

Good Shepherd

LUTHERAN CHURCH

930 Edgewood Road Wausau, WI 54403

(Change Service Requested)

AUGUST: 2026



RALLY SUNDAY
NEW MEMBER WELCOME
&
GOD'S WORK. OUR HANDS.
Sunday: 9-13-26

STAY TUNED!!

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MARK YOUR CALENDARS:

WORSHIP

SUNDAY WORSHIP 9:00 AM

ONLINE WORSHIP AVAILABLE

DINNER WORSHIP

Thursdays @ 5:30 pm

NOTE: SUMMER HOURS

THE OFFICE WILL BE
CLOSED ON FRIDAYS

OFFICE HOURS:

9:30 AM-4 PM M-TH

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 (Jul-Sep)

Sundays,

AUG 9 & 23:

Vocal Pickup Choir rehearse @
8 am, then participate in worship

Baptism:

Eloise Lorraine Oswald

Sunday, July 26, 2026

Pr. Nicole B. Welke Officiating

AUGUST WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

Date	2-Aug	9-Aug	16-Aug	23-Aug	30-Aug
Presiding Minister	Pr. Nicole	Pr. Natalie	Lay: Laurie S	Pr. Nicole	Lay: Angie H
Assisting Minister	Carie Truckey	Andy Walters	Jenn Holcomb	MJ Horvat	Cari Logemann
Reader(s)	Diane Peterson	Sharon Semling	Alicia Herrera	Robin Mueller	Rick Lohr
Greeter 1	K Toth	Bonnie Anderson	Barb Denfeld	Susan Mazique	Karen Maier
Greeter 2	MJ Horvat	Pam Bootz	Jean Korpela	Adam Pleuss	K Toth
Usher 1	Marty Krahn	Jovid Schuette	JoAnn Grewe	Hank Pleuss	Laurie Sturzenegger
Usher 2	Greg Behrendt	Josh Stumpner	Paul Grewe	Andy Heise	Mike Sturzenegger
Communion assistants	Kay Walters Theresa Bootz	Jill Falkawski MSturzenegger	no communion	Mindy Schuette Julie Yandell	no communion
Altar Guild	J Holcomb B Denfeld	J Holcomb B Denfeld	J Holcomb B Denfeld	J Holcomb B Denfeld	J Holcomb B Denfeld
Coffee Hour	Pam, Bobbi, Robin, Denise	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD



The time is perfect
for checking out the
new series at Dinner
Church!

You will experience a
great meal, good
conversation and the
opportunity to dwell
in the Word together!

Pastor Nicole's Nuggets for Thought:

One thing that I never deeply appreciated growing up was that my parents always planted a garden. It was not until I worked at Crossways, where they had a garden, and I was out on my own that I realized what a gift that garden was. Also, as much as it is a gift I also realized the amount of work and even faith that went into planting and tending to it so that it would hopefully be fruitful at the end of the season. At this time of year as my garden tends to start taking full shape and we start to reap the gifts of the arduous work; I am reminded of this blessing.

I find gardening for me is a spiritual practice. We each have spiritual practices that ground us and even connect us to God and our faith. Let me share about this practice for me. It is a process that often starts in late February/early March where I dig out the seeds, seed starting soil, heat mats, trays, and grow lights. I start to plant and then water and wait. I wait for those first little spouts to emerge from the soil. Every time I plant a seed it is an act of faith for me. It is a reminder that we trust in a God of both death and life. That small seed I plant each time even when I do not see it must first die to then be germinated and push its way through the soil to life. It is trusting that God is working even when we cannot see it, that death is not the end, that new life, new beginnings can come from death or endings.

This practice does not stop here for me though because then I spend weeks tending to these fragile sprouts until I can gently transplant them and move them to the greenhouse. Followed by more weeks of caring for them making sure that they are watered and have space still to continue to thrive. To place them into the ground I must prepare the soil for planting which includes weeding, tilling, and adding compost for nutrients. This preparation is not particularly different than our own faiths as we need to tend to the places, we are sharing God's love and ensuring that the "soil" is ready.

Then once I plant the small plants now into the ground it is the ongoing tending and offering support as the plants grow. This is both my favorite and least favorite times because as much as I don't love weeding it is also a quite peaceful time to engage in conversation with God as I marvel at the amazingness of creation and uniqueness of each type of plant planted.

