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#### JUNE OFFICIANTS

June 4: Pr. Matalie Bassett

June 11: Lay Led

June 18: Pr. Nicale Behnke-Welke

June 25: Pr. Gary Fraseth

GATHER in Blessings \* GROW in Purpose \* GO with Passion

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#### **MARK YOUR CALENDARS:**

#### **WORSHIP**

SUNDAY WORSHIP 9:00 AM @ GSLC

KEVIN KO HANDBELL CONCERT JUNE 25, 2023

SHARED MINISTRY WAUSAU SERVICE
JULY 16 \* 10:30 AM
ROTHSCHILD PAVILION
No worship at
Good Shepherd that day

ONLINE WORSHIP AVAILABLE

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# Worship & Resources

**Good Shepherd is online:** 

YOUTUBE: type: GSLC Wausau WI

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

**FACEBOOK:** <a href="https://www.facebook.com/gslcwausau/">https://www.facebook.com/gslcwausau/</a>

**GSLC WEBSITE:** www.gswausau.org

**ZOOM:** Watch your email for the opportunity to join in online group meetings

**Other Resources:** 

http://elca.org/PublicHealth Guidance resources for congregations and members from the ELCA

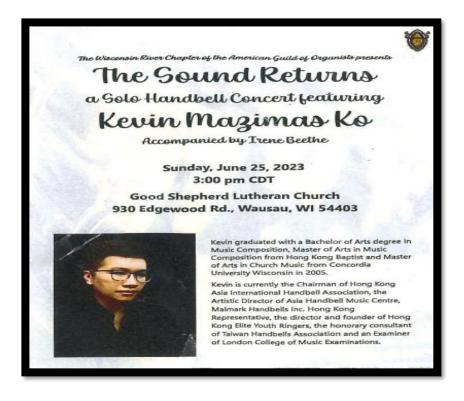
**LUTHERAN HOUR MINISTRIES/ Daily Devotions:** lhm.org

**DAILY DEVOTIONALS ARE HERE:** Christ in Our Home & Portals of Prayer

Date	4-Jun	11-Jun	18-Jun	25-Jun	
Presiding Minister	Pr. Natalie B	L STURZENEGGER	PR. NICOLE	Pr. Gary	
ASSISTING MINISTER	MJ HORVAT	ALICIA HERRERA	PAUL GREWE?	TIM HOLCOMB	
READER(S)	DIANE PETERSON	SHARON SEMLING	JOANN GREWE	BONNIE ANDERSON	
Greeter 1	BONNIE ANDERSON	CHERYL ROCHELEAU	Jean Korpela	ADAM PLEUSS	
Greeter 2	Susan Mazique	KTOTH	JOYCE NICK	Jillian/liliana J	
USHER 1	Marty Krahn	MIKE STURZENEGGER	Josh Stumpner	HANK PLEUSS	
USHER 2	GREG BEHRENDT	LAURIE STURZENEGGER	ANDY HEISE	JOVID SCHUETTE	
ALTAR GUILD	ALTAR GUILD LAURIE STURZENEGGER		LAURIE STURZENEGGER	LAURIE STURZENEGGER	

NOTE: Changes may have been made after publishing.





Did you know this expands the reach of Good Shepherd ministries at no cost?

GIVE IT A TRY!

**FUNERAL** Sylvia E. Herzog 5-18-23 Pr. Natalie Bassett officiating

**JUNE** NOISY **OFFERING Shared** Ministry Worship Project

JUNE & JULY **TOWN HALL MEETINGS** 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday 6-11-23 7-9-23 ~10:00 am

## Shared Ministry Worship Event!

### Sunday, July 16 / 10:30 am / Rothschild Pavilion



Mark your calendars right away! This is very possibly the first collaborative ELCA Wausau area worship experience of its kind! There are currently 7 Wausau area ELCA congregations on-board and possibly more to join. This service will replace services at those 7 churches for those offering just one Sunday service or if multiple services are offered, this will replace their 10:30 am service. There are currently several different task forces and if you would like to be part of the planning and or get involved with any worship assisting & music making, reach out to Kartika to get plugged in!

