



April Newsletter in the Year of Our Lord 2021

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

You are the Body of Christ!

Did you hear about the parts of a body getting into an argument with one another? The eyes were boasting that they were the most important, but the feet said, "You wouldn't see much if I didn't walk you over there to look at it." Then the heart said, "But without me pumping blood throughout the body, you wouldn't even be alive."

Of course, the parts of the body don't have arguments over who is the most important. They all work together in perfect harmony, as God intended.

The Apostle Paul made a comparison to various body parts within the body of Christ. What a blessing that we are now connected to Christ as members of his own body. Connected to Christ, we are also connected to one another. Each of us has important role to play.

We are excited to introduce our new structure and bylaws with the goal of involving more of our members in meaningful ministry. In the coming months we will promote the goals and activities of our six areas of ministry; adult nurture, family nurture, outreach, school, support and worship. We will offer opportunities for you to discover your spiritual gifts and use them to serve in ways which match your interest and skills. Play an active role in the body of Christ. It's a beautiful way to use your gifts to glorify God and build up the body of Christ!

In Christ,

Pastor Robert Hein



**Worship Christ with us!
Honor Jesus' sacrifice!
Receive his blessings!
Celebrate his victory!**

Please note that the underlined service times below identify services added to spread out attendance and promote physical distancing.

Maundy Thursday Communion Worship April 1st at 10:00 am & 5:00 & 6:30 pm

(5:00 pm service is added this year)

Good Friday Worship April 2nd at 12:00, 1:30 and the Service of Darkness at 6:30 pm

Easter Worship Saturday at 5:00 pm, Sunday, April 4th 6:00 (Sunrise), and Festival Services at 8:30, & 10:30 am (There is **no** 4:00 pm masks only service scheduled for Saturday, April 3rd)

Livestream - The 1:30 pm Good Friday Service and 8:30 am Easter Service will be lived streamed at our website.

Easter Breakfast will have a new look this year. It will be Easter fellowship at 7:00 am and 9:30 am with doughnuts, Danish, coffee and juice being served at various stations throughout the Fellowship Hall & Welcome Center. If you would like to donate any items or help be a server, please sign up in the Welcome Center.

Our Regular Worship Schedule

Saturdays at 4:00 pm* & 5:00 pm;

Sundays at 8:00 & 10:30 am

*For the 4:00 pm service masks are required and there is no congregational singing.

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

SUNDAY BIBLE STUDIES and SUNDAY SCHOOL at 9:15 am

Sunday School is held for children 3 through 8th grade.

Bible Studies

New Sunday Bible Classes at 9:15 am beginning April 11th (7 Sessions)

“Open My Eyes, Lord!” This study of familiar Bible stories will begin with the prayer of the Psalmist: Open my eyes that I may see wonderful things in your Word. Psalm 119:18 We will approach God’s Word with the humble confession that we can miss the meaning and value of what God says. We will also seek to honor God and study his Word expectantly in the confidence that there are more wonderful things there, truths he will help us discover.

The class will be asked to share their favorite stories in small groups. Then the group will study a favorite together, using suggested strategies, some familiar and some new. For example, “What do I see if I put myself in the place of someone in this story?” A disciple of John sent to Jesus to ask if their teacher had gotten it wrong about Jesus. A tax collector hearing the story of the Lost Son. Led by Pastor John Paustian in the Fellowship Hall.

“Lord, Teach Me to Pray with Confidence!” Looking to improve your prayer life? Wondering what to pray for, or if your prayers make difference? Come and grow in your confidence in the power of prayer and the certainty of God’s promises. Led by Pastor Robert Hein downstairs in the Commons Area.

Men of His Word Virtual Event – The large gathering at the Oshkosh Convention Center will not be held, but several keynote addresses will be livestreamed. We invite men to gather together in our Fellowship Hall Saturday April 17th to view and discuss these presentations together on our large screens. Donuts and refreshments will be served. Sign up in the Welcome Center if you plan to attend. Theme – Separated, Yet United. 8:15 am – 12:15 pm.

Our **GriefShare Support Group** continues to meet Sunday evenings at 6:00 in the fellowship. You may enter the group anywhere in the 13 week cycle. Contact Pastor Paustian for more information.

Service and Fellowship Opportunities

Community Service - In an effort to continue to build connections in our community and increase the ability for people to serve, our Board for Evangelism is planning community service events for the first week of May. To learn more or suggest an organization or individual who could benefit from having volunteers help for a few hours, please contact Ramiro Paz at 262-353-0797 or ramiro.paz32@gmail.com.

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

The **April OWLS meeting** will be held at Good Shepherd Monday, April 26th at 10:00 am. Look for more details in the bulletin. Come and enjoy. All are invited. Questions, call Pastor Scheele, 353-9838.

Special Events

Easter for Kids will be held Saturday March 27th. We have two options available for you this year. Register for either online at www.goodshepherdwels.org

- 1) You may register for a free Easter for Kids takeout box to be picked up by the carport entrance from 10:00-11:00 am for ages 3-10. This will include a link to an online Easter Bible story and song, take home craft project, treats, and activities booklet. Tell your friends and neighbors to register online by March 23rd to guarantee a box. This is a great way to celebrate the joyous meaning of Easter.
- 2) Attend in person Family Easter for Kids from 9:00--11:00 am. Children must attend with a parent or guardian. We will socially distance sitting as families as we gather to sing songs, work on a family craft project, watch an Easter video, enjoy a interactive Easter Bible story and snack, as well as taking part in an Easter Egg Hunt. Once again register online for planning purposes. Children from our church and community will celebrate the joyous meaning of Easter. We ask everyone 5 and older to wear a mask. 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.

