

Good Shepherd

LUTHERAN CHURCH

930 Edgewood Road Wausau, WI 54403

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SOWING SEEDS OF LOVE,
GROWING IN SPIRIT



SUNDAY | JULY 16, 2023 | 10:30 A.M.
ROTHSCHILD PAVILION
1104 Park St, Rothschild, WI 54474

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

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REGISTRATION INFO

JOIN US FOR LIVE WORSHIP!

Sundays @ 9:00 am

ONLINE WORSHIP
AVAILABLE

Sundays

Wishing you all a safe
and fun 4th of July!

The office will be
closed Mon/ Tue.

July 3 & 4.

Dear Congregation,

INVITATION: Your responses to our wishes, needs and efforts have been so gratefully met and surpassed over the last year, and we are so proud and thankful for each and every one of you! The upcoming shared ministry worship project offers us another opportunity to join together with joy and praise, in community and gratitude with all the named congregations joining us.

We ask that you prepare to worship at the Rothschild Pavilion. We will NOT have worship at Good Shepherd that morning.

ANTICIPATION: Probably the single most repeated observation is the desire to see pews full to share in song, prayer and praise. This will be the day! We are hopeful to draw 500 fellow worshipers and siblings in Christ! This is so EXCITING! The venue holds over 1,000 so there is plenty of room for all!

FREE LUNCH & ACTIVITIES FOR ALL:

In addition to worship, there will be a free lunch, activities for children and a ministry fair that represents all the vital ministries offered amongst all our congregations. This helps us to see just why the area ELCA presence is essential.

TRANSPORTATION: If you are interested in attending and would be open to carpooling or you need a ride, please contact the office and we will help make that happen.

OFFERINGS: There will be two offerings at the worship service. The primary offering will be like our typical Sunday offering. All envelopes labeled with a congregation's name (ex: GSLC & env.#) will be sorted out and dispersed to each congregation. There will also be a special offering (like our Noisy Offering) that will be designated to United Way, Marathon Cty. Coalition and Faith In Action. All non-labeled (loose) offerings will go toward the 3 non-profits.
(Stay tuned!)



**SOWING SEEDS OF LOVE,
GROWING IN SPIRIT**

PRAISE
and
Worship

A worship service hosted by the Wausau-area ELCA churches for the community.
All are welcome.
Free lunch to follow with games and activities for everyone.

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Hosting Congregations:

<i>Wausau:</i> Good Shepherd, Immanuel Lutheran, Pilgrim Lutheran Saint Andrew St. Stephen	<i>Kronenwetter:</i> Bethlehem <i>Mosinee:</i> St. John <i>Rothschild:</i> Mt. Calvary
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Evangelical Lutheran Church in America



MINISTRY FAIR TABLES

- Corks N Covers Bookclub
- Dartball
- Faith Formation
- Home Visitation Ministry
- LWR Quilters
- Music: Ukes, Strings, Bells, Adult Choir
- Parish Nursing
- Prayer Network
- Social Concerns

WISH / NEEDS LIST

- 2-12 pk Diet Mt Dew
- 1-12 pk 7 Up / Sprite
- 1-12 pk Diet 7 Up / Sprite
- 2 Face Painters
- Puppet Helpers

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)

930 EDGEWOOD RD
WAUSAU, WI 54403

(715) 675.1997

info@gswausau.org

Office Hours M-F

9:30 am – 4:00 pm

Office closed Mon / Tue, July 3 & 4

Sunday Worship @ 9 am

Online Worship on

Sunday @ Wednesday

go to

GSLC Wausau WI on Youtube,

www.gswausau.org

Facebook

(they remain available at
our youtube channel)

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JULY WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

Date	2-Jul	9-Jul	23-Jul	30-Jul
Assisting Minister	Pr. Justin	Pr. Justin	Pr. Nicole	Lay Led
Greeter 1	MJ Horvat	Jenn Holcomb	Paul Grewe	Andy Walters
Greeter 2	Jen Holcomb	Sharon Semling	JoAnn Grewe	Bonnie Anderson
Usher 1	K Toth	Cheryl Rocheleau	Jean Korpela	Adam Pleuss
Usher 2	Susan Mazique	Bonnie Anderson	Joyce Nick	Jillian/ Liliana J
Altar Guild	K. Maier B. Anderson	K. Maier B. Anderson	K. Maier B. Anderson	K. Maier B. Anderson

OFFICIAL ACTS

FUNERAL:

Warren "Andy" Ament

6-29-2023

The Rev. Rich Block
Officiating

Lunch & Lessons Returns!

Wednesdays starting July 19 @ Noon

Lunch & Lessons is back!! Come join Joyce Nick and Kartika on Wednesdays at noon to talk about the Lectionary readings and dig deeper into the Word together, beginning on July 19! Bring lunch and let's eat and chat about the Bible!