#### Current Task forces and assisting needs:

- ~WORSHIP / MUSIC ( MUSICAL OFFERINGS )
- ~ASSTS: READERS, USHERS, GREETERS, ETC.
- ~TECHNOLOGY
- ~VISUALS ( DECORATING )
- ~ADMIN / PUBLICITY / FINANCE
- ~HOSPITALITY ( PICNIC LUNCH TO FOLLOW )
- ~POST WORSHIP ACTIVITIES
- ~SETUP / CLEANUP

#### PLANT SALE: WRAP UP... ~\$2,200 in SALES!



And that's a wrap...Plant Sale 2023 is in the books! The GSLC community, friends and neighbors collectively purchased \$2,200 worth of premium vegetables and flowers. Imagine the joy and satisfaction that investment will provide for so many people! And...it all started with just a few tiny seeds! Seeds and soil are so symbolic throughout the scripture in the bible. Perhaps you will take a moment to take it in and dwell in the Word. One thing for sure, the hearts of growers, Tom, Sue and Rick Domka and sale workers, Barb Denfeld, Shelly Ellenbecker and Margie Viergutz are living examples!

We are grateful! We are community! We are good soil!

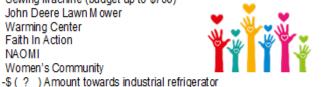
Mondays, starting June 19 @ 5:30 pm riverside near Brig's

WEATHER PERMITING! ~ ALL R WELCOME!





\$ 7,117.50	Beginning Balance
- \$700.00	Sewing Machine (budget up to \$700)
-\$4000.00	John Deere Lawn Mower
-\$ 150.00	Warming Center
-\$ 150.00	Faith In Action
-\$ 150.00	NAOMI
-\$ 150.00	Women's Community





NOTES: We had a great turn out for the meeting with 15 in attendance. Everyone went around the table and shared a memory they had regarding of the Women of GS. There is such rich history here!

Community, service and gratitude are just a few themes that stand out! Also, the desire for a bible study which we will make plans to implement. Discussion was had regarding the purchase of an industrial size refrigerator. Now that events are being scheduled, the need for more refrigerator space has been brought up. A donation has been offered to help offset the cost if purchase can be made. Research is being done at this time. More details to follow.

**Y A Y!!** The lawn mower has arrived! Thank you to the Women of Good Shepherd, generous donors and everyone who gave to the free will offering basket at the Lenten lunch or suppers.

This is something to be proud of! I think it needs a name! Ideas?

## CROSSWAYS NEWS (MID-MAY 2023)

DO YOU REMEMBER THAT CROSSWAYS - WAYPOST HAS SUMMER CAMPS FOR FAMILIES, CHILDREN, AND YOUTH?

- FAMILY AND MULTI-GENERATIONAL CAMP WILL BE JULY 5-8. PASTOR RICH BLOCK WILL BE LEADING THE ADULT SESSIONS EXPANDING ON THE SUMMER THEMES OF GOD, CREATION, AND IDENTITY IN THE OVERALL THEME OF "HOLY TRINITY, WHOLLY LOVE." THE COUNSELORS WILL BE WORKING WITH CHILDREN AND YOUTH.
- ELEMENTARY GRADES 3 AND ABOVE AND YOUTH/ CONFIRMATION CAMP WILL BE JULY 9-14. PATHFINDERS (GRADES 3-5) AND MAVERICKS / CONFIRMATION
  (GRADES 6-8) WILL BE TOGETHER THIS WEEK.

