

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

SHINE



Let your Light Shine!

We have entered the season of Epiphany! The word "Epiphany" means to shine forth, to be revealed.

LIGHT

Epiphany begins as God used the light of the star to lead the Gentile magi on a long journey to worship their Savior and present him with precious gifts.

Epiphany continues as Jesus himself shines forth by word and deed throughout his earthly ministry, clearly revealing himself to be the Promised Messiah, the Son of God. When you read the Old Testament prophecies of what the Messiah would do, and compare that to what Christ actually did do, you can't help but connect the dots. Jesus clearly proclaimed himself to be the long awaited Messiah when he said, "The blind receive sight, the lame walk, those who have leprosy are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, and the good news is proclaimed to the poor." Luke 7:22

Epiphany ends on the Mount of Transfiguration where Jesus shined forth to fully reveal his divine power and glory to his disciples, just before he set out on his humble journey to the cross.

Because the good news of Jesus Christ shines in our hearts, we too now shine forth. With his promises on our hearts and his praises on our lips, we are eager to reflect Christ's goodness and blessings to the people around us, to enlighten especially those still living in darkness. We are the light of the world! We want to let our light shine before others so that they may see our good deeds, and praise our Father in heaven. And so the light of the gospel is passed on and continues to spread to those in our church and our community. We are like 'glow in the dark' stickers. The more time we spend with Jesus, the true light of the world, the more he enlightens us to reflect his light to others in all we say and do. Come worship Christ throughout this season of Epiphany, and let your Gospel light shine brightly for all to see!

Rise and shine, for your light has come! *Pastor Robert Hein*

Worship our Lord with Joy!

Saturdays at 5:00 pm; Sundays at 8:00 and 10:30 am.
 Sunday School and Bible Study at 9:15 am.

Worship Series: Epiphany Moments. "Epiphany" comes from a Greek word that means "reveal." When someone has an epiphany, it means they discover or see the truth in a new way. An epiphany is an "a-ha!" moment causing us to understand or experience reality like never before. Epiphany is the season where we see Jesus begin his ministry, revealing that he is the Son of God. Jesus provides many "epiphany moments" as he steps into his role as Savior and teaches us about the Kingdom of God.

Jesus Cares: We offer Jesus Cares worship services for people with special needs on the first Tuesday of each month. Our next service is **February 4th** at 6:00 pm. Invite a friend with special needs and attend these blessed services with them. Flyers are available in the Welcome Center.

Lent begins on Ash Wednesday, March 5th.



Opportunities to Grow through the Word

SUNDAY BIBLE STUDIES - 9:15 am
 Register for Bible studies using this QR code



Sunday School - Sundays at 9:15 am. 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.

"From Persecution to Power: God's Hidden Hand in History" – Join us for a six-lesson study that dives into the tumultuous early centuries of Christianity as a small group of Jesus' followers became the religion of an empire. Discover the courage of the early church with Eusebius, witness the rise of Christianity under Constantine, and unpack the pivotal Council at Nicaea.

Consider the origins of the papacy, learn about the inspiring legacies of martyrs and monks, and see how Rome created an Imperial Church. Join us as we uncover the hidden hand of God in history and his unchanging faithfulness today. Led by Pastor Schlicht and Pastor Marggraf until February 9.

"Share your Hope in Christ" Join us for this four session Bible study in which we will grow in our confidence to share our faith with others. Learn how to make connections and help people draw closer to our Savior. Led by Pastor Hein in the Fellowship Hall **February 16-March 9th**.

Youth Mornings - Activities include icebreaker game, praise songs, keynote from Pastor Mueller, Crumbl Cookies and male/female breakout sessions led by young adult leaders. Our next Youth Morning will be held **February 9th** from 9:15-10:15am. We will begin in the 6th grade classroom and break into small groups. Ages include 8th grade-12th grade.

Weekday Bible Studies

Monday Head & Heart Bible Study & Fellowship for ages 18-29 at Pastor Schlicht's home, 6:00-8:00 pm. Held the first and third Mondays of each month. Next classes are, **January 20th, February 3 & 17**. Discuss current topics together, bring your friends and a Bible to write in. For more information, text 920-268-2962.

