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### MAY OFFICIANTS

- May 3: Pr. Dan Sire
- May 10: Pr. Nicole Behnke-Welke
- May 17: Pr. Nicole Behnke-Welke
- May 24: Pr. Nicole Behnke-Welke
- May 31: Pr. Natalie Bassett

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

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### MARK YOUR CALENDARS:

#### WORSHIP

SUNDAY WORSHIP  
9:00 AM @ GSLC

AFFIRMATION OF BAPTISM  
May 10, 2026

ONLINE WORSHIP  
AVAILABLE

# 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](http://www.gswausau.org)

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

**Other Resources:**

**LUTHERAN HOUR MINISTRIES/ Daily Devotions:** [lhm.org](http://lhm.org)

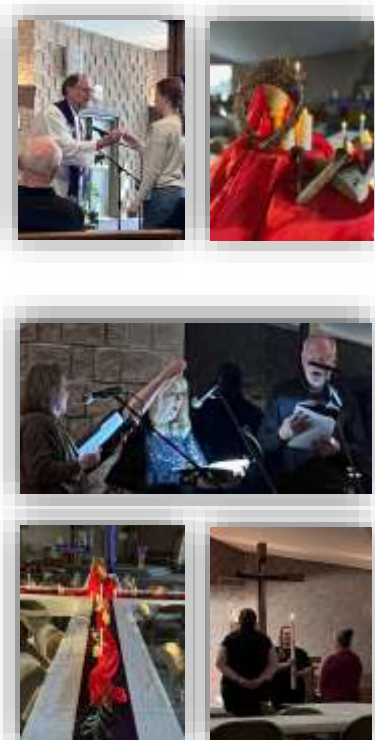
**DAILY DEVOTIONALS ARE HERE:** Christ in Our Home & Portals of Prayer

## Worship Tool box

If you have curious kids here in worship, we have just the thing! Grab a toolbox right outside the sanctuary. It is filled with items to help worship come alive and make sense.

**Pick Up Choir voices needed for Pentecost Sunday 5-24-26**  
**Come and rehearse at 8 am, share the music at 9 am worship!**

Date	3-May	10-May	17-May	24-May	31-May
Presiding Minister	Pr. Dan	Pr. Nicole	Pr. Nicole	Pr. Nicole	Pr. Natalie
Assisting Minister	Laurie Sturzenegger	CO Leaders	Cari Logemann	MJ Horvat	Laurie Sturzenegger
Reader(s)	Diane Peterson	Kyiah Walters	Pam Bootz	Reader's Ministry	Jeff Gosch
Greeter 1	K Toth	Helen Vance	Barb Denfeld	Susan Mazique	K Toth
Greeter 2	Bonnie Anderson	MJ Horvat	Jean Korpela	Adam Pleuss	Karen Maier
Usher 1	Marty Krahn	Jovid Schuette	Laurie Sturzenegger	Hank Pleuss	Paul Grewe
Usher 2	Greg Behrendt	Josh Stumpner	Mike Sturzenegger	Andy Heise	JoAnn Grewe
Communion assistants	Jill Falkowski Bobbie Salzman	Mindy Schuette M Sturzenegger	Barb Denfeld Kay Walters	Theresa Bootz Jill Falkowski	Julie Yandell Alicia Herrera
Altar Guild	Denise Mattice Rhonda Hallam	Denise Mattice Rhonda Hallam	Denise Mattice Rhonda Hallam	Denise Mattice Rhonda Hallam	Denise Mattice Rhonda Hallam
Coffee Hour	Birthday & Anniversary Treats	Marge V, Helen V & Emma B	Lorraine B & Group	Shared Fellowship	Kay W, Theresa B Jill F & Carol C



**NOTE: Changes may have been made after publishing.**

## Faith Formation Appreciation

As summer approaches and the school year winds to a close, we want to thank all the folks who dedicated their time this last year to enriching the faith lives of all the ages!

SUNDAY SCHOOL:

**Jenny Samperisi**

CONFIRMATION:

**Tim & Jenn Holcomb \* Pr. Karoline Schwantes**

ADULT FORUM:

**Kris Kamrath**

We also give thanks to God for those who helped in any way.

