

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

Cherish God’s Gift of Life!

What value does our society place on the value of human life?

High value of a “10”, or low value of a “1”? Many would rate that value pretty low, a “2” or “3”. Why?

Because all around us, we see human life devalued and senselessly taken away.

It starts with abortion; the killing of human beings in the womb, violence, abuse, euthanasia and mistreatment of our own bodies. Society judges the value of human life based upon appearance, achievements, income level, IQ, and ethnic background.

But God gives human life an intrinsic value of “10”; including unborn babies, the aged, the infirm, the downcast. All have value, because God gives them value. See how wonderfully God designed and cares for each one of us, “You created my inmost being; you knit me together in my mother’s womb. I praise you because I am fearfully and wonderfully made; your works are wonderful, I know that full well.” Psalm 139:13-14

God values human life so highly that he sent his Son Jesus to pay for the sins of every single human being in the world – all are precious in his sight. God wants all people to be saved and to come to knowledge of the truth.

Since God loves all people, we do too. Since God values every human life, we will also. Let us defend life, cherish life, show love and compassion to those who are hurting in life, and hold out the world of life to those still living in spiritual darkness. Let us not be overcome by evil, but let us overcome evil with good!

Pastor Robert Hein

Voting for one West Bend precinct will be held at Good Shepherd Fellowship Hall Tuesday, November 8. **There is no school that day.** We are offering this as a community service. Voters will be greeted by volunteers at the carport entrance to vote and then depart. No one, other than our staff, will be allowed to go beyond the entrance into our church or school areas. Voting was held at Good Shepherd August 9th and went very smoothly.



Worship Christ

with us!

Saturdays at 5:00 pm
Sundays at 8:00 and 10:30 am

End Times – We are entering the End Times season of the church year, in which we focus on living in faith in these last days as we await Jesus’ second coming. Here is the focus of each week:

Reformation Celebration– (October 29/30) Celebrate the truths Martin Luther restored that we are saved by grace alone, through faith alone, as revealed to us in God’s Word alone.

Saints Triumphant – (November 5/6) Celebrate the glory our departed loved ones in Christ are enjoying with Jesus in heaven. We will remember in the service those members who passed away in the past year.

Last Judgment – (November 12/13) Prepare our hearts for Jesus’ return on the Last Day!

Christ the King – (November 19/20) Focus on Christ, our victorious King, who rules at the right hand of God.

Thanksgiving Worship - Wednesday, November 23 at 6:30 pm or Thursday, November 24 at 9:00 am. This is a wonderful opportunity to reflect on God’s goodness to us and praise him for his awesome blessings. “Praise the LORD, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits!”

Food Pantry Donations – We invite you to bring non-perishable goods prior to Thanksgiving to the designated box in the Fellowship Hall. 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.





Opportunities to Grow through the Word

Wednesday Morning Bible Class - is held Wednesdays at 9:00 a.m. We are studying the Book of Psalms with the topic "Psalms for All Seasons". Come and join our ever growing group. Led by Pastor Richard Lauersdorf in the Fellowship Hall.

Griefshare - If you've lost a spouse, child, family member, or friend, you've probably found there are not many people who understand the deep hurt you feel. GriefShare is a friendly, caring group of people who will walk alongside you through one of life's most difficult experiences. Thursdays at 6:30 p.m, in the Fireside Room. Led by Pastor John Paustian and Marina Shafranski. Register online at www.goodshepherdwvls.org.

Thursday Evening Bible Study –Great Chapters of the Bible - There are 1,189 chapters in the Bible. Each chapter is "great" in that it was inspired by the Holy Spirit to reveal God's plan to save us from sin and death. But some chapters of the Bible are great in that they provide great comfort to God's people. Join us Thursday evenings, at 7:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall.

Women's Friday Bible Study – Fridays at 8:00 am when school is in session. Study of key women in the Bible entitled "Bible Sisters" . Taught by Melissa Linton in the Fellowship Hall.

