



August Newsletter in the Year of Our Lord 2021

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

Put me in the game, coach! I want to play!

If you joined a Little League team, you wouldn't want to simply sit on the bench and watch. You would want to play. You would want to participate. You would want to use your gifts to help your team win.

As Christians, we are also eager to use our gifts to God's glory and to serve the people God has placed into our lives. We do this through the various callings or vocations God has entrusted to us; in our family, at work, in our community, and in the ministry of our church.

Because of all that Jesus has done for us, we are eager to serve, eager to participate, eager to build one another up in love. God's Word encourages, "Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God's grace in its various forms. If anyone speaks, they should do so as one who speaks the very words of God. If anyone serves, they should do so with the strength God provides, so that in all things God may be praised through Jesus Christ. 1 Peter 4:10-11

One of the goals of our new structure is to get more men and women involved in ministry. We don't want anyone to sit on the bench and watch. We want to give everyone an opportunity to play an active role. As our six ministry boards work with their coordinators to develop Action Plans, we will share service opportunities with you. We have also appointed a Member Ministry Coordinator to help our members discover their spiritual gifts and plug them into service. We encourage you to get involved with your gifts!

May the Lord bless the ministry we do together in his name!

Pastor Robert Hein

Worship our Lord with joy!

Join us for worship this summer at Good Shepherd!
Thursdays at 5:30* & 6:30 pm and Sundays at 8:00 & 10:00 am.

* Thursday 5:30 pm service masks are required and there is no congregational singing.

Our **Summer Sermon Series** continues through August focusing on "Tough Questions; Biblical Answers."

August 1 VBS Service Theme, Rainforest Adventure – Jesus Leads the Way In Seeking And Saving The Lost Church Picnic Sunday at Regner Park

August 8 Is that just your interpretation?

August 15 Does God Really Hear My Prayers?

August 22 What Happens To Me When I Die?

Our Fabulous Church Picnic and Outdoor Worship will be held Sunday, August 1st at Regner Park. The WELS musical group "Unworthy" will lead us in worship and our VBS children will sing at the Silver Lining Stage. **No 8:00 Sunday worship that day.** We will hold just one worship service that morning at 10:00 am. The regular Thursday evening services will be held. We will eat around 11:00 am. Our meal features brats and hotdogs, potato salad, coleslaw, etc, desserts, and root beer floats. In addition to receiving our weekly offering to support our ministry, freewill offerings will be gathered in support of the music ministry of "Unworthy" and also to help defray the cost of the meal. For meal planning, please sign up online at our website or in the Welcome Center. Games and fellowship will follow the meal.

We need volunteers to help make this event a success! Sign up online or in the Welcome Center to help with meal prep, serving, clean up, game coordination, or monitoring the bounce house. Contact Special Events Coordinator Jessica Ingram for more information at 360-929-0114.

Christian Education Emphasis – August 26 & 29 our services will have a Christian education emphasis with

the theme developed from 1 Peter 2:2, "Like newborn babies, crave pure spiritual milk so that by it you may grow up in your salvation." We plan to present our Third Graders with the gift of a Bible and also promote our spiritual growth activities for the Fall. Hope you can join us!

Opportunities to Grow through the Word

Public School Catechism Class will be held Wednesday nights from 6:30-8:00 beginning Wednesday September 8th. This is a two year course of instruction. Pastor Hein will lead the class the first half of the year, and Pastor Paustian the second half. They alternate every year. Since our goal is spiritual growth, students will also want to attend worship and Sunday School regularly. Attendance at Sunday School is expected to be prepared for Confirmation. Interested families need to call Pastor Hein this summer at 334-7881 to set up an appointment to meet personally about the goals of Catechism instruction and to register your child prior to the first class.

"Love, Listen, Lead" Would you like to grow in your confidence to share your faith and encourage others in their time of need? The three key components are to love people, listen to them, and lead them to Christ. Come learn more through this video based Bible study led by Pastor Hein on Sundays starting in September and also as a weekday Small Group study. This is part of our Outreach Board emphasis for Member Witness.

Elephants in the Room When we say "there are elephants in the room," we mean that people are ignoring important issues. Theistic evolution relies on ignoring key biblical teachings in order to appear reasonable. Using God's Word alone, Pastor Robert Koester breaks down evolutionary arguments and shows believers how to discern biblical teachings about creation from common doctrinal errors. Participants will gain a better ability to discuss these problems with others and avoid confusion about science's relationship with God's Word. Led by Pastor Paustian Sundays starting in September.

