



May Newsletter in the Year of Our Lord 2021

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

I'm going to Disney World!

For decades Super Bowl MVPs have been asked, "What are you going to do next?" After a long season they announce they're going on vacation.

When in Acts 1:6 we hear the disciples ask Jesus, "**Lord, are you at this time going to restore the kingdom to Israel?**" we see they still needed to grow in their understanding of Christ's mission.

They likely started with a sense of wonder. What next? What is this Jesus who paid for all sin and conquered death going to do next?

When Jesus ascended into heaven, he wasn't going on an extended vacation. He would continue building his kingdom in his way. He still does his most awesome work with his glory hidden. The Prophet Elijah saw how the Israelites seem to have been changed by the Lord sending fire down on his altar. He expected God to keep doing things that way. When Queen Jezebel threatened his life, he fled alone to Mount Moriah. As he hid in a cave, the Lord sent a powerful wind, a great earthquake and fire. But the LORD was not in those demonstrations of power. What drew Elijah out of the cave was the sound of a gentle whisper.

Christ has ascended into heaven and rules over all things for the good of his Church. Christ continues to build his kingdom with the sound of a gentle whisper, His power hidden in the means of grace. So, continue to approach the written Word and the proclaimed Word with great expectations and with a sense of wonder. What will my living Lord do next?

In Christ, Pastor John Paustian

Worship our Lord with joy!

Service Schedule from now to Sunday, May 23rd.

Saturdays at 4:00* & 5:00 pm; Sundays at 8:00 & 10:30 am

Summer Worship Schedule from Thursday May 27th through Sunday, September 5th. (Memorial Day weekend through Labor Day weekend)

Thursdays: 5:30* & 6:30 pm; Sundays: 8:00 & 10:00 am

Final Saturday evening services: Saturday, May 22nd. First Thursday evening worship service: Thursday, May 27th.

*Masks are required for our first evening service each week, and there is no congregational singing.

Holy Communion is offered the 2nd and 4th Sundays of the month.

Ascension Day – Join us as we celebrate Jesus' glorious return to heaven at a special Ascension Day worship service featuring an uplifting message and music Thursday, May 13th at 6:30 pm.

Pentecost – Come celebrate Pentecost with your church family May 22/23rd! On Pentecost Jesus kept his promise to pour out the Holy Spirit on his church, empowering his people to carry out their mission. Today, he pours out the Holy Spirit on us to enlighten us with his gifts and empower us for Christian living! We are making a special effort to invite all our members to join us for worship on this special festival!

The 6:30 pm service on May 27th will also serve as our **Graduation Service** for our 8th graders.

Special Music – The Branches Band will play at our worship services Sunday, May 16th at 8:00 & 10:30 am. A freewill offering will be gathered in support of their music ministry and CD's of their music will be available.

Church Picnic - Our church picnic and outdoor worship service will be held Sunday August 1st at Regner Park. We will have one outdoor worship service at 10:00 am. 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.

Opportunities to Grow through the Word

Sunday Bible Classes at 9:15 am through May 23rd.

"Open My Eyes, Lord!" Led by Pastor John Paustian in the Fellowship Hall.

"Lord, Teach Me to Pray with Confidence!" Led by Pastor Robert Hein downstairs in the Commons Area.

Sunday School is held Sundays at 9:15 am for children 3 and up.

Wednesday Morning Bible Class is held at 9:00 am in the church through May 26th. They are studying the Epistle of James. Led by Pastor Lauersdorf.

Mom's Friday Morning Bible Study - Calling women of all ages! On Fridays at 8:00 am through May 7th, we will be studying the little known book of the Bible, Habukkuk. Taught by Marilyn Sievert.

Summer Family Bible Study will be held in the fellowship hall for all ages at 9:15 am beginning May 30th. We will dig deeper into the sermon topic of the day. Led by the pastors.

Sacred Concerts & Special Events

KML Percussion Concert is Saturday, May 15th at 6:30 pm at the KML Performing Arts Center.

Confirmation for our 14 Confirmands will be held Sunday, May 16th at 1:30 pm. They will each have an opportunity to offer a profession of their faith at a Confirmation interview in early May. Pray that the Lord would keep these young people connected to Jesus all the days of their lives.

Graduation Acknowledgement - We want to acknowledge our graduates from high school, college, tech/grad. school, or military. A insert will be included in the bulletin June 3 & 6 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, please call the church office at 334-7881 by May 24th.