**Well done good and faithful servants!**



May 10, 2026 \* 9 am

We prayerfully ask everyone to remember our own baptismal promises and join in the communal proclamation on this most special of days! Let us show our youth that faith is a continuous journey as we celebrate and join with them!

Pastor Nicole's Nuggets for Thought:  
***The Power of a Name***

We have probably all heard that there is power in a name. Think about when you were called not just by your first name but your first and middle or maybe even your whole name. It is often when you knew you better listen as a child. Which I find so interesting because it is our first and middle name that is used when we baptize and it is in those waters that we are named and claimed as God's beloved children.



Then there are those nicknames that we acquire along the way too. Sometimes those end up being beloved names while other times they are used to tease and hurt. The reality is we all carry a lot of names if we think about it.

Names also hold significance in our scriptures as well. Names have meaning and in scripture are often associated with identity, destiny, and even relationship. There is Abram whose name is changed to Abraham which means "father of many nations." Then there is Jacob who is renamed Israel which means "he struggles with God." Or there is also Simon in the New Testament whom Jesus renames to be Peter which means "Rock," which is significant due to his role in the foundation of the early church. We could spend hours looking at just names throughout scripture, but the one thing that is true, a name is important.

If our name is important then I want to learn yours. I know I have been around for several years now, and I have learned a few through that time, but I know there are many I do not know. I also know that there is one of me and you have learned my name at this point. I want to learn yours, but to do this I am going to need help.

**Here is my ask:** *First, when you come into worship on Sunday mornings fill out a name tag and wear it where it is visible not only to myself but also others who might be new or who plain and simply struggle with names. Second, take a moment to introduce yourself to me, because it is through story and conversation I will start to learn names better.*

We know that being able to call someone by name builds relationships, helps them feel seen, and I think ultimately feel like they belong and are loved. Help us grow in community together by learning and getting to know each other.

-PN

Thank you for putting together the pop up pantry for the community. My family of 6 is at a point right now where we need all the help we can get and this is such a blessing. THANK YOU to the church and all the volunteers for making this possible!



**GOOD SHEPHERD  
LUTHERAN CHURCH**  
930 Edgewood Rd, Wausau WI 54403

**TOMATO PLANTS  
& "MORE" SALE**

**Sat, May 16 \* 8am-1pm  
Sun, May 17 \* 10am-noon**



## SUNDAY SCHOOL

Sunday, May 24,  
is the final day of Sunday School

Plan on attending...

We're going to celebrate!!



Join The

*Women of Good Shepherd*

*Tuesday, May 19\* 11:30 am*

WE INVITE ALL WOMEN TO ATTEND A LUNCHEON  
POTLUCK AND SOCIAL BUSINESS MEETING.

The Women of Good Shepherd help ministry and operating tasks not specifically covered under any other ministry. These include supporting funeral lunches, the holiday bazaar, the Easter egg hunt, various other social gatherings and efforts to improve and support unbudgeted property and grounds needs.

We would like to expand this ministry and its participants and sense you would be a great fit! Bring your favorite dish to pass and your bestie 😊

*Around the table is a great place to start!*



**MAY NOISY OFFERING**  
*Synod Assembly*  
Mission Project &  
Bishop's Fund

## OFFICE CLOSED

Mon, May 25  
in observance of  
Memorial Day

## BLOOD

## DRIVE

Thank You!

To  
everyone  
who  
helped  
make  
this drive  
a success



# MAGGIE'S



## POP UP PANTRY

**NEXT POP-UP PANTRY DATE:**

**TUESDAY, MAY 26 | 2-5 PM**

**How can you help?**

**We are collecting breakfast items:**

cereal, oatmeal, granola bars, toaster pastries,  
muffin mix, pancake mix, etc.