Midweek Advent Worship Wednesdays - 10:00 am and 6:30 pm; November 30, December 7, and 14
Prepare your hearts to celebrate Christmas!
Theme – "Advent Lessons on Patience, Perseverance and Priorities"

Advent Dinners will be held prior to our 3 Advent services from 5:15-6:15 pm in the Fellowship Hall. We can use some volunteers to assist our teens with setup, serving, and cleanup. Please bring a freewill offering to cover expenses. Bring a dessert to share. Signup in the Welcome Center to volunteer.

Advent by Candlelight - Good Shepherd Ladies League, assisted by the Women's Ministry Team, will host an evening of Advent by Candlelight on Tuesday, December 6 starting at 7:00 pm. Light refreshments will be served. Invite your friends! Please sign up by November 30 on the sheet in the Welcome Center (or online).

Samaritan Home gift opportunity. Ladies League in conjunction with our Advent by Candlelight on Tuesday, December 6, will have a tag board up in the narthex to provide gifts to Samaritan home residents. Starting the weekend of Oct. 29/30, ending the weekend of November 19/20. Ladies or others are welcome to participate by picking a tag with a number & gift idea. Please sign the sheet accordingly and return the wrapped gift, with tag attached to the outside, under the board in the Fellowship Hall. Any Ladies attending the Advent by Candlelight event can bring their wrapped, tagged gift that evening.



New Sunday Bible Studies at 9:15 am beginning Nov. 6

"In the Beginning" a study of the book of Genesis focusing on key truths concerning the beginning of the world, the human race, marriage, the Fall into sin, and the promise of the Savior. Led by Pastor Robert Hein in the Fellowship Hall.

Youth Bible Class: "How to..." - Once a month in person: Nov. 6, and Dec. 4. Sunday morning 9:15-10:15 am in the IMC downstairs. Also check out the video, "How To's" posted on Good Shepherd Lutheran Facebook throughout the semester. Topics include: how to fit in, prioritize, date, guard your heart, fight doubts, treat parents, solve conflict, and not worry.

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.

Special Events and Fellowship Opportunities

Jesus Cares is a ministry to people with developmental challenges. The next planning meeting is Tuesday, October 25 at 6:30 pm, with the first Jesus Cares simplified worship service planned for November 29 at 6:00 pm.

Men's Bible Breakfast – We invite all men, young and old to our next Bible Breakfast Saturday, November 5 at 8:00 am in the Fellowship Hall. Enjoy a delicious breakfast, Christian fellowship and a Bible study, led by Pastor Hein. Topic – God is our Refuge and Strength, an ever present help in trouble.

Sign up in the Welcome Center or online for planning purposes. Also, indicate if you can help prepare the food.



A Sheephead tournament will be held at Good Shepherd Fellowship Hall Saturday, November 12 at 1:00 pm. Sign up in the Welcome Center. Please bring a snack to share.

KML Veteran's Day Observance is Thursday, November 3rd at 9:20 am. Everyone is invited.



Christmas Flower Signup – If you would like to donate flowers to beautify our church for Christmas, please sign up in the Welcome Center by November 13th.

You may designate your flowers in memory of a loved one or in honor of a special blessing.

Christmas for Kids will be Saturday, December 3 from 9:00 am – 11:45 am for three year old (potty trained) through 4th grade. We had a great turnout last year from our church family and our community. The children will learn the joyous meaning of Christmas with singing, crafts, video, Bible story and fun. Invite your unchurched friends! If you would like to help, fill out a volunteer form at church. Register children online at www.goodshepherdwels.org or pick up a registration form at church. All volunteers need to have returned a volunteer training form. Get one on the website.



Christmas Service Schedule – Please note our Christmas Service Schedule this year since Christmas and New Year's fall on Sundays. Our Children's Christmas Services will be the Sunday prior to Christmas Eve Sunday, December 18 at 3:00 and 5:00 pm. On Christmas Eve Good Shepherd will hold Christmas Eve Candlelight Services at 5:00 pm and 9:00 pm. We will also hold one Christmas Day Service Sunday, December 25 at 9:00 am. Our New Year's Eve Communion Service will be held at 5:00 pm December 31, which is the normal time of our Saturday worship service.

