Good Shepherd
LUTHERAN CHURCH
930 Edgewood Road Wausau, WI 54403
(Change Service Requested)

NOVEMBER: 2026

OFFICE HOURS

Note: Good Shepherd Office will now be closed on Fridays.

New Office Hours:
Monday-Thursday 9:30 am-4:00 pm



Don't forget to set your clocks back Saturday night 10-31-26!

GATHER in Blessings * GROW in Purpose * GO with Passion

ADULT FORUM AND SUNDAY SCHOOL * SUNDAYS @ 10:15 am
ALL SAINTS SUNDAY * NOVEMBER 1
HOLIDAY BAZAAR & BOOK SALE * NOVEMBER 14 & 15 SEE PG 5
CHRIST THE KING SUNDAY * NOV 22
MAGGIE'S POP UP PANTRY * NOV 23 * 2-5 PM
THANKSGIVING SERVICE @ FIRST ENGLISH * NOVEMBER 24 * 6:30 PM
ADVENT WORSHIP * WEDNESDAYS STARTING DEC 2 * 5:30 PM



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JOIN US FOR LIVE WORSHIP!

SUNDAYS @ 9:00 am

SUNDAY ONLINE WORSHIP AVAILABLE

THANKSGIVING EVE SHARED WORSHIP @ FIRST ENGLISH
Nov 24 * worship 6:30 pm
Pie Social to follow

MIDWEEK DINNER CHURCH:
Wednesdays @ 5:30 pm

MIDWEEK ADVENT: STARTING
Wed. Dec. 2 @ 5:30 pm

ONLINE WORSHIP
LOCATED IN OUR YOUTUBE ARCHIVES

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

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 (Oct-Dec)

MIDWEEK ADVENT WORSHIP
Wednesdays @ 5:30pm.

- Dec 2
- Dec 9
- Dec 16



WORSHIP & MUSIC MINISTRIES: NOVEMBER SCHEDULE

Mon @ 5:30 pm:
Shepherd Strummers

Tue @ 10:00 am:
Shepherd Strings

Wed @ 6:30 pm:
Shepherd Ringers

Wed @ 7:30 pm:
Adult Choir

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NEW OFFICE HOURS
M-Th: 9:30 am-4:00 pm
Closed Fridays

Worship
Sundays @ 9:00 am

Worship services online
Sundays
go to
GSLC Wausau WI on Youtube,
www.gswausau.org
Facebook
(they remain available at our youtube channel)

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	1-Nov	8-Nov	15-Nov	22-Nov	29-Nov
Presiding Minister	Pr. Nicole B-Welke	Pr. Dan Sire	Cari Logemann	Pr. Nicole Behnke-Welke	Pr. Nicole Behnke-Welke
Assisting Minister	Jenny Samperisi	Susan Mazique	Laurie Sturzenegger	Tim Holcomb	Andy Walters
Reader(s)	Pam Bootz	Julie Yandell	Sharon Semling	Reader's Ministry	Theresa Bootz
Greeter 1	K Toth	TBD	Barb Denfeld	Susan Mazique	K Toth
Greeter 2	Helen Vance	Karen Maier	Bobbie Salzmann	Adam Pleuss	Alicia Herrera
Usher 1	Marty Krahn	Jovid Schuette	John Allman	Hank Pleuss	Laurie Sturzenegger
Usher 2	Greg Behrendt	Josh Stumpner	Pam Bootz	Andy Heise	Mike Sturzenegger
Communion assistants	Jill Falkowski Bobbie Salzman	Mindy Schuette	TBD	Alicia Herrera Julie Yandell	Kay Walters Jill Falkowski
Altar Guild	Denise Mattice	Denise Mattice	Denise Mattice	Denise Mattice	Denise Mattice
Coffee Hour	Team 3	TBD	Team 1	TBD	Team 2

Pastor Nicole's Nuggets for Thought:

As we begin the month of November with All Saints Sunday on November 1, we recognize all the saints who have died this past year and joined the saints eternal. We also lift up the new saints that we welcomed into our community through the holy waters of baptism. Finally, we also lift up the reality that we are saints in the world today as well. This past year, we were blessed to have done six baptisms.

Recently, I was talking about baptisms and how I never actually say the last name of the one I am baptizing. You may not have even noticed this in the service. I can say part of it is that last names are difficult to make sure that they are pronounced correctly. However, this is not the real reason I do not use last names in baptism. It is because in baptism we take on a new family name, the name Christian. We are baptized and welcomed into the family of Christ. We truly all share the same "last" name of Christian that we gained in those holy waters. It is in those waters we are united not just with our immediate family but with all the saints.