Monday Evening Women's Bible Study - "You Can Trust God Even When Life Hurts" - Join us twice a month selected evenings! It will be on the topic of trust, using the book by Time of Grace writer, Amber Swenson. Mondays at 6:30 pm: next classes are **Jan. 20, February 3 and 17** in the Fellowship Hall. Led by Marilyn Sievert.

Wednesday Morning Bible Class is held at 9:00 am in the Fellowship Hall. Our topic is: The Gospel of Mark: Your Kingdom Come. Everyone is welcome to attend. Led by Pastor Paul Janke.

Wednesdays - A study of the Life of Christ – Six sessions, Wednesdays, at 6:30 pm starting **January 22nd** in the Fellowship Hall. This Bible study focuses on the life of Christ starting with his birth and traveling with him throughout his public ministry. Hear his life giving words, witness his miracles. Journey with him to the cross and the empty tomb to complete God's plan of salvation for your benefit. Led by Pastor Paul Janke. Sign up at our Bible study QR code above or in the Welcome Center.

Thursday - A small group Bible study will be held at the home of Tom and Laurie Getka starting Thursday **February 6** from 7-8 pm. (8 sessions) Enjoy fellowship and spiritual growth in a small group setting. We will dig

deeper into the sermon topic from the previous weekend. Contact Tom at tgetka@sbcglobal.net to learn more.

Friday Women's Morning Bible Study - "You Can Trust God Even When Life Hurts" - Join us from 8:00-9:00 am in the Fellowship Hall when school is in session. This study will be on the topic of trust, using the book popular Time of Grace writer, Amber Swenson. All women invited. Team taught by Marilyn Sievert and selected others. Yes, we have child care!

Special Events



A Gym Play Day is set for Saturday, **January 25 and February 22** from 9:00 – 11:00 am. Come bring the kids for some indoor fun and fellowship, including our own bounce house.

Shaped to Serve Workshop - Come and learn how God has blessed you with spiritual gifts and opportunities to glorify God and serve others in every aspect of your life. This popular two hour workshop is being held Saturday, **January 25th** and **February 22nd** from 9-11 am. Free childcare will be provided in the gym at our gym playday for parents who attend the workshop. To prepare, we ask you to complete some prep work at home. Sign up using this QR code or in the Welcome Center.



OWLS Update - The next meeting of our Dodge/ Washington County Owls will be Monday, **January 27**, 10:00 am at Peace, Hartford. After our brief meeting and officer elections we will play an assortment of games (provided) or bring one of your own. Everyone is invited to join us. A potluck meal will follow so please bring a dish to share.

Seminary Food Drive – Through the end of January we are collecting non perishable goods for our married seminary student food drive. Bring items to bins in the Fellowship Hall.



Ladies League meets the first Tuesday of each month. Our next meeting is **February 4th** at 9:30 am and 7:00 pm. All ladies are invited to attend.



Attention, Incoming 3K, 4K, and 5K students for 25/26 school year!

A bouncy house, snacks, and school information will be

available at the 3K, 4K, 5K Good Shepherd School Kick Start Open House on Saturday, **February 8**, from 9:00-11:00 am. Drop in anytime! Register using this QR code.



Men of his Word Conference – Saturday, February 8, 2025 at the Oshkosh Convention Center. Theme – **Built to Serve**. Keynote speaker – Seminary president Earl Treptow. All men and teens are invited! Music by Koine. To learn more about topics or to register online, go to www.menofhisword.org. Contact Pastor Hein for carpool planning.



Our Good Shepherd Marriage Enrichment Night is Valentine's Day **February 14th**.

We have reserved a beautiful venue, Cedar Lodge, to enjoy a fabulous dinner together, fellowship and marriage enrichment.

Our guest presenter is Pastor Paul Koester. Putting in time to strengthen your relationship with your spouse is time well spent. Invite your friends. Register using this QR code or in the Welcome Center. Include \$30 payment per couple.



KML Musical – “Freaky Friday” at the KML Performing Arts Center - Friday & Saturday, **February 21 & 22**, 7:00 pm and Sunday, **February 23**, 2:00 pm. Call KML for ticket information.

Ministry Update

Volunteers cleaners are needed to help clean our church. Cleaning teams serve a few hours, a few times a month, usually on Friday mornings. Contact Adam Retzlaff to learn more.