Our new Bible Information Class, "Our New Life with Jesus" will be held Monday nights at 7:00 pm, beginning September 13th. (13 Sessions) This course covers the fundamental teachings of the Bible--a refresher course for our members and a great introduction to the Bible for those who would like to learn more. This course serves as our Adult membership class. There is no cost or obligation to join. Come and learn more. Invite a friend or family member to join you. To register in advance,

Service and Fellowship Opportunities

Christ-teens Pizza and Brownies Sale will be held in August to help raise funds for their activities. You may fill out an order form by August 22nd and return it to the designated box in the narthex. Pickup is in the lower level kitchen Sunday August 29th. Thanks for your support!

Good Shepherd Lutheran School August Update

We look forward to many blessings in the coming 2021-2022 school year. Here are some highlights.

Enrollment in K3-8 has increased by about 15 students to approximately 225. What a great opportunity to provide more children with a Christ-centered education!

Our 4K enrollment is approximately 31 so we have split that classroom. We added a new classroom in the lower level and have a new 4K teacher, Mrs. Kristine Franz. Mrs. Franz is a licensed teacher specializing in preschool and served as an aide for us this past school year. We welcome her!

We have made significant investments in technology for the coming school year:

- We have added 90 additional Chromebooks which will provide 1 to 1 Chromebook usage in grades 3-8. In addition, this will allow us to expand Chromebook usage in grades K-2.
- We are also thrilled to purchase 50 Apple iPads to be used for students in preschool to grade 2.
- Each classroom is being updated with a new Promethean flat screen board.

New classroom furniture will be seen throughout the school. Many student desks and chairs were updated in classrooms. The 3rd and 4th grade classrooms will receive all new student desks and chairs. The downstairs commons area will have new carpeting, tables, chairs and a flat screen. The area outside grades 5-8 will also receive new furniture.

What a great staff we have at Good Shepherd School! It was a blessing to have our entire staff lead us through this difficult past school year with wisdom and grace. As we begin another year, please continue to keep our incredible Good Shepherd School staff in your prayers. What a blessing we have in these workers! Give Thanks to the Lord for he is good!

Ice Cream Social – Good Shepherd Lutheran School is hosting an ice cream social for new and returning school families Sunday August 22nd from 1:00-3:00 pm. Come meet the teachers and get to know new and returning families and classmates.



Update – We are grateful that 236 families/individuals have promised \$834,367 towards our Building People Connections campaign to reduce or eliminate our \$1.2 million expansion mortgage. \$568,991 has already been received. Our expansion mortgage is now down to \$599,000. 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.

Our new ministry structure is now in place with a Coordinating Council and six boards overseeing these key areas of ministry; Adult Nurture, Family Nurture, Outreach, Worship, School, and Support. The boards are working with their coordinators to develop position descriptions, a yearly Action Plan, and to recruit volunteers for ministry teams. Marilyn Sievert and Catherine Moldenhauer will be serving as Member Ministry Coordinators to help members identify their spiritual gifts and link them to service. Here is a listing of our new Coordinating Council: Mark Frank, President, Dan Herriges, Vice President, Justin Rechlicz, Secretary, Mark Mertes, Financial Officer, Paul Ihlenfeldt, Adult Nurture Board Chairman, Kurt Kolander, Family Nurture Board Chairman, Ross Fassbinder, Outreach Board Chairman, Nathan Karst, Board for Lutheran School Chairman, Peter Kapler, Worship Board Chairman, Ron Kempf, Support Board Chairman.

Ministry Plan Update

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. We ended the fiscal year with our income meeting our expenses. What a blessing especially during this pandemic! Our new ministry plan brings new challenges and opportunities as it includes funding for a third full time pastor. We encourage each member to review their giving plan in light of the blessings God has given you and the important ministry we carry out at Good Shepherd. We give, trusting in the Lord to provide for our needs, and making the most of the ministry opportunities God places before us. Online giving is available through your checking or savings account at our website www.goodshepherdwels.org.

contact the church office at 334-7881. Led by Pastor Robert Hein.

HEADS UP! Wednesday Morning Bible Class will resume meeting on Wednesday, Sept 8th, at 9:00 a.m. meeting in the Fellowship Hall Topic will be "Moses, God's Faithful Servant." When's the last time you looked at this Old Testament leader, and what we can learn from him? Led by Pastor Richard Lauersdorf.

