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Starting

Sunday, June 13

@ 9 am

Indoor Worship!

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

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JOIN US FOR
LIVE WORSHIP!

GSLC PARKING LOT
RAIN OR SHINE @ 9 am
Through Sunday, June 6
BRING YOUR LAWN CHAIR
IF ITS NICE OUT

Starting
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Indoor Worship!

ONLINE WORSHIP
AVAILABLE
Wednesdays
Sundays



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)



Pentecost reading of Acts in various tongues * Saturday workday in garden & painting Sunday School Room cross * 2021 GSLC Confirmands



June greetings, beloved!

First things first, a quick update on my health. I am feeling better now most every day, and while it has been quite a long haul, I would expect that by the time you are reading this I will have improved dramatically. Thank you for your continued concern and support! It means the world to know I have been bathed in your prayers and warm thoughts.

I am truly thrilled to be able to share with you that we plan to be back in worship in-person and indoors on Sunday, June 13th! Thanks be to God! Please stay tuned for more specific details on the guidelines we will follow when we are together. Your enthusiastic partnership in these continued cautionary efforts with the unvaccinated among us in mind is deeply appreciated.

As you are most certainly aware, on May 13 the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention issued new guidelines for folks who have been vaccinated. I think we can all be very pleased that our collective efforts have borne fruit as we are seeing the success of safe practices, and widespread vaccination has indeed produced the desired results. Our Re-Imaging Worship Task Force has been hard at work since that day trying to balance all the various opinions and potential concerns of this diverse constituency at Good Shepherd as we move forward along the path that we have been planning toward for many months. Bishop Anne Edison-Albright reminded our synod on May 20th that “the church is not a person; the church is the people.” It is so helpful to be reminded that moving forward toward everybody’s desired end-result is not based on individual choice, but will be a communal effort, and *it will take time*. It will be critically important for you and me to continue to remind ourselves and each other that love builds up, it doesn’t tear down. We are on the same side here, even if we’re not on the same page ... and we are in this together.

With that in mind, it would be remiss for me not to remind us of something else our bishop said, **“Extra grace and care for each other and for the greater good is needed: in church, in the grocery stores, and in other public spaces too.”** Extra grace and care ... everywhere! Amen! We have talked about “extra grace” here for years, and it has become a staff motto. There has never been a time when COVID-19 was not a big thing for all sorts of reasons. Therefore, it continues to be worthy of big thoughts and big prayers before we potentially engage each other in venomous ways. The trauma of this past 15 months is real, and in many ways has not even been experienced yet. We have all had our worlds shaken in some profound way. Let us not forget that when feelings and reactions pop up out of nowhere that seem completely disconnected from our own reality each one of us is worthy of being seen, heard, recognized, affirmed, and cared for. It is a crucial part of our baptismal call to work for justice and peace, especially when that work is difficult.

Bishop Anne closed with Psalm 126, which I have also found helpful this past year. It describes Israel’s return from exile, and offers a vision of what life after COVID might be like:

*Let us begin this day by rejoicing!
Let us acknowledge our Lord’s love and concern
And allow our bodies to break forth
Into happy hilarity!
Let us give our nerves and muscles
The healthy exercise of laughter!
The Lord has done such wonderful things for us;
Let us be glad!
The day before us is uncertain.
We know not what we will encounter on our way.
While we rejoice with those who rejoice,
We shall also weep with those who suffer.
While we may be surprised by ecstasy,
We may also pass through corridors of darkness.
Wherever we go, we go forth as servants of the living God.
And we go forth to touch lives with God’s healing love.
Let us begin this day with rejoicing,
And return to our homes with gladness!*
(From Psalms/Now by Leslie F. Brandt)

The bishop’s letter ended with, “Emerging with you.”

What a great image! May we emerge from all of this together, with compassionate, creative and restorative energy toward each other, grounded in the Good News of God’s unconditional love for the *whole* Body of Christ! And may we remember that everything we have done, every argument had, every decision made, every prayer lifted has been done so with care for the whole community in mind, particularly the community beyond our church walls.

Peace ... Pastor Kemp

Reimagining Worship Task Force Update: Weekly Indoor Worship Starts June 13!

