



Good Shepherd Lutheran Church Newsletter



October 2019

Our Vision

Connected to Christ!

Connected to One Another!

Connected to our
Community!

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.



September 28-29

Follow the Way
of Wisdom!

Hidden in plain sight!

The peace of God that transcends all understanding will guard your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus.

Philippians 4:7

It's a mistake I recognize because I've made it. A popular Christian author describes this section of Philippians (4:4-7) as containing 4 admonitions and a promise.

He explains that, as we do our part (rejoice in the Lord, pursue a gentle spirit, pray about everything, and cling to

gratitude) , God does his part and bestows peace.

If your job is to rejoice in the Lord always, can you claim that you have done your part? And if you haven't, should we admonish you to be more joyful?

There is something crucial he misses. It can be hidden from us in plain sight, because we are looking in the wrong direction. It can be hidden from us, if we forget how joy works and forget how Paul delights to point our attention to Christ.

If someone shows you a picture of your child or grandchild or you are getting to see them for the first time in a while, do they have to admonish you to rejoice? No, we rejoice because we see a reason for joy.

Paul is pointing us to Christ. Rejoice in the Lord, for he is near, he awaits your prayers, and his love leads you to expect peace, because he has promised to guard your heart in Christ!

Your brother in Christ,
Pastor John Paustian

Worship

Worship Christ with us!

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

KML Sunday is October 19-20. KML Pastor Ben Reichel will be our guest preacher focusing on the blessings of Christian education at the high school level.

Besides the support for KML built into our ministry plan (\$90,203), special gifts are encouraged to KML Debt Retirement (\$15,000 goal).

We currently have 43 students attending KML, who are members of Good Shepherd.



Above: Pastor Hein speaking with them at the annual Pastor's Day at KML.

Opportunities to Grow through the Word

SUNDAY BIBLE STUDIES at 9:15 am
“Coping Skills: God’s Word Provides the Answers”

Topics include coping Temptation, Guilt, Addiction, this sinful World, Troubling People, Anxiety, False Teachings, Tragedy. Led by Pastor Robert Hein in the Fellowship Hall.

Pray, Praise, and Give Thanks: Favorite Psalms of God's People As the hymnal of Old Testament Israel and a critical part of New Testament worship services, the book of Psalms is a treasure for believers across history. This study focuses on eight popular psalms and will help students discover the meaning of each psalm in the contexts of all Scripture and their own present-day lives. Led by Pastor John Paustian downstairs in the IMC.

Teen Bible Study in the Fireside Room, focusing on topical issues. Led by our Christeen leaders.

Sunday School is held Sundays at 9:15 am for children 3 through 7th grade. 8th Graders and up can attend Teen Bible Study. Come help your children grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ.

WEEKDAY BIBLE STUDIES

Wednesday Morning Bible Class

Starts at 9:00 a.m. Led by Pastor Richard Lauersdorf /

Time Out For Mom’s Friday Bible Study – Fridays at 8:00 am in the Fireside Room. We are studying Ephesians. All moms invited. Please feel free to join in at any time. Led by Marilyn Sievert. Free

childcare is provided.

Fall Bible Study – “The Impact of Christ’s Life on Yours”. Cherish Christ’s blessings, imitate his priorities and servant heart. Each week we will come away renewed with peace, hope, joy and gratitude. Led by Pastor Hein on Monday nights beginning September 16th at 7:00 pm. (6 sessions)

GriefShare provides help and encouragement after the death of a spouse, child, family member or friend. Each session includes a video on an aspect of the grieving process and a discussion of the video. Each participant will have a workbook with chapters that follow up on that lesson. Sundays at 6:00 pm. Contact Pastor Paustian for more information.

Sacred Concerts & Special Events

Time out for Moms Events 2019-2020 – Overall Theme – God is your personal trainer

All moms invited! Held at Little Lambs Childcare Center. No charge, free childcare available. To learn more or register, go to www.goodshepherdwels.org/timeout. Saturday, **September 28th** at 9:00 am Theme – TEAM-BUILDING:

Training Your Children Means Working Together. Experts agree—joining a “tribe” is a sure-fire way speed fitness success. Parents need a tribe of Christian family and friends to support them as well. Team up with us as we work to identify, expand and solidify tribes for our children and ourselves.

