

GOOD SHEPHERD

EV. LUTHERAN CHURCH & SCHOOL

June and July Newsletter in the Year of Our Lord 2026

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

See what great love the Father has lavished on us, that we should be called children of God! (1 John 3:1)

Under his wings you will find refuge; his faithfulness will be your shield and rampart. (Psalm 91:4)

My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness. (2 Corinthians 12:9)

Mercy triumphs over judgment. (James 2:13)

Every good and perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of the heavenly lights. (James 1:17)

Worship Our Lord With Joy!

Summer Worship Schedule—

Beginning Thursday, May 21 and Sunday, May 24 through Labor Day weekend: Thursdays at 6:30 pm; Sundays at 8:00 & 10:00 am

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

Summer Worship Series: Gathered and Sent (May 21– July 26): This summer we trace the simple, life-giving rhythm of Christian life: God gathers his people and God sends his people. Week by week, we will explore what's truly happening in worship and how Sunday compels us to live every day for Christ and others. The church is never gathered as an end in itself; we are *gathered* so that, strengthened by Christ, we may be joyfully *sent*.



Honoring our Veterans and those actively serving in the military - Our worship services **July 2nd and 5th** 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.



Opportunities to Grow Through the Word

SUNDAY BIBLE STUDY— 9:15 am

Family Bible Study will be held Sundays at 9:15 am beginning **May 24th** through Labor Day weekend, led by the pastors in the Fellowship Hall. They will dig deeper into the sermon topic of the day for roughly 30 minutes. All are welcome!

Java and Jesus at No Way Cafe - All women are invited on Saturdays, **June 13, July 18, and August 15**, from 8:15-9:15 am. Meet on the patio at No Way Café 403 Main St. Please register at this QR Code.



Our next Bible Information Class, "Our New Life with Jesus" will begin Monday, **September 14th** at 6:30 pm. Call Pastor Hein to register at 262-334-7881.

Check out our Church Library for books covering a variety of Biblical topics, devotional materials, Christian fiction, and children's books.

Ministry Events

Welcome New Confirmands!

We welcome the following 19 youth Confirmands as communicant members of our congregation. They made their profession of their faith and celebrated their Confirmation **May 17th**. We welcome Aveline Armbruster, Aliahna Blunt, Marla Brockhaus-Riekkoff, Talia Bublitz, Olivia Dettman, Allie Geiger, Toryn Gregoriou, Addison Gutermann, Abigail Janz, Isabelle Kapler, Tess Linton, Sebastian Matter, Lilie Mueller, Richard Rose, Mia Rupnow, Bryson Schmandt, Jayleah Schellinger, Sullivan Shafranski, and Emma Szuslik. May the Lord keep them strong in their faith through his Word and the Lord's Supper all the days of their lives!

Graduation Acknowledgement - We want to acknowledge our graduates from high school, college, tech/grad. school, or military. An insert will be included in the bulletin May 28th and May 31st listing our graduates, the school they attended, and the degree they received. We will also include them in our prayers. To be included on this list, sign up in Welcome Center or call the church office at 334-7881 by **May 24th**.



Ladies League Picnic is Tuesday, **June 2nd** at 6:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall. All ladies are invited. We have a potluck meal and a very short business meeting. There is a sign-up sheet in the Welcome Center for attending the picnic and also if you wish to bring a salad or a dessert (not required to bring anything to attend). Guests are welcome - just indicate the number attending.

Taste of Missions will be held at Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary **June 13th** from 11:00 am - 4:30 pm. Sample ethnic cuisine, interact with home and world missionaries, and celebrate worship service of thanksgiving. Register at tasteofmissions.com.



Vacation Bible School will be held mornings **July 27-31** for ages 3 through 7th grade. Our theme is "Tropical Trek ~ An unforgettable Journey with Jesus." Register at this QR code. Contact Cheryl Henckel if you can assist as a teacher, helper, craft leader, server of cookies and

juice, etc. Over 200 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. We are also looking for someone to decorate our Welcome Center to match our theme.



Our Church Picnic will be held Sunday, **August 2nd** at Regner Park starting after our 10:00 am outdoor worship service. Our Good Shepherd worship team will play and our VBS kids will sing. Bring your own lawn chairs. If you can assist with meal set up, cooking, and serving, please sign up at our volunteer QR code or in the Welcome Center. There will be regular worship in church Thursday, **July 30th**, but no 8:00 am service on **August 2nd**.



WELS Night at the Brewers - Sign Up Now! We're excited to announce our annual group outing for WELS Night at the Brewers! Join fellow WELS members from around the Midwest for a fun evening of baseball and fellowship as we cheer on the Milwaukee Brewers vs. the Minnesota Twins Friday, **August 7th** at 6:40 PM at American Family Field. Our congregation has reserved a block of Loge Outfield seats, which offer fantastic views of the game. Discounted tickets are just \$23.00 each. We'll also be hosting a pre-game tailgate in the parking lot for anyone who would like to join in the fun. To reserve your spot, sign up in the Welcome Center. Payment envelopes are provided—just drop yours in the welcome center payment slot. Want to show your WELS spirit? Special WELS Night t-shirts are available for purchase starting at \$10.00 through the WELS Store: WELS Night at The Brewers - Softstyle T-Shirt.