So, I invite you to ponder this month what it might mean for you to live into the family name of Christian. What it might mean to realize the great cloud of saints that we are all a part of because of the waters of baptism. How does this look when all those that carry the name Christian who are part of our family do not agree with us or us with them. It means that being part of this Christan family is not always easy, but I must believe it is worth it. Worth it because of what God promises in baptism where we are marked with the cross of Christ and sealed by the Holy Spirit not just when it is nice but forever.

In our world, to bear the name of Christian can be hard at times. During this Thanksgiving season what would it look like to take action that could change the perception of what it means to be Christian and part of this family for the better? There are lots of opportunities always at this time of year, some are more passive like dropping of food for the pantry. What are some more active ways to share what it means to be Christian? Could it be engaging in conversation with someone who comes to the pantry to hear their story, serving meals or giving time at a shelter? Or maybe it is simply being willing to share your faith and what is going on here at Good Shepherd to welcome someone new during this season that can be hard for so many for different reasons. What will you do as a Christian Saint to live into this family and the identity that we all bear?

-PN

BLOOD DRIVE RESULTS

Thank you to everyone who helped reach the goal of 26 pints of blood! It takes a village and the need is great!



NAOMI

NOVEMBER NOISY OFFERING

Funds collected this month will be shared with NAOMI who are working hard towards equity for the vulnerable.
Did you know that GSLC was one of the founding congregations to help get NAOMI established?

Giving Tree

Coming soon~
Watch for details



Outreach Lunch Helpers



Sunday School around the font



Reformation Sunday Attire



Food gratitude



The Derus Bros. Baptism

The next Maggie's Pantry will be November 23 * 2PM - 5PM.

That's right – 4 days before Thanksgiving – the day we are grateful for what we have and who we have in our lives. So, in addition to our regular pantry needs we are asking for those who are able to donate something to allow folks who utilize the pantry to have a special holiday meal. Things like canned pumpkin, green beans, corn or cranberries. Or how about gravy mix, stuffing mix, mushroom soup or pie crust mix? If you would rather have someone else shop – that works too! Donations of $ are always Welcome.

Please consider sharing your abundance with others!

God Bless!

Laurie Sturzenegger

SUNDAY SCHOOL:

Sunday School will be meeting weekly throughout November and December
10:15-11:00 am.
(No class Nov. 29)

We would like to extend an invitation for new friends to join us between now and Christmas! On Nov 22, we will be assisting with Christ the King Sunday @ 9 am and then spend the rest of the Sundays preparing for the Children's Christmas program that will be presented Christmas Eve at 5 pm.



Day of Discernment Workshop

Holiday "Fall" Bazaar Baskets

It's time to start thinking about the holiday bazaar. Your help would be so appreciated! Raffle baskets are helpful fundraisers. Now is the time to start planning your basket theme! They can be dropped off anytime starting November 1, where they will be displayed and tickets can be purchased. There will be a special fellowship time Sunday, November 29th when winners will be announced after worship during brunch. See Lorraine Beyersdorff for all details regarding participation with the bazaar.





Corks n Covers Book Sale @ the Holiday "Fall" Bazaar

Booksale will be Saturday and Sunday November 14 & 15.
This is our annual call to steward your books to the next reader!

You can bring your new, new to you and gently used literature throughout October and up to November 12. Books can be stored in the library. Watch for details for setup.
If you have questions, contact Bonnie Anderson @ **bonhealthcorner@yahoo.com.**

Puzzles & games accepted as well ☺



We are in need of:

Soups * Baked goods * Crafters/ Vendors * Craft Items * Books * Helpers * Shoppers * Advertisers and Silent Auction Baskets which can be brought starting November 1st.

