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Thanksgiving Eve

Drive Up Communion



and Pie

WEDNESDAY * NOVEMBER 25 * 1-2 PM & 6-7 pm

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

HAPPY THANKSGIVING EVERYONE!

The office will be closed Thursday and Friday, Nov. 26 & 27.

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Welcome To Good Shepherd.

Please Review our Covid-19 procedures.

- Note that the staff currently divide work time between here and home.
- For the most part, someone is here by 10 am, but we are always happy to schedule a time to assist you by appointment.
- **Our phone number is 715-675-1997.**
- When you arrive, please call and the door will be opened for you.
- Add our number in your contact list.
- For your convenience, give us a call before coming.
- When entering, we ask that you wear a face mask and use the sanitizer right inside the door.
- Please do not enter if you are currently sick.

Happy November, beloved!

A few weeks ago, I (finally) had an idea for how to keep our tradition of blessing pets alive during this season of pandemic. After many weeks of no brainstorming, I was admittedly starting to feel some despair when, out of the blue, an idea landed in my lap that seemed simple and “doable” in an online environment. We would invite our online worshipping community to share photos of their pets, put together a slide show (“Pet Parade”), and offer prayer and blessing over the various critters that God has entrusted to our care as they “paraded” across the screen. I could not have been more pleased with how it turned out, and the response to it has been really inspiring as well. Thank you!

(If you are reading this online you can check out the “Pet Parade” here: <https://youtu.be/iMR6mITEOxg>)

In honor of that most blessed event, and of St. Francis, I offer a Psalm:

PSALM 148

*Praise the Lord from the earth,
you great sea creatures and all ocean depths,
8 lightning and hail, snow and clouds,
stormy winds that do his bidding,
9 you mountains and all hills,
fruit trees and all cedars,
10 wild animals and all cattle,
small creatures and flying birds,
11 kings of the earth and all nations,
you princes and all rulers on earth,
12 young men and women,
old men and children.*



It’s delightful to be reminded that praises come forth from sea creatures deep in the ocean, lightning and hail, snow and clouds, and stormy winds ... from mountains, hills, and trees ... things that fly, and creep around ... and wild animals and cattle, and THEN we get to humans. Humans come *AFTER* cattle.

Yep. We come after the cattle. Author and public theologian Nadia Bolz-Weber has suggested it is because we are “complicated.” Whatever the reason, it is really humbling.

Nadia continues, *“I think maybe animals, in their not-nearly-as-complicatedness, have something to teach us about praise. Because I’m pretty sure that praising God is not the same as sycophantically stroking God’s ego because God has low self-esteem and created a cosmic entourage just to remind God how great he is. I’m pretty sure the cattle aren’t doing this. The way in which creeping things of the Earth praise God is to simply creep on the Earth. The creatures simply praise the creator by being creatures. **Their being is in itself praise of the source of their being.**”*

This is such a good word for us right now, dear ones. How helpful it is for us to hear that cattle do not get their identity or sense of worth apart from God?! Sea creatures do not care about the stock market or the number of folks who “like” their Twitter posts in determining their value. Value resides in their being who God created them to be.

Wouldn’t it be something if we were to claim this liberating truth ... that OUR value resides in OUR being who God created us to be? Like all these creatures, we just praise the One who created us simply by being who we were created to be! Our very being as an act of praise toward the source of it all!

Perhaps it is this kind of uncomplicated love and acceptance that we experience so powerfully in our pets of all shapes and sizes and personalities. What a gift to the world it would be if we were to grow to see glimpses of the same love and acceptance in each other!

With grit and grace ... Pastor Kemp

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

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

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 are in the Library located on Edgewood Rd in front of the overhang.

GOOD SHEPHERD LUTHERAN CHURCH IS OFFERING DRIVE THRU COMMUNION !

W e d n e s d a y s

NEW TIME ADDED 1-2 PM

and 6-7 pm

S u n d a y s 9-10 am

Under the south entrance covered overhang.

Please wear your masks. Thank you!



Community Supper

November 10

First Presbyterian Church
Meal Served 3:45-5:30 pm

Currently meals are available for pick up
starting at 3:45 until gone.

