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MARK YOUR CALENDARS:

SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP
9 am

SUNDAY WORSHIP AVAILABLE ONLINE

LENTEN SEASON 2024 KICKS OFF

ASH WEDNESDAY

FEBRUARY 14, 2024 * 6:30 PM @ PILGRIM LUTHERAN CHURCH 709 Weston Ave, Wausau, Wi 54403 Note: No Worship at Good Shepherd

See page 2 for Complete Lenten Schedule

BALLOT

New Church Council Members

Lorraine Beyersdorff Cheryl Rocheleau (2nd Term) Joshua Stumpner Marjorie Viergutz

Synod Assembly Delegates

Mike & Laurie Sturzenegger

Endowment Committee

Brian Denfeld JoAnn Grewe Tim Holcomb Tim Logemann Sharon Semling

Homme Home Representatives

Ruth Henkelman

Nominating Committee: Outgoing Council Members

Shelly Ellenbecker Cory Toth-LaPointe Jenny Samperisi

Crossway Camping Delegate

Cheryl Rocheleau Laurie Sturzenegger

Lent Services / Midweek Meals

Soup Supper Meals will be served following 5:30 pm worship here at Good Shepherd. We are in need of ministry groups to facilitate each of the 5 weeks.

Feb. 21::

Feb 28:

Mar 6:

Mar 13:

Mar 20:

Get your team on the calendar today!

WAYPOST

Spring Work Weekend April 26 – 28

210608 Crooked Lake Rd Hatley, WI 54440 waypost@crosswayscamps.org CrosswaysCamps.org/spring-workdays Lend a hand alongside other volunteers to enhance and prepare Waypost! Meals and lodging provided to volunteers and fellowship available in the evenings. All skill levels are welcome!



Worship & Resources

Good Shepherd is online:

YOUTUBE: type: GSLC Wausau WI

(Hit SUBSCRIBE and you will get notified when there are new videos)

FACEBOOK: https://www.facebook.com/gslcwausau/

GSLC WEBSITE: www.gswausau.org

LUTHERAN HOUR MINISTRIES/ Daily Devotions: lhm.org

DAILY DEVOTIONALS ARE HERE:

Christ in Our Home & Portals of Prayer & (Jan/ Feb 2024)

FEBRUARY OFFICIANTS

Pr. Micale Behnke Welke: Feb 4 & 11

Lay Led: Feb. 18

Pr. Matalie Bassett: Feb. 25

LUNCH N LESSONS

Lunch n Lessons is going to take a break until after Easter.

TOWN HALL MEETING

> Sunday, February 18 10:15 am

Date	4-Feb	11-Feb	18-Feb	25-Feb
Presiding	Pr. Nicole	Pr. Nicole	Lay	Pr. Natalie
Minister	B- Welke	B- Welke	Led	Bassett
Assisting	MJ	Paul	Tim	Andy
Minister	Horvat	Grewe	Holcomb	Walters
Reader(s)	Owen	Kyiah	Sharon	Laurie
	Cronce	Walters	Semling	Sturzenegger
Greeter 1	K	Jean	Cheryl	Adam
	Toth	Korpela	Rocheleau	Pleuss
Greeter 2	Karen Maier	Bonnie Anderson	Helen Vance	Jilian Jensen
Usher 1	Marty Krahn	Josh Stumpner	Mike Sturzenegger	Hank Pleuss
Usher 2	Greg Behrendt	Andy Heise	Laurie Sturzenegger	Jovid Schuette
Altar	K Toth	K Toth	K Toth	K Toth
Guild	Cory LaPointe	Cory LaPointe	Cory LaPointe	Cory LaPointe
Hospitality	Jill	Lorraine	Helen Vance	MJ
Hour	Falkowski	Beyersdorff	Marj Viergutz	Horvat

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CALLING NEW MEMBERS!

Spring is coming and so is the time to celebrate new beginnings. We are aware of several families interested in formalizing membership. This is great news!

Contact the office so we can plan and celebrate!

FIRST COMMUNION

If you and your child are interested in the rite of Holy Communion, please let Ms. Jillian or the staff know. We would like to provide some instruction if we have interest.

Church Council Corner: February Report

Greetings to you all.