\$1,817.50

- WILDERNESS BACKPACKING WILL BE JULY 16 21. JUNIOR AND SENIOR HIGH CAMPERS WILL TREK THROUGH THE PORCUPINE MOUNTAINS, CHALLENGING THEMSELVES, MAKING NEW FRIENDS AND GROWING IN THEIR FAITH! THE GROUP WILL BEGIN AND END AT WAYPOST.
- TO REGISTER FOR ANY OF THESE PROGRAMS, OR TO REQUEST A SCHOLARSHIP, CHECK OUT THE WEBSITE AT CROSSWAYSCAMPS. ORG.

HAVE YOU MET OUR INTERIM DIRECTOR AT WAYPOST? HE IS PASTOR JUSTIN SMOOT AND WILL BE SERVING AT CAMP THIS SUMMER. WELCOME, JUSTIN!

#### Wausau Workcamp Needs Your Ladders



Group Mission Trips is coming to Wausau this summer! Our youth have taken several mission trips with them to other cities and now it's Wausau's turn to host campers. These youth from around the country will be coming to Wausau to do interior and exterior repairs or improvements on a select number of homes throughout Wausau. They will be bringing lots of tools and equipment with them, but often local ladders are needed.

If you have a fiberglass or aluminum ladder (no wood ones, please) in good condition and are willing to loan it for use during this workcamp, please contact Tim Holcomb (715-212-3633) to tell him what you've got. It's possible they may get a little paint on them with the work, but that will preserve some of the memories of the service they performed. Ladders will be needed the week of July 23-28. We may also keep a list of ladders on standby, pending the numbers, sizes and styles that are brought with the campers. Thanks for considering the help.

## JUNE CALENDAR

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	
Online Worship Available Sundays			Shepherd Strings will determine a summer rehearsal schedule via email	1	2	3	
9:00 am Worship Pr. Natale Bassett presiding 10:00 am Adult Forum:	5 6:00 pm Shared Ministry Mtg @ St. Stephen 7:00 pm AA	9:00 am LWR Quilters	9:00 am AA	8	9	10	
9:00 am Worship 10:00 am Adult Forum 10:00 am Town Hall Meeting	12 4:00 pm Kwik Trip Library 7:00 pm AA	9:00 am LWR Quilters 4:00 pm Kwik Trip Mtg- Fellowship Hall 6:30 pm Church Council Meeting	9:00 am AA  OFFERING COUNT	15	16	17	
9:00 am Worship Pr. Nicole Behnke- Welke presiding 10:00 am Adult Forum	5:30 pm Shepherd Strummers @ River Walk 7:00 pm AA	9:00 am LWR Quilters	9:00 am AA	1:30 pm Corks n Covers @ River Front Apartments 6:30 pm Riverview Neighborhood Mtg	23	24	
9:00 am Worship Pr. Gary Froseth Presiding 10:00 am Adult Forum	5:30 pm Shepherd Strummers @ River Walk	9:00 am LWR Quilters	9:00 am AA	29	30		
3:00 pm AGO Presents Kevin Ko Handbell Concert	7:00 pm AA		OFFERING COUNT	Jel Control	howship		

Coffee & Fellowship Hour

### **Helpers Needed**

Summer is a great time to try something new. New refreshments helpers after worship are always appreciated. It is also fun and helpful to partner with someone! Contact Kay (715-675-4556) or the office to find out the "what, where when and how"!

## JUNE Birthdays



- 2 Howard Drebenstedt
- 4 Loren Beyersdorff
- 5 Cara Clemens-Krueger
- 5 Duane Doering
- 7 Harold Eisenman
- 8 Nicholas Boulanger
- 9 Carol Carmichael
- 9 Morgan Cummings
- 10 James Carmichael
- 11 Arlene Henke
- 12 Anne Buntrock
- 12 Jane Cloutier
- 12 Danica Sturzenegger
- 13 Tricia Maier
- 14 Nicole Graveen
- 15 Frances Carmichael

