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M A Y:2025



MAY OFFICIANTS

May 4: Pr. Dan Sire

May 11: Pr. Dan Sire

May 18: Pr. Matalie Bassett

May 25: Lay Led

GATHER in Blessings * GROW in Purpose * GO with Passion

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WORSHIP

SUNDAY WORSHIP 9:00 AM @ GSLC

AFFIRMATION OF BAPTISM May 18, 2025

ONLINE WORSHIP AVAILABLE

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Worship & Resources

Good Shepherd is online:

YOUTUBE: type: GSLC Wausau WI

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

FACEBOOK: https://www.facebook.com/gslcwausau/

GSLC WEBSITE: www.gswausau.org

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

Other Resources:

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

LUTHERAN HOUR MINISTRIES/ Daily Devotions: Ihm.org

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

Date	4-May	11-May	18-May	25-May	
Presiding Minister	Pr. Dan Sire	Pr. Dan Sire	Pr. Natalie Bassett	Lay Led	
Assisting Minister	Andy Walters	Jenn Holcomb	Pr. Karoline	Paul Grewe	
Reader(s)	Diane Peterson	Sharon Semling	Oliver Merkey	Pam Bootz	
Greeter 1	K Toth	Bonnie Anderson	MJ Horvat	Jillian/Liliana J	
Greeter 2	Barb Denfeld	Karen Maier	Jean Korpela	Adam Pleuss	
Usher 1	Marty Krahn	Jovid Schuette	Laurie Sturzenegger	Hank Pleuss	
Usher 2	Greg Behrendt	Andy Heise	Mike Sturzenegger	Josh Stumpner	
Communion assistants	Andy Walters Bobbie Salzman	Mindy Schuette Kay Walters	Theresa Bootz Jill Falkowski	no communion	
Hospitality Hour	Kay Walters	Marj Viergutz.	MJ Horvat	NEED VOLUNTEER	
Altar Guild	Barb Denfeld Connie Heise	Barb Denfeld Connie Heise	Barb Denfeld Connie Heise	Barb Denfeld Connie Heise	

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:

Jillian Jensen

CONFIRMATION:

Tim & Jenn Holcomb * MJ Horvat * 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!



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.



May 18, 2025 * 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!

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Sunday, May 11, is the final day of Sunday School

Thank you all for a great year!

TOWNHALL MEETING

No meeting in May.

Next meeting:

Sun, June 15

Coffee & Fellowship Hour

Helpers Needed

May and June Calendars are being filled now. The sign-up sheet is in need of new participants and located outside Angie's office. Contact Kay (715-675-4556) or the office to find out the "what, where, when and how"!

Join The Women of Good Shepherd Tuesday, Way 13 11:30 am

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

THE WOMEN OF GOOD SHEPHERD HELP MINISTRY AND OPERATING TASKS NOT SPECIFICALLY 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!



OFFICE CLOSED

Mon, May 26 in observance of *Memorial Day*

BLOOD DRIVE

hour

Sign up today on

Tue, May 1 * 1-6 pm

1 200 722 2767 or

1-800-733-2767 or www.redcrossblood.org



Spring Yard Clean Up Day

We will meet this Saturday, May 10th at 8:00 am to help freshen up the yards, fix the lawns from snow plow damage, pick up sticks, pine cones and prepare for the summer mowing season. Marty Krahn can answer questions and point you in the right direction: 715-297-6449.

Cleanup usually wraps up around 1 pm.

MAY NOISY OFFERING SYNOD ASSEMBLY

Mission Project & Bishop's Fund

MAY CALENDAR

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 10:00 am Shared Ministry Worship Planning Mtg 1:00 pm Blood Drive	2	10:00 am Lay School Celebration in Shawano
9:00 am Worship Pr. Dan Sire- presiding 10:15 am Adult Forum: Sunday School 4:00 pm Wausau Symphony Band Concert Picnic in the Park @ the Pavilion	5 5:30 pm Worship Committee Meeting	9:00 am LWR Quilters	5:30 pm Confirmation Class @ St. Stephen 6:00 pm Ringers 7:00 pm Choir	8	9 Lay School 7:00 pm Pro Musica Concert @ First Presbyteria n Church	Lay School 8:00 am Yard Cleanup Day 3:00 pm Pro Musica Concert @ First Pres. Church
9:00 am Worship Pr. Dan Sire presiding 10:15 am Adult Forum Last day of Sunday School	12	9:00 am LWR Quilters 11:30 am Women of Good Shepherd Mtg/ Potluck 6:30 pm Church Council Meeting OFFERING COUNT	14 Eunice Bauer Funeral Arrangements- Pr.Gail Sowell officiating 10:00 am/ Visitation 11:00 am/ Service Lunch to follow 5:30 pm @ GSLC Confirmation 6:00 pm Ringers Bell Cleaning 7:00 pm Choir	15 Kartika Synod Assembly prep	Plant Drop off	17 8:00 am Plant Sale 8:30 am ECSW Synod Assembly- In Green Bay
9:00 am Worship Pr. Natalie Bassett-presiding Affirmation of Baptism/ Confirmation 10:15 am Plant Sale No Town Hall Mtg	19 6-9 pm Good Stewards Shelter Help @ First Methodist	9:00 am LWR Quilters 5:00 pm GPS Meeting @ GSLC	5:30 pm @ GSLC Youth Trip Meeting	22 11:00 am Aspirus Hospice Service 1:30 pm CorksnCovers @ River Front Apartments 6:30 pm Riverview Mtg	23	24
9:00 am Worship Lay Led	26 Memorial Day OFFICE CLOSED	27	28	29 OFFERING COUNT	30 SUMMER HOURS: OFFICE CLOSED FRIDAYS THRU SUMMER	31