**also...a fridge, prayers, extra hands  
and financial support.**

**Sunday Funday! Clay Corner Painting Day**

**Mark your calendar: 6-28-26 \* after worship**

**Watch for details**



Sun, Jun 28 2026, 11:00 am - 12:30  
PM CDT

## Spring Yard Clean Up Day

We will meet Saturday, May 9<sup>th</sup> at 8:00 am to help freshen up the yards, fix the lawns from snowplow damage, pick up sticks, pinecones and prepare for the summer mowing season. Marty Krahn can answer questions and point you in the right direction: 715-297-6449.

Clean up usually wraps up between 12-1 pm.



*Shepherd Strummers*

Will strum by the river again  
on Mondays at 5:30 on RiverLife Trail  
(by Briqs ice cream shop), beginning June 1  
All are welcome to strum and sing with us!  
(Rain location: RiverLife Apartment party room)

# MAY CALENDAR

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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<p>3  <b>9:00 am</b> Worship                      Pr. Dan Sire-presiding</p> <p><b>10:15 am</b>                      Adult Forum/ SS</p> <p><b>4:00 pm</b> Wausau                      Symphony Band                      Concert Picnic in                      the Park @ the                      Pavilion</p>	4	<p>5  <b>9:00 am</b>                      LWR Quilters</p> <p>Pr. Nicole here-pm</p>	<p>6  <b>5:30 pm</b>                      Confirmation                      Class @ Good                      Shepherd</p> <p><b>6:00 pm</b> Ringers  <b>7:00 pm</b> Choir</p>	7	<p>8  <b>7:00 pm</b> Pro                      Musica Concert                      @ First                      Presbyterian                      Church</p> <p>Pr. Nicole here</p>	<p>9  <b>8:00 am</b> Yard                      Cleanup Day</p> <p><b>3:00 pm</b>                      Pro Musica                      Concert @                      First Pres.                      Church</p>
<p>10                      AFFIRMATION OF                      BAPTISM-                      CONFIRMATION                      SUNDAY  <b>9:00 am</b> Worship                      Pr. Nicole B. Welke                      &amp; Pr. Karoline                      Schwantes leading</p> <p><b>10:15 am</b>                      Adult Forum/ SS</p>	11 Pr. Nicole here	<p>12  <b>9:00 am</b>                      LWR Quilters</p> <p><b>6:30 pm</b>                      Church Council                      Meeting</p> <p>6:30 pm Zoom                      Link for Q&amp;A with                      Bishop Election                      Team</p> <p>Pr. Nicole here-pm</p>	<p>13  <b>6:00 pm</b> Ringers</p> <p>OFFERING                      COUNT</p>	14	<p>15                      Lay School</p> <p>Plant Drop off/                      set up</p>	<p>16                      Lay School</p> <p><b>8:00 am</b>                      Plant Sale</p>
<p>17  <b>9:00 am</b> Worship                      Pr. Nicole B. Welke                      Baptism: Ophelia                      Joyce Morache</p> <p><b>10:15 am</b>                      Adult Forum/ SS</p> <p><b>10:15 am</b>                      Plant Sale</p>	18	<p>19  <b>9:00 am</b>                      LWR Quilters</p> <p><b>11:30 am</b>                      Women of Good                      Shepherd                      Potluck luncheon                      Mtg/</p> <p>Pr. Nicole here-pm</p>	20	<p>21  <b>11:00 am</b>                      Aspirus                      Hospice                      Service</p> <p>Pr. Nicole here</p>	22	<p>23  <b>10:00 am</b>                      Lay School                      Celebration in                      Shawano@                      Zion Lutheran</p>
<p>24  <b>PENTECOST                      SUNDAY</b>  <b>8:00 am</b>                      Pick Up Choir  <b>9:00 am</b> Worship                      Pr. Nicole B. Welke</p> <p><b>10:15 am</b>                      Adult Forum/ SS</p>	<p>25                      Memorial Day</p> <p>Forest Park-                      no mtg</p> <p>OFFICE                      CLOSED</p>	<p>26                      2:00 pm                      Maggie's Pop-Up                      Pantry</p> <p>Pr. Nicole here</p>	<p>27                      OFFERING                      COUNT</p>	<p>28  <b>1:30 pm</b>                      CorksnCovers                      @ Riverlife                      Comm. Rm</p> <p><b>6:30 pm</b>                      Riverview Mtg</p>	<p>29                      SUMMER                      HOURS:                      OFFICE                      CLOSED                      FRIDAYS THRU                      SUMMER</p> <p>Pr. Nicole-                      home visits</p>	30
<p>31  <b>9:00 am</b> Worship                      Pr. Natalie Bassett  <b>10:15 am</b>                      Adult Forum</p>						

