



Good Shepherd Lutheran Church Newsletter



March 2020

Our Vision

Connected to Christ!

Connected to One Another!

Connected to our
Community!

Good Shepherd is all
about building connec-
tions:

- 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

Sunday School & Bible
Study at 9:15 am



Daylight Savings Time
begins March 8th.

Turn your clocks ahead!

Cherish the Impact of Lent!

Each church year between the Epiphany season and Easter, we observe a 40 day season of Lent. We give special attention to Jesus' suffering and death on the cross. At our midweek services we read the passion history of our Lord drawn from the four Gospels. During Holy Week we recall how Jesus instituted the Lord's Supper on Maundy Thursday and relive the crucial events of Good Friday. God will be honored and you will be blessed to join us for this special time of spiritual renewal. Consider some of the benefits of this spiritual journey:

- We see God's plan of salvation announced back in the Garden of Eden, come to fulfillment
- We have the opportunity to examine our hearts in the mirror of God's law, confess our sins, and find cleansing in the arms of our Savior.
- We have the assurance of Christ's amazing love for us, as he willingly offers his life on the cross for our sins.
- We witness Satan defeated, death conquered, our sins cancelled in Christ
- We are connected to the blessings of Jesus' death and the power of his resurrection.

- We receive strength to overcome temptation and live holy lives to God's glory
- We are empowered to love one another just as Christ loved us.
- We have the opportunity to thank and praise Jesus for his awesome sacrifice!

*Jesus, may our hearts be
burning, with more fervent
love for you!*

*May our eyes be ever turning,
to behold your cross anew,
Till in glory, parted never
From the blessed Savior's
side,*

*Graven in our hearts forever,
Dwell the cross, the Crucified!*

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In Christ,
Pastor Robert Hein

"Startling Statements from our Savior's Passion"

Wednesday Lenten Worship

10:00 a.m. & 6:30 p.m.

February 26 "Simon, Satan has asked to sift you as wheat"

March 4 "My soul is overwhelmed to the point of death"

March 11 "I will destroy this temple and rebuild it

in three days"

March 18 "Not a word to Herod"

March 25 "Give us Barabas"

April 1 "Weep for yourselves and for your children"

Lenten Dinners will be served in the fellowship hall starting at 5:15 pm.

Enjoy a hot meal and warm fellowship.

A freewill offering is gathered with proceeds going to assist our Christ-Teens attending our WELS Youth Rally this summer with travel expenses. Bring a dessert to share. Contact Cheryl Henckel to assist.

Opportunities to Grow through the Word

Sunday Bible Studies at 9:15 am New classes begin March 1st

“God’s Vision For our Church” Why do we gather as a church? What is our purpose, our opportunities, our vision for our future? We’ll search God’s Word for the answers. Led by Pastor Robert Hein downstairs in the Commons area.

“Building People Connections—It takes more than coffee.” A study of Biblical friendships and relationships, with a focus on key characteristics, along with identifying things that help and hinder our connections with our brothers and sisters in Christ. Led by Pastor John Paustian in the Fellowship Hall.

Teen Bible study is held Sundays at 9:15 am in the Fireside Room, Topical issues led by our Christ teen leaders.

Sunday School - Sundays at 9:15 am All children from Preschool through Grade 7 are invited to come and learn

about Jesus and his love through Bible stories, crafts, games, songs, and fun activities.

Wednesday Morning Bible Class - We meet Wednesday mornings in church from 9:00-10:00 am. We are studying the book of Proverbs. Regardless of your age, come and join our active group. Led by Pastor Richard E. Lauersdorf.

Time Out For Mom’s Friday Bible Study All moms invited. Join us as we study the book of Ephesians Led by Marilyn Sievert each Friday from 8:00-9:00 am in the Fireside Room. Free childcare is provided.

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.goodhshepherdwels.org. A new session will begin on April 19th at 6:00 p.m. in the Fireside Room.

Parenting Presentation – “Our Message – Our Identity” Monday, March 16th from 6:15-7:30 pm. This is an encore presentation led by Matt Linton, Paul Braun and Chrissy Rau. Our children are bombarded with false messages about their value and identity. Sexual pressures are enormous. Learn how to talk with your children about their true value in Christ. Free childcare provided. Sign up in the narthex.

Men’s Bible Breakfast – All men and teen boys invited! Enjoy a hearty homemade breakfast, served by our Board of Evangelism, followed by a brief Bible study led by Pastor Robert Hein. Topic is “3 Words that will change your life” based on a popular book written by Time of Grace Pastor Mike Novotny. Saturday March 14th from 8:00-9:30 am. Sign up at the table in the welcome center for planning purposes.

Sacred Concerts & Special Events

School Sacred Concert - The children of Good Shepherd Elementary School will present a sacred concert Friday March 6th at 6:30 pm. All are invited as we join in praising God for his blessings.

Christ Teens Bowling outing is Sunday March 8th from noon until 3 pm. Sign up in the welcome center for planning purposes.



Building People Connections Group Presentations – Good Shepherd Fellowship Hall:

Soup & Strategy – Wednesday, March

11th at 11:15 am

Pizza and Possibilities – Saturday, March 14th at 6:15 pm

Pastries with a Purpose – Sunday, March 15th at 9:15 am

It is our hope that all members of Good Shepherd and school families will be able to attend one of these special events! Even if you have already received your packet, your invitation to these events still stands. All are invited for fellowship! For pizza and soup events, please sign up in the narthex to help us plan.