Summer Play Days are set for kids and their families to enjoy fun and fellowship together from 9:30-11:30 am. Join the fun **June 11th** at Ziegler Park (note change), **July 9th** at Riverside Park, and **August 11th** at Slinger Fireman's Park Splashpad.



Save the Date! Our Rams Open Golf Outing, sponsored by GOAL, will be Saturday, September 12th with proceeds benefitting projects for our school. Registration forms will be available at a later date in the Welcome Center.

Service and Fellowship Opportunities

Baby Bottle Banks are available to be filled with checks, cash or coins in support of "New Beginnings", a home for mothers in need. This is an excellent way to show love to mothers who are caring for their newborn children. Please return them by Father's Day, **June 21st**. Address checks to "Good Shepherd Ladies League". This special offering is being sponsored by our Ladies League.

Food Donations - You may bring non-perishable food items to the bins in the Fellowship Hall to assist people in need through the ministry of Northside Ministries.



Ministry Update

At our Voters' Assembly May 12th we held elections, adopted our 26/27 Action Plans and Financial Plans for Ministry for our church, school, and Little Lambs, and issued another one year call to Pastor Paul Janke to serve as our retirement pastor. Tyler Fitzsimmons was elected as our new Family Nurture Board Chairman and Scott Berger as our new School Board Chairman. Returning elected Coordinating Council members include Paul Ihlenfeldt – President, Ken Mantz—Vice President, Corey Johnson – Financial Officer, Todd Biesterfeld – Outreach Board Chairman, Curt Horbas – Support Board Chairman and Eric Bublitz, Worship Board Chairman. We thank outgoing leaders Keaton Reis, Dan Hérriiges, and Kurt Kolander for their faithful service. We also approved a bylaw change related to our financial secretary and a proposal to repurpose the use of our Housing Gift Trust Fund. Copies of our Action Plans are available in the Welcome Center. Our financial needs do rise in the new fiscal year. Please reevaluate your giving plan to address these needs and opportunities as you develop your joyful firstfruit response. May the Lord bless the ministry we do together in his name!

Installation of all elected and appointed leaders, usher captains, and coordinators will be held at our outdoor worship at Regner Park Sunday, **August 2nd** at 10:00 am worship service, to kick off our new fiscal year. We are thankful for the joyful service of our members in 123 different ministry roles.



Building Expansion Update

The old gym is being renovated into classrooms and meeting spaces. The new gym is now completed! Bleachers have been installed. Soon our expanded parking lot will be paved, opening up 50 parking spaces. In early June, we will begin renovating two lower level classrooms into bathrooms, concessions, and changing rooms. The entire project is to be completed mid-August, with Dedication celebration on **August 30th**. We thank our wonderful Builders for Christ and member volunteers for dedicating their time and talents on this expansion project. The theme of our expansion campaign is "Building Connections to Share Jesus". Please keep up your offering pledges. Building Connections envelopes are available in the narthex.

A Special Gifts Brochure is available in the Welcome Center for special gift items not included in the expansion budget. It also includes a QR code to see what items are funded and which items still need funding. That QR code is also listed here. Use special envelopes



designated for this purpose. Special gifts in honor of a blessing or in memory of a loved one are welcome! \$48,000 has been received so far! Any amount is welcome and will be add toward larger items which still need funding, including security cameras inside and outside the building, security door fobs, gym floor design, and tables and chairs for the multipurpose room.

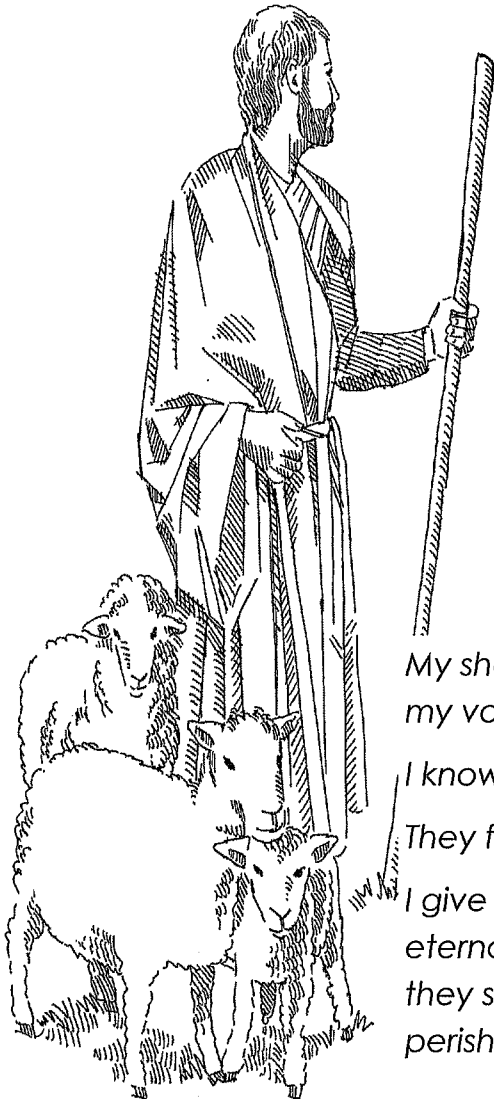
Online Giving - We invite you to return your first-fruit offerings as your joyful act of worship. It's a beautiful way to express your gratitude to the Lord for your blessings and express your trust in him to provide for your future needs. God's Word teaches, **"He who supplies seed to the sower and 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 through a secure Vanco sign in and password, with all the designations available from your envelope packet (click on the "MORE" button on top of the screen and then "OFFERING").