Contact Ruth Henkelman: 715-432-1589

BLOOD DRIVE

Thursday November 12

1-6 pm

For appt call
1-800-redcross

1-800-733-2767

Or

Visit redcrossblood.org

COMMUNION HOURS through NOVEMBER:

Wednesdays: NEW 1-2 pm & 6-7 pm

Sundays: 9-10 am

It's beginning to get dark early! We know some of you don't like to drive after dark so we have added an afternoon opportunity for you to receive communion during November. Beginning November 4, we will have outside, low contact communion available from 1-2 PM on Wednesday for those who would like to receive it. We will continue to serve communion from 6-7 PM on Wednesday and also from 9-10 on Sunday. If you would like to help with communion, contact Angie in the office or MJ Horvat at 715-205-9195.

TASK FORCE UPDATE

We continue to meet either outside or via Zoom to evaluate the safety of worshipping onsite together. The surge in numbers in Wisconsin and Marathon County have continued to cause us to postpone onsite worship. The Wisconsin Council of Churches continues to warn us of the danger of worshipping together at this time. We want you to know that we are watching the trends carefully and are continually evaluating the safety of meeting in person for worship. We miss you all and we miss worshipping together onsite. When we believe it is safe, we will recommend resuming onsite worship. In the meantime, we are enjoying the wonderful online worship opportunities provided by Pastor Kemp, Kartika and Angie. In the meantime, stay safe! Wear a mask, wash your hands frequently, get your flu shot and stay socially distanced.

Thanksgiving Eve Pie and Communion

One of our cherished traditions at Good Shepherd has long been our Thanksgiving Eve service and pie social. We will miss worshipping together onsite, but we will still serve communion and "to go" pie! Plan on coming to the front entrance of the church on Thanksgiving to receive communion and take your pie to go! Our pies will come from LaPrima Deli this year and have been donated, so please help us enjoy this special treat. We'll have Pumpkin Pie, Apple Pie, Cherry Pie and Pecan Pie available for you! We are incredibly blessed by dedicated staff and generous and caring members. Thank you for all you have done to help us continue our ministry at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church despite the pandemic. We are truly thankful for you this year!

Confirmation Service Opportunities



We have had confirmation students help with communion, writing and reading of prayers and delivering WeCare Bags. If you have a confirmation student, we would love to have them participate in service opportunities. You can contact Tim Holcomb at 715-212-3633 or MJ Horvat at 715-205-9195 to get your student involved!

Energizing Our Mission: Stewardship Campaign 2021

We are well on our way with the kick off of what's to be an annual fall journey to maintain and enhance our mission here at Good Shepherd. You should have now received the first of several mailings, heard heartfelt testimonies and been invited to prayerfully discern how you can partner with our ongoing ministries. We encourage you to generously support God's mission through this congregation. One thing seems clear, this faith community has shown through acts of service and generosity that our ministry matters deeply.

Next Steps:

- ◆ **A letter/ commitment form will be arriving this week in the mail.**
Please expect a follow-up phone call if you have not responded in some way.
- ◆ **Sunday, November 8 - Official day to turn in pledges in during Drive Up Communion or mail / drop off**
- ◆ **Sunday, November 15 - Stewardship Thanksgiving Sunday**

Treasurer's Report September 2020 For Council Meeting 10/13/2020

September income was \$15,242 expenses were \$22,841. We transferred \$814 of funds so the total net income was negative \$6,785. Current reserves are \$51,088 in the general fund, \$9,9848 in the building fund, and \$13,126 in work of the church.

January through September update: We budgeted \$246,000 and received \$183,036 in unrestricted contributions, leaving a negative \$52,963 for income. \$15,919 was transferred from the building fund to cover mortgage and snow removal and we have had \$236,837 in regular expenses and budgeted for \$267,028.

Respectfully Submitted,
Cory Toth-LaPointe
Treasurer

Dear Good Shepherd Family,

Please put January 24th on your calendar for our annual meeting. This will likely be a hybrid meeting with both some in person attendees, and also live video feeds. We will be updating you with more details as it gets closer, and trying to help those with limited access to internet meetings. This is a very important part of our annual church calendar and we appreciate your attendance and support as we navigate these unprecedented times.

Your Church Council and Staff

A NOTE FROM CROSSWAYS CAMPING MINISTRY

For a limited time only, you can support Crossways Camps through the online camp store. For every Crossways item you buy, \$5 will come back to help Crossways do ministry. There's a style and size for everyone in the family. The last day to order is Sunday, November 15th, and items will be delivered in time to make great Christmas presents. Check it all out at <https://oldlutheran.com/collections/crossways-camp>.