- 15 Debra Clemens
- 16 Steven Martell
- 19 Barbara Krautkramer
- 19 Katherine Krueger
- 20 Dawn Thorwaldson
- 22 Oliver Merkey
- 23 Clarice Kohnhorst
- 23 Jessica Pergolski
- 25 Karriann Bargender
- 25 Mark Selby
- 26 Arlyn Westberg
- 27 Karen Bliese
- 27 Caden Guldan
- 28 Samantha Bartelt
- 28 Adam Pleuss
- 30 James Nick

## JUNE Anniversaries



- 3 Brent & Melissa Kriewaldt
- 6 Mark & Pam Hildebrandt
- 17 Dustin & Rebecca Chapman
- 17 Duane & Elisha Doering
- 18 Paul & Pam Daigle
- 18 Lawrence & Jean Korpela
- 21 Brian & Amy Merkey
- 22 Paul & Joann Grewe

- 24 Rick & Debra Clemens
- 25 Brian & Barb Denfeld
- 26 Tom & Sue Domka
- 27 Charles Jr & Marjorie Schwede
- 28 Dean & Bonnie Krubsack
- 29 Rand Krueger & Nancy Bergstrom
- 29 Dan & Diana LaCerte

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9:30 AM-4:00 PM
Monday-Friday

# Worship Sundays @ 9:00 am

# Worship services available Released for: Sundays

go to
GSLC Wausau WI on Youtube,
www.gswausau.org
Facebook
(they remain available at

#### Dr. Kartika Putri

our youtube channel)

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#### **Brian Wiese**

Interim Financial Secretary 715.539.6700

#### **Barb Denfeld**

Parish Nurse

#### Cory Toth LaPointe

Treasurer

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#### Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, Wausau WI

Church Council Meeting Minutes May 9, 2023

#### Call to Order & Attendance

6:36 pm- **Present:** Jenny Samperisi, Chad Majewski, Jenn Holcomb, Tony Omernik, Cheryl Rocheleau, Laurie Sturzenegger, MJ Horvat, Mike Sturzenegger, Andy Walters, Craig Netzer, **Not Present:** Cory Toth-LaPointe, Shelly Ellenbecker, Dia Arpon **Remote:** None

#### **Gathering Litany**

#### God's Word

Devotional Time- MJ Horvat Where have you seen God's work lately - All

#### Review/Approval

- Agenda Review/Approval (MSC: Laurie/Chad)
  - Add #6 July 16 Community Service (4-5 churches)
- April Minutes Review/Approval (MSC: N/A)
  - Tim/Jenn will review newsletter before it goes out
  - o Brief demo and chat about electronic approval process
- Annual Meeting Minutes Review
  - Republish and get the correct version out to all

#### **Treasurer/Financial Report**

- Cory is not in attendance, council discussed
- Jenn questioned line items in Income Statement vs Actual and all the \$0.00
- (MSC: Jenn/Laurie)

#### Our Response to the Word

#### **Membership Giving Stats**

- Tony started working with Angie to gather more detailed information
- Council discussed and reviewed data

#### **Homebound Visitation Program**

• 18 people have signed up and passed background checks

#### Kartika's Korner

- We have pastors through August and 2 open dates in September
- Bike to Church Day on May 21 (goes along with bike to work week)

#### **MSP Update**

- Have received 24 electronic MSP surveys + 10 paper forms back
- Will continue to take forms as they are received

#### **Shared Ministry Meeting**

- Meeting was April 29<sup>th</sup> attended by Mike, Laurie, MJ, and Josh
- 6 churches were in attendance
- What does the ELCA look like in the Greater Wausau Area

- Discussed core values, strengths, and weaknesses
- Some council members have attended services at other churches
- Meeting was very eye opening
- 10 local ELCA churches with 2 full time pastors and 2 part-time pastors serving all of them
- Resources from the meeting were shared with council members
- Another meeting on May 25<sup>th</sup>, 2023