OWLS Meeting: Monday, April 26, 10:00 am at Good Shepherd. Karen Fischer, a counselor with Christian Family Solutions will speak on "Maintaining Family Ties In A Tattered World". Our me-oriented society has endangered family connections. Traditional values have been cast aside in favor of individual values and ambitions. What can we do to strengthen our engagement with each other and deal with the elements that endanger family unity and our Christian faith? All are invited. Questions, call Pastor Scheele, 353-9838.

Service and Fellowship Opportunities

A Property Workday will be held Saturday, May 15th beginning at 8:00 am with indoor and outdoor projects available. A signup sheet will be available soon in the Welcome Center. Contact Kevin Nank for more information.

Vacation Bible School will be held July 27-31 for ages 3 through 8th grade. The theme is "Rainforest Explorers: Jesus leads the way". We are looking for volunteers (entering 8th grade and up) to help with crafts, teaching, outside recreation, music, and snack service, and other areas. Contact Cheryl Henckel or Pastor Hein for more information.

Summer Camp - Camp Phillip Summer Camp brochures are available in the church narthex. As a member of the federation supporting Camp Phillip, our children receive a discount. A special offering to support Camp Phillip will be gathered at our services May 1-2.

Church Softball – Good Shepherd hopes to field two men's softball teams this summer. Contact Ross Fassbinder for more information at 414-708-0423.

Baby Bottle Banks will be available Mother's Day weekend May 9th to be filled with coins, cash, or checks in support of New Beginnings, a home for mothers in need. Please return them by Father's Day weekend. This special offering is being sponsored by our Ladies League.

Little Lambs has an urgent need for teachers' aides for the 1, 2 and 4-year old rooms. These are full-time positions. A high school or college student is needed for the school age room from 3:00pm to 6:00pm. Come and see where you could use your gifts to help God's Little Lambs!" Contact Director Anita Cook to learn more at 262-338-1764.

Little Lambs Gifts - Please note that you can give a special gift for Little Lambs Debt Retirement using the quarterly envelope in your envelope packet or through online giving. These gifts are needed to reduce their mortgage principal. Their current ministry plan includes only interest payments on their loan. Your special gifts are appreciated.

Voters' Assembly is Tuesday April 27th at 7:00 pm. At this meeting, we will approve our preliminary Action Plans and Financial Plan for Ministry for church, school and Little Lambs for fiscal year 21/22. This includes a proposal that we issue another one year Call to Pastor Richard Lauersdorf to continue serving our congregation in a part time capacity. All voting members are encouraged to attend.



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.

Call News – Pastor Allen Kirschbaum continues to hold our call to serve as youth and family pastor. He presently serves at Spirit of Life Caledonia, MI. His wife is Karrie and they have one daughter. 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.

New Structure and Bylaws - We are excited to implement our new structure in the coming months. Our goal is to involve more members in ministry. Our voters elected the new Coordinating Council with its six board chairman. Now they have appointed the other members of their boards.

Mark Frank - Chairman, Dan Herriges – Vice Chairman, Justin Rechlicz-Secretary, Mark Mertes – Financial Officer

Adult Nurture Board: Paul Ihlenfeldt - Chairman, David Ertmer, Mike Scherbarth

Family Nurture Board: Kurt Kolander - Chairman, Richard Schmidt, Josh Dettman

Outreach Board: Ross Fassbinder- Chairman, Paul Braun, Todd Biesterfeld

Worship Board: Peter Kapler- Chairman, Dave Bieberitz, Billy Crowley

Support Board: Ron Kempf - Chairman, Tom Getka, Adam Retzlaff

School Board: Nathan Karst - Chairman, Jeff King, Matt Kopp, Nathan Schmidt, Scott Zeinert, Andy Spaeth

These boards are developing job descriptions for coordinator roles. Soon they will begin recruiting members to implement the plans, serving as coordinators and on ministry teams. We look forward to your involvement! Remember, you are the body of Christ and each one of you is a part of it!

Please note – Our existing Coordinating Council and boards will continue to function until the end of the fiscal year, June 30th, while the new leaders develop their Action Plans and form their ministry teams.