MAY Birthdays

Daniel Young



1	Daniel Tourig
2	Nicole Batterman
	Diane P. Laszewski
4	Dale Thurs
6	Jane Johnson
	Joyce Nick
7	Wesley Salzmann
	Kennedy Thoma
8	Cason Haffner
	Deborah Huckbody
	Jamie Oswald
9	Courtney Derus
14	Bob Guenthner
	Marion Kloth
15	Trevor Doering
	Ryan Ramthun
16	Mike Sturzenegger
	Breanna Thoma
18	John Boulanger

19	Gregory Glovinski
	Kaylen Majewski
20	Jovid Schuette
24	William Lakus
	Joel Mattice
25	Kristine Boulanger
	Claudette Harring
26	Geraldine Luer
27	Jennifer Gruna
28	Clyde Babcock
	Shelly Ellenbecker
	Jacob Gruna
	Sarah Kane
	Paisley Thoma
29	Bonnie Beyersdorff
30	Bonnie Anderson
	Brooke Heise

Greg Huckbody

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MAY Anniversaries

2	Harold & Beverly Eisenmar
13	Les & K Toth
4	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 5-26-24)
In observance of Memorial Day

CLOSED FRIDAYS
B/T MEMORIAL & LABOR DAY

Worship Sundays @ 9:00 am

Worship services available Released for: Sundays

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

Dr. Kartika Putri

Minister of Worship and Music Office: 715.675.1997 ext.: 103

Angie Huckbody

Parish Administrator Office: 715.675.1997 ext.: 101

Brian Wiese

Interim Financial Secretary 715.539.6700

Barb Denfeld

Parish Nurse

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Treasurer's Report March 2025 Council Meeting April 8, 2025

Contributions for March were \$64,525.13. The average giving for March over the past few years has been \$19,630. As discussed at the last council meeting, this amount is increased from the sizeable gift received from a former members legacy trust of approx. \$46,000. Without that gift, the monthly contributions would have about \$1,000 under average and approx. \$2,800 under budgeted for the month. (The profit and loss budgeted amount has been updated as discussed last month to better reflect the fluctuations of giving over the year.)

Expenses for the month were \$18,427 which is \$2,730 under budget. Looking at the line items I see there was no expense for insurance in March compared to budgeted of \$729 and professional services were only \$479 compared to \$1,183 budgeted. I'm not sure why since I don't have access to all of the accounting data but will explore that more next month when I have a little more time.

For the month, ordinary income shows a profit of \$46,098 which again is from the unexpected contribution of approx. \$46,000. Without that we would have been even for the month because of the lower expenses which offset the lower contributions. Adding in the transfer of \$1511 from the building fund to cover the mortgage payment the gain was \$47,608.

During the month, funds were moved around in order to generate some interest on the surplus that has been in the checking account as you will see below. For next month I was thinking of putting together another spreadsheet showing the fund balances over the past couple of years similar to the rolling income/expense spreadsheet. I would find that interesting and I assume others would as well.