# MAY Birthdays



- |    |                    |    |                         |
|----|--------------------|----|-------------------------|
| 1  | Daniel Young       |    |                         |
| 2  | Nicole Batterman   |    |                         |
|    | Diane P. Laszewski |    |                         |
| 4  | Dale Thurs         | 19 | Gregory Glovinski       |
| 6  | Jane Johnson       |    | Kaylen Majewski         |
|    | Joyce Nick         | 20 | Pr. Nicole Behnke-Welke |
| 7  | Wesley Salzmann    |    | Jovid Schuette          |
|    | Kennedy Thoma      | 24 | William Lakus           |
| 8  | Cason Haffner      |    | Joel Mattice            |
|    | Deborah Huckbody   | 25 | Kristine Boulanger      |
|    | Jamie Oswald       |    | Claudette Haring        |
| 9  | Courtney Derus     | 26 | Geraldine Luer          |
| 14 | Bob Guenthner      | 27 | Jennifer Gruna          |
|    | Marion Kloth       | 28 | Clyde Babcock           |
| 15 | Trevor Doering     |    | Shelly Ellenbecker      |
|    | Ryan Ramthun       |    | Jacob Gruna             |
| 16 | Mike Sturzenegger  |    | Sarah Kane              |
|    | Breanna Thoma      |    | Paisley Thoma           |
| 18 | John Boulanger     | 29 | Bonnie Beyersdorff      |
|    |                    | 30 | Bonnie Anderson         |
|    |                    |    | Brooke Heise            |
|    |                    | 31 | Greg Huckbody           |

# MAY Anniversaries

- 2 Harold & Beverly Eisenman
- 13 Les & K Toth
- 14 Chris & Sadie Trapp
- 21 Cyrus & Laurie Bootz
- 22 Alan & Jamie Oswald
- 27 Jovid & Mindy Schuette
- 30 Robin & Jill Falkowski



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 office hours:  
 9:30 AM-4:00 PM  
 Monday-Friday  
 (Office Closed 5-25-26)  
 In observance of Memorial Day  
 CLOSED FRIDAYS  
 B/T MEMORIAL & LABOR DAY

**Worship**  
**Sundays @ 9:00 am**

**Want to watch online?**  
**Go to**  
 GSLC Wausau WI on Youtube,  
[www.gswausau.org](http://www.gswausau.org)  
 Facebook  
**(Video archives available at our youtube channel)**

**Dr. Kartika Putri**  
 Minister of Worship and Music  
 Office: 715.675.1997 ext.: 103

**Pr. Nicole Behnke-Welke**  
 GSLC Bridge Pastor  
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**Angie Huckbody**  
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**Brian Wiese**  
 Interim Financial Secretary  
 715.539.6700

**Barb Denfeld**  
 Parish Nurse

**Paul Jauch**  
 Treasurer

**Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, Wausau WI**  
**Church Council Meeting Minutes: April 14, 2026**

**Call to Order & Attendance**

**6:30 pm - Present:** Lorraine Beyersdorf, Jennifer Holcomb, Marty Krahn, Stephanie Martell, Craig Netzer, Josh Stumpner, Laurie Sturzenegger, Mike Sturzenegger, Marjorie Viergutz, Andy Walters.

**Gathering Litany**

**God's Word**

Devotional Time - Josh Stumpner - **PEACE:** From Chaos to Calm; Embracing the Peace of God in Your Life (Jeremy Gant). God's Peace is fundamentally different from the world's peace. It is whole, complete, restored. Mr. Gant's challenge for us is this: Pursue Peace, Experience it, and Share it Generously!