Finally, as we get to this time where vegetables are starting to be harvested it is reminder of truly how amazing to me God is because what was once a small seed is now something that can help sustain life. It then turns into a time for preserving this great produce to be used throughout the year. Once again, much like, faith the preserving is essential, and our faith needs preservation in some ways too. We are not sustained if we don't add the right things to our lives to be able to continue to be ready and able to share the Good News. Just like if you don't preserve the produce with the right ingredients, it will be spoiled and wasted. We each have something precious to offer and not to be wasted.

Gardening may not be your thing and that is ok it is not for the faint of heart but as you can see something you enjoy can also be a spiritual practice and deeply connect you to God and your faith. I wonder what your spiritual practice might be. It might be gardening or meditation, prayer, yoga, mindfulness, chanting, running, nature walks, journaling, service, or something else. Spiritual practices can be anything that helps deepen our faith and connection with God. You maybe already have one and this is just a reminder or maybe this is an invitation to try a new practice. God is always longing for connection with us.

-PN



MAGGIE'S PANTRY

Date change!

Monday, August 24: 2-5 pm

Also

CSA Produce Boxes

Tuesdays, August 4

September 1 & 29

3 pm until gone

Ps...they go fast

GOD'S WORK OUR HANDS

NEEDED:

A volunteer to attend a meeting
planned at St. Stephen on

Thursday, August 6 * 6 pm

Contact Laurie for details
715-551-3275

RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE

Thursday, August 20

1-6 pm

A P R E - T H A N K Y O U

To all participants, donors
& volunteers!

REGISTER ONLINE AT
REDCROSSBLOOD.ORG

COMMUNITY DINNER:

Sunday, August 16, 2026

Good Shepherd is responsible
for coordinating and serving
the community meal on this
date. Please contact Lorraine
Beyersdorff to find out how to
help. 715-370-1784

CALLING NEW MEMBERS!

What better time to ring in the new than when we celebrate Rally Sunday! On September 13 we will welcome our newest siblings in Christ, as they formalize their membership! We are so excited to join together as the body of Christ in worship, service and community! If you have questions or want to get onboard, contact the office so we can plan and celebrate!

FOREST PARK NEIGHBORHOOD MEETING

Mon. 8-24-26 @ 6:30 pm

RIVERVIEW NEIGHBORHOOD MEETING

Thur. 8-27-26 @ 6:30 pm

ELECTION: STATEWIDE PARTISAN PRIMARY

Tuesday, 8-11-26

Opens at 7 am

Good Shepherd
Polling Site for Dist. 6
Wards 15 & 16

CORKS N COVERS:

Thur, 8-27-26 @ 1:30 pm

Meets at Riverlife Apt Mtg
Room, Contact Bonnie
Anderson if you would like
to know more.
715-432-3561

VBS @ SAINT ANDREW

Aug 10-13, 9 am-noon

If you have littles that would love a morning outing, Saint Andrew is holding Vacation Bible School. Check out the registration form on the white board counter or the June newsletter.

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WAUSAU, WI 54403
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info@gswausau.org

www.gswausau.org

office hours:

9:30 AM-4:00 PM

Monday-Thursday

N O T E:

**We will be closed
Fridays through the summer**

Sunday Worship at GSLC
@ 9:00 am

Online Worship Available
Released on
Sundays

go to
GSLC Wausau WI on Youtube,
www.gswausau.org

Facebook

(they remain available at
our youtube channel)

Pr. Nicole Behnke-Welke

Good Shepherd Bridge Pastor
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Dr. Kartika Putri

Minister of Worship and Music
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Office: 715.675.1997 ext.: 101

Brian Wiese

Interim Financial Secretary
715.539.6700

Barb Denfeld

Parish Nurse

Paul Jauch

Treasurer



AUGUST Birthdays

- | | |
|-----------------------|----------------------|
| 1 Connie Miskowiak | 20 Mike Duginske |
| 2 Amy Merkey | Connie Heise |
| Mindy Schuette | Chad Kane |
| 4 Greg Glovinski | 21 Christy Clemens |
| 6 Ava Bootz | Patti Yoltz |
| Marcus Josiger | 22 Allyson Schreiber |
| 8 Brenda Grubb | 23 Ron Budimlija |
| 9 Bruce Beyersdorff | Michelle Meyer |
| 12 Tracy Gattiker | 28 Denise Mattice |
| Mason Ramthun | 29 Kallie Majewski |
| 15 Casey Sturzenegger | 30 Buckley Birkholz |
| 16 Karen Maier | 30 Lori Ann Wunsch |
| Susan Mazique | |
| 17 Harmony Gosch | |
| Wendy Kreager | |