Contact Lorraine to find out more:

715-370-1784

NOVEMBER Birthdays



1. Mark Hildebrandt
   Craig Netzer
   Marjorie Viergutz
2 Mary Ann Howard
   Mari Rybarczyk
   Raelynn Wendorf
4 Andrew Heise
5 Sadie Trapp
7 Dorece Johnson
   Milt Pachal
   Gina Ramthun
8 Ryan Selby
   Lucas Worden
9 Ron Bootz
   Klaire Staffeil
   Benjamin Stich
10 Kris Kamrath
13 Harold Grubb
14 Ivy Oswald
16 Natalie Doering
   Alicia Herrera
17 Torrie Maier
   Keith Yandell
18 Brittany Waldinger
20 Elizabeth Klinger
21 Rick Clemens
22 Lori Crawford
   Cheryl Ullenbrauch
23 James Janke
   Logan Mork
   Jerry Netzinger
   Jackson Schulz
26 Avary Ramthun
28 Darlene Osness
29 Deborah Kane
   Kaitlyn Stich

NOVEMBER Anniversaries

1 Greg & Angie Huckbody
11 Mike & Laurie Sturzenegger
14 William & Robin Mueller
16 Marty & Colette Krahn
30 John & Kristine Boulanger



WE HONOR THE SAINTS AMONG US
FROM THE LAST 12 MONTHS

Deceased Saints:

MARY ANN HOWARD
JOANNE BAEHMAN
BEVERLY EISENMAN
CLARICE KOHNHORST
LOUANN MILES
MARY ENGELIEN
DAVE HUSSONG
DONALD FROMFELD
RANDY SCHULTZ
JULIE HAAS
JARED GORSKI

Newly Baptized:

WREN JEAN KERSTNER
OPHELIA JOYCE MORACHE
ELOISE LORRAINE OSBORN
BARRETT SCOTT TEUCHERT
JACK JASPER DERUS
CHASE PORTER DERUS

Official Acts

Baptisms

Jack Jasper Derus
&
Chase Porter Derus

10-18-2026

Officiated by:
The Rev.
Nicole Behnke-Welke



NOVEMBER CALENDAR

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 **ALL SAINT SUNDAY** 9:00 am Worship Pr. Nicole B-Welke 10:15 am Fellowship hour Sunday School Adult Forum	2 4:30 Beginning Strummers 5:30 pm Strummers 7:00 pm Dartball: GSLC @ St Michael Sox (Teams switched hosting for election setup) K Toth cover office	3 7:00 am-8:00 pm Statewide Midterm Election 9:00 am LWR Quilters 10:00 am Strings K Toth cover office	4 5:30 pm Dinner Church / Confirmation 6:30 pm Shepherd Ringers 7:30 pm Shepherd Choir **Pr. Nicole- in office all day** Bobbie S cover office	5 Pr. Nicole attending Boundaries Ed Conference Bobbie S cover office	6 OFFICE CLOSED	7 WELCA Event
8 SUNDAY 9:00 am Worship Pr. Dan Sire 10:15 am Fellowship hour Sunday School Adult Forum	9 4:30 Beginning Strummers 5:30 pm Strummers 7:00 pm Dartball Immanuel Baptist Rockets @ GSLC	10 9:00 am LWR Quilters 10:00 am Strings 6:30 pm Church Council Mtg **Pr. Nicole- in office**	11 5:30 pm Dinner Church / Confirmation 6:30 pm Shepherd Ringers 7:30 pm Shepherd Choir **Pr. Nicole- in office all day**	12 1:30 pm Corks n Covers @ Riverlife Apt. Community Rm Reading: Nothing Ventured by Jeffrey Archer	13 OFFICE CLOSED Bazaar Setup	14 9:00 am-1:00 pm Holiday Bazaar / Booksale
15 9:00 am Worship Lay Led 10:15 am Fellowship hour Sunday School Adult Forum 10:00 am Holiday Bazaar/ Book Sale	16 4:30 Beginning Strummers 5:30 pm Strummers 7:00 pm Dartball GSLC @ Wesley Methodist Wolfpack	17 9:00 am LWR Quilters 10:00 am Strings	18 5:30 pm Dinner Church / Confirmation 6:30 pm Shepherd Ringers 7:30 pm Shepherd Choir OFFERING COUNT **Pr. Nicole- in office all day**	19	20 OFFICE CLOSED Lay School **Pr. Nicole- Work from home**	21 Lay School
22 **CHRIST THE KING SUNDAY** 9:00 am Worship Pr. Nicole B-Welke 10:15 am Fellowship hour Sunday School Adult Forum 1:00 pm doors open / 2:00 pm WRVC Annual Mtg	23 2:00 pm Magie's Pop Up Pantry 4:30 Beginning Strummers 5:30 pm Strummers 7:00 pm Dartball Mount Olive Oilers @ GSLC	24 9:00 am LWR Quilters 10:00 am Strings 6:30 pm Thanksgiving Eve Shared Service & Social @ First English	25 2:00-3:00 pm Strummers @Festival of Trees NO DINNER CHURCH OR REHEARSALS	26 OFFICE CLOSED Thanksgiving	27 OFFICE CLOSED	28
ADVENT 1 29 9:00 am Worship Lay Led 10:15 am Potluck-Raffle Basket Winner Reveal No Sunday School	30 4:30 Beginning Strummers 5:30 pm Strummers 7:00 pm Dartball GSLC @ Redeemer Luth. Brewers OFFERING COUNT	1 9:00 am LWR Quilters 10:00 am Strings	2 5:30 pm Dinner Church / Confirmation 6:30 pm Shepherd Ringers 7:30 pm Shepherd Choir **Pr. Nicole- in office all day**	3	4 OFFICE CLOSED	5 7

Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, Wausau WI
Church Council Meeting Minutes of October 13, 2026
will be included in next month's newsletter

From the President - October 2026

1. Name tags - Initial set up is complete and we started using name tags on Sunday, October 11. It was a bumpy process as it took longer than anticipated for individuals to find their name cards and assemble the tags. There were also a few people who were quite uninterested in wearing a name tag. We will keep trialing for a few weeks and modify the process as needed. We will encourage folks to leave their tags at church if they are comfortable with that as we don't have a second set of printed cards for when tags are left at home the next time they come to worship. We have a lanyard or clip for securing the tag to clothing and a place will be set up to store/hold the tags left at church.

2. Mission Development/ Outreach Task Force, formally known as Evangelism team. First meeting was Sunday, October 11. Some really good ideas were presented and excellent conversations were had. The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, October 27 at 11:30 am.

3. Maggie's Pantry - we have been given a grant from St Stephen LC Endowment, have applied to Saint Andrew LC Endowment at their request and will also be receiving free-will donation from someone who teaches Yoga at Saint Andrew twice weekly - she will begin marketing that a food drive is associated with her classes. The Maggie's Pantry team has also requested that $2000 per month be added to the 2027 budget for Pantry needs.

4. Visioning/MSP - there has been some movement on this front - meaning we have some resources available to us as we discuss the MSP to do some vision work in tandem. Pr. Nicole has a mentor who is willing to assist us as well as Synod staff who will also offer their services. It was felt that this should be separate from Council meetings at this time as we will be busy with budget talks.

Please, Peace,
Laurie

Treasurer's Report for September 2026
Council Meeting * October 13, 2026

Contributions / "Total Income"

- Total for September was $28,391 compared to the budgeted amount of $16,106. Third quarter dividend distribution from the trust was received of $13,221. When the budget was prepared last year, it was unsure at that time how much/when dividends would be received.
- For the year, total contributions (Acct #4010 total) of $332,976, compared to budgeted amount of $271,218 or 61,758 over budget. Unrestricted (Regular) contributions for the year (Acct #4030) are a little more than the prior year at $164,772 versus $163,218 or $1,555 more.

Expenses for the month were $21,824 compared to $23,356 budgeted or $1,531 under budget. Expenses for the year are $239,595 compared to $255,650 budgeted which is $16,054 under budget for the year.

- Pastoral salaries - $68,320 for the year versus $77,217 budgeted, still from bridge pastor not starting right away in January like budgeted for.

For the month, 'net ordinary income' of $6,567 compared to the budgeted deficit of $7,250 or $13,817 better than budgeted because of the trust dividends received mentioned above. For the year $100,126 of net ordinary income compared to $16,468 budgeted or $83,658 above budget.

Maggie's Pop-Up Pantry received donations of $2,170 for the month with $2,838 spent.
There are $3,441 (Acct #2307 on balance sheet) remaining funds available at the end of September.

Checking accounts / Assets

Checking accounts at $138,129. $15,000 more was moved to another 7 month CD at Peoples. Overall assets up $7,073 from the prior month.