New WELS Hymnal - The new hymnal will be coming out soon. Christian Worship was produced with the whole church in mind. From those who have walked the long way of faith to the next generation, Christian Worship is a resource for all who call on the name of the

School Information

Anniversary Celebration - We will celebrate Sarah Mehlberg's 25th anniversary in the teaching ministry on Sunday, May 2nd in the 10:30 am service. There will be a brief presentation in the church, with treats and refreshments to follow. There will be a gift box for cards and gifts in her honor. Mrs. Mehlberg has chosen Colossians 2:6-7 as the theme for her celebration: So then, just as you received Christ Jesus as Lord, continue to live your lives in him, rooted and built up in him, strengthened in the faith as you were taught, and overflowing with thankfulness.

Call News - Mrs. Chrissy Rau has returned her call to Holy Cross Lutheran in Madison and Mrs. Anne Drewa has returned her call to Holy Trinity in New Hope, MN. We are thankful that God has led them to continue serving at Good Shepherd and pray that God continues to bless their ministries. Mr. Paul Braun received a call to teach 6th grade and technology at Holy Cross, Madison, WI. Keep him in your prayers as he deliberates this call as well as his present call.

KML Summer Camps - KML summer camps will be here soon - come join the fun! Experience a variety of summer camps for all interests and ages including boys and girls basketball, art, volleyball, chess, cooking, strength training, and much more. To view our list of camps and REGISTER TODAY, visit www.kmlhs.org/camps. Registrations go fast - don't miss out!

Olympic Day will be taking place this year on Friday, May 21st! Every student, teacher, and staff member look forward to this day as it is filled with fun, memories are made, and laughs are had! This event relies heavily on parent volunteers to not only help prep for some of the events but also to run them. Morning events are broken out by grades and the afternoon events are team-focused. Please watch for a sign-up genius to come out later this month to help make this event run smoothly and be successful. If you have any questions, please contact Gabby Zeinert.

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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Lord. The director of the new hymnal, Pastor Mike Schultz, presented information to our Good Shepherd congregation and his information and video can be found at our website. Over the next few months, you may notice a new song or other new hymnal components.

Teacher Appreciation Week is May 3rd-7th! During the week, breakfast and lunch will be served to our teachers. If you would like to make a monetary donation towards this, please send in an envelope marked "Teacher Appreciation Week" to the office by April 28th. Checks can be made out to "Good Shepherd Lutheran School." Contact Jen Retzlaff at jk_bowtique@yahoo.com with any questions. Thank you for helping make this week extra special for our teachers!

Special Gifts

\$50 from Patricia Hill in memory of Margo Semon for Building Connections

\$25 from Susan Blaine in memory of Margaret Ungemach for the Zieseimer Memorial Scholarship

\$20 from LaVonne Mey in memory of Margaret Ungemach for Building Connections.

\$100 from Good Shepherd members memory of Margaret Ungemach for the MLC Scholarship fund.

\$30 from Herman & Theresa Schiefelbein in honor of Lloyd Gatzke's 87th birthday

\$40 from Jill Zieseimer in memory of Margo Semon for Building Connections

\$1,608 from family and friends of Margo Semon for sound equipment

\$7,000 from family and friends of Margo Semon for Building Connections

\$20 from Anne Ganka in memory of Myrlene Weishaar for Building Connections

\$87 from Lewis Enderle in honor of Lloyd Gatzke's 87th birthday

\$100 from Jerry & Joan Krug in memory of Patsy Krug for the Hand Bell Fund

\$20 from Ken and Marcia Weber in memory of Margo Semon for KML

\$1,050 from family and friends in memory of Margo Semon for Memorial Fund

\$50 from Jerry and Joan Krug in memory of Margo Semon for Building Connections

\$60 from Jerry and Arlene Prochnow in memory of Margo Semon, Myrlene Weishaar, and Sandy Pucher for Little Lambs

Good Shepherd Lutheran Church

May 2021

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1 4:00 pm Worship 5:00 pm Worship
2 8:00 am Worship 9:15 am Sunday School & Bible Study 10:30 am Worship	3	4 9:30 am Ladies League 7:00 pm Ladies League	5 9:00 am Wed. Bible Study 6:00 pm Adult Bell Choir 6:30 pm Public School Catechism 6:45 pm Men's Choir Rehearsal 7:30 pm Adult Choir Rehearsal	6 6:00 pm Confirmation Interviews	7 8:00 am Mom's Bible Study	8 4:00 pm Communion Worship 5:00 pm Communion Worship
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