AUGUST Anniversaries



- 1 Andy & Michelle Meyer
- 2 Rick & Joyce Lohr
- 3 Tony & Mary Omernik
- 5 Tim & Cari Logemann
- 7 Barry & Rhonda Hallam
- 9 Ben & Claudette Harring
- Dennis & Cindy Weinkauff
- 11 Andrew & Connie Heise
- Craig & MJ Netzer
- 14 Greg & Jenny Glovinski
- 15 Jay & Kris Kamrath
- 16 James & Karen Bliese
- 18 John & Jan Meachen
- 20 Travis & Kelly Berndt
- 21 Keith & Jennifer Samperisi
- 23 Jacob & Jamie Hoover
- 25 John & Donna Gwidt
- 31 Mark & Tabitha Bartz

The 2026 East Central Synod of Wisconsin Assembly was held June 4–6 in Oshkosh under the theme, *"To Strive for Justice and Peace in All the Earth."* Worship, keynote presentations, and assembly business centered on our baptismal call to seek justice and peace. During the assembly, Bishop Anne Edison-Albright was reelected to a second six-year term as bishop of the synod. Voting members also approved the 2027 Compensation Guidelines, adopted the Fiscal Year 2028 spending plan, elected new Synod Council leaders, and passed resolutions addressing civic engagement, ethical employment practices for congregations, hunger advocacy, and honoring Bishop Emeritus Gerald Mansholt. In addition to conducting synod business, participants gathered for worship, service projects, and fellowship, including an offering supporting the National Indigenous Women's Resource Center and the Bishop's Resource Fund. The 2027 Synod Assembly will be held as a one-day gathering on Saturday, June 5, at St. Andrew Lutheran Church in Wausau. Learn more about our East Central Synod of Wisconsin and subscribe to weekly e-news by visiting www.ecsw.org.

HYGIENE DRIVE

- Soap
- Shampoo & Conditioner
- Toothpaste & Toothbrushes
- Deodorant
- Diapers & Wipes
- Baby Shampoo & Lotion
- Laundry Detergent
- Cleaning Supplies
- Toilet Paper & Paper Towel
- Diapers Sizes Newborn–7
- Pull-Ups Sizes 2T–5T
- Unexpired Infant Formula
- Menstrual Hygiene Products

Help support **The Neighbor's Place** by bringing the following items to church and placing them in the laundry baskets in the Narthex before **September 10th**.

Praise FOR A Purpose

A night of worship and fellowship

TO BENEFIT

NO KID SLEEPS ON THE FLOOR IN OUR TOWN!

August 7, 2026

6:00 PM FELLOWSHIP

7:00 PM WORSHIP

On Saturday, August 8, there will be bed building at St. Andrew.

Choose from 3 different shifts.

8:150-10 am* 9:45-11:30 am *11:15-1 pm

We are also collecting bedding.

GOOD SHEPHERD AUGUST CALENDAR

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Online Worship Available Sundays					OFFICE CLOSED	1
2 9:00 am Worship Pr. Nicole Behnke- Welke presiding 10:15 am Fellowship / Forum	3 5:30 pm Shepherd Strummers @ River Walk	4 9:00 am LWR Quilters 3-7:00 pm Kwik Trip #601 Mtg Fellowship Hall 3 pm CSA Box Pick up	5	6 5:30 pm Dinner Church	7 OFFICE CLOSED 6:00 pm St Andrew Praise w/ Purpose	8 St. Andrew Bed Build 3 Shifts See White Board
9 8:00 am Pickup Choir 9:00 am Worship Pr. Natalie Bassett presiding 10:15 am Fellowship / Forum	10 5:30 pm Shepherd Strummers @ River Walk St Andrew VBS	11 7:00 am Partisan Primary Election District 6 6:30 pm Church Council Meeting 9-am - noon	12 St Andrew VBS	13 5:30 pm Dinner Church 9-am - noon	14 OFFICE CLOSED	15
16 9:00 am Worship Lay Led-Laurie Sturzenegger 10:15 am Fellowship / Forum 4:00 pm Community Dinner @ 1 st United Methodist Church	17 5:30 pm Shepherd Strummers @ River	18 9:00 am LWR Quilters	19 OFFERING COUNT	20 1-6 pm Blood Drive 5:30 pm Dinner Church	21 OFFICE CLOSED	22
23 8:00 am Pickup Choir 9:00 am Worship Pr. Nicole Behnke- Welke presiding Baptism: Barrett Teuchert 10:15 am Fellowship / Forum Kartika Vacation	24 2:00 pm Maggie's Pop Up Pantry 5:30 pm Shepherd Strummers @ River Walk 6: 00 pm Forest Park Mtg Kartika Vacation	25 9:00 am LWR Quilters Kartika Vacation	26 Kartika Vacation	27 1:30 pm Corks n Covers @ River Front Apartments 5:30 pm Dinner Church 6:30 pm Riverview Mtg	28 OFFICE CLOSED	29
30 9:00 am Worship Lay Led-Angie Huckbody 10:15 am Fellowship / Forum	31 OFFERING COUNT					6

Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, Wausau WI

Church Council Meeting Minutes: July 14, 2026

Call to Order & Attendance

6:33 pm - Present: Lorraine Beyersdorf, Jennifer Holcomb, Stephanie Martell, Craig Netzer, Josh Stumpner, Mike Sturzenegger, Andy Walters. **Not present:** Marty Krahn, Laurie Sturzenegger, Marjorie Viergutz

Gathering Litany (Stephanie Martell, Vice President)

God's Word

Devotional Time: Lorraine Beyersdorf - 'God's Faithfulness in Every Season', based on Lamentations 3:22-23

How have we seen God at work this week?

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

Agenda Review/Approval

Agenda Review/Approval with removal noted - (**MSC: M Sturzenegger/Netzer**)

May Treasurer/Financial Report

Group reviewed financials - Contributions for June were \$25,277.03 (includes \$7,715.96 Trust Fund quarterly contribution). Expenses for June were \$19,799. Please see the Treasurer report for more details.

Motion to Accept Treasurer Report as presented (MSC: Stumpner/Walters)

Our Response to the Word

Standing Agenda Items

Kartika's Korner: (no report this month)

Current Agenda Items

- 1) President's report
 - a) Outdoor service reflections/feedback - all concerns raised are being evaluated for improvements for the next outdoor service experience.
 - b) Maggie's Pantry accounting - Executive team will work to understand the Pantry accounting processes so they can help ensure there is plenty of funding to keep the Pantry finances in good standing.
 - c) Name tags for regular use on Sundays - process underway.
 - d) EB Trust update - first large contribution will be received very soon!
 - e) Support/serving opportunities for July/August - Maggie's Pantry & Hygiene drive (supporting Neighbor's Place) - recommendations: focus the hygiene drive on only hygiene needs, no pantry items (focus food pantry items for Maggie's Pantry donations); Andy Walters suggested pulling together the stewardship/membership drive team along with some youth members, especially those who recently served on the Milwaukee mission trip, to do some neighborhood work to promote the pantry needs in hopes of increasing donations to the Pantry - Thank You!
 - f) First quarterly Bridge Pastor touch base meeting - things are going well!
 - i) Need to work on photo directory (an informal one)
- 2) Personal Care/Hygiene drive - more to come!
- 3) Property Committee: *Southwest parking lot* is complete; will clean up the landscape around the lot. *TDS transition* - process is underway to move to TDS as our new internet service provider at a lower cost with a much wider service band, which will be helpful with video streaming as we continue to expand our online presence. *Exterior doors* - our current system will sunset in September, so we will need to replace/upgrade our exterior door locking mechanism soon (as long as the system continues to operate, things are fine; when it needs service, that will no longer be available after September). We are exploring options with current (Per-Mar) and another company. Will follow-up in August. *Urinals* need repairs - work is underway.
- 4) Playground equipment safety assessment - a few minor repairs are needed, but in general, the structure is in good shape; it could also use a power wash and refinishing job. Volunteers will work on. Thank you!
- 5) Pilgrim Lutheran Church's final service will be held on July 19 at 10:30am; we anticipate that some GSLC members will attend this service.

- 6) Evangelism work/Welcome Team/Welcome Bags - defer to August
- 7) Possible furniture donation - a few pieces of living room-type furniture that originated at Immanuel Lutheran have been offered to us; a small group will evaluate the items and make a decision as to whether we should accept the gifts.

