Opportunities to Grow through the Word



### Worship Schedule

**Maundy Thursday** Communion Worship. Thursday, April 9th at 10:00 a.m. and 6:30 p.m.

**Good Friday Worship** is Friday, April 10th at 1:30 p.m. and 6:30 p.m. (Evening Tenebrae Service is different from afternoon service) No Saturday evening worship.

**Easter Sunday Sunrise Service** – Sunday, April 12th at 6:00 am

**Easter Breakfasts** - at 7:00 am and 9:30 am in our new fellowship hall (sign up in the narthex if you plan to attend and bring food items)

**Easter Festival Services at 8:30 & 10:30 a.m.** (Note time is 8:30 a.m.)

## Cancellations & Events Currently Scheduled for April

### Cancellations due to the Coronavirus

We are working on online Bible studies and Sunday School spiritual growth opportunities.

- Adult Bible Study, Teen Study and Sunday School
- Wednesday Morning Bible Class
- Public School Instruction Class
- Time Out For Mom's Friday Bible Study
- Little Lambs Spring Program
- Pioneer Pinewood Derby
- Jesus Cares Bible Study
- Goal Meeting
- Owls March meeting
- KML Family Music Fest
- Time out for Moms' Event

### April Events—subject to change

**Easter for Kids** is still scheduled at this time, but this may change. Presently it will be held Saturday morning April 4th from 9:00-11:50 am for ages 3-10. Children from our church and community will celebrate the joyous meaning of Easter with crafts, Bible story, music,

videos and fun! If you are interested in being a head shepherd or working with arts and crafts, music, recreation or other areas, please contact Pastor Hein or Beth Bartelt. Volunteer and registration forms are available in the church narthex or office. You may also register children online at [www.goodshepherdwels.org](http://www.goodshepherdwels.org). Easter for Kids is funded through special gifts. If you would like to support this ministry, please use a "Kid's Program" envelope in the narthex. Parents are invited to stop for a while to enjoy a cup of coffee and conversations about the joys of parenting. (Building Parent Connections).

**Easter Breakfasts** - On Easter Sunday April 12th, all members and guests of Good Shepherd are invited to gather in celebration of the living Savior. Please join us as we once again offer two breakfast options: a 7:15 AM breakfast (eggs, cheesy hash-browns, sausages, and ham) and a 9:30 AM breakfast (egg-bakes and ham). Bring the whole family and any guests you invite to church. It will be held once again in our Fellowship Hall. We ask that

you sign up ahead of time in the Welcome Center by March 19 so we can estimate our food purchases. We served 366 people last Easter! Contact Chris Horbas for more information. This breakfast too may need to be cancelled. Stay tuned for developments.

**Lutheran Women's Missionary Society Spring Rally** will be Saturday, April 18th at Trinity Community Center, 6409 Co. Rd. P Mayville. Speaker is Pastor Tim Flunker speaking on "Sharing Christ Across the Cultures." Registration will be from 8:30 am – 9:00 am. Look for signup sheets and childcare information in the narthex.

**Griefshare Support Group** provides help and encouragement after the death of a spouse, child, family member or friend. Each session includes a video on an aspect of the grieving process and a discussion of the video. Each participant will have a workbook follow-up on that lesson. Register online at [www.goodshepherdwels.org](http://www.goodshepherdwels.org). A new session will begin April 19<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 pm.

**The KML Adult Chorale** will hold

## Sacred Concerts & Special Events (continued)

its spring concert Sunday April 19<sup>th</sup> at 4:00 pm at Christ Alone in Thiensville.

**KML Dinner Auction is Saturday,** April 25<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 pm. Go to [www.kmlhs.org](http://www.kmlhs.org) for more information.

This is great way to support special projects at our Lutheran high school!

### Retirement Celebrations

We will thank the Lord for the blessings we have received through the ministries of Cathy Wilk (40<sup>th</sup> ministry anniversary and retirement) and Joan Kulow (retirement celebration). Look for more details to come.

Mrs. Cathy Wilk – Sunday, May 3<sup>rd</sup>,

with a meal and program to follow in the fellowship hall.

