



Good Shepherd Lutheran Church Newsletter



November 2019

Our Vision

Connected to Christ!

Connected to One Another!

Connected to our
Community!

Good Shepherd is all
about building connec-
tions:

- Building stronger con-
nections with Christ
through his Word.
- Building stronger con-
nections with one an-
other through fellow-
ship, Christian educa-
tion, 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

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Thanksgiving Worship

Wednesday November
27th at 6:30 pm

Thursday Nov 28th at
9:00 am.

Something to Be Thankful For



Look at the
birds of the air;
they do not
sow or reap or

store away in barns, and
yet your heavenly Father
feeds them. Are you not
much more valuable than
they? Matthew 6:26

From our family room
window I was watching
as a bird fed on our
lavender flowers. Seed
after seed it pecked away
until it had its fill and
flew away. Some days
we forget the lesson of
that little bird. It didn't
sow the lavender seeds.
It didn't water and weed
the growing plants. It
didn't storehouse some
of its fruit for the future.

That bird simply came
and enjoyed the banquet
that the Lord had
prepared for it.

The lesson isn't that we
can lean back in our
recliners and let the Lord
do all the work. He
wants us to plant and
harvest, to plan and
perspire, to build our
storehouses and our
retirement funds. But
when we have done our
best, he wants us to trust
him to do the rest. So
am I wrestling with some
illness, facing some
surgery? He wants me to
remember that he is the
divine Physician, who
gives doctors their skill
and who alone can bless

their efforts. Am I vexed
by some problem,
wrestling with some
concern? He wants me
not to flounder on alone,
but lay my cares on him.
Do I feel the guilt of my
sins and long for his
peace? He points me to
his Son's cross and its full
payment for all my sins.

The Lord takes good care
of the birds he created.
This Thanksgiving let's
thank him for taking
even better care of us,
his redeemed and
cherished children!

Your Fellow Servant in
Christ,

Pastor Richard
Lauersdorf

Worship

End Times – We are en-
tering the End Times sea-
son of the church year.
We focus on living in
faith in these last days as
we await Jesus' second
coming. Here is the fo-
cus of each week:

Reformation – (Nov 2-3)

Celebrate the truths Mar-
tin Luther restored that
we are saved by grace
alone, through faith
alone, as revealed to us
in God's Word alone.

Last Judgment – (Nov 9-
10) Be prepared to stand
before the Lord on the
Last Day, trusting in
Christ as our Savior.

Saints Triumphant –
(Nov 16-17) Celebrate
the glory our departed
loved ones in Christ are
enjoying with Jesus in
heaven. We will remem-
ber those members who
passed away in 2019.

Christ the King – (Nov 23
-24) Focus on Christ, our
victorious King, who rules
at the right hand of God.

Opportunities to Grow through the Word

NEW SUNDAY BIBLE STUDIES at 9:15 am beginning November 3th. (7 Sessions)

Prepared to Answer A new set of lessons on Bible story evangelism based on chapters from the popular "Prepared to Answer" books by Dr. Mark Paustian. Led by Pastor John Paustian in the fellowship hall.

"Major Messages from Minor Prophets" We fill focus on two short books of the Old Testament, loaded with Biblical truths and practical applications for daily living – **Jonah** and **Malachi**. Led by Pastor Robert Hein downstairs in the Commons area. The elevator is available to use.

Teen Bible Study is held in the

Fireside Room covering various topical studies, led by our youth leaders. All teens are encouraged to attend!

Sunday School - All children from Preschool through 7th grade are invited to come and learn about Jesus and his love through Bible stories, crafts, games, songs, and fun activities. Sundays at 9:15 am.

WEEKDAY BIBLE STUDIES

Wednesday Morning Bible Class - Our next topic is a study of Proverbs with the theme "Living by the Wisdom of Christ." What is a proverb? Who wrote this book? Why? What does it mean when it speaks of "wisdom" or of "the Law"? Why can we call this book the Old Tes-

tament Sermon the Mount? Why can we describe Christ as "the ultimate wisdom of God"? Come and study with us Wednesdays at 9:00 am. Led by Pastor Richard Lauersdorf.

Time Out For Mom's Friday Bible Study

All moms invited for a time of spiritual growth, sharing and caring Fridays at 8:00 am. We are focusing on the book of Ephesians. Led by Marilyn Sievert in our Fireside Room. Free childcare provided.

Our GriefShare support group continues to meet Sundays at 6:00 pm in the Fireside room. Contact Pastor Paustian for more information.

Special Events

A Sheephead Tournament will be held at Good Shepherd fellowship hall Saturday, October 26th from 8:30-11:30am. Everyone is welcome to play. Come enjoy the fun. Sign up in the narthex and bring a snack to share.

Little Lambs Family Fall Festival - Bring the whole family for games, food, and fun on Friday, November 1st to Good Shepherd School Gym for our Fall Festival! Join us from 6:00 pm -7:30 pm for pumpkin bowling, fall projects, and other fun games. You are welcome to wear your favorite fall costume. Hotdogs, chips, carrots and apples will be served. Please feel free to bring a snack to share. We encourage our members to attend to greet these new young families and help them feel welcome at Good Shepherd.

Men's Bible Breakfast – We invite all men, young and old to our next Bible Breakfast Saturday, November 2nd at 8:00 am down in the Commons Area. Elevator is available to use. Enjoy a delicious breakfast, great fellowship and a Bible study on counting our blessings. Sign up in the narthex for planning purposes.

Dementia Presentation—The Dementia Friendly Coalition and Senior Center will offer an educational presentation on caring for those with Dementia in our fellowship hall Wednesday November 13th at 1:00 and 6:00 pm. Everyone is invited. Sign up in the narthex for planning purposes.