How have we seen God at work this week?

[Note: **MSC** = motion/second/carried]

**Agenda Review/Approval**

Agenda Review/Approval (**MSC: Stumpner/Netzer**)

**March Treasurer/Financial Report**

Group reviewed financials - Contributions for March were \$39,438 (which included a special, anonymous, undesignated gift of \$10,000 as well as the first quarterly Bauer Trust dividends payment). Expenses for March were \$22,662. Please see the Treasurer report for more details.

A request surfaced to track noisy offering amounts given - Laurie will gather the data and add to the tracking document of noisy offering organizations. Thank you!

We will also work with Treasurer Paul J for future reports to help ensure clarity for all.

**Motion to Accept Treasurer Report as presented (MSC: Martell/M Sturzenegger)**

**Our Response to the Word**

**Standing Agenda Items**

**Kartika's Korner:** discussion regarding trialing improvements to the worship space sound system and some opportunities to live stream services - Kartika has been working on a process and has some excellent resources lined up to give this a go. Summer is a good time to work through a trial, so that's what we'll do. If you are interested in being a part of this budding A/V ministry, please reach out to Kartika to hear more and to share your interest!

**Current Agenda Items**

- 1) Council Member resignation/plan to replace - we have accepted Emily Jauch's resignation from the Council; this leaves us with two vacancies; we will be seeking potential members for one person to fulfill the remainder of Emily's assignment (about 1.5 years) and one person to fill a full three-year commitment - come join this amazing team of leaders!
- 2) Stewardship committee update - the group continues their work through time/talent information gathered and will be looking at opportunities for expanding how the survey is distributed in the future.
- 3) Plant sale - May 16; set up on Friday, May 15. In an effort to expand the reach and increase traffic flow, we will update and distribute yard signs, plan to run an ad in City Pages, and add to the church website and Facebook pages. Will also consider adding to community calendar pages.
- 4) Policy review - Social Media and Interim Decision-Making policies were briefly discussed and all members were asked to review and bring back ideas for updating the drafts next month.
- 5) Noisy offering assignments - Maggie's pop-up pantry will be the noisy offering focus every other month. God's Work, Our Hands ministry was selected as July's organization. This effort takes place in

- 6) September each year and, for the past few years, we have worked alongside other local churches to support our unhoused neighbors at the Martyr Bus.
- 7) May 9 is the proposed property clean-up day! 8am to noon is the plan at this time.

**Sending Litany and Lord's Prayer**

**Sending/Motion to Adjourn**

- Meeting Adjourned at **8:17pm (MSC: Martell/Krahn)**

**Noisy Offering Plan:**

May - Synod Assembly meeting

June - Maggie's Pop-Up Pantry (every other month)

July - God's Work, Our Hands ministry (and we will also run a personal care drive this month!)

August - Maggie's Pop-Up Pantry

September - Rent Assistance support

Follow-Ups for **future** meetings:

- 1) May: review of active members and reengaging those who may be inactive
- 2) May: Social Media and Interim Decision-Making policies review
- 3) 2027 Annual meeting will need to include approving new constitution model
- 4) Consider moving to an Executive Team that includes a "Past President"
- 5) August: Church Directory

Respectfully Submitted, Jennifer Holcomb, Secretary  
 Good Shepherd Lutheran Church Council

**Treasurer's Report \* March 2026**

**Council Meeting \* April 14, 2026**

**Contributions**/income for March was \$39,438 compared to budgeted amount of \$19,530. The last Sunday of March had nearly \$14,000 in contributions. Also, the quarterly distribution from the Bauer Trust fund came through at the end of March and we weren't anticipating getting a distribution for the 1<sup>st</sup> or 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter so that is a bonus. For the year, \$77,344 compared to budget of \$53,355.