Seems like time is just flying. The advent season of waiting with great anticipation for the Son of God to appear is done. Next thing you know it will be the beginning of Lent - which this year begins on February 14th - St Valentine's Day. A day most of us relate to love and commitment to another. Saint Valentine was a 3rd century Roman Saint, and actual Clergyman or Priest, who ministered to persecuted Christians. He himself was a martyr to those less privileged and downtrodden. What a symbol of unconditional love and commitment.

As we now prepare for the season of lent - a time of introspection and contemplation - it's fitting we review the last few months in our congregation and prepare for the next season.

Hopefully, you know by now that we are in conversation with St. Stephen Lutheran Church looking at our future(s) and possibly a consolidation of our 2 congregations. A consolidation in very simple terms is best summarized in the following equation:

A (Good Shepherd) + B (St. Stephen) = C (New Congregation)

During our conversations, we have often used the example of this process being similar to dating. Dating means getting to know each other better - both the good and sometimes not so good - traits and characteristics about each other. Dating involves sharing, being vulnerable at times and requires compromise too. It generates many feelings - happiness, excitement, fear and anxiety. But really - what a better time to start dating than now - Lent and St Valentine's - Feb 14th!

To assist our 'dating process' and 'getting to know you' period, Good Shepherd has formed a small task force to work with St Stephen (who also has a task force). We have drafted a couple of helpful documents to share with you and they will be made available here in the newsletter but also in print for you to take with you at church. One is a timeline of events leading up to today, and the other is a FAQ (frequently asked questions). We will also make sure there are members available every Sunday for any questions or to listen to your comments or feedback. So, as we move forward in our 'dating' with St Stephen, let's keep in the forefront of our minds the goals of this relationship. To build a strong vital church that is able to support the people of the Greater Wausau Area by building up our mission, giving, support, inclusion and love to those who join us every Sunday, or those who just come to visit. Building this relationship will take time, vulnerability, patience and strength. All of which we have shown we already have and know how to do and do it well! And when we feel any doubt just remember "God's Got Us"!

Frequently Asked Questions - Edition 1 (January 25, 2023)

1.Does St Stephen Lutheran Church have similar Values (ie: Music, Worship, Sunday School, Women's Groups, Men's Groups, Youth, Softball, Care for the Community, etc)?

Yes, which is why we are partnering together. They also have strengths we do not have, as we have strengths they do not have.

2. What is their financial position?

We are in the process of gathering and sharing this information with each individual task force. As we learn more, we will share pertinent information as we are able.

- 3. What building will be physically used and how does it provide for size, parking, ADA accessibility? This will take further discernment and discussion. While that is happening, we will work on opportunities to visit and worship in both spaces. The buildings, however, should not hold us back in this journey. There is also no reason in the near term that any building needs to be sold.
- 4. If we sell the building(s) where does the value go? Who owns the land/buildings? What happens to the furnishings and equipment inside?

The synod does not own the buildings or lands, and they will not get any of the money, unless we direct the monies to them specifically. The buildings and goods proceeds; should they be sold would go to support the new congregation.

5. Will Angie and Kartika have positions?

Yes - their positions are vital and needed for the work of the new church - and will not be replaced by any other existing staff. They will remain if they agree to do so. The staff from St Stephen are also needed and will remain if they all agree to.

6. What is the timeframe to be considered?

Once formal proceedings begin for a consolidation, meaning each congregation has held a special congregational meeting and votes to proceed, the best 'guesstimate' is 6 months - 1 year.

7. Will this allow us to grow?

Yes! A consolidation will provide all of us with the opportunity to THRIVE NOT JUST SURVIVE! Combining all resources, talents, money and energy will allow for further growth and outreach.

8. Why are we doing this instead of looking for another Pastor?

On their own, both congregations were going nowhere and not effectively using the gifts God has given us. God's Grace is leading us to this journey so we can be faithful stewards. There are more physical ELCA congregations/buildings than the greater Wausau area needs, or can support. Combining resources, talents and strengths will support renewed growth, outreach and Ministry to the whole Wausau Area.