A Veteran' Day program including a special performance by the U.S. Army Drill Team, West Bend Color Guard and high school band will be

held at West Bend High School Fieldhouse, Friday, November 1st at 1:30 pm. All veterans please RSVP to Scott Mindel at 262-335-5530. Everyone is invited.

KML Veterans Day Presentation will be Thursday Nov. 7th at 9:20 am. The choir and band from KML will also perform. All are welcome to attend this patriotic event at Kettle Moraine Lutheran High School.

KML Children's Theatre's production of "Cinderella and the Substitute Fairy Godmother" is October 25th at 7:00 pm and October 26th at 2:00 pm in the KML music auditorium. All are invited.

OWLS News - The October meeting of our Dodge/Washington OWLS will be Monday, October 28, 10:00 am at Peace, Hartford. Our

Special Events (continued)

speaker is Pastor Eric Roecker, director of the WELS Commission of Evangelism. Come and hear how our synod is seeking to carry out our Savior's Great Commission. All are invited. After the presentation will be a brief business meeting and a Potluck lunch. Questions? Call Pastor Scheele, 262-353-9838.

Parenting Event cohosted with Time Out for Moms -To help parents talk with their children about God's gift of sexuality in a positive way, guided by the truths of the Bible Saturday, November 9th from 10:30-Noon in the fellowship hall. We will offer childcare for children in the parent's room or the gym. At noon the children are welcome to join the parents for a sub sandwich lunch in the fellowship hall. Sign up in the narthex, and indicate if you need childcare.

Lutheran Women's Missionary Society (LWMS) Fall Rally will be Saturday, November 9th 9:00 am at Bethany, Hustisford Guest speaker is Seminary professor Rob Wendland speaking on his mission work in Malawi. Sign up in the narthex and indicate if you would like to carpool.

Christ Teens next event will be a Packer Party held at Good Shepherd Sunday Nov 10th from 12 - 3 pm. They will also assemble care packages for college students. Sign up in the narthex for planning purposes. Hope to see all teens there!

A School Promotional Video is being professionally prepared to promote our school to the community. This project was funded a special gift. The video will be shown prior to movies at the West Bend Cinema from October – March. We will also share it with prospects online or through a DVD.

Support our Lutheran Pioneers!

You may order Racine Kringles, cookie dough, brownies, or cinnamon buns to support our local Lutheran Pioneer program. Order forms are available in the church narthex or office. Return your order to designated box with check addressed to Lutheran Pioneers. Each Kringle is \$9.50 and cookie dough is \$11.50. There are a variety of flavors for both. Brownies and Cinnamon buns are \$7 each. Deadline is October 31st at 3:00 PM. Pickup your order at school November 16th from 11:30 to

12:30 or after services November 16-17th. Thanks for your support!

Christmas for Kids will be Saturday December 7th from 9:00 am - Noon for Preschool (potty trained) through 4th grade. The children will learn the joyous meaning of Christmas at different stations for singing, crafts, video, Bible story, cookie decorating, and fun. Invite your unchurched friends! If you would like to help, fill out a volunteer form at church or contact Gwen Pasbrig or Pastor Hein. Register online at www.goodshepherdwels.org or pick up a registration form at church.

College Care Packages – Help show some love to our member college kids. The Teens are collecting items and fast food gift cards to send to college kids right before exams. You can donate Little Debbie type snacks, popcorn, fun pens, post it notes, hot chocolate, granola bars, fun socks, ramen noodles, or soup packets to the box in the narthex by Nov 8th. Thank you! If you know a member college kid, please put his/her full address at school on the form in the narthex.

Ministry Update



How blessed we are to enjoy our new expanded facilities! Your special gifts to "Building Connections" make this possible. Please keep up with your pledged amount. "Building Connection" envelopes

are available in the church narthex or your envelope packet. Special gifts in honor of a special blessing or in memory of a loved one are welcome.

350 envelope holders have contributed \$2,049,081 in three year pledges and gifts, with \$207,083 yet to be received on pledged amounts.

Our Quarterly Voter's Meeting is Tuesday October 22nd at 7:00 pm. Our nominating Committee is contacting people to serve in appointed and elected positions of leadership to be determined at this meeting. A ministry plan summary along with financials will be provided. All voting members are encouraged to attend.

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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.*



Ministry Update (continued)

Ministry Task Force – Our Coordinating Council appointed a ministry task force to consider ways to enhance our ministry at Good Shepherd. They are evaluating input received from a variety of leaders in our congregation and seeking information on the best practices of other WELS congregations. One key priority is finding ways to structure our congregation to get more men and women involved in ministry and service opportunities.

Ministry Plan Update - Our Vision

The ministry of Good Shepherd is all about building connections. 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. In gratitude for all that God has done for you, return your first fruit time, talents and treasures to the Lord as a joyful act of worship. Remember, your gifts glorify God and meet the needs of God's people!

Proverbs 3:9 - Honor the LORD with your wealth, with the firstfruits of all your crops!

Food Pantry – We invite you to bring non-perishable goods prior to Thanksgiving to the designated box in the welcome center. We will include these items in our Thanksgiving display in front of church as a way to express our gratitude to the Lord for his many blessings. After services, we will take these items to our local food pantry to help those in need.

Special Gifts

\$1,110 in memory of Mara Scherbarth from family & friends for the Memorial Fund

\$100 in memory of Melinda Hornby from Sue Blaine for the Men's Choir Fund

\$100 in memory of Leo Trepes from family & friends for Kids Programs, \$100 for Furnishings Fund, and \$300 for Building Connections

IRA Distribution

If you are 70 ½ or older you may direct IRA Distributions directly to the church which also results in tax savings. There is a flyer explain this option further in the narthex.