



October Newsletter in the Year of Our Lord 2021

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

“And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.” Philippians 4:7

The word “guard” in the original Greek is a military term. When the Roman army encamped in hostile territory, a group of soldiers would stand guard. They would form up with shields overlapping as a solid wall of protection for the sleeping camp. As believers we have more than soldiers and shields to protect us. We have a peace from God that goes far beyond our understanding.

No, Paul’s not talking about an end to escalating hostility between nations or a vaccine that would end the coronavirus threat. The peace God offers us in Christ Jesus is much higher and holier than that.

Christ Jesus came to make peace between sinful man and a sinless, sin-hating God. That’s the highest peace we can have. It’s peace that assures us

- That God doesn’t have his arm raised in anger to strike us down, but extended in love to receive us.
- That God is a loving God who sent his Son that we might become his sons and daughters.
- That God came to earth to die for our sins that we might live with him forever in his heaven.

The end of this month we will again celebrate the Reformation Festival. What an opportunity to thank God for restoring the blessed news of this peace through his servant Martin Luther.

Your partner in thanking God for his shield of peace,

Pastor Richard E. Lauersdorf

Worship our Lord with joy!

Saturdays at 4:00 pm* and 5:00 pm; Sundays at 8:00 and 10:30 am. For the 4:00 pm Saturday service, masks are required and there is no congregational singing. **Holy Communion** is offered the 2nd and 4th weekends of the month.

Reformation – We will celebrate the blessings of the Lutheran Reformation October 30/31st at all services. May we always hold firmly to the precious truths Martin Luther passed down to us. We are saved by grace alone, through faith in Christ alone, as revealed to us by God’s Word alone. This is our Reformation heritage to share!

Opportunities to Grow through the Word

SUNDAY BIBLE STUDIES at 9:15 am

“Love, Listen, Lead” Grow in your ability to share your faith and encourage others in their time of need. This video based study is led by Pastor Hein in the Fellowship Hall. This is part of Evangelism emphasis for Member Witness.

“Love, Listen, Lead” Home Study option: You can work through this Bible study at home. Click on the “Love, Listen, Lead” link at goodshepherdwels.org to view the videos and download the study materials. Contact Pastor Hein with any questions.

“Elephants in the Room” - When we say “there are elephants in the room,” we mean that people are ignoring important issues. Theistic evolution relies on ignoring key biblical teachings in order to appear reasonable. Using God’s Word alone, Pastor Robert Koester breaks down evolutionary arguments and shows believers how to discern biblical teachings about creation from common doctrinal errors. Participants will gain a better ability to discuss these problems with others and avoid confusion about science’s relationship with God’s Word. Led by Pastor Paustian downstairs in the Commons Area.

Sunday School is held Sundays at 9:15 am for children 3 through 7th grade. Come help your children grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ. Invite the children of your family, coworkers and friends also.

WEEKDAY BIBLE STUDIES

Wednesday Morning Bible Class - 9:00 a.m. in the church. This allow us for more social distancing. Focus on **Moses, God's Faithful Servant**. Led by Pastor Richard Lauersdorf.

Mom's Friday Bible Study – Fridays at 8:00 am when school is in session beginning September 10th. Study of Habbakuk. Moms take turns providing childcare. Calling women of all ages! We will be studying the little known book of the Bible, **Habukkuk: Remembering God's Faithfulness When He seems Silent**. Though only 3 chapters long, the words are packed with wisdom and hope for God's people. A book will be provided. Registration online required for study materials. Ideal for meeting other moms! Taught by Marilyn Sievert.

Men's Bible Breakfast – Men, you are invited to our Men's Bible Breakfast. Enjoy a hearty meaty breakfast and a short Bible study Saturday, September 25th from 8:00-9:30 am. Topic – **What does it mean that God is a jealous God?** How does that impact our lives and regard for his Word? Held in our Fellowship Hall. Special safety precautions will be taken in serving and eating. This is a great way to grow in your faith and get to know your brothers in Christ at Good Shepherd better. For planning purposes, please sign up in the Welcome Center or online. Also, list if you can help with food preparation that day.

OWLS - The September meeting of our Dodge/ Washington OWLS will be Monday, September 27, 10:00 AM at Peace, Hartford. Our speaker will be Pastor Peter Panitzke from St. Paul's, Muskego. He will tell us all about the Police Chaplaincy some of our pastors are serving in. It is another opportunity to share God's word with people who are in stressful situations and in need of comfort. Come and find out what it's all about. All seniors are invited. After the presentation and a short meeting we will enjoy lunch. Brats and hot dogs will be provided. Please bring side dishes and other entrees to supplement the meal. You will enjoy the presentation and the Christian fellowship.



Live A God-Lived Life! - We are kicking off a spiritual growth emphasis in our worship services October 16/17. "A God Lived Life", however, is about more than stewardship. It's a whole-life challenge to God's people to live the life to which he has called us. We will devote one weekend a month for the next four months to this emphasis. The hope is that

Service and Fellowship Opportunities

Little Lambs Childcare is celebrating 17 years of sharing Jesus with his precious lambs October 23/24th. A video presentation will be made at our services to share the blessing of this ministry and children's artwork will be on display. Please keep Little Lambs ministry in your prayers!

Little Lambs Trunk or Treat will be held outside at Little Lambs parking lot featuring Trunk or Treat, snacks, refreshments and fellowship Friday, October 22nd from 5:30-6:30 pm. Bring the whole family for fun and fellowship! Families can also check out a petting zoo.

We are looking for volunteers to decorate a trunk, and to set up and serve cookies and hot chocolate while handing out promotional materials for our church, school and childcare.

Contact Anita Cook at 262-338-1764 to learn more. You may also donate candy by bringing it to the Welcome Center.