Celebration Sunday – The weekend of March 28-29th we will give thanks to God and celebrate the completion of our three year “Building Connections

campaign and receive our pledges for “Building People Connections”. During the month of March our worship will focus around the theme – Grace Keeps on Giving!

KML Sacred Band and Choir Concert will be Tuesday, March 17th at 6:30 pm. All are invited!

Pioneer Pinewood Derby and Rain Gutter Regatta will be held Saturday March 21st at 9:00 am in the gym. District races are hosted here at 1:00 pm. Come watch the exciting races!

OWLS - The next meeting of our Dodge/Washington OWLS will be Monday, March 23, 10:00 am at Peace, Hartford. Pastor Peter Panitzke will speak about our WELS Police Chaplaincy program. He will tell us how some of

Sacred Concerts & Special Events (continued)

our pastors are sharing their faith as aides to some of the police forces in various community. It's sure to be an interesting presentation. All are invited, you don't have to be an OWLS member.

After the presentation will be a short business meeting followed by our potluck. Bring a dish to pass. Questions? Call Pastor Scheele, 353-9838. Next month's meeting, April 27, will be held at Good Shepherd, with our own Karen Fischer speaking on Maintaining Family Ties in Our World.

Donuts for Dads – Dads are invited to attend chapel Thursday, March 26th at 8:10 am with their children, and also attend classes with them throughout the day. Note chapel is moved from

Wednesday to Thursday that week.

KML Family Music Fest is Friday, March 27th with the theme, "On Broadway." We welcome donations of gift baskets and pies for auction. Additional information is available in the narthex.

Easter for Kids 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. 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)

KML Dinner Auction is Saturday, April 25th at 5:00 pm. Go to www.kmlhs.org for more information. This is great way to support special projects at our Lutheran high school!

Ministry Update

Furnishings Update – New furniture will arrive soon for our narthex using special gifts designated for this purpose. Special thanks to our design committee for their continued efforts to beautify our expanded facilities!

Ministry Plan Update

Planning is underway to develop our 2020-2021 Ministry Plan which will be approved at our Voter's Meeting 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. Presently our income is tracking closely with our expenses. Always remember however that we don't give to "pay the bills." We offer God our firstfruit offerings in gratitude for the incredible blessings we enjoy from him. We give, trusting in the Lord to provide for our needs, and we give to make the most of the ministry opportunities God places before us.

Retirement Celebrations

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

Mrs. Cathy Wilk – Sunday, May 3rd, with a meal and program to follow in the fellowship hall

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

Call News - Shepherd of the Hills called Mr. Ted Glodowski as 8th grade teacher to serve in our joint school partnership. Ted serves at First Lutheran, Elkhorn, WI and is married to Amanda. Please keep him in your prayers as he deliberates his calls.

Treats Needed! - March is Good Shepherd's month to provide treats for the KML faculty and staff. Ladies League helps organize and deliver for Good Shepherd, but we can use some "goodies"; homemade bars, cookies,

chex mix, munchies, anything you'd like to share. Please put it in a disposable container, that doesn't need to be returned. Please put your treat in the Fellowship hall on counter marked KML, by Tuesday March 3rd. Thank you!

Building Improvements - We thank our many volunteers and our GOAL group for their generous donation last year to finish our new second grade classroom and to renovate and expand our preschool room. God has richly blessed us through the many people that support Good Shepherd! However, we are not quite finished! We have two classrooms left to renovate at a total expense of approximately \$40,000. We currently have about \$15,000 to begin work. **GOOD NEWS!** We have a volunteer work force ready to complete the project. We need help to fund the remaining \$25,000. If you are able to help with this project, please bring your special gift to the school office or go online to our website and click the tab "Offering" and select "School Classroom Renovation

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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.*



Service & Fellowship Opportunities

Fund" near the bottom of the form. Thank you!

Easter Breakfasts - Building Connections in 2020 offers an invite for all of Good Shepherd to gather in celebration of our gift from God, Jesus, and life everlasting. Please join us as we once again offer two breakfast options on Easter Sunday: 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 by March 19th to estimate our food purchases. We served 366 people last Easter! Contact Chris Horbas for more information.

Volunteers Wanted for Community Service - In an effort to continue to Build Connections in our community and increase the ability for people to serve, Good Shepherd will be changing the Service Weekend to a period of two weeks starting in late April & ending in early May. Members, prospects and visitors will be invited to join in an array of activities throughout those two weeks to serve our church, school and community as their schedule allows. To learn more or suggest an organization who could benefit from having multiple volunteers help for a few hours, please contact Ramiro Paz at 262-353-0797 or ramiro.paz32@gmail.com.



8th grade boys
basketball
action at the
KML Tournament.



Special Gifts

In memory of Gertrude Backhaus: \$25 from Lewis & Florence Enderle for Kid's Programs; \$10 from Bonnie and Linda Krueger for the Music Fund; \$20 from Eileen and Monte Schmiede for Building Connections; \$395 from family and friends for the Memorial Fund

\$100 in memory of Alice Stahl & Gertrude Backhaus from Ken & Marcia Weber for New Classroom Fund

\$1,000 in memory of Doris Becker from Annette & Nic Stoffel for the New Classroom Fund

\$250 in memory of Patricia Thielman, Darrell Mindel, John Mansfield, and Tim Wendt from Winifred Mindel for choral music

\$500 in memory of Ryan Frank from family and friends for Building Connections