Sending Litany and Lord's Prayer

Sending/Motion to Adjourn

Meeting Adjourned at 7:48pm (MSC: Netzer/Stumpner)

Noisy Offering Plan:

August - Maggie's Pop-Up Pantry (every other month)
September - Rent Assistance support
October - Maggie's Pop-Up Pantry (every other month)
November - TBD
December - Maggie's Pop-Up Pantry (every other month)

Follow-Ups for **future** meetings:

- 1) **August:** Exterior doors locking system evaluation
- 2) **August:** Evangelism/Welcome Team and welcome bags
- 3) 2027 Annual meeting should include approving new constitution model - work will need to begin soon on this
- 4) No date: Consider moving to an Executive Team that includes a "Past President"

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

Treasurer's Report June 2026

Council Meeting July 14, 2026

Contributions/income for June was \$25,277.03 compared to the budgeted amount of \$24,555. This included \$7,715.96 of 'legacy contributions' from the Trust fund for the quarterly dividend distribution. The normal contributions were \$17,327 for the month compared to average/budgeted of \$16,255. For the year, unrestricted/normal contributions (Acct#4030) are at \$120,301 compared to budgeted amount of \$111,603 which is based on average giving over the past four years, \$8,698 ahead of budget.

Expenses for the month were \$19,799 compared to \$22,503 budgeted or \$2,703 under budget. For the year \$141,877 compared to \$146,179 budgeted which is \$4,301 under budget for the year.

- Benevolence – Zero for the month, not sure why. I looked through check requests and there wasn't a request this month. I assume it will catch up next month.

For the month, ordinary income of \$5,477.62 compared to the budgeted income of \$2,052 or \$3,425 over budget.

Maggie's Pop-Up Pantry received donations of \$2,730 for the month. Expenses were higher than usual at \$4,029 due to a couple of larger freezers being purchased. A grant of \$4,000 from the Synod was pledged to the fund but has not been received yet, which is why the account shows a negative balance of \$811 at the end of the month.

Paul Jauch, Treasurer,
 Good Shepherd Lutheran Church



2026-2027 Core Program Registration

Welcome to our East Central Synod of Wisconsin, Lay School of Ministry, Core Program Registration for 2026-2027 courses!

Watch your email for a Student Orientation planned for mid-August. A Zoom link will be sent for this virtual only orientation.

Registration forms are due Friday, September 4, 2025.

NEW this year - We are capping each course to 25 students. Current Core Program students will be eligible to fill slots and the remaining slots are available on a first-come basis.

If you have any questions, please email layschool@ecsw.org.

Lay School Important Dates

- September 18-19, 2026
- October 23-24, 2026
- November 20-21, 2026
- December 18-19, 2026
- January 15-16, 2027
- February 12-13, 2027
- March 19-20, 2027
- April 16-17, 2027
- May 14-15, 2027

Closing Celebration

- Saturday, May 22, 2027, at 11:00am at Zion Lutheran Church in Shawano

GriefShare

GriefShare is a 13-week video session and is a national program to help

Individuals to journey with the death of a loved one or someone very close to you. The sessions begin with discussion, viewing a 30-minute video, and following with more

discussion. We will be offering a Fall Session at St. Stephen Lutheran Church in Wausau

beginning on Monday, September 14th and ending December 7, 2026 at 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

in the Conference Room. You can register by contacting Shirley Ostrem by email sjostrem2113@outlook.com OR go to the GriefShare.org website.

Wausau ELCA
God's Work. Our Hands.

September 13!

Watch for ways to make a difference!

**CONFIRMATION IS RIGHT AROUND
THE CORNER**

If you have a loved one entering 6th grade or older and you are ready for instruction, contact Tim Holcomb 715-212-3633





Sunday School Registration (2026-2027)
Ages Pre-K thru 5th Grade
Welcome to Good Shepherd Lutheran Church Sunday School

930 Edgewood Road
Wausau, WI 54403
(715)675-1997

Parents' names: _____

Address: _____ Zip Code: _____

Phone: Home _____ Cell: _____ Text: Y / N

*Email address: _____

**We do not share this address*

Name of contact Parent: _____ I prefer to receive Sunday school information by:
Circle one: Email Sent home Mail

NOTE! For safety purposes, parents must accompany their child/ children into the classroom when dropping off and picking up at the end of class. There is often only one teacher, and remaining children cannot be left unattended. Thank you for your cooperation.

I / We would be willing to help with :

_____ Teaching / Helping _____ Snacks for special occasions _____ Substitute teacher
_____ Christmas program _____ Drop off & Pick up Times _____ Children's Music _____ Puppets

Other ways you would like to help: _____

1) Childs name: _____

Age: _____ M / F Grade: _____ Birth date: _____

Child's special interest and activities _____

Any known allergies? _____

2) Childs name: _____

Age: _____ M / F Grade: _____ Birth date: _____

Child's special interest and activities _____

Any known allergies? _____

PERMISSION FOR OCCASIONAL MEDIA INCLUSION: I give permission for my child/ children to be photographed or videotaped. Any media is for the archiving or sharing of GSLC ministries on GSLC platforms only. YES / NO