NOVEMBER Birthdays



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| 1. Mark Hildebrandt
Marjorie Viergutz | 10 Kris Kamrath
Jamie Lodholz | 22 Bowen Bootz
Lori Crawford |
| 2 Bryce Falstad
Mary Ann Howard
Roger Juedes
Mari Rybarczyk | 11 Brody Trantow
12 Jacob Schneider
13 Harold Grubb
Renee Laffin | 23 James Janke
Logan Mork
Jerry Netzing
Jackson Schulz |
| 4 Andrew Heise
Tim Woods | 14 Danyelle Bowman
Jarek Gehrke
Ivy Oswald | 24 Laney Schreiber
Geraldine Seidler |
| 5 Lili Gulsvig
Sadie Weinkauff-Trapp | 16 Natalie Doering
Tanner Falstad
Jasmine Mitchell | 25 Merri Miles-Kroening
26 Avary Ramthun
Nathan Sielaff
Kenneth Sitko |
| 6 Judy Rose
7 Dorece Johnson
Milt Pachal
Gina Ramthun | 17 Jennifer Barthels
Torrie Maier | 27 Thomas Graveen
Dana Liebers |
| 8 Hayden Bartelt
Ryan Selby
Lucas Worden | 18 Brittany Waldinger
Anthony Woller | 28 Marjorie Schwede
Brett Waldinger |
| 9 Nona Beyer
Ronald Bootz
Claire Steffeil
Benjamin Stich | 19 Shane Jozwiak
21 Rick Clemens
22 David Johnson
Jean Leih
Maria Schalow | 29 Deborah Kane
Kaitlyn Stich
Amy Yolitz |

NOVEMBER Anniversaries



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|---|------------------------------|
| 1 Rick & Anne Buntrock
Greg & Angie Huckbody | 16 Marty & Colette Krahn |
| 12 John & Stephanie Bresnahan | 23 Tim & Diane Worden |
| 14 William & Robin Mueller | 26 Alfred & Nona Beyer |
| | 30 John & Kristine Boulanger |

Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, Wausau WI
Church Council meeting minutes

September 8, 2020

Socially distanced via Zoom online

Call to Order –6:30 pm *Present: Pastor Kemp, Tim, Josh, Dorie, Jenny, Cory, M. J., Steve, Geri, Jenny, Paul

Gathering Litany – Pastor Kemp

God's Word

Devotional time – Josh; Matthew Ch 7 - Power of Prayer in Difficult Times [October – Jenny, November – Cory, December – Dorie]

Sharing how you have seen God at work lately – ALL

Review

Agenda review - Steve / Josh **APPROVED**

Minutes review – Dorie / Steve **APPROVED**

Treasurer / Financial Report – Cory - (August income \$32,042 / expenses \$23,258. Contributions bounced back from July, and because physical Worship expenses are on hold, our position is steady. Reserves would cover about 3 months expenses . PPP loans are expected to be forgiven. We are holding for information regarding paperwork filing requirements. Council President has drafted a letter of thanks to be published for our contributing congregation.) - Jenny / Geri **APPROVED**

Our Response to the Word (old business)

Stewardship for All Seasons & Strategic Planning – update – Dorie – Planning is well underway for an October 11 announcement. Print materials and digital versions are in final edit prior to printing. Mailing scheduled for October 12. Stewardship Focus is being lifted up for 1) the need for technology upgrades to reach our congregation under 'distancing;' 2) taking advantage of building access for improvements such as interior painting [special appreciation for the immense contributions of work and expertise from Josh Stumpner] and concrete repair; and 3) sustaining ministry excellence. Especially during these times these areas will help support the mission of GSLC. Efforts necessary are expected to increase by around a tenth. Commitment will be invited by November tenth. A MOTION was proffered by Geri, seconded by Paul authorizing plans as described to move forward.

(new business)

Sunday School – current status and contingency planning: - The prior Sunday School team became unavailable upon short notice. Sunday School programs are generally on hold during the pandemic risk. Council and staff have concerns for 'online fatigue' among area school aged children due to school system requirements and workloads so are hesitant to employ this venue, and currently seeking acceptable alternatives. Notification is being drafted for parents of school aged children to keep them informed. Jenny Samperisi generously offered her interim leadership.

Confirmation / Status of confirmands and students - Pastor Kemp is investigating safe means for performing the rite of Confirmation for this year's eligible confirmands, with a tentative plan for late October, with details to be communicated with those families. Mary Jane Horvat is generously coordinating with confirmands to remain connected via participation in 'drive-up' Eucharist and other opportunities to foster meaningful spiritual experiences and learning opportunities until control of the pandemic allows safe direct instruction.