Ministry Plan Update - We encourage all members of Good Shepherd to return their first fruits to the Lord as a joyful act of worship and an expression of gratitude to God for his priceless blessings. In the Bible, God encourages proportional giving; that is, based on your level of income. Consider what great things God has done for you, and then set your plan of grateful response. God's Word says, **“Honor the LORD with your wealth, with the firstfruits of all your crops!”** Proverbs 3:9

Online Giving is available at our website under "offerings". All designations in your packet are also available online.

Weather Updates - Check out Fox News Channel 6 for any Good Shepherd delays or cancellations. These will also be posted on our webpage at www.goodshepherdwels.org



Important WI Parental Choice Notice: Good Shepherd Lutheran School is excited to participate in the Wisconsin Parental Choice Program (WPCP)! For students selected by the state based on income, families receive a voucher that pays their students' tuition in full. The open application period for the statewide Wisconsin Parental Choice Program (WPCP) for the 2025-2026 school year begins **February 1**.

It is a tremendous blessing which can pay for your child's education all through elementary and high school! We currently have 70 students who are receiving vouchers to attend Good Shepherd. For more information, contact the school office at 262-334-7881.

Students new to the Choice Program must provide proof of income and residency documentation. All required supporting documentation must be received by Good Shepherd during the open enrollment period. Students may apply entering grades PK4, K, Grade 1, or any grade if at a new school.

For more information, contact Principal Dan Schultz (262-334-7881) / (dschultz@gslswb.org) or Mr. Jim Sievert (jseivert@gslswb.org). Call us to connect personally, give you a tour, and tell you more about our programs for Preschool and Kindergarten.

Special Gifts & Memorials

In memory of Ken Blaine from family and friends
\$1,045 for Building Connections
\$100 for Men's Choir
\$100 for Ziesemer's Scholarship Fund
\$100 for Ladies League

In memory of Judy Kohn from family and friends
\$555 for Building Fund

In memory of Germaine Kaphingst, mother of Jean Franz
\$140 for Building Connections

In memory Mark Pucher from family and friends
\$1035 for Building Connections

In memory of Frank Pscheid from family and friends
\$75 for Building Connections; \$40 for Memorial Fund

Our Mission in Christ

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.*

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Building Connections to Share Jesus Facility Expansion Update

At our January 12th Voters' Assembly our voters approved our building expansion plans. We are excited to get started! Our Building Committee is working with Excel Engineering and Catalyst Construction to develop working drawings. We estimate groundbreaking to take place this June with construction complete around June 2026.

First the new gym will be constructed. Then the present gym will be renovated into classrooms and meeting spaces. Then then two lower level classrooms will be renovated into bathrooms, changing rooms, and concessions near our new gym.

A plan update is available in the narthex, addressing many frequently asked questions. The estimated cost is \$6 million. Benefits include: Conversion of gym brings net increase of 7 classrooms, plus one large meeting space, new double sized gym, additional parking, area near gym with bathrooms, changing rooms, gym storage and concessions. All of this helps us meet the facility needs of our growing school enrollment and supports our mission to build connections to share Jesus.

We rejoice that we have received \$2,612,000 so far in three year commitments. Please keep up with your promise gifts. Any gifts which can be offered earlier on will help us reduce our loan amount. Presently, we estimate taking out a \$3,790,000 loan at a 6.2% interest rate. Promise sheets and envelopes are available in the Welcome Center. Special gifts in memory of a loved one or in honor of a special blessing are welcome.

Please keep our expansion project and our ministry plan in your prayers!



Good Shepherd Lutheran Church

February 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1 5:00 pm Worship
2 8:00 am Worship 9:15 am Sunday Sch. & Bible Study 10:30 am Worship	3 No School – Good Shepherd 6:00 pm Head & Heart Study 6:30 pm Bible Information Class 7:00 pm KML General Board	4 6:00 pm Jesus Cares Worship 9:30 am & 7:00 pm Ladies League	5 10:00 am Wed. Bible Study 6:30 pm Adult Bells 6:30 pm Public Sch. Cat.	6 6:30 pm Men's Choir 7:00 pm Adult Choir 7:00 pm Small Group Bible Study - Getkas	7	8 9:00 am Preschool & Kindergarten Drop in Event Men of his Word - Oshkosh 5:00 pm Communion Worship
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