



June Newsletter in the Year of Our Lord 2021

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

**"If the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed!" John 8:36**

"Miss Liberty" she's called – that statue with fingernails as large as dinner plates and standing 151 feet tall from her sandals to her torch. But it's not her size that impresses us, it's the message inscribed on her pedestal, "Give me your tired, your poor, your huddled masses yearning to breathe free." The Statue of Liberty still stands in New York harbor, and we are still free. But our freedom was not without a price. Thousands gave their lives in at least four major conflicts in the 20th century alone so that Miss Liberty might stand tall and we can breathe free.

"The cross of Calvary" it's called, those timbers set up on that skull-shaped hill. The wood's long gone, but not the liberty secured there. On that cross God's Son secured a freedom far more precious than any other in the world. That cross speaks of freedom from sin's curse and Satan's slavery. No more accusing pangs of a guilt-pierced conscience. No more chilling fear of death's cold chamber. The Son has set us free.

This freedom also had a price. Nearly 2000 years ago the God-man hung on that cross enduring the worst that both earth and hell could dispense. But he secured liberty in full with his complete payment for all sinners of all time. Now he offers that precious liberty to me without price. It's mine free of cost. I'm free to live for God and with God, on earth and in eternity. This 4th of July we celebrate and are concerned about the freedoms we enjoy in our country. Even more so let's celebrate and be concerned about sharing with others the blessed freedom we have in Christ.

Your partner in thanking God for setting us free,  
Pastor Richard E. Lauersdorf

## **Worship our Lord with joy!**

**Thursdays at 5:30 & 6:30 pm**

**Sundays at 8:00 & 10:00 am**

We also offer our worship services online at  
[www.goodshepherdwels.org](http://www.goodshepherdwels.org)

### **Summer Worship Schedule**

Our final Saturday evening services of the season will be Saturday, May 22<sup>nd</sup> at 4:00 & 5:00 pm.

Our first Thursday evening worship service will be Thursday, May 27th at 5:30\* & 6:30 pm. The 6:30 pm service will also serve as our Graduation Service for our 8<sup>th</sup> graders.

Please note that we are offering an additional worship opportunity this summer for those with health concerns. For our 5:30 pm Thursday services we ask that everyone wear a mask. There will be no congregational singing.

Sunday worship services will be held at 8:00 and 10:00 am beginning Memorial Day weekend, May 30th.

### **Summer Worship Series**

#### **"Tough Questions; Biblical Answers"**

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| June 6    | How Did This World Come Into being?  |
| June 13   | Do You Really Think Humans Are Special?  |
| June 20   | Why Does God Let Things Fall Apart?  |
| June 27   | Why Do Bad Things Happen To Good People?   |
| July 4    | Patriotic Focus – What Is The Proper Relationship Between Church and State?          |
| July 11   | Can Anyone Know What God Is Really Like?   |
| July 18   | Is It Ever Okay To Judge People?   |
| July 25   | Does the Church Just Care About My Money?  |
| August 1  | VBS Service: Rainforest Adventure – Jesus Leads the Way—Church Picnic at Regner Park |
| August 8  | Isn't That Just Your Interpretation?   |
| August 15 | Does God Really Hear My Prayers?   |
| August 22 | What Happens To Me When I Die?   |

## Opportunities to Grow through the Word

**Family Bible Study** will be held Sundays at 9:10 am from Memorial Day – Labor Day weekends, led by the pastors in the Fellowship Hall. They will dig deeper into the sermon topic of the day. All are welcome!

**Bible Information Class** – Would you or a friend like to learn more about Jesus and the key teachings of the Bible? We are planning to hold a Bible Information Class entitled, “Our New Life with Jesus” Wednesday nights at 7:00 pm beginning June 2nd.

This is a great refresher course for our members and an introduction to the Bible for those who may be interested in joining our church. We will socially distance in the Fellowship Hall. Contact Pastor Hein at 334-7881 if you are interested in attending.

## Sacred Concerts & Special Events

**Ladies League Year End Picnic** will be held one week later than usual, on Tuesday, June 8<sup>th</sup> at 6:15 pm. For planning purposes, please sign up in the welcome center. Due to Covid concerns we will be ordering food and not having a pot luck. We will be collecting donations for the MLC “adopt a hymnal project.” They would like to get the new hymnals in their Chapel this fall. Each hymnal is \$30 and they need 1,000. Please make checks out to Good Shepherd Ladies League. Thanks!

**Honoring our Veterans and those actively serving in the military** - Our worship services July 1<sup>st</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> 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.

**Our next OWLS** (Organization of WELS Seniors) meeting will be Monday, May 24<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 am at Peace, Hartford. Sheryl Scott from Wisconsin Lutheran College will tell us about leading nursing students on trips to our clinic in Zambia. It should be an interesting presentation. No potlucks yet. Join us, seniors and all! Questions, call Pastor Scheele.

**Church Picnic** - Our church picnic and outdoor worship service will be held Sunday August 1<sup>st</sup> at Regner Park. We will have one outdoor worship service at 10:00 am, led by the local WELS musical group “Unworthy”. Our Vacation Bible School children will also sing.