- 9. Next Steps: (These are not in any specific order and more info will come when we get to each specific step)
 - Task force formation and then meetings to discuss financial standing, buildings, bylaws, vision, mission and compatibility
 - Synod sponsored Pastoral coaching along with Synod guidance for every step.
 - Congregational meetings to vote to proceed
 - Legal steps to transition from individual identities to a new combined identity
 - Holy Closure for each individual congregation after thoughtful Legacy Building
 - Ceremonial Worship to close GS and SS, open a new congregation and installation of the pastor

Timeline Review

April 29, 2023 - First meeting with Synod Leadership and Greater Wausau Area congregational leaders

June 21, 2023 - start of monthly Presidents meeting

November 8/16, 2023 - Approached by Immanuel Lutheran Church/Met with Immanuel council - they were solely interested in a traditional 2-point parish arrangement (Option 1)

November 8, 2023 - Approached by St Stephen Pastor and Council President with interest to start conversations about consolidation (Option 2)

November 18, 2023 - Second Synod meeting with Greater Wausau Area leaders St Stephen and Good Shepherd met together with Synod leaders to discuss possible consolidation option

<u>December 12, 2023</u> - informed the council in a closed session as St Stephen requested us to keep it confidential. The council was in full support of Option 2.

<u>December 17, 2023</u> - Informed the Good Shepherd congregation at a Town Hall meeting generically of the 2 options and they supported Option 2 of consolidation

<u>December 27, 2023</u> Request for follow up meeting with St Stephen and they asked for a task force to be formed

January 18, 2024 - First joint task force meeting and SS gave permission to publicly share

January 21, 2024 - Annual meeting and public sharing of St Stephen and Good Shepherd in discussions

<u>January 25, 2023</u> - Good Shepherd Task Force first meeting to plan. Members are Kay Walters, Paul and JoAnn Grewe, Jennifer Holcomb, Mike and Laurie Sturzenegger. JoAnn has agreed to serve as main contact person.

CONFIRMATION SCHEDULE Starting on Ash Wednesday (February 14):

Wed. Feb 14 @ 5:30 PM - join us for Ash Wednesday worship at PILGRIM LUTHERAN CHURCH (709 Weston Avenue, WAUSAU - near John Marshall Elementary School).

Families are encouraged to worship together - we will NOT hold class after worship this week.

We meet WEEKLY during Lent! Schedule is below. Remember that if the Wausau School District cancels classes or evening activities due to inclement weather, we will NOT hold confirmation class on that day.

Wednesdays: Feb 21, 28, Mar 6, 13, 20 @ 5:30 PM Worship at GOOD SHEPHERD church (930 Edgewood Road, Wausau) meal to follow worship class until 7PM

3/27 - HOLY WEEK stay tuned for more details of these special worship opportunities!

See you soon!!
Your Confirmation Leaders [Tim, Pastor Karoline, MJ, & Jenn]

CRITICAL NEED!!!

Can we reach 50 pints?

Schedule your appt online 1-800-733-2767

Or www.redcrossblood.org Consider Donating:

- **♦ SNACKS**
- ♦ BLOOD
- **♦ HELP**

Thur, Feb. 8



1-6 pm

Appointment Driver

needed

We have a member in need of rides to medical appointments. Check in with the office if you can help.

Occasional Help Needed: Snow Shoveling/Small Tasks

GSLC received a call seeking help with occasional snow removal and periodic small tasks. She lives near Thom Field. She has sought help with Faith in Action to no avail. Contact the office if you can help.

We invite you to join together in an evening of fellowship over a special meal and fun, facilitated by our own GSLC Tuesday Morning Quilters!

The menu consists of an Italian meal complete with appetizer, salad, meat and vegetarian option entrees, garlic bread and dessert.

For those who enjoy a glass of wine with dinner, we will have several flavor options made by our own Brian Denfeld and Wayne Gehrke!

This meal has been made possible with the use Thrivent Action team funds.

THANK YOU. THRIVENT!

Free will offering donations will be used to help offset the recent costs of organ repair.

Call and sign up today!

RSVPS can be left on a voice message or email by Feb 4.