**Expenses** for the month were \$22,662 compared to \$23,496 budgeted or \$834 under budget.

- **Bridge Pastor** – Bridge Pastor started officially March 15<sup>th</sup>, but the first paycheck was April 3<sup>rd</sup> so no pay officially in March yet.
- **Insurance** - \$992 over for the month. As Church Mutual renews coverage in the new year, premiums get reevaluated and new payment schedules are activated. It takes a couple months before we see a recurring set charge for the remainder of the year.
- **Utilities** - \$470 over for the month because of the quarterly water bill which was budgeted for April but snuck in the end of March.

For the month, ordinary income is \$16,776 compared to the budgeted loss of \$3,966 from the variances mentioned above. Building transfer was \$420 this month from donations during the month allocated for building fund.

No change in CDs at Peoples bank or the money market account. Except a couple of CD's renewed over the past two months and gained some interest and rolled into another CD.

Maggie's Pop-Up Pantry received donations of \$1,971 for the month with \$1,350 spent with \$1,760 of funds still available to spend.

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										\$77,344.01
Transfer Inc	\$831.00	\$448.00	\$420.00										\$1,699.00
Expenses	\$23,152.81	\$22,391.54	\$22,661.81										\$68,206.16
<b>Total</b>	<b>(\$6,346.03)</b>	<b>(\$13.89)</b>	<b>\$17,196.77</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$10,836.85</b>
% +/- average	#DIV/0!	#DIV/0!	#DIV/0!	#DIV/0!	#DIV/0!	#DIV/0!	#DIV/0!	#DIV/0!	#DIV/0!	#DIV/0!	#DIV/0!	#DIV/0!	#DIV/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	<b>\$64,537.82</b>	\$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
<b>Total</b>	<b>(\$2,142.29)</b>	<b>\$7.42</b>	<b>\$47,621.65</b>	<b>(\$5,952.20)</b>	<b>(\$2,620.41)</b>	<b>(\$4,007.56)</b>	<b>(\$2,986.22)</b>	<b>\$7,161.73</b>	<b>\$269.20</b>	<b>(\$8,708.06)</b>	<b>\$1,989.25</b>	<b>\$719.73</b>	<b>\$31,352.24</b>
% +/- average	7.85%	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
<b>Total</b>	<b>(\$1,198.37)</b>	<b>(\$1,027.74)</b>	<b>(\$966.28)</b>	<b>\$7,955.89</b>	<b>(\$6,699.38)</b>	<b>\$1,005.80</b>	<b>\$1,762.10</b>	<b>(\$3,221.51)</b>	<b>\$3,644.29</b>	<b>\$621.53</b>	<b>(\$7,136.01)</b>	<b>\$8,582.10</b>	<b>\$3,322.42</b>
% 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%	

Good Shepherd - 2023 YTD Income & Expenses															
	Jan-23	Feb-23	Mar-23	Apr-23	May-23	*Jun-23	Jul-23	Aug-23	Sep-23	Oct-23	Nov-23	Dec-23	Shared Rev/Exp	Reclass Items	YTD Totals
Income	\$17,613.90	\$21,687.81	\$16,906.71	\$23,189.80	\$29,162.38	\$54,622.26	\$19,741.29	\$18,970.80	\$13,639.02	\$18,223.67	\$18,412.70	\$38,519.19	(\$5,702.00)	(\$25.42)	\$284,962.11
Expenses	\$17,217.30	\$25,782.29	\$18,535.53	\$17,505.03	\$20,223.27	\$19,065.29	\$20,315.12	\$20,892.07	\$22,180.06	\$15,865.80	\$15,122.84	\$22,093.53	(\$5,702.00)	(\$25.42)	\$229,070.71
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$396.60</b>	<b>(\$4,094.48)</b>	<b>(\$1,628.82)</b>	<b>\$5,684.77</b>	<b>\$8,939.11</b>	<b>\$35,556.97</b>	<b>(\$573.83)</b>	<b>(\$1,921.27)</b>	<b>(\$8,541.04)</b>	<b>\$2,357.87</b>	<b>\$3,289.86</b>	<b>\$16,425.66</b>			<b>\$55,891.40</b>
% of total giving	7.09%	8.74%	6.81%	9.34%	11.75%	7.23%	7.95%	7.64%	5.49%	7.34%	7.42%	15.51%	-2.30%		
*June income includes the Employer Retention Credits (\$34,437.50) and interest for Q2 2020 and Q3 2021 (\$2,243.76) received from the IRS.															
Contribution income was \$17,941.															