Miss Joan Kulow – Sunday June 14<sup>th</sup>, with a meal and program to follow in the fellowship hall

### Service and Fellowship Opportunities

**Our Community Service** events in April are cancelled at this time due to the Coronavirus. We hope reschedule.

**New Classroom** – Volunteers are finishing off the last of our new classrooms. Soon there will be opportunities to help paint and install cabinets. Thanks to our great volunteers!

**Church Softball** – Good Shepherd hopes to field two men's softball teams this summer. Contact Peter Kapler for more information at 262-224-5058.

**Church Office Hours**—While school is out, we will have church office hours Monday-Thursday 8:00-11:00 am.

## Ministry Update



Praise the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits!

It's easy for us to take God's blessings for granted. Like those nine ungrateful lepers we are prone to receive precious gifts from Jesus, but fail to say thank you for them. In Psalm 103 David encourages us to remember and to give thanks to God from whom all blessings flow.

We have scheduled March 28-29<sup>th</sup> for our Celebration Sunday! We don't know if we will be able to hold public worship services that weekend yet, but we can certainly all have a personal celebration as we count our many blessings.

Our "Building Connections" three year campaign is drawing to a close. How richly the Lord has blessed us!

Our \$3.2 million expansion project is complete and being put to good use.

Give thanks to God for the beautiful facilities he has given us including 4 new school classrooms, fellowship hall, welcome center, fireside Bible study room, new heating and air, new secure entrance, bathrooms and so much more.

As we celebrate God's blessings of the past we seek his guidance for the future! Commit to Building People Connections!

By God's grace, our members have offered over \$2,000,000 in gifts and

pledges.

Our goal in "Building People Connections" is to reduce or eliminate our \$1.2 million expansion mortgage to save on interest payments and free up funds to enhance our ministry.

Moving forward we are also eager to develop actions plans to make the most of the ministry opportunities the Lord is placing before us.

We invite you to play an active role in the ministry of our church family. If anyone has not received an information packet, and would like to learn more, please contact Pastor Hein.

**Please return your promise card to the church office in person or by mail by March 29<sup>th</sup>.**

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### 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,  
**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.*



## Ministry News

**Call News** – March 8th Shepherd of the Hills extended a call to Josh Gibson to be our 8th grade teacher, and subsequently Good Shepherd extended a call to Nicole Gibson (Loberger), wife of Josh, to be our lower grades support teacher. Josh and Nicole both currently serve at Divine Savior in Doral, FL. Josh has a heart for teaching History and upper grades. Nicole teaches grade 2 and has a love for teaching the little ones. They have three children ages 5, 3, and 1. Please keep them in your prayers as they deliberate their calls.

**Ministry Plan Update** - Planning is underway to develop our 2020-2021 Ministry Plan which will be approved May 26th. Each area of ministry is researching their ministry needs. We thank the Lord for moving the hearts of his people to offer their first-fruit offerings to support our ministry plan and the Lord's Work Elsewhere.

Even if we don't have public worship services, in gratitude to the Lord, please continue to offer your firstfruit offering to meet our ministry needs. All members are encouraged to review their personal giving plan and offer God their firstfruits in gratitude for the incredible blessings we enjoy from him! God's Word encourages, "Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. And God is able to bless you abundantly, so that in all things at all times, having all that you need, you will abound in every good work." 2 Corinthians 9:7-8

**Online Giving** - We will also invite people to continue to offer their freewill offerings whether through online giving or by sending their offering check through the mail, as a joyful act of worship and to meet the needs of God's people. To sign up for secure online giving, go to our website [www.goodshepherdwels.org](http://www.goodshepherdwels.org), click on the "offering" button, to take you to a giving portal. You may give a one time gift or ongoing offerings. All categories from our envelope packet are also available online for your convenience. Call the office if you need assistance.

**Email updates**—To be added to our weekly ministry updates, send an email to Pastor Hein at [revRhein@gmail.com](mailto:revRhein@gmail.com)

## Special Gifts

\$100 in memory of Adelia Dins from Terry & Corinne Gatzke for the Tuition Assistance Program

\$75 in memory of Ryan Frank for Kid's Programs