

Good Shepherd

LUTHERAN CHURCH

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(Change Service Requested)

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The office will be closed Monday, July 5th.

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

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JOIN US FOR
LIVE WORSHIP!

Sundays @ 9 am
Indoor Worship!

ONLINE WORSHIP
AVAILABLE
Wednesdays
Sundays

Greetings, beloved!

Since this will potentially be landing before your eyes sometime around Independence Day weekend, I'll assume you are either making your midsummer plans or enacting them ... so check this out quickly at your convenience.

It is unbelievably frustrating when there is a gap between what is and what is possible. Sometimes we see potential that others do not see in themselves. But what is even more frustrating is when there is no plan for closing that gap.

When I travel to visit my parents in Kentucky, I pretty much use the same route. It has been so for almost twenty years, so there is a lot of familiarity along the way. But there is one specific stretch of that trip toward the end that takes a weary traveler off the interstate and into the country for an hour or so. I have tried a number of times, but I always seem to make a wrong turn somewhere. I just cannot seem to get it right without a co-pilot (in the early days) or a GPS.

It is much the same with leading our congregation where we are called (or feeling called) to go. While there may be some collective sense of where we are heading (***Gather.Grow.Go.***), we will never get there without a roadmap (and a good co-pilot to read it). And that is especially true now that the world has changed so much. And it's not just the pandemic driving this. The last twenty years have brought earthquakes of change in the church. The routes are now different and our congregation's "GPS" needs updating. In some cases, it is a matter of waiting and trusting the leading of the Spirit. But in many cases, what is needed is real discernment about our next steps because what might have worked a decade ago probably will not work now. *Existing models of growth and vitality are not going to get us where God wants us to go anymore.* Period. We must be OK with that.

The good news is that the starting point toward building a thriving congregation is easier than we think, and we will find it in our answers to the following three questions:

- 1) Who are we and who are we becoming?
- 2) What is the impact that is within us to make?
- 3) How do we get from where we are to where we are called to be?

These are questions with which we ALL must wrestle. And there will be a lot to do once those questions are answered.

But I want to encourage us that they are life-giving, and they are a key starting point, particularly now as we are getting things rolling once again.

How would our congregation answer them? How would you answer them? What will free and compel us to find the answers together?

Happy July!

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 (Jul-Sep)

Reimagining Worship Task Force Update

We are so excited to be offering indoor, in-person worship services again! If you missed it, we are on our normal summer schedule with one service at 9:00 am each Sunday. We have several Covid-19 related safety measures in place.

- Face masks are required by everyone when inside the church building
- Every other pew is roped off to allow for physical distancing
- No-touch and self-serve offering, bulletins and communion are at the door
- Areas of the building are roped off to minimize the cleaning requirements
- Coffee and treats are not being served

Several people have questioned the mask requirement, as CDC now says that vaccinated people can be mask-free in group settings. The Reimagining Worship Task Force considered options thoroughly before arriving at this plan. There are at least three categories of people who are not vaccinated: those that are too young, those who have medical issues that don't allow them to get the shot, and those who have made their own decision not to receive the vaccine. We do not intend to ask anyone if they are vaccinated. Yet we do not want to exclude anyone who wishes to worship with us to do so. Therefore, the simple answer is that each of us don a mask for less than one hour while we worship together to protect those who haven't been vaccinated, without making anyone feel singled out as an unvaccinated person.

The Task Force continues to meet monthly to review current statistics, discuss our current plan and consider changes to the plan. We invite you to reach out to any of us with any questions or concerns.

Tim Holcomb, MJ Horvat, Jackie Majewski, Laurie Miles-Kroening, Mike Sturzenegger, Barb Denfeld, Pr. Kemp Jones

The Need Continues...