F E B R U A R Y Birthdays



2	Arabella Schmitt
5	Wayne Gehrke
6	Phyllis Baumer
10	Kelly Berndt
11	Judy Miller
12	Jaysy Schalow
	Lucas Schuette
	Kurt Semling
13	Braxton Millerleile
14	Kamryn Stich
15	Jacelyn Majewski

19	William Mueller
20	Jackie Sturzenegger
22	Gay Baumann
	Robin Mueller
24	Tim Holcomb
25	Chase Majewski
26	Rylee Dehnel
	Breanna Schmudlach
27	Bentlev Rothmever

Tim Logemann

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5 Wesley & Bobbie Salzmann

- 8 Bradley & Dorie Johnson
- 16 Barb & Richard Krautkramer

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Church Council Meeting Minutes January 9, 2024

Call to Order & Attendance

6:34 pm- **Remote:** Andy Walters, Cory Toth-LaPointe, Craig Netzer, Chad Majewski, Laurie Sturzenegger, Mike Sturzenegger, MJ Horvat, Cheryl Rocheleau, Jenn Samperisi **Not Present:** Tony Omernik

Gathering Litany

God's Word

Devotional Time- Andy Walters Where have you seen God's work lately - All

Agenda Review/Approval

- Additions
 - o Review Noisy Offering Ideas
 - Restlawn Cemetery
- Agenda Review/Approval (MSC: Laurie/Craig)

October Treasurer/Financial Report

- Cory reviewed December financials (MSC: Jenn/Shelly)
 - o Total Net Income: \$38,519.00
 - Several large donations
- YTD Net Income vs Expenses
 - o \$55,891.00 (with ERC)
 - \$19,210.00 (without ERC)

Our Response to the Word

Presidents Meeting

Next meeting is on Jan. 11, 2024

Task Force

- Motion made to close the section of the meeting (MSC: Jenn/Cheryl)
- o Details will be provided as needed in the future
- Motion made to reopen the meeting (MSC: Craig/MJ)

Kartika's Korner

- Organ Repair
 - o Broke on Dec. 22nd. Kartika brought someone in to take a look at it. It was determined to be a motherboard issue and it needs to be replaced.
 - Parts will be ordered for repair. Total cost to fix is about \$2500. We will not be responsible for paying for the new motherboard if that does NOT resolve the problem.
- Valentine's Dinner
 - o Friday February 9th put on by the Women of the Church.

- Doing before Valentine's Day to be accommodating to those who give something up for Lent.
- Wednesday Lenten Meal
 - o Do we still want to serve a meal on Wednesdays during Lent?
 - Split among different groups in the church taking responsibility for a meal
 - A Wednesday pizza night was suggested with different church groups sponsoring or perhaps pizza if we don't have a volunteer group to prepare a meal
 - o Voted to move forward with doing Wednesday meals during Lent
- Lent curriculum
 - o Kartika looking at Sanctified Art, which would be a cost to GSLC
 - Not an expensive thing for our congregation
 - Council discussed and voted to move forward with the purchase of whatever she decides with a limit of \$500 (MSC: Chad/Craig)

City Pages Ad

Mike just wanted to share that our ad was published

Noisy Offering Ideas

- They were planned through the end of the 2023
- Council discussed ideas to cover the next few months
- There are no known requirements to receive Noisy Offering, so if anyone has any ideas, please share with Angie

Restlawn Cemetery

- Lost their shop due to fire recently
- Council discussed something nice we could do for the workers, etc. being that they are in our neighborhood.
- Suggestions were lunch, gift certificates from local coffee shop, or some small gesture to show our support
- Motion made look into a \$100 gift card to the Pickle Jar (MSC: Laurie/Cory)

Action Items

None at this time

Prayers of the Church/Lord's Prayer

• The Lord's Prayer

Sending/Motion to Adjourn

Meeting Adjourned 8:09 pm (MSC: Chad/Chad)