Confirmation Date Change - We just celebrated the Confirmation of 19 young adults. Praise the Lord for the faith he built into their heart and may they be faithful to him all the days of their life. Next year, Confirmation will be moved from May to March. This adjustment allows us to better emphasize Confirmation as an important step in a lifelong faith journey, rather than an endpoint as it naturally aligns with graduations and end-of-year celebrations. This change also helps strengthen Confirmation's theological meaning, better support ongoing faith formation, and create a meaningful connection with the Lenten season and Easter—a time centered on reflection, renewal, and identity in Christ. When Confirmation occurs in May, it is immediately followed by summer, often resulting in a loss of connection and momentum. A March Confirmation provides several additional weeks to: integrate students into youth ministry, encourage regular worship participation, and invite them into service and leadership roles. This creates a natural pathway for continued growth rather than an abrupt pause. We believe this change allows us to reclaim Confirmation's meaning as a beginning of active discipleship, reduces practical barriers for families, and more deeply connects Confirmation to the life and rhythms of the Church. Our confirmation next year will be on Sunday, **March 7, 2027** at 1:30pm. May the Lord bless all our confirmands now and until he comes again.



75th Anniversary Celebration

75th Anniversary—We are celebrating the 75th Church Anniversary, ~ 75 years of God's amazing grace, on Sunday, **October 11th** with a time of fellowship and celebration following the 10:30 am service. Look for more details to come as we review our ministry milestones and give thanks to God for his wondrous blessings!



*My sheep listen to
my voice,
I know them,
They follow me.
I give them
eternal life and
they shall never
perish.*

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SCHOOL INFORMATION



Attention, Incoming 3K,
4K, and 5K students!

Registration is now open for the 26/27 school year.
Contact the school office at 262-334-7881 to learn more.
Ask about the Wisconsin School Choice program.

We welcome new teachers, Sarah Douglas—1st grade and Amber Guthmiller—4th grade and Athletic Director to our teaching staff for the 26/27 school year.

Youth Rally Travel Gifts - Our teens are attending the WELS International Youth Rally this summer at Bowling Green University, Ohio, July 14-17. Special gifts are welcome to assist them with travel expenses. Use a designated envelope in the Welcome Center or label your gift "Youth Rally Gift." Thanks for your support of our youth ministry!

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 connected.

Church/School Office hours in the summer are Monday-Thursday 9:00-11:00 am. Call 262-334-7881 if you have a special need.

SPECIAL GIFTS

\$40 in memory of Alvin Laverenz
from Jerry and Linda Ehke

\$90 in memory of Madeleine Haass
from family and friends

\$50 in memory of John Lenz
from family and friends for school

\$845 in memory of Richard Krueger from his estate

\$50 in memory of Jed Balsler from family and friends

Our Vision

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

Our Mission in Christ

Compelled by the love of our Good Shepherd,
We gather together around God's Word to
WORSHIP our Lord with joy,
GROW spiritually throughout our lives,
SERVE God and others in love,
SHARE the good news of Jesus with all people!



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL 2026

Good Shepherd Lutheran Church & School
 777 S. Indiana Ave., West Bend
 262- 334-7881

**WHEN? July 27-31st
 9:00am - 11:30am**

WHO IS INVITED? All kids three years old (must be potty trained) to entering 7th grade. Bring your children to learn more about Jesus and his love through Bible stories, crafts, singing, games and fun activities! A snack will be provided.

HOW DO I REGISTER MY CHILDREN? You can register online at www.goodshepherdwels.org or with this QR code. Or you can return the bottom portion of this registration form to the church office (address above) by July 15th. Keep the top of this form for your reference.



There is no charge to register or attend, but a free will offering envelope will be provided to help cover expenses.

VBS 2026 Registration Form

Parent(s)' Names: _____

Address: _____

Cell Phone: _____

Email: _____

Emergency Contact Person (if you are unable to be reached): _____

Phone Number: _____

Child(ren) to be enrolled:	Grade in school year 2026/27 {P3-7th}	
_____	_____	Boy or Girl
_____	_____	Boy or Girl
_____	_____	Boy or Girl

Any Food or Bee Allergies? _____

Present Church Affiliation _____ Are you a member there? Yes No

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June 2026

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2 6:00 pm Ladies League Picnic	3	4 6:30 pm Worship	5	6
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Good Shepherd Church Calendar

July 2026

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