We are excited to tell you that in person worship will begin in our sanctuary at 9 am on June 13! Please be patient as we begin indoor worship as it may evolve somewhat in the weeks to come as restrictions and recommendations from the CDC, Synod and Wisconsin Council of Churches change. At the present time, everyone over age 5 should wear a face mask regardless of vaccination status. If you forget, we have masks available. Expect physical distancing, self-serve communion, no passing of the peace and not before or after service gathering in the narthex. We will continue to offer online worship on Sunday and Wednesday for those who prefer to worship at home. If you need communion elements for your at home worship, call Angie to arrange to pick them up. We can't wait to see you!

We Care Ministry Update:

Our WeCare Connection Bags and weekly meals continue to be well received. At the present we assemble and deliver seasonal connection bags to around 40 of our elders and shut-ins every few months. We prepare and deliver meals to two couples and 4 singles once a week. If you know someone who needs a weekly meal, let Angie know! Special thanks to those who deliver including Mike Rocheleau, Barb Denfeld, Kay Toth, Lorraine BEYERSDORFF, Jenny Samperisi, Barb Denfeld and Geri Luer. The bags and meals are funded by donations and we thank the endowment fund and all those who have offered donations.

Confirmation Update

Our Confirmation instruction is over for the year. Thanks to all the parents and students who attended or helped facilitate our online classes and service events. We were proud that 6 students affirmed their baptism in May. Congratulations to all! Our final service project was a community/church workday on May 22. We picked up lots of trash on the river, weeded flower beds, painted an awesome wall cross in the Sunday School Room, painted the Sunday School Hallway, cleaned the sanctuary, cleaned all the cupboards in the kitchen, defrosted the freezer and much more! Thanks to a Thrivent Action Grant we were able to feed our thirty plus volunteers both a grab and go breakfast, snacks and a box lunch.

Church Clean-up Day: WASN'T THAT AMAZING?!

Thank You!

Special thanks to Brian Merkey, Jenny Samperisi, Josh and Jill Stumpner, Dave Cronce, the Ramthun Family, Ron Fritz, Andy Heise, Tim Holcomb, Jenn Tryba, Barb and Brian Denfeld, Laurie Miles-Kroening, Mike Sturzenegger, MJ Horvat and Paul Grewe for all your hard work with our students on our service day!

Affirmation of Baptism

5-16-2021



Madalyn Ryann Bartz
Aubrey Anne Cronce
Natalie Jane Doering
Breanna Marie Schudlach
Benjamin Bruce Schuette
Danica Maya Sturzenegger

We ask God's blessing
for them
on this special day.

*Thank you also to everyone who participated in
Confirmation classes the last three years, especially
Tim Holcomb and Mary Jane Horvat and Pastor Kemp.*

Condolences to
the family of

Pat Anderson

Died May 10, 2021



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We are offering online
worship services
Released for:
Sundays
Wednesdays

Indoor Worship
Begins June 13, 9:00 am

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

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Good Shepherd Softball Schedule 2021

All games located at Sunnyvale Park

May 23 8:30 SV#2 Immanuel Baptist Church

June 6 7:30 SV#3 Good Ol' Boys

June 13 5:30 DH SV#2 Christ Community Church

June 13 8:30 DH SV#2 L&S Electric

June 20 8:30 SV#3 L&S Electric

June 27 6:30 SV#2 Jamars

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

J U N E Birthdays



- 2 Howard Drebenstedt
- 4 Loren Beyersdorff
- 5 Cara Clemens-Krueger
- 5 Duane Doering
- 7 Harold Eisenman
- 8 Nicholas Boulanger
- 9 Carol Carmichael
- 9 Morgan Cummings
- 10 James Carmichael
- 10 Jane Ziebell
- 11 Arlene Henke
- 12 Anne Buntrock

- 12 Jane Cloutier
- 12 Danica Sturzenegger
- 13 Tricia Maier
- 14 Nicole Graveen
- 15 Frances Carmichael
- 15 Debra Clemens
- 16 Steven Martell
- 19 Barbara Krautkramer
- 19 Katherine Krueger
- 20 Dawn Thorwaldson
- 20 Darrell Worden
- 22 Oliver Merkey

- 23 Clarice Kohnhorst
- 23 Jessica Pergolski
- 23 Allan Teige
- 24 Riley Jones
- 25 Karriann Bargender
- 25 Mark Selby
- 26 Arlyn Westberg
- 27 Karen Bliese
- 27 Caden Guldán
- 28 Samantha Bartelt
- 28 Adam Pleuss
- 30 Fox Klein30 James Nick