#### July 16th Community Service

- 4 churches (GSLC, St. Johns, Pilgrim, Mt. Calvary)
- At Rothschild Pavilion (service and lunch) @ 10:30 am
- No worship service at GSLC that Sunday
- Cost of Pavilion rental would be split between churches
- Estimated at 200 attendees
- Motion proposed to have GSLC be a part of the service and shared expenses with the other churches (MSC: Cheryl/Jenn)

#### **Tabled**

- Good Shepherd Constitution review, update, amendment(s)
- Strategic Planning
- Re-start the visioning work that we had begun toward the end of last year
- Move to Tithe.ly

#### **Action Items**

- Membership Giving Stats
- MSP Survey
- Plant Sale all handled

#### **Prayers of the Church/Lord's Prayer**

• The Lord's Prayer

#### Sending/Motion to Adjourn

Meeting Adjourned 8:17 pm (MSC: Laurie/Craig)

	Good Shepherd - 2023 YTD Income & Expenses												
													YTD
	Jan-23	Feb-23	Mar-23	Apr-23	May-23	Jun-23	Jul-23	Aug-23	Sep-23	Oct-23	Nov-23	Dec-23	Totals
Income	\$17,614	\$21,688	\$16,906	\$23,190									\$79,398
Expenses	\$17,217	\$25,782	\$18,535	\$17,505									\$79,039
Total	\$397	(\$4,094)	(\$1,629)	\$5,685	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$358

#### MINISTRY SITE PROFILE SURVEY SPRING 2023

#### THANK YOU TO EVERYONE WHO SUBMITTED SURVEYS & IT'S NOT TOO LATE!

Surveys are still being accepted and reviewed- Your feedback is important!

- Scan the QR code by pointing your phone camera and then press the yellow link below.
   The survey will appear, and you can fill it out online. One & done!
- 2. Print out a hard copy from the May newsletter at home. Fill it out and return to church.
- 3. Pick up a copy outside the office. Fill it out and return to church.



# GSLC Annual Meeting January 22, 2023

#### **COUNCIL APPROVED: DRAFT**

Attendance was 56 plus two additional who joined virtually, for a total of 58. Quorum was met.

CALL TO ORDER at 10:32am.

**OPENING PRAYER** – Joshua Stumpner, Council President

#### **APPROVAL OF 2022 MINUTES**

Requested correction to the spelling of Barb Denfeld's name and to remove the repeat in last two sentences of treasurer's report.

Motion made to approve with corrections: 1. Tim Holcomb 2. Mike Sturzenegger/PASSED

#### APPROVAL OF MEETING AGENDA (for 1/22/2023)

Add Endowment Committee members to election (names were present on the ballot sheet) Motion made to accept with addition: 1. Jennifer Holcomb 2. Dia Arpon/PASSED

#### **REPORTS**

Correction to Confirmation report – please add Bailey Berndt Motion made to <u>accept with correction</u>: 1. Paul Grewe 2. Joanne Grewe PASSED

#### **ELECTIONS**

- 1. Council three council nominees are on ballot; one more was needed, but we realized that we missed one offer Jennifer Holcomb willing to serve; nominated by MJ Horvat and added to the ballot
- 2. Synod Assembly Mike and Laurie Sturzenegger volunteered and were added to the ballot
- 3. Endowment Committee 5 available slots; all 5 filled with 2 poised to retire their 3-year term (Tim Holcomb and Sharon Semling); these two were willing to serve again; both were nominated and added to the ballot for another 3-year term
- 4. Nominating Committee Joshua Stumpner volunteered and was added to the ballot
- 5. Crossways Representative Tony Omernik volunteered and was added to the ballot

Motion was made to <u>accept the updated ballot and approve [vote in] all those named on the ballot</u>: 1. Joanne Grewe 2. Jennifer Holcomb/PASSED

#### **BUDGET PRESENTATION**

Treasurer Cory Toth-LaPointe presented the 2023 proposed budget and extended a sincere 'Thank You' to the congregation for contribution increases that have been helping to keep our doors open/operations running! Motion made to accept the presentation: 1. Paul Grewe 2. Hank Pleuss/PASSED