Paul Jauch, Treasurer, Good Shepherd Lutheran Church

Good Shepherd - 2026 YTD Income & Expenses

	Jan 26	Feb 26	Mar 26	Apr 26	May 26	Jun 26	Jul 26	Aug 26	Sep 26	Oct 26	Nov 26	Dec 26	YTD Totals
Income	$15,975.78	$21,929.65	$39,438.58	$17,935.98	$20,868.69	$25,277.03	$151,447.28	$18,456.76	$28,391.89				$339,721.64
Transfer Inc	$831.00	$448.00	$420.00	$625.00	$470.00	$660.00	$0.00	$945.00	$565.00				$4,964.00
Expenses	$23,152.81	$22,391.54	$22,661.81	$26,367.67	$27,304.69	$19,799.41	$56,451.94	$19,704.10	$21,824.62				$239,658.59
Total	($6,346.03)	($13.89)	$17,196.77	($7,806.69)	($5,966.00)	$6,137.62	$94,995.34	($302.34)	$7,132.27	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$105,027.05
% +/- average	-0.4%	18.8%	101.1%	-16.6%	-3.4%	52.5%	746.4%	-0.9%	76.2%	-100.0%	-100.0%	-100.0%	
% of total giving (calculated at end of year)													

Good Shepherd - 2025 YTD Income & Expenses

	Jan 25	Feb 25	Mar 25	Apr 25	May 25	Jun 25	Jul 25	Aug 25	Sep 25	Oct 25	Nov 25	Dec 25	YTD Totals
Income	$16,069.51	$18,532.64	$64,537.82	$18,372.92	$17,818.88	$15,148.78	$14,852.36	$26,059.66	$18,074.86	$15,153.93	$17,666.83	$20,481.00	$262,769.19
Transfer Inc	$1,510.86	$1,510.86	$1,510.86	$1,510.86	$1,510.86	$1,510.86	$1,510.86	$760.47	$348.00	$544.00	$403.00	$958.00	$13,589.49
Expenses	$19,722.66	$20,036.08	$18,427.03	$25,835.98	$21,950.15	$20,667.20	$19,349.44	$19,658.40	$18,153.66	$24,405.99	$16,080.58	$20,719.27	$245,006.44
Total	($2,142.29)	$7.42	$47,621.65	($5,952.20)	($2,620.41)	($4,007.56)	($2,986.22)	$7,161.73	$269.20	($8,708.06)	$1,989.25	$719.73	$31,352.24
% +/- average	0.2%	0.4%	-0.4%	-14.6%	-17.5%	-8.6%	-17.0%	40.0%	12.2%	-16.1%	2.7%	-24.5%	
% of total giving	6.12%	7.05%	24.56%	6.99%	6.78%	5.77%	5.65%	9.92%	6.88%	5.77%	6.72%	7.79%	
* March income includes legacy gift of $45,000 from former member													

Good Shepherd - 2024 YTD Income & Expenses

	Jan-24	Feb-24	Mar-24	Apr-24	May-24	Jun-24	Jul-24	Aug-24	Sep-24	Oct-24	Nov-24	Dec-24	YTD Totals
Income	$13,399.71	$19,598.24	$16,816.19	$23,157.64	$14,969.11	$15,588.42	$14,039.72	$13,191.76	$18,520.19	$16,860.51	$14,395.32	$24,098.30	$204,635.11
Transfer Inc	$1,510.86	$1,510.86	$1,510.86	$1,510.86	$1,510.86	$1,510.86	$1,510.86	$1,510.86	$1,510.86	$1,510.86	$1,510.86	$1,510.86	$18,130.32
Expenses	$16,108.94	$22,136.84	$19,293.33	$16,712.61	$23,179.35	$16,093.48	$13,788.48	$17,924.13	$16,386.76	$17,749.84	$23,042.19	$17,027.06	$219,443.01
Total	($1,198.37)	($1,027.74)	($966.28)	$7,955.89	($6,699.38)	$1,005.80	$1,762.10	($3,221.51)	$3,644.29	$621.53	($7,136.01)	$8,582.10	$3,322.42
% of total giving	6.55%	9.58%	8.22%	11.32%	7.32%	7.62%	6.86%	6.45%	9.05%	8.24%	7.03%	11.78%	



2026 Poinsettia Order Form



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

Order forms are due in the church office no later than Monday, November 30.
Payment can be made later. Indicate preference and how many.
Checks can be made out to Good Shepherd Lutheran Church.

_____6" poinsettia (5 - 7 blossoms) $10.00

_____8" poinsettia (12 - 16 blossoms) $ 20.00

NAME_____PHONE_____

Please indicate your choices below.

___: Given to the Glory of God...
___: Given **in memory / honor of** _____
___: Will take plant home
___: Would like plant donated to home bound member.



DEADLINE FOR ORDER: Monday * November 30, 2026