Sacred Concerts & Special Events

Vacation Bible School will be held at Good Shepherd from 9:00-11:00 am July 26-30th for children Preschool 3-8th grade. The theme is "Rainforest Explorers – Jesus Leads the Way." Register online at www.goodshepherdwels.org. VBS is funded through special gifts designated toward "Kid's Programs". Envelopes are available in the narthex.

Voters Assembly – An Open Forum was held July 18th at which our leaders shared plans for improving the lighting in church and also plans to adopt the use of our new WELS hymnal beginning in Advent 2021. Background materials are available in the Welcome Center or email revRhein@gmail.com for a copy. The Coordinating Council will consider proposals to adopt the new hymnal and new lighting for church at its August 17th meeting, and if approved, these proposals would be presented to a special Voters Assembly on August 22nd at 11:00 am.

Anniversary Celebration – We will celebrate Pastor John Paustian's 40th ministry anniversary at a special worship service Sunday, August 15th at 10:00 am with a meal and program to follow. His brother Dr. Mark Paustian will be the guest preacher. Please sign up for the meal in the Welcome Center. A card box will be in the narthex to leave cards or gifts. The other 3 services that weekend will follow our regular format.

Good Shepherd Rams Golf Outing, sponsored by GOAL, will be held on Saturday, September 11th at West Bend Lakes Golf Course. All proceeds from this event support Good Shepherd Lutheran School. If you would like to donate a drawing prize, auction item, or sponsor a hole, please contact Mrs. Rau at crau@gsldwb.org or Gabrielle Zeinert at pkz1026@yahoo.com. Keep your eye out for a volunteer sign up, as well as registration information. This will be a four-person scramble, so start getting your team together! We look forward to seeing you on the links!

Beats For Heartbeats - September 18th - 2:30-9:00 p.m. Washington County Fairgrounds, West Bend, WI. Featuring music from : Him + Her Worship, Koiné, Crowder info@beatsforheartbeats.com.

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 .

Our Vision

Connected to Christ

Connected to One Another

Connected to our Community.



*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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School Opening Chapel for the start of the new school year at Good Shepherd is Monday August 23rd at 8:30 am. Everyone is invited to attend and ask for God's blessings upon the new school year. The new school session begins that same day at 8:00 am.

Annual Report—Since we follow a fiscal year, we publish our 2020-2021 Annual Report in August once all of our year end numbers are available. Copies will be available in mid-August in the Welcome Center. This is a great way to review the blessings of the past year and focus on the opportunities of our new ministry plan.

Coming in September:

A new session of **GriefShare**, a video-based grief support group for those dealing with the loss of a loved one.

Cornerstone—A six week course on developing a faith-fueled emotional resilience system. The presenter of this program from Christian Family Solutions is Karen Fischer. She is a Licensed Professional Counselor and a member of our congregation. "In this world you will have trouble. But take heart! I have overcome the world." - John 16:33

Both will be held on weekday evenings. More information will be available in the coming weeks.

Special Gifts

\$50 from Ken and Marcia Weber in memory of Margo Semon for Building Connections

\$120 from family and friends in memory of Lois Waedekin for Building Connections

\$350 from family and friends in memory of Lois Waedekin for Kids' Programs

\$270 from family and friends in memory of Lois Waedekin for Little Lambs Principal Reduction

\$50 from David & Nancy Kovalaske in memory of Janet Biller for Building Fund

\$150 from family and friends given in memory of Arlo Schultz' brother Rev. Edward Lindemann for Christian Education

\$25 from the Janz family in memory of Kenneth Anderson for Building Connections

\$320 from family and friends in memory of Thomas Reis

\$125 from family and friends in memory of Orville Shine for Building Connections

\$1,915 from family and friends in memory of Lois Lenz for Building Connections

\$20 from Jerry & Arlene Prochnow in memory of Lois Lenz for Kid's Programs

Good Shepherd Lutheran Church

August 2021

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 8:00 am NO 8:00 am Worship Service 10:00 am Outdoor Worship at Church Picnic at Regner Park 11:00 am Church Picnic at Regner Park 2:00 pm Wedding	2 6:30 pm School Board Meeting 6:30 pm Women's Bible Study	3	4 7:00 pm Bible Information Class	5 5:30 pm Communion Worship 6:30 pm Communion Worship	6	7
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