J U N E Anniversaries

- 3 Brent & Melissa Kriewaldt
- 6 Mark & Pam Hildebrandt
- 10 Jason & Stephanie Teske
- 17 Dustin & Rebecca Chapman
- 17 Duane & Elisha Doering
- 18 Paul & Pam Daigle
- 18 Lawrence & Jean Korpela

- 20 Paul & Sara Boettcher
- 21 Brian & Amy Merkey
- 22 Paul & Joann Grewe
- 22 Kenneth & Yvonne Sitko
- 24 Rick & Debra Clemens
- 25 Brian & Barb Denfeld
- 26 Tom & Sue Domka

- 27 Charles Jr & Marjorie Schwede
- 28 Dean & Bonnie Krubsack
- 29 Rand Krueger & Nancy Bergstrom
- 29 Dan & Diana LaCerte



GOOD SHEPHERD JUNE CALENDAR

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Online Worship Available Sundays	24 7:00 pm Monday Nt AA		Online Worship Available Wednesdays			
9:00 am Worship outdoors	31 7:00 pm Monday Nt AA	1	2 Wed AA 9:00 am	3	4	5
6 9:00 am Worship outdoors	7 5:30 pm Shepherd Strummers 7:00 pm Monday Nt AA	8 Church Council Mtg 6:30 pm Zoom	9 Wed AA 9:00 am OFFERING COUNT	10	11	12
13 9:00 am Worship INDOORS	14 5:30 pm Shepherd Strummers 7:00 pm Monday Nt AA	15	16 Wed AA 9:00 am	17	18	19
20 9:00 am Worship INDOORS	21 5:30 pm Shepherd Strummers 7:00 pm Monday Nt AA	22	23 Wed AA 9:00 am OFFERING COUNT	24 Corks n Covers 1:30 pm	25	26
27 9:00 am Worship INDOORS	28 5:30 pm Shepherd Strummers 7:00 pm Monday Nt AA	29	30			

Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, Wausau WI
Church Council meeting minutes

April 13, 2021 Socially distanced via Zoom online

Call to Order –6:32 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 Steve / Tony – APPROVED
- Minutes review – Corrected – confirmation & education beginning mid-March SM.J. / Brad - APPROVED
- Treasurer / Financial Report – March income was \$19,546 expenses \$23,394. Current reserves total \$39,408 We are \$9,994 behind our first quarter budget. Contributions were \$33,609 under budget but fortunately staff was able to hold expense down by \$15,753. GSLC received an additional PPP loan of \$35,675. - Jenny / Heidi 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
- **Social media evangelism** - Congregation members are beginning to form the habit of 'sharing' GSLC online content. Additionally, we have begun 'boosting' online worship services 2X per week. These efforts so far seem to show increased volume and presence in online media and possibly increases participation in worship. Individual donations have been enough to cover boosting fees for 6 months. It appears that congregation sharing is more impactful than boosting.
- **a) GSLC website** - Our website is generally accurate. Correction of Sunday School contact to Jen Walters was noted and made.
- **Video / Audio Upgrades** – Staff and Josh have been working with consultants in planning and designing video, audio and lighting improvements which will both improve and add efficiency to distance online worship creation and accommodate use of created worship content for in-person worship. Hardware / software will include camera, screens, a dedicated PC and controls. A MOTION was offered by Brad, seconded by Cheryl to make a down payment against the approximately \$6,500 cost so that work can begin in an accelerated timeframe. – APPROVED

(new business)

- **Staff Benefits: assessing vacation / sabbatical policy adequacy** – Our synod provides guidelines regarding vacation and sabbatical recommended for rostered clergy but policy for staff is the responsibility of individual congregations. Our staff has been operating with the vacation originally allotted at hiring, many years ago. Council discussed the adequacy of current time-off in light of the extraordinary workload our staff has shouldered this past year. A MOTION was offered by Steve, seconded by Heidi to codify a policy for non-rostered staff of 2 weeks per year vacation provided through year 4; 3 weeks beginning year 5 and 4 weeks beginning year 10. Accordingly, Angie and Kartika will become immediately eligible for an additional week of vacation. Pastor Kemp will be given an additional week of vacation for use during 2021. And a sabbatical plan will be begun for Pastor Kemp in an intermediate time frame. - APPROVED.

Action Items:

- ✓ Begin sabbatical planning, alert staff to vacation policy.
- ✓ Share GSLC via Social Media.

Prayers of the Church / Lord's Prayer

Sending (motion to adjourn) Cheryl / Jenny PASSED Adjournment 8:07 pm

Respectfully submitted, Paul Grewe, GSLC Secretary