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.

Pioneer Kringle Order – Would you like to support our Lutheran Pioneer program? Fill out a Pioneer Kringle order with payment at the church Welcome Center by October 22nd. Thanks for your support!

Lutheran Women's Missionary Society (LWMS) Fall Rally will be Saturday, October 16th at 9:00 am at St. Matthew, Iron Ridge.

Drs. Jim and Stephanie Moore will speak about mission work in Nepal and a program which teaches national pastors how to raise dairy cows to help earn a living. All are welcome to attend.

Please sign up in the Welcome Center for planning purposes and carpooling options.

Seminary Food Drive – We are collecting non-perishable food items in September for the married seminary student's food pantry. Bring items to the designated box in the narthex.

BUILDING People Connections Update

We are grateful that 241 families/individuals have promised \$843,296 towards our Building People Connections campaign to reduce or eliminate our \$1.2 million expansion mortgage.

\$591,684 has already been received. Our expansion mortgage is now down to \$599,000. 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 Structure Update

Our ministry is overseen by our Coordinating Council and six boards – Adult Nurture, Family Nurture, Outreach, School, Worship, and Support.

Our Coordinating Council has appointed two Member Ministry Coordinators, Marilyn Sievert and Catherine Moldenhauer to help our boards and coordinators develop written position descriptions and action plans.

We are also working a WELS ministry consultant Lori Lorig to enhance our member ministry at Good Shepherd. This helps us carry out one of our congregational Action Plan goals – Help our members discover their spiritual gifts and link them to service.

Adoption of new WELS Hymnal - On August 22nd our voters approved plans to adopt the use of our new WELS hymnal beginning in Advent 2021. Special gifts to purchase hymnals and other liturgical books in memory of a loved one or in honor of a special blessing are welcome. Designate to "New Hymnal Fund." This designation is also available through online giving. We need about \$12,000 in special gifts to provide the worship materials we need.

Online Giving – In gratitude for all that Jesus has done for us we are eager to return our firstfruit offerings to him as a joyful act of worship. Start by recalling the spiritual and physical blessings God has given you, and set your giving plan in keeping with your income.

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 amounts.

being challenged in specific ways will encourage us to put into practice a closer walk with God and a life of love toward others. That's a God-lived life! Our focus in October is to live the life of a disciple of Jesus.



Pastor and Miriam Paustian at his 40th Anniversary celebration.

Good Shepherd Lutheran School Enrollment

3K: 16	4th: 19
4K: 32	5 th : 27
Total PK: 48	6th: 20
1st: 22	7th: 21
2nd: 21	8th: 18
3rd: 17	Total PK-8: 236

Christmas Service Schedule – There is a change to our Christmas Service Schedule. The Coordinating Council ratified a proposal approved by the Jt. Board for Lutheran Schools to move our Children's Christmas Eve Services to the Sunday prior to Christmas Eve. These services will also include our Sunday School Children. This year those children's services will be on Sunday December 19th at 4:00 and 6:00 pm. On Christmas Eve Good Shepherd will hold one Christmas Eve Service at 5:00 pm and a Candlelight Service at 9:00 pm. We will also hold a Christmas Day Service at 9:00 am.

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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**CORNERSTONE
by Christian Family
Solutions**

There are challenges that can occur in life from seemingly tiny to completely overwhelming. The CORNERSTONE resilience system is designed to provide a specific set of steps to put these challenges in perspective. Through six one-hour sessions, participants will learn and practice skills and benefit from the ideas of others in their quest to be more resilient and "bounce back" from difficulty.

Topics by week: Resilience, Crisis Survival, Reality Acceptance, Mindfulness, Emotional Regulation, and Thought Distortions.

7:00 Thursday evenings in the fellowship hall starting September 23. The presenter is Karen Fischer, a counsellor with Christian Family Solutions and a member of Good Shepherd. For more information or to register, go to: <https://www.goodshepherdwels.org/cornerstone>

Special Gifts

\$500 from Leland Schultz in memory of Clara and Ernie Schultz for Organ Fund

\$50 from Gerald and Lisa Kudek in memory of Alex Kudek for the Alex Kudek Scholarship

\$70 from Shery Gatzke in memory of Michael O'loughlin for Building Connections

\$20 from Linda & Bonnie Krueger in memory of Shirley Kiepert for Children's Programs

\$6,000 from Tom Frailing for Church Lighting Project

\$100 from Paul and Catherine Moldenhauer for New Hymnal Fund

\$225 from family and friends in honor of Frank and Vickie Pscheid's Anniversary for Building Connections

\$400 from Pastor and Mrs. Paustian in thanks for 40 years of grace shown to Pastor Paustian for the New Hymnal Fund (Altar books and pastoral resources)

\$100 from Cheryl Lorenz in memory/honor of Corey and Brandon Lorenz for the New Hymnal Fund

\$200 from family and friends in memory of Richard Schmidt for the New Hymnal Fund

Good Shepherd Lutheran Church

October 2021

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 8:00 am Mom's Bible Study	2 8:00 am Leadership Meeting 4:00 pm Worship (mask required) 5:00 pm Worship
3 8:00 am Worship 9:15 am Sunday School and Bible Study 10:30 am Worship	4 6:30 pm Women's Bible Study 7:00 pm Bible Information Class	5 9:30 am Ladies League 7:00 pm Ladies League	6 9:00 am Wednesday Bible Study 6:00 pm Adult Bell Choir 6:30 pm Public School Catechism 7:30 pm Adult Choir:	7 7:00 pm Cornerstone Meeting	8 Pioneer Camping 8:00 am Mom's Bible Study	9 4:00 pm Communion Worship (mask required) 5:00 pm Communion Worship
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