Lutheran Women’s Missionary Society Spring Rally will be held Saturday, April 17th at St. Paul Lutheran Church, Slinger. Non-perishable food items may be brought for Seminary Food Drive. Registration at 8:30 am. Lee and Linda Peterson will speaking on Lutheran Branch Schools in Haiti. All ladies invited. Masks are required.

Camp Phillip offers wonderful summer camp opportunities for children and families. To learn more, go to www.campphillip.com.

Koine Concerts - Footsteps to the Cross Illuminated

3:00 pm and 5:00 pm on Sunday, March 28 at Kettle Moraine Lutheran High School. Tickets are free, but must be reserved at: <https://koinemusic.com>

Update

We are grateful that 227 families/individuals have promised \$807,557 towards our Building People Connections campaign to reduce or eliminate our \$1.2 million expansion mortgage. \$418,778 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.

Ministry Update

Little Lambs Childcare is hiring full and part time teachers to join our team! Free childcare for employees during their shift; WELS or ELS members. Please contact new director Anita Cook to learn more at 262-338-1764.

Call News – Pastor Evan Chartrand continues to hold our call to serve as youth and family pastor. He presently serves as recruitment director at Luther Prep. 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.

Voter's Assembly - Planning is underway to develop our 2021-2022 Ministry Plan which will be approved at our Voters' Assembly Tuesday, April 27th at 7:00 pm. 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. A preview of Action Plans and the Financial Plan for Ministry were offered to all members at our Open Forums March 20/21st. Copies of the materials will also be available in the Welcome Center.

All members are encouraged to review their personal giving plan and offer God their firstfruits in gratitude for the incredible blessings we enjoy from him! God's Word encourages, "Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. And God is able to bless you abundantly, so that in all things at all times, having all that you need, you will abound in every good work." 2 Corinthians 9:7-8

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 that group met to appoint the other members of their boards. These boards are now beginning to develop Action Plans to share with our members. 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!

Officers & Board Chairmen for 2021-2022

Officers:

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

Adult Nurture Board:

Paul Ihlenfeldt - Chairman
David Ertmer, Loren Bailey

Family Nurture Board:

Kurt Kolander - Chairman
Richard Schmidt, Josh Dettman

Outreach Board:

Ross Fassbinder - Chairman
Paul Braun

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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

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.

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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Online Giving - We also invite people to continue to offer their freewill offerings through secure online giving. To sign up, go to our website www.goodshepherdwels.org, click on the "offering" button, to take you to a giving portal. You may give a one time gift or ongoing offerings. All categories from our envelope packet are also available online for your convenience.

Little Lambs Gifts - Please note that a quarterly envelope is included in your envelope packet and available through online give for Little Lambs Debt Retirement to reduce their mortgage principal. Their ministry plan presently includes interest only payments on their loan. Your special gifts are appreciated.

School Parental Choice – the deadline to apply for school parental choice is April 15th. Please check out our school website for more information.

Ministry Updates – Would you like to receive a weekly email ministry update including a list of people you can remember in your prayers? Send an email with that request to Pastor Hein at revRhein@gmail.com.

Special Gifts

\$20 from Michael and Pam Geidel in memory of Renoda Dogs for the Music Fund

\$250 from family and friends in memory of Doris Kulow for Handbell Music

\$250 from family and friends in memory of Doris Kulow for Church Lighting Project

\$50 from family and friends in memory of Doris Kulow for Building Connections

\$100 from Orville Shine in memory of Florence Enderle for Building Connections

\$200 from family and friends in memory of Florence Enderle for Building Connections

\$20 from Robert and Jeanette Schulz in memory of Margo Semon for General Fund

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

\$25 from the Paustian family in memory of Margaret Ungemach for the Ziesemer Scholarship Fund

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Good Shepherd Lutheran Church

April 2021

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 No School 10:00 am Maundy Thursday Service 5:00 pm Maundy Thursday Communion Worship 6:30 pm Maundy Thursday Service	2 No School 12:00 pm Good Friday Worship 1:30 pm Good Friday Service 6:30 pm Good Friday Service	3 5:00 pm Easter Worship
4 6:00 am Easter Sunrise Service 7:00 am Easter Brunch 8:30 am Worship 9:30 am Easter Brunch 10:30 am Worship	5 No School	6 9:30 am Ladies League 7:00 pm Ladies League	7 9:00 am Wednesday Bible Study 6:00 pm Adult Bell Choir 6:30 pm Public School Catechism 7:30 pm Adult Choir Rehearsal	8	9 Dress day- Senior day 8:00 am Mom's Bible Study	10 4:00 pm Communion Worship 5:00 pm Communion Worship
11 8:00 am Communion Worship 9:15 am Sunday School & Bible Study 10:30 am Communion Worship	12 6:00 pm Pioneer Meeting 6:30 pm GOAL meeting 7:00 pm KML General Board	13 7:00 pm Common Council	14 9:00 am Wednesday Bible Study 6:00 pm Adult Bell Choir 6:30 pm Public School Catechism 7:30 pm Adult Choir:Rehearsal	15	16 8:00 am Mom's Bible Study	17 8:30 am LWMS Rally - St. Paul, Slinger 8:30 am Men of His Word Gathering 4:00 pm Worship 5:00 pm Worship 6:00 pm Daddy/Daughter dance
18 8:00 am Worship 9:15 am Sunday School & Bible Study 10:30 am Worship	19	20 6:30 pm Coordinating Council	21 8:00 am Newsletter Mailing 6:00 pm Adult Bell Choir 6:30 pm Public School Catechism 7:30 pm Adult Choir:Rehearsal	22	23 8:00 am Mom's Bible Study	24 9:00am Little Lambs Spring Program 4:00 pm Communion Worship 5:00 pm Children's Choir: Service 5:00 pm Communion Worship
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