Good Shepherd - 2022 YTD Income & Expenses													
	Jan-22	Feb-22	Mar-22	Apr-22	May-22	Jun-22	Jul-22	Aug-22	Sep-22	Oct-22	Nov-22	Dec-22	YTD Totals
Income	\$17,043.00	\$14,009.00	\$25,166.00	\$21,327.00	\$24,494.00	\$17,619.44	\$22,937.68	\$16,250.28	\$14,230.43	\$22,025.00	\$18,366.17	\$25,439.10	\$238,907.10
Expenses	\$22,316.00	\$36,463.00	\$24,828.00	\$20,373.00	\$28,267.00	\$24,001.06	\$27,704.35	\$21,677.49	\$23,984.98	\$15,961.00	\$15,542.39	\$23,092.96	\$284,211.23
<b>Total</b>	<b>(\$5,273.00)</b>	<b>(\$22,454.00)</b>	<b>\$338.00</b>	<b>\$954.00</b>	<b>(\$3,773.00)</b>	<b>(\$6,381.62)</b>	<b>(\$4,766.67)</b>	<b>(\$5,427.21)</b>	<b>(\$9,754.55)</b>	<b>\$6,064.00</b>	<b>\$2,823.79</b>	<b>\$2,346.14</b>	<b>(\$45,304.13)</b>
	7.13%	5.86%	10.53%	8.93%	10.25%	7.38%	9.60%	6.80%	5.96%	9.22%	7.69%	10.65%	

Income per month as percent of annual total (2022-2025). Does NOT include the ERC credit in June 2023 or \$45,000 legacy gift

Average %	6.72%	7.81%	12.53%	9.14%	9.02%	7.00%	7.52%	7.70%	6.84%	7.64%	7.22%	11.43%	
Average \$	\$16,032	\$18,457	\$19,607	\$21,512	\$21,611	\$16,574	\$17,893	\$18,618	\$16,116	\$18,066	\$17,210	\$27,134	\$228,830

Budgeted giving by month	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Annual
250,000	16,807	19,518	31,326	22,860	22,559	17,490	18,791	19,254	17,112	19,103	18,039	27,141	250,000



Recent guests  
**Marathon County Home & Community Education Club**

Created and donated 10 pairs of mittens to be shared on our Mitten tree next winter!  
 Thank you, Friends!

**Good Shepherd Lutheran Church**  
**Annual Meeting Minutes**  
**February 8, 2026**

**[Minutes draft-approved via email by Council on 3/02/2026;  
formal approval will occur at 2026 Annual Congregational Meeting held in early 2027]**

Attendance was 69 in-person plus 1 who joined virtually, for a total of 70. Quorum was met.

**CALL TO ORDER** at 10:26am

**OPENING PRAYER/DEVOTION** Offered by Laurie Sturzenegger - We are all here under God's purpose, and He has a plan for each of us!

**APPROVAL of MEETING AGENDA**

**Addition:** "Approval of agenda" - **Motion 1. J Holcomb 2. Paul Grewe/PASSED**  
**AGENDA approved as amended. 1. J Grewe 2. A Walters/PASSED**

**APPROVAL OF 1/25/2025 ANNUAL MEETING MINUTES**

**Motion** made to **approve as presented: 1. T Holcomb 2. J Grewe/PASSED**

**REPORTS**

**Motion made to accept the reports as offered** in the report bundle, after T Holcomb offered a heartfelt thanks to the Task Force members (J Grewe, P Grewe, L Sturzenegger, M Sturzenegger, K Walters, J Holcomb). **1. John Allman 2. A Walters/PASSED**