Month ending account balances are:	February	March
Checking account	\$116,136	\$ 84,156
Money Market	\$ 0	\$ 65,000
CD	\$ 0	\$ 15,000
Building fund	\$ 9,053	\$ 8,298
Work of the Church	\$ 15,941	\$ 16,429
Total	\$1/1 130	\$188 883

Paul Jauch, Treasurer, Good Shepherd Lutheran Church

	Good Shephard - 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	\$64,525.13										\$99,127.28	
Transfer Inc	\$1,510.86	\$1,510.86	\$1,510.86										\$4,532.58	
Expenses	\$19,722.66	\$20,036.08	\$18,427.03										\$58,185.77	
Total	(\$2,142.29)	\$7.42	\$47,608.96	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$45,474.09	
% of total	% of total													
* March income	March income includes legacy gift 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	6.55%	9.58%	8.22%	11.32%	7.32%	7.62%	6.86%	6.45%	9.05%	8.24%	7.03%	11.78%		

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	Jan-23	Feb-23	Mar-23	Apr-23	May-23	*Jun-23	Jul-23	Aug-23	Sep-23	Oct-23	Nov-23	Dec-23	Rev/Exp	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
Total	\$396.60	(\$4,094.48)	(\$1,628.82)	\$5,684.77	\$8,939.11	\$35,556.97	(\$573.83)	(\$1,921.27)	(\$8,541.04)	\$2,357.87	\$3,289.86	\$16,425.66			\$55,891.40
% of total	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%		
*.lune income in	cludes the Emr	lover Retentio	n Credits (\$34)	437 50) and in	terest for O2 2	020 and O3 20	121 (\$2 243 76	received from	the IRS						

	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	
Total	(\$5,273.00)	(\$22,454.00)	\$338.00	\$954.00	(\$3,773.00)	(\$6,381.62)	(\$4,766.67)	(\$5,427.21)	(\$9,754.55)	\$6,064.00	\$2,823.79	\$2,346.14	(\$45,304.13)	
	7.13%	5.86%	10.53%	8.93%	10.25%	7.38%	9.60%	6.80%	5.96%	9.22%	7.69%	10.65%		

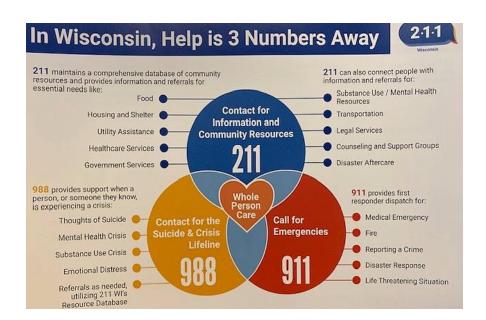
Contribution income was \$17,941

Income per month as percent of annual total (2022-2024). Does NOT include the ERC credit in June 2023													
Average %	6.93%	8.06%	8.52%	9.86%	9.77%	7.41%	8.14%	6.96%	6.83%	8.27%	7.38%	12.65%	
Average \$	\$16,019	\$18,432	\$19,630	\$22,558	\$22,875	\$17,050	\$18,906	\$16,138	\$15,463	\$19,036	\$17,058	\$29,352	\$232,517
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Good Shepherd Task Force Update...April 25, 2025

The Good Shepherd task force met on April 4; time was spent reviewing and working on multiple shared ministry Lenten events as well as organizing planning on other topics. The GPS (Good Shepherd, Pilgrim, St Stephen) joint meeting was postponed due to the date conflicting with Holy Week; the next meeting is scheduled for May 20.

Synod reps will be meeting with Wausau area councils/task forces on Saturday, April 26. As always, we ask that you keep the Good Shepherd task force, as well as all the ELCA congregations, in your prayers.



A note from Robbie on our Home Communion Kits.

Our Altar Guild leader Bobbie Salzman has asked that all Home Communion kits be returned to home base (here at GSLC) for the first Sunday of the Month for maintenance and blessing. They can then either be taken back out with you or picked up at your convenience.

For clarity, Bobbie will always refill the communion wafers and the small bottles of wine on a regular basis. This allows for the home visitors to be confident that the kits are always maintained as needed.

High School Youth

Hi Friends.

Parents and students are invited to an informational meeting on Wednesday, May 21, 5:30 pm at Good Shepherd Church, where we will present details about a couple upcoming high school summer trips: a week-long mission trip in 2026 and the National Youth Gathering in the summer of 2027, both including lots of service to others plus tons of faith building.

These trips are open to students just completing 8th through 12th grades. So, the 2026 trip would be for today's 7th to 11th graders and the 2027 trip would cover today's 6th to 10th graders. Please come learn more about these two awesome opportunities to continue your faith journey.

Any questions, feel free to email, text or call me.

Peace.

Tim Holcomb

715-212-3633, alissasdad03@gmail.com



Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, Wausau WI

Church Council Meeting Minutes April 8, 2025

Call to Order & Attendance

6:33 pm - Present: Lorraine Beyersdorf, Jennifer Holcomb, Emily Jauch, Marty Krahn, Stephanie Martell, Craig Netzer, Josh Stumpner, Laurie Sturzenegger, Mike Sturzenegger, Marjorie Viergutz, Andy Walters.