Ministry Update



Building "People" Connections Update

We are grateful that 256 families/ individuals have promised \$979,054 towards our Building People Connections campaign to reduce or eliminate our building expansion mortgage. \$910,490 has already been received. Our mortgage balance is now \$159,973. 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.

A Voters' Call Meeting will be held Sunday, November 6 at 11:30 am to call an associate pastor, advising the Board of Worship and Board of Support, with an emphasis on Stewardship encouragement. We wish Pastor Frank Italiano, who declined our call, God's blessings in his ministry at Trinity, Crete, IL. We will also call for a special education teacher as Ms. Patty Holem has announced her retirement the end of this school year. We thank her for her caring ministry to our school children and wish her God's richest blessings in her retirement. If you have a name to suggest for our special education teacher with experience and training for leading a special education program, pass it on to Principal Schultz by October 28 to share with our district president for consideration for our call list.

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. If you like, you may sign up for secure online giving at our website. All designations from our packets are also available online. Remember, your gifts glorify God and meet the needs of God's people!

IRA Distribution

If you are 70 ½ or older, you may direct IRA Distributions directly to the church as your offering which also results in tax savings. Contact our business manager Jim Sievert for more information.

Property Care – Our Board of Support is seeking individuals interested in serving as a Property Coordinator or in a part time paid maintenance position. Contact Support Board Chairman Adam Retzlaff at 262-305-1807 for more information.

Our Congregational Mission

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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More ways to get involved!

Pioneer Kringle Pickup is in the Fellowship Hall Saturday, November 12 from 11:30-am - 12:30 pm.



Care Packages – Our Shepherd Youth are preparing care packages for college students. If you know of someone, you would like to be included on this list, please sign them up in the Welcome Center by November 19.

Shepherd Youth Chili, Football, and Packing Party will be at Good Shepherd Sunday, November 20 from 12-3 pm.

KML Open House is Sunday, November 20th from 1-3 pm. Come, check out our Lutheran high school.

Little Lambs Opportunity – Little Lambs is looking for new full-time employees. Contact Director Anita Cook for more information at 262-338-1764.

Stay Connected – To receive a weekly ministry and prayer chain update, send an email to revRhein@gmail.com with that request.

A Northwestern Publishing House book and gift fair will be held the weekends of November 19/20 and November 26/27.

Greeter Opportunity – One great way to build connections at Good Shepherd is to greet members and guests as they come to worship. We want to offer everyone a warm welcome. Sign up for a specific service online at www.goodshepherdwels.org (signups).



Sound room volunteers are needed to run the worship slides in the sound room. You can choose the services of your choice. We will train you. Contact Mr. Jim Sievert to learn more.

Daylight Standard Time – Remember to set your clocks back one hour Saturday evening November 5th.

SPECIAL GIFTS

In memory of Doris Bunkelmann from family and friends
\$500 for Building Connections
\$200 to Ladies League
\$40 to Food for the Needy

Good Shepherd Lutheran Church

November 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 9:30 am Ladies League 7:00 pm Ladies League	2 9:00 am Wednesday Bible Study 6:15 pm Adult Bell Choir 6:30 pm Public School Catechism 7:30 pm Adult Choir Rehearsal	3 8:00 am Catechism Class 9:20 am KML Veterans Day Service 6:30 pm Griefshare 7:00 pm Bible Study	4 No School	5 8:00 am Men's Bible Breakfast 5:00 pm Worship Service Set clocks back one hour in evening
6 8:00 am Worship 9:15 am Sunday School and Bible Study 10:30 am Worship	7 7:00 pm Bible Information Class	8 No school - Voting	9 9:00 am Wednesday Bible Study 6:15 pm Adult Bell Choir 6:30 pm Public School Catechism 7:30 pm Adult Choir Rehearsal	10 6:30 pm Griefshare 7:00 pm Bible Study	11 8:00 am Women's Bible Study	12 1:00 pm Sheepshead Tourney 5:00 pm Communion Worship
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