**ELECTIONS**

**ON THE BALLOT:**

1. **Council Members** – Willing to serve a second 3-year term: Jennifer Holcomb, Craig Netzer, Andy Walters; there remains one open position at this time.
2. **Synod Assembly** – Laurie Sturzenegger, Mike Sturzenegger, Carie Truckey (moved to alternate)
3. **Endowment Committee** – Nominated from the Floor: Tim Logemann
4. **Homme Home Representative** - Nominated from the Floor: Tracy Gattiker
5. **Nominating Committee** – Nominated from the Floor: Josh Stumpner
6. **Crossways Representative** – Nominated from the Floor: Tim Holcomb

**Motion** was made for unanimous consent to **accept the updated ballot and approve [vote in] all those named: 1. B Anderson 2. M Viergutz/PASSED**

**THANK YOU ALL FOR YOUR WILLINGNESS TO SERVE and FOR THOSE WHO HAVE ALREADY SERVED!**

**OLD BUSINESS**

1. Good Shepherd/Pilgrim/St. Stephen (GPS) work - J Grewe offered a few words of thanks for the support and learning opportunity as the task force worked through the possibility of merging with either or both of these local congregations. This work is now complete, and no merger is on the immediate horizon.
2. Stewardship Team work - A Walters offered an update on the status of the Stewardship drive underway; time and talent surveys are being tallied, and outreaches will occur as needed to ensure we have good return and know who is interested in being a formal part of serving.

3. Wausau/Marathon County (WMC) unhoused shelter - K Walters offered words of thanks for all of the many hands that have helped to serve the unhoused shelter needs over the past year. The work will continue once this community service moves to the Bridge Street Mission location.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

1. Bridge Pastor update - this is a new role within the ELCA/East Central Synod and we're working out some details as we go. Primary focus areas: a) preach/lead worship at least twice monthly; b) lead/meet the pastoral needs of the congregation; c) provide pastoral/theological leadership for the congregation. Intention is to pre-publicize office hours for Pastoral support needs; also, we will be working toward scheduled appointment times and a reduction in walk-in requests (outside of emergency needs, of course). The role/duties will be formally evaluated every three (3) months in concert with the Council Executive team (President, Vice President, Secretary), with a plan to have this role filled for a year, possibly longer depending on our needs. **What's next?!** Provided we continue down a positive path as a congregation, we will begin to work on the Ministry Site Profile (MSP), which is a deep-dive into who we are, what we do, and our mission as a congregation - this is the first step in a Pastoral Call Process and will likely take six (6) months or more. Pastor Nicole Behnke-Welke has accepted an offer extended to her as our Bridge Pastor, contingent on passing of the 2026 proposed budget. This offer was based on East Central Synod guidelines for salary, including housing allowance (to offset higher tax burden due to self-employed status, which means Pastors pay their own social security contribution), retirement contribution, travel allowance, and some educational support allowances. The offer extended is slightly higher than initially suggested for inclusion in the budget due to an increased synod-recommended base wage for 2026.

## **BUDGET PRESENTATION** - offered by P Jauch, Treasurer

### **DISCUSSION:**

- 1) Given that there would not be an expense for January (or possibly even February) for the Bridge Pastor, it was suggested that no amendment would be needed for the higher recommended salary package for the Bridge Pastor role for this year.
- 2) The legacy gift [from Eunice Bauer's estate] is noted as a separate income line in the 2026 budget; this extremely generous gift is estimated to be approximately \$108,000 annually for a total of ten (10) years. This additional income is what makes it possible for us to help move our congregation forward by hiring a part-time Bridge Pastor at this time!

Motion made to **ACCEPT the budget presentation AND ADOPT the 2026 budget as presented:**

**1. T Holcomb 2. K Walters/PASSED**

**OTHER:** suggestion was made to return to using name tags (thank you, W Viergutz); Council will assemble a team to draft a plan to create reusable name tags versus use of disposable sticker tags.

**THANK YOU offered by President L Sturzenegger for all of the hard work over the past three years as we worked back to a positive financial position that permits us to keep our doors open, serving our community!**

**CLOSING PRAYER** - Lord's Prayer

**MOTION TO ADJOURN** at 11:58AM **1. A Walters 2. T Holcomb/PASSED**