Also present for Treasurer/Financial Reports: Treasurer Paul Jauch (pronounced "YOW").

Gathering Litany

God's Word

Devotional Time - Craig Netzer - group shared "highs & lows" around the table

Agenda Review/Approval [MSC = motion/second/carried]

Agenda Review/Approval (MSC: Martell/Stumpner)

March Treasurer/Financial Report

Group reviewed financials - Contributions for March were \$64,525.13 (including a \$46,000 legacy gift received). Expenses for the month were \$18,427, resulting in a gain of about \$1,600 for the month after mortgage transfer, not including the special gift. Also noteworthy is that \$80,000 has been redistributed out of the checking account (earning no interest) in an effort to take advantage of interest-bearing investments, including into a money market and a short-term CD. Further transfers will be made on a regular basis from the money market to CDs ('laddering' them to ensure adequate liquidity - that is, they will mature at different times, releasing funds back into use).

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

Our Response to the Word

Standing Agenda Items

- 1) <u>Kartika's Korner</u>: a) idea for creating a garden area on the property in the summer with the goals to be to support higher anticipated food needs in the neighborhood and encourage serving together, which could turn to greater participation; Laurie will ask Kartika to bring more details and will update Council via email. b) Kartika is exploring a new sound board/system. c) 40-Days sorting will start this week. d) Recent concerns have been raised regarding some Facebook posts that are connected to Good Shepherd. Requesting Council to review our presence on these social media platforms and possibly develop policies/guidelines to help protect the face of our organization (to be added to May Council meeting agenda).
- 2) GPS Task Force Update: taking the month of April off (usual meeting would be during Holy Week); will meet again in May and then take a sabbatical over the summer reconvening in the fall. The time away will be a time for each congregation to assess/focus internally and get a better sense of the future. Know that we will continue to work together over the summer; only the formal task force work will be on a break.

Current Agenda Items

- Staff Roles & Duties a team will be assembled to understand the current work of our staff
 members in an effort to support their work and to help better position us for the future. Emily
 Jauch offered her expertise and will lead a team! Thank you, Emily.
- 2) Congregational Letter draft shared with Council members.
- Accountability Partners group polled for willingness to participate and conversation about process.
- 4) Angie Summer Hours requesting the same schedule as last summer: office will be open Monday through Thursday, closed on Fridays, starting after Memorial Day and ending at Labor Day. Will ask for excellent communication/marketing of this change so those who need to are in the know.
- 5) Forward Planning a small, enthusiastic group of congregation members are working to enliven our outreach to Riverview neighbors and beyond and a sample of a door-hanger with Holy Week worship services times was approved for printing and distribution. We envision that this group will be refreshed (Good Shepherd has had a Forward Planning committee in the past!). Huge thanks to these dedicated disciples.

<u>Noisy Offering</u> - The following schedule is planned: <u>April</u> - Gospel TLC; <u>May</u> - Synod Assembly; <u>June</u> - Positive Alternatives; <u>July</u> - Make A Wish Foundation of Wisconsin. If you have ideas of other organizations you would like us to consider supporting through the Noisy Offering, please share your idea with any Council member. Thanks in advance!

Follow Ups for May meeting -

- 1) Honoring Jim Nick's memory with a special musically-related item/idea
- 2) Review of Facebook page[s] and policy conversation

Prayers of the Church / Lord's Prayer

Sending/Motion to Adjourn

Meeting Adjourned at 8: 11pm (MSC: Walters/M Sturzenegger)

Respectfully Submitted, Jennifer Holcomb Good Shepherd Lutheran Church Council Secretary

Me've been dreaming!

[magine... beautiful, accessible raised garden beds lush with fresh healthy, free options for anyone in need!

/magine...an engaging, safe, mentoring community and programming for our babies, children and high school youth!

[magine...a welcoming, inclusive & creative space where the littles can move and play freely yet still be with their family in the sanctuary!

[magine...creative, grassroots efforts to invite and welcome our Riverview neighbors and offer ways for GSLC to bring value to lives!

[magine...being a part of something lifegiving alongside others in Wausau to bring shelter, food and survival needs for our vulnerable!

[magine...gratitude, joy and commitment of working together to help make this community and world a little better for so many!

*[magine...*the blessings of the last 60 years and the blessings to come as we embark boldly into the next 60!

Join this Good Shepherd community as we turn these dreams into reality!

This is going to need a LOT of hands, hearts and joyful effort!

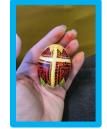




FIRST COMMUNION / Pr. Natalie gramma shower UKrainian egg decorating RACIAL JUSTICE EVENT / BOW THE KNEE Lent confirmation class





























Easter egg hunt / Maundy Thursday