FEBRUARY 2024 CALENDAR

Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

28 9:00 am Worship Andy Walters Leading 10:15 am Fellowship Hour Sunday School/ Adult Forum/ Bible Study	29 5:30 pm Shep Strummers 6:30 pm Shep Ringers 7:00 PM Dartball: @ St Stephen	30 9:00 am LWR Quilters	31 5:30 pm Confirmation 6:00 pm Shep Strings 7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal	1	2	3
9:00 am Worship Pr. Nicole B. Welke presiding 10:15 am Fellowship Hour Sunday School/ Adult Forum/ Bible Study VALENTINE DINNER DEADLINE	5 5:30 pm Shep Strummers 6:30 pm Shep Ringers 7:00 PM Dartball: Peace Panthers @ GSLC	9:00 am LWR Quilters	7 6:00 pm Shep Strings 7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal	1:00 Blood Drive	Valentine Dinner 5:30 pm Appetizers 6:00 pm Dinner RSVP NEEDED By 2-4-24	10
9:00 am Worship Pr. Nicole B. Welke presiding 10:15 am Fellowship Hour Sunday School/ Adult Forum/ Bible Study 6:30 pm comb. choir rehearse @ Pilgrim	5:30 pm Shep Strummers 6:30 pm Shep Ringers 7:00 PM Dartball: St. Michael Royals @ GSLC	9:00 am LWR Quilters 6:30 pm Church Council Mtg	ASH WEDNESDAY 6:30 pm Worship @ Pilgrim Confirmation expected to attend worship OFFERING COUNT	5:30 pm GSLC Task Force Mtg / Combined Task Force Mtg	16	17
9:00 am Worship 10:15 am Fellowship Hour Sunday School/ 10:15 am Town Hall Meeting	5:30 pm Shep Strummers 6:30 pm Shep Ringers 7:00 PM Dartball: GSLC @ St. Paul Hornets	District 6 Spring Primary Election @ GSLC 7 am-8 pm	9:00 am LWR Quilters 12:00 pm Worship @ St Stephen 5:30 pm Worship @ GSLC/ Confirmation Supper to follow 6:15 pm Shep Ringers 7:00 pm Shep Choir	1:30 pm Corks n Covers 6:30 pm Riverview Neighborhood Mtg	23	24
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			OFFERING COUNT			11



ENDOWMENT FUND

Fund Objective:

The mission of this Fund is to provide a tool that allows people to give a gift or legacy as a means of extending the mission of Christ's church. The application of the funds received and disbursed will be consistent with the mission and purpose of the church in its Mission Statement. (Include additional sheets if more space is required.)

GRANT APPLICATION

NAME:			
COMMITTEE / GROUP (If	applicable):		
DATE ESTABLISHED:			
STREET ADDRESS:			
MAILING ADDRESS (if diff	erent):		
PHONE:	EMAIL:		
CONTACT PERSON:			
PURPOSE OF ORGANIZAT	ION (include brief desc	ription of services provided):	
PURPOSE FOR FUNDS REC	QUESTED:		
TOTAL DOLLAR AMOUNT	FOR PROJECT: \$		
TOTAL DOLLAR AMOUNT	REQUESTED: \$		
HAS THE ENDOWMENT F	UND SUPPORTED THIS	ORGANIZATION IN THE PAST?	Y / N
IF YES, HOW MUCH:	\$	DATE:	
NOTES:			

All requests will be acted upon following review by the Good Shepherd Endowment Fund Committee. Specific dates may be obtained by contacting the church office at 715-675-1997. All Requests must be submitted to the church office by March 31 to be considered that year.

GOOD SHEPHERD LUTHERAN CHURCH ENDOWMENT FUND COMMITTEE

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Good Shepherd Lutheran Church

2024 EASTER FLOWER Order Form

Lilies and spring flowers will be used to beautify the sanctuary and honor loved ones for the Christmas worship services.

DUE DATE: Sunday, March 4, 2024

Checks can be made out to Good Shepherd Lutheran Church

NAME	
PHONE	
: Given in memory / honor of	

Please indicate your choices below.

____: Given to the Glory of God...

____: Will take plant home

____: Would like plant donated to home bound member.



We are in need of assistance with flower pick-up and delivery.

If you are able to help, contact the office.

Flowers will need to be picked up on or before Friday, March 29. (Good Friday) from Festival Foods on 17th Avenue.



CIRCLE YOUR OPTION

For
Easter Sunday
March 31, 2024

BLOOMING PLANTS:

6" Single Easter Lily	\$12
6" Mum	\$16
6" Calen diva	\$18
6" Cyclamen	\$16
6" Azalea	\$34
6" Hydrangea	\$33
6" Daffodil	\$12
6" Tulip	\$12
6" Hyacinth	\$12

OFFICE USE ONLY: PAID	
AMOUNT:	
CIRCLE ONE: CASH / CHECK	
CHECK #:	