#### **FOCUSED BUDGET DISCUSSION: LINE-BY-LINE**

Cory Toth-LaPointe explained each line that had a change and facilitated discussion. Biggest focus areas were:

- Decreased expected incoming donations to \$260,000 based on last year's giving (down \$68,000) and based on a good-faith 10% increase
- No pastoral budget was planned, except for supply pastor funding
- Music and support staff cost-of-living raises of 8% these two full-time staff members are keeping this church running every day and the Council felt they deserved this raise. This was met with loud applause!!
- Benevolence will remain @ 6% of actual giving

- Question raised: what is the cost to send out bi-monthly envelopes for giving is there sufficient return on the cost to justify it, especially with the recent delay (some members had not yet received their January giving envelopes at the time of this meeting [January 22])? Angle shared that she was unsure of the actual cost but agreed to investigate; she noted that she felt the return was, indeed, worth the cost, as this was the only way some members provided their donation. Determination was that the mailing vs picking up at church decision could be handed over to Council for discussion/decision
- The new proposed budget expenditure without a pastor salary did not seem to match up there should have been a larger difference discussion continued while Cory crunched numbers.

[\*\*\* an error was found: two cells were added twice; actual budgeted expense was \$246,507. This explanation of the discrepancy was acceptable; motion made to <a href="mailto:approve the adjusted/corrected">approve the adjusted/corrected</a> amount: 1. Jennifer Holcomb 2. Laurie Sturzenegger/PASSED]

#### **OLD BUSINESS**

- 1. Angle identified deficits in equipment to provide quality <u>online worship experiences</u> staff have used their personal devices and continue to experience intermittent malfunction issues. We need further investigation into the needs of:
  - a. Camera, screen, streaming services
  - Cost there are funds available to use and Paul Grewe reminded everyone that council is authorized to spend up to \$10,000 to provide continued serves of the church without calling a congregational meeting for approval
  - c. Kartika also reminded those present: this is a need that needs a TEAM of people for success; we cannot rely on <u>one</u> person to operate the cameras [and we especially cannot rely upon the person who is supposed to be playing the organ [and the cameras can be considered to be playing the organ can be considered to the property of the considered to the considered
- 2. Josh Stumpner updated those gathered on two items from previous town hall meetings:
  - a. Transitional Support from Synod Council had voted to decline this paid service for the immediate future
  - b. Employee Retention Program funds federal program we qualify for keeping our business open through the pandemic; forms have been submitted and signed and we qualify for \$35,000! These funds have not been added to the budget as we do not know when this money will be received from the US government.

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

- 1. Endowment Fund emergency access –tabled as it was not relevant to the current situation
- 2. Home Visitation Ministry is in need of volunteers!
- 3. Pre-School Restricted Funds Question "what are we doing with these funds?" The money is being kept to finish the Damgaard room updates

#### **FINAL BUDGET APPROVAL**

Motion made to approve the final budget: 1. Paul Grewe 2. Stephanie Martel/PASSED

Reminder offered: next Sunday - New Council Installation Sunday!

**CLOSING PRAYER** – Josh Stumpner

MOTION TO ADJORN at 11:45am 1. Tim Holcomb 2. Joanne Grewe/PASSED

[Respectfully Submitted by Laurie Sturzenegger]













NEW MEMBER WELCOME/ GOOD SHEPHERD SUNDAY:

ALICIA HERRERA PICTURED WITH HER HUSBAND ERIC DAKOTA KLINGER WITH HIS FAMILY, CARA, HALEY & ELIZABETH















PRO MUSICA SPRING CONCERT: Karen Lakus & Kartika Putri





AFFIRMATION OF BAPTISM
5-21-2023
WELCOME!
PR. NATALIE & PR. KAROLINE













HEALING OF THE NATIONS SERVICE: 5-28-2023