Parenting Presentations – We are planning two parenting presentations to help parents talk with their children about God’s gift of sexuality in a positive way, guided by the truths of the Bible. Sarah Reik will lead our first presentation, “The Talk” **Saturday, October 19th** from 10:30 – noon in the Fellowship Hall. We will offer free childcare for children in the parent’s room of the gym. Then at noon, the children are welcome to join the parents for a sub sandwich lunch in the fellowship hall. The follow-up presentation, cohosted with Time out for Moms, will be Saturday, November 9th from 10:30 – noon, led by various Good Shepherd teachers. This topic covers more than just talking to your children about sex. It in-

cludes establishing a positive identify in Christ, answering questions about the LGBT movement, promoting a Christian model for marriage and family, and offering written materials to read and share with your children. Please sign up in the narthex for planning purposes, and indicate if you are bring children along.

Little Lambs Childcare is celebrating 15 years of sharing Jesus with his precious lambs. Little Lambs children will sing at the 10:30 am service October 6th and their artwork will be on display. Come celebrate the blessings!

Lutheran Women’s Missionary Society (LWMS) Fall Rally will be Saturday, November 9th 9:00 am at Bethany, Hustisford. Guest speaker

Sacred Concerts & Special Events (continued)

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.

Muffins for Moms, inviting moms to visit school with their children, will be Thursday, October 17th. Please note that chapel will move from Wednesday to Thursday that week at 8:10 am.

A Sheepshead 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 2nd 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.

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

OWLS News - The October meeting of our Dodge/Washington OWLS will be Monday, October 28, 10:00 AM in Peace, Hartford, Fellowship Hall. Our speaker will be Pastor Eric Roecker. He is the Director of the WELS Commission of Evangelism. Come and hear how our synod is seeking to carry out our Savior's Great Commission to every Christian to "Go and make disciples of all nations" (Evangelism) (Matt. 28:19), and be strengthened as you witness for Christ in your life. All are invited. After the presentation there will be a brief business meeting and a Potluck lunch. Questions? Call Pastor Scheele, 262-353-9838.

Ministry Update



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.

Building Connections - 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 offerings to him as a joyful act of worship. 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!

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 minis-

try and service opportunities.

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

Good Shepherd School Enrollment

3K: 12	4 th : 20
4K: 22	5 th : 18
5K: 25	6 th : 20
1 st : 18	7 th : 15
2 nd : 19	8 th : 27
3 rd : 24	

Total PK: 34 Total K-8: 184

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78% of students K-8 are members of Good Shepherd

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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.*



Service & Fellowship Opportunities

Greeter Opportunity – One great way to build connections at Good Shepherd is to greet members and guests as they come to worship. Once again this year we are inviting each area of ministry to take a weekend to serve as greeters. This also offers a wonderful opportunity to promote this area of ministry to our congregation. Sign up for a specific service online at www.goodshepherdwels.org (signups).

Online Giving – Would you like to set up a regular plan for giving through your checking or savings account? This free program is available on our website at www.goodshepherdwels.org. Click on the “online giving” button to set up your own user name and password. All designations in your envelope packet are also available online. You can offer a one time gift or ongoing weekly amount.

Useful Websites

Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod – www.wels.net

Kettle Moraine Lutheran High School – www.kmlhs.org

Good Shepherd website – www.goodshepherdwels.org

Life Issues – www.christianliferesources.com

Creation/Evolution - www.lutheranscience.org

Christian faith - www.whataboutjesus.com

Understanding Mormonism – www.tilm.org

Overcoming pornography addiction -
www.conquerorsthroughchrist.net

Special Gifts

\$100 in memory of Gerald Henckel from family & friends for Kids Program

\$30 in memory of Don Jonas from Gloria Reider for Building Connections

\$6565.65 in memory of Don Jonas for Building Connections. Don and Kay would have been married 65 years on August 14th, and he wanted to set aside this gift whether he was living here on earth or praising Jesus in heaven.

\$10 in celebration of Judy Weigand's Birthday for the Organ Fund

\$25 in celebration of Judy Weigand's Birthday for Choir Music