Consider
Donating:

Thur, July 15

- ◆ SNACKS
- ◆ BLOOD
- ◆ HELPING



Contact Barb
715-498-4245

1-6 pm



CORKS - N - COVERS

July 22-
Finding Dorothy by Elizabeth Letts,
 2019, 369 pages, discussion leader Bonnie
 Host - TBA

August 26 -
The Overstory by Richard Powers,
 discussion leader - Marilyn
 Since we normally do not meet in August this meeting is optional,
 and reading the book for the gathering is also optional.
 Marilyn will lead discussion on the environment,
 and we can also take a walk through the garden.
 Location - Monk Gardens - details to be announced

GOOD SHEPHERD SOFTBALL SCHEDULE 2021

All games located at Sunnyvale Park

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|-------------------|------------------------------|
| July 11 6:30 | SV#3 Immanuel Baptist Church |
| July 18 8:30 | SV#2 Good Ol" Boys |
| July 25 6:30 | SV#3 Christ Community Church |
| Aug. 1 TBA | TBA Play Offs |
| Aug. 8 TBA | TBA Play Offs |

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 Sundays @ 9:00 am**

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 Released for:
**Sundays
 Wednesdays**

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Independence Day

go to
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 www.gswausau.org
 Facebook
**(they remain available at
 our youtube channel)**

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JULY Birthdays



- 2 Thomas Domka
- 3 Landry Guldán
Lilyn Peterson
- 4 Richard Wichlidal
Sarah Kroening
- 6 Lorraine Beyersdorff
Jill Falkowski
- 7 Ray Liebers
Katie Mattice
- 8 Alfred Beyer
Kyiah Walters
- 9 Tabitha Bartz
John Enk
Bonnie Krubsack
Benjamin Schuette
- 10 Pat Falkowski
Kartika Putri

- 11 Rand Krueger
"Alan" Oswald
Julie Rhyner
- 12 Carly Davis
Kathleen Selby
"K" Toth
Les Toth
- 13 Anthony Cucchiarelli
Elisha Doering
Lucille Pfantz
- 14 Robin Falkowski
- 15 Skyler Schalow
- 16 Beth Champine
Sheryl Lauby
- 17 Kyle Bartz
Vicki Young
Brexton Zastrow
- 18 Laurie Miles-Kroening
- 19 Henry Merkey

- 21 Jay Kamrath
John Lakus
- 22 Mary Sue Damgaard
Garret Kath
- 23 Rhonda Hallam
Merlyn Leih
John Viergutz
- 24 Gary Klofstad
- 25 John Josiger
- 27 Nancy Salli
- 28 Anita Behrendt
- 29 Eunice Bauer
- 30 Marlene Babcock
Dylan Mork
Cheryl Rocheleau

JULY Anniversaries



- 2 Ken & Stephanie Martell
- 5 Annette & Chris Lauby
- 6 Robert & Pat Barofsky
Michael & Lynn Fremming
- 9 Jahn & Tracey Sandman
- 11 Mike & Kathleen Selby
- 17 Ryan & Gina Ramthun

- 20 John & Colleen Sickels
- 22 Jacelyn & Chad Majewski
- 23 Keith & Diane Peterson-Laszewski
Scott & Karen Worden
- 31 Jim & Fran Carmichael

GOOD SHEPHERD JULY CALENDAR

| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
|---|---|--|--|--|---|--|
| Online Worship Available Sundays | 7:00 pm Monday Nt AA | | Online Worship Available Wednesdays | 1 | 2 | 3 |
| 4 9:00 am Worship INDOORS | 5 OFFICE CLOSED IN OBSERVANCE OF 4 TH JULY 7:00 pm Monday Nt AA | 6 | 7 Wed AA 9:00 am | 8 | 9 | 10 |
| 11 9:00 am Worship INDOORS 6:30 pm GSLC Softball | 12 7:00 pm Monday Nt AA | 13 Church Council Mtg 6:30 pm Zoom | 14 Wed AA 9:00 am OFFERING COUNT | 15 Blood Drive 1-6 pm | 16 Wedding Rehearsal-offsite C. Clemens-D. Klinger | 17 Wedding I-offsite C. Clemens-D. Klinger |
| 18 9:00 am Worship INDOORS 8:30 pm GSLC Softball | 19 5:30 pm Shepherd Strummers 7:00 pm Monday Nt AA | 20 | 21 Wed AA 9:00 am | 22 1:30 pm Corks-n-Covers | 23 | 24 |
| 25 9:00 am Worship INDOORS 6:30 pm GSLC Softball | 26 5:30 pm Shepherd Strummers 7:00 pm Monday Nt AA | 27 | 28 Wed AA 9:00 am OFFERING COUNT | 29 | 30 | 31 |
| 1 9:00 am Worship INDOORS Softball Playoffs TBA | 2 5:30 pm Shepherd Strummers 7:00 pm Monday Nt AA | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 |

Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, Wausau WI

Church Council meeting minutes

May 11, 2021 Socially distanced via Zoom online

Call to Order –6:30 pm *Present: Pastor Kemp Jones, Josh Stumpner, Brad Bartelt, Cheryl Rocheleau, Shelly Ellenbecker,

Tony Omernik, Heidi Falstad, Jenny Samperisi, M. J. Horvat, Steve Herring, Paul Grewe

Gathering Litany – Pastor Kemp

GOD'S WORD

- Devotional time, M.J.–[consideration of Jan Richardson's 'Circle of Life' – “Blessing when the world is ending”]
- Sharing how you have seen God at work lately – ALL

Review

- Agenda review - Correction – introductions done last meeting Brad / Paul – APPROVED
- Minutes review – Corrected – confirmation & education beginning mid-March Cory / Shelly - APPROVED
- Treasurer / Financial Report –April income was \$18,601, expenses were \$23,358. We transferred \$2,207 from the building fund for a negative \$2,549 in total net income. Current reserves are \$38,689 (\$35,675 is PPP) in the general fund, \$19,995 in the building fund, and \$13,263 in work of the church. The monthly transfer from the building fund covers the mortgage and snow removal. These funds come in via monthly contributions designated to the building fund (income) and we then transfer them out (expense). - Tony / M.J. APPROVED

Our Response to the Word

(old business)

- **Mortgage loan refinancing opportunity** – Tim Logemann negotiated with our mortgage lender to secure terms for refinancing our mortgage loan. While Council had considered an approach to delay principal payment during the pandemic, costs to Good Shepherd would be significantly reduced by refinancing rather than seeking an interest-only approach. Our current loan of \$150K extends 7 years at 5.99% interest. Refinancing at current rate of ~4% and extending the term to 15 years will lower payments by \$8,000 per year or more depending upon exact interest and loan amount. Council discussed increasing the loan amount to accelerate needed building repairs and video / audio upgrades to accommodate Covid safety precautions, and to provide a slight financial cushion. A MOTION was offered by Tony, seconded by Brad to move forward refinancing \$200K at 15 years. – APPROVED
- **Technology Upgrade Update** - A contract is process, nearing completion, lighting specifications are being reviewed.
- **Employee Handbook Update** – Tony Omernik and Dorie Johnson have joined Jenn Tryba in reviewing the revisions for non-rostered employees, including specific vacation policy. Council will vote upon final revisions, which are expected by late October.

(new business)

- **Concrete repair bid** – We have a friendly bid for the repair of concrete work on the East side of our building and parking entry which is judged to be well below market. A motion was made by Paul, seconded by Shelly to accept the bid and move forward. - APPROVED.
- **Office Equipment (copy machine) replacement with improved terms.** – Negotiations with our office equipment supplier have resulted in the offer of a more capable copy machine at a lower net cost of hardware and service contract. A MOTION was made by Cory to authorize the replacement at the terms discussed; seconded by Brad - APPROVED.
- **Council position opening** – We are saddened by the loss of a valued Church Council member due to personal matters. All council will be attentive to seeking an interested, capable congregation member to serve out this remaining term in accordance with our constitution's outline.

Action Items:

Remain alert to opportunities for GSLC to serve in this rapidly changing time as pandemic restrictions are lifting.

Share GSLC via Social Media.

Prayers of the Church / Lord's Prayer

Sending (motion to adjourn) Cheryl / Jenny PASSED Adjournment 7:55 pm

Respectfully submitted, Paul Grewe, GSLC Secretary