After the service, we will enjoy a delicious meal, fellowship, bean bag toss tournament and games. Bring lawn chairs, yard games, and invite your friends.

## Service and Fellowship Opportunities



### Welcome New Confirmands!

We welcome the following 14 youth Confirmands as communicant members of our congregation. They made their profession of their faith and celebrated their Confirmation May 16<sup>th</sup>. May the Lord keep them strong in their faith through his Word and the Lord's Supper!

Brooklyn Bartelt  
Rowan Bell  
Mitchell Ertmer  
Peter Gliszinski  
Hunter Herbst  
Mariana Lawler  
Tripp Merkel  
Anthony Mish  
Cooper Przybyla  
Lauren Rechlicz  
Brian Retzlaff  
Hayden Schellinger  
John Stern  
Carissa Thierfelder

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

**Our Rams Open Golf Outing** has been rescheduled for Saturday, September 11<sup>th</sup>. Registration forms will be available at a later date in the Welcome Center.

**4th of July Celebration** Join us on the back lawn at Good Shepherd the 4<sup>th</sup> of July from 7:30-10:00 pm for fireworks and fun! Bring your own lawn chairs to watch the Riverside Park fireworks display 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 Pastor Hein to learn more. Invite your friends!

**Anniversary Celebration** – We will celebrate Pastor John Paustian's 40<sup>th</sup> ministry anniversary at a special worship service Sunday, August 15<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 am with a meal and program to follow. His brother, Dr. Mark Paustian, will be the guest preacher. The other services that weekend will follow our regular format.



#### **Building "People"**

**Connections Update** – We are grateful that 230 families/individuals have promised \$816,964 towards our Building People

Connections campaign to reduce or eliminate our \$1.2 million expansion mortgage. \$457,874 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.

**New Structure** – Our existing Coordinating Council continues until June 30<sup>th</sup>. Our newly elected Coordinating Council begins officially July 1<sup>st</sup>. already Our new boards are already meeting to develop job descriptions and appoint coordinators to carry out our new Action Plans.

Our six key areas of ministry are Adult Nurture, Family Nurture, School, Outreach, Support, and Worship. We are developing a Time and Talent Form to help members plug into ministry opportunities.

**Call News** – A Voters' Call Meeting was held May 9th to call for a pastor to focus on working with youth and families. We called Pastor Jason Strong who presently serves at Light of the World, Fairbanks, AK. He was assigned there in 2011. His wife is Becky, and they have two children ages 6 and 1. Please pray that God would grant him wisdom to see how he can best use his gifts to serve in God's kingdom at this time.

**Email updates**—To be added to our weekly ministry updates, send an email to Pastor Hein at [revRhein@gmail.com](mailto:revRhein@gmail.com). It's a great way to stay informed.

**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 the blessings and your trust to provide for your future needs. Your gifts also help us carry out our ministry plan.

Our new ministry plan includes additional funding for a third full time pastor to work with youth and families. Please consider whether you can increase your offering to meet this need. Do so with the confidence that the Lord will meet your needs. 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

**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.



VBS is scheduled for **July 26-30th**, starting at 9:00 am for ages 3 through 8th grade. The theme is "Rainforest Explorers: Jesus leads the way."

We are looking forward to being able to return to the usual format for VBS this summer. Two years ago we were blessed with 155 children, of whom many were unchurched.

We are looking for volunteers (entering 8th grade and older) to help with crafts, teaching, outside recreation, music, and snack service, and other areas.

Contact Cheryl Henckel or Pastor Hein for more information.

**Supplies Needed** - Already now we are planning VBS craft projects and can use donations. Place them in the designated box in the Welcome Center:

- Pringles or similar shape/size tubes with the plastic lids,
- Smooth glass jars, approximately pint size with wider opening. (NOT canning jars.) Please no labels and no lids,
- Battery operated tea lights,
- Cash and Hobby Lobby or Walmart gift cards. (bring gift cards to a pastor or church office).

Thanks!

## 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.*

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Lutheran Church & School**

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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.

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

**WELS News** – Want updates on the ministry of the WELS? Go to [www.wels.net](http://www.wels.net). Traveling over the summer and looking for a church to attend? Make use of their church locator tool online.

## Special Gifts

\$35 from Gary Shilling in memory of Margo Semon

\$25 from Darla Schultz in memory of Margo Semon for Building Connections

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\$100 from family and friends in memory of Orville Shine for Building Connections

\$25 from Richard & Diane Techtmann in memory of Janet Biller for Little Lambs Mortgage Reduction

\$50 from Richard and Judy Kohn in memory of Janet Biller for Building Connections

\$25 from Ronald & Mary Ciriacks in honor of Sarah Mehlberg's 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

\$340 from family and friends in memory of Bill Gauger for Building Connections

\$1,407 from family and friends in memory of Bill Gauger for Tuition Assistance

\$25 from the Lafond Family in memory of Lois Waedekin for Kid's Program

\$20 from Jill Ziesemer in memory of Ken Anderson (Chrissy Rau's father) for Building Connections

\$10 from Patricia Hill in memory of Ken Anderson for Building Connections

\$50 from family and friends in memory of Lois Waedekin for Little Lambs Mortgage



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