GSLC congregant survey results - Response level was encouraging with eighty-four people providing their views. Special effort was made to contact those congregants who are unavailable via usual digital routes of communication. The value of input directly from stakeholders in GSLC cannot be overstated. Important insights from the first survey (regarding people's attitudes about 're-opening') include: people are evenly split regarding the question of whether in-person Worship should resume soon – but interestingly, much fewer than half would attend if such services resumed soon. The majority would not return in-person prior to an effective vaccine. But great uncertainty remains for those who might return. Willingness to assist with in-person worship is less than half, presently. People are inclined to continue online Worship in conjunction with in-person. Most people are happy to wear their own mask when corporeal Worship does resume.

Worship service. September 13th outdoor – update - Plans firm. It's on.

[Special observation] – The staff's GSLC Teacher Appreciation yard signs, honoring the dedication of our teachers who have been placed in a very difficult situation, have been greatly appreciated.

Action Items:

Research contingency options if Annual Meeting cannot take usual format – quorum requirements

Prayers of the Church / Lord's Prayer

Sending (motion to adjourn) Steve / Cory **PASSED** Adjournment 7:40 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Paul Grewe, GSLC Secretary

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Webinar Series on Spirituality and Mental Health



The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services' **Center for Faith and Opportunity Initiatives** is leading a webinar series related to "**Spirituality and Mental Health.**"

Understand the critical intersections of spirituality and mental health to increase the overall effectiveness and quality of treatment across an individual's continuum of care.

Webinars are scheduled from now through December with past webinar recordings available on [YouTube](#).

Nov. 10, 12:00 pm - [Spirituality and the Life-time Course of Mental Illness](#)

Nov. 19, 12:00 pm - [Spirituality and Relationships](#)

Dec. 8, 12:00 pm - [Spirituality and Community-wide Crisis](#)

*Your Parish Nurses,
Barb & Mary*



We would like to give thanks to God for the service and partnership with our sister in Christ and former Minister of Worship and Music. Karmen K. Teigen, age 68, of Wausau, WI, passed away October 13, 2020, at The University Of Minnesota Hospital, after a year long battle with acute myeloid leukemia. Due to Covid, the family held a private funeral for her in Mondovi, WI. It is hoped that there may be a local celebration of when possible.

We are also offering online worship services
Released for:

Sundays

Wednesdays

go to

GSLC Wausau WI on Youtube,
www.gswausau.org

Facebook

(they remain available at our youtube channel)

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CHECKING/SAVINGS ACCOUNT ACH AUTHORIZATION FORM

Effective date of authorization: ____/____/____			
Type of authorization: <input type="checkbox"/> New authorization <input type="checkbox"/> Change payment amount <input type="checkbox"/> Change payment date <input type="checkbox"/> Change banking information <input type="checkbox"/> Discontinue electronic payment			
Last Name		First Name	
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City		State	Zip
Email Address			
Phone Number			
Payment frequency: <input type="checkbox"/> Recurring – Select frequency: <input type="checkbox"/> Weekly: Mondays <input type="checkbox"/> Biweekly: Monday every other week <input type="checkbox"/> Monthly: 1 st <input type="checkbox"/> Semi-monthly: 1 st & 15 th <input type="checkbox"/> Monthly: 15 th <input type="checkbox"/> Quarterly: 1 st day of each quarter <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____ Earliest date of first payment: ____/____/____ Amount of each payment: \$ _____			
<input type="checkbox"/> One-time: Process payment no earlier than: ____/____/____ Payment amount: \$ _____			
Fund designation: <input type="checkbox"/> Current Expenses / General Fund <input type="checkbox"/> Building Fund <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____			
Please debit payment from my (check one): <input type="checkbox"/> Savings Account <input type="checkbox"/> Checking Account		Routing Number: _____ <i>Valid Routing # must start with 0, 1, 2, or 3</i> Account Number: _____	
<i>Contact your financial institution for Routing # or staple a voided check or deposit slip below</i>			
I authorize Good Shepherd Lutheran Church of Wausau, Wisconsin and Vanco Services, LLC to process debit entries to my account. I understand that this authority will remain in effect until I provide reasonable notification to terminate the authorization.			
Authorized Signature: _____			Date: ____/____/____
FOR OFFICE USE ONLY	MEMBER ENVELOPE #: _____	DATE RECEIVED: ____/____/____	DATE PROCESSED: ____/____/____

NOTE:

Due to our current Covid-19 practices, our Financial Secretary's hours have been modified to every other week which means that we are counting and depositing every other week. If you have questions on whether your offering has been received, please feel free to check in with the office.