TOWN HALL

MTG

7-9-2023

~10 AM

We'll gather after worship
with our snack & ideas!

The Need Continues...

BLOOD DRIVE

Consider Donating:

- ◆ SNACKS
- ◆ BLOOD
- ◆ HELPING

Contact THE OFFICE

Thur, July 20



1-6 pm



- *Jill & the new John Deere
- *Shepherd Strummers @ Riverlife
- *Adam & Butch the Birthday Bear!
- *Prayer writers & ice cream

APPROVED! ENDOWMENT FUND DISPERSEMENTS FROM 2022 DIVIDENDS |

QTY	SERVICE/ EXPENSE	DESCRIPTION	TOTAL
TONY OMERNIK	GSLC HOME VISITATION PROGRAM-	1. 23 - BACKGROUND CHECKS- PROTECT MY MINISTRY CHARGED TO CARDMEMBER SERVICES CC	\$900
		2. 40 - WE CARE BASKETS (20x2) / SUPPLIES	
KARTIKA PUTRI	MUSIC WORSHIP RESOURCES	PERFORMANCE USB MUSIC STAND LIGHTS	\$300
ANGIE HUCKBODY	EVANGELISM	BIBLES FOR GIVING AWAY UPON REQUEST	\$200
ANGIE HUCKBODY	SUNDAY SCHOOL MINISTRY	ENRICHMENT/ LEADERSHIP RESOURCES	\$500
		Subtotal	\$1,900

Thank you to our Endowment Fund committee for their discerning support of this legacy mission. Did you know?... Anyone is eligible to apply and dream and potentially utilize these resources!

MSP Survey Notes

The Ministry Site Profile committee met on June 27 to continue processing the responses from the congregation survey. 42 questionnaires were returned and many included comments; every response was valued, read, discussed. Thank you for your feedback!

Almost 85% of the responses came from long time (10 years or more) members. Surprisingly, just under a third of those who responded to the question, had been away from GS and returned. Respondents are an active group participating in many ways; Social events, education, and worship team/ assisting showed the greatest involvement.

It came out loud and clear that building a sense of community is vital to respondents with almost everyone marking that attribute as a top task for a pastor. Preaching and leading worship; pastoral care and visitation and recruiting and equipping leaders were also seen as important traits. Desired gifts for ministry echoed the rating of pastoral tasks: building a sense of community; effective communicator; being able to share leadership and work as a team.

GS has many strengths and is blessed with a strong and talented staff and lay leaders. Friendliness, character, integrity and the goodness of its members are strong positives. GS accepts all and possesses a sense of family, community. The opportunity to partner with other churches was seen as a great chance to expand ministry and help in the evolution of the ELCA. GS also has areas of opportunity. Finances are tight; volunteers are getting burned out. Our communication is improving, but we could do better. We honor and cherish "the way that we used to do things", but we need to trust God and be open to new thoughts, ideas and ways to be the church.

The MSP committee asks for your prayers for we continue processing this information, for our church staff and leaders, and our brothers and sisters at Good Shepherd. Thank you again for your participation!

Laurie's Message from June 11

Greetings GSLC and visitors. Thanks for allowing me to speak to you today and share my message of hope during this summer of transition, cooperation and community. The word of our Gospel today from the 9th Chapter of Matthew shows us several examples of the miracle that Jesus was able to accomplish during his worldly life. These miracles are signs of the things He and the Spirit can do and surely much greater than the things we may ask of Him today or in our future for the Greater Wausau Area.

As you know, members of the council, other congregational leaders as well as the staff are participating in joint planning meetings with the other Wausau area churches who are all facing challenges right now. Some have no rostered Pastor like us, some have significant (and I mean significant) decline in attendance and others have big financial worries (yes even bigger than ours). There are 10 ELCA congregations in the Greater Wausau area who each have a building, varying in age and physical condition, ministries and community programs, histories and stories that are strong and meaningful to each member of their congregation. Each of them have members who have spent decades dedicating their time, talents, money, sweat, tears and spiritual lives to the congregation - JUST LIKE MANY OF US! They are living out their mission to the best of their ability. JUST LIKE US!

One of the meetings I attended spoke of the "natural life of a congregation". Every congregation has a scientific life span based on Bell Curve. Some can be as long as 250+ years, some can be < 75 years. What does that mean? It means just like people or animals, it will be born, it will live and it will eventually die. Sounds kind of blunt and brutal I know - I know. BUT WAIT!!! IT'S NOT!
I Promise... GOD PROMISES!!!! Stay With me now - -

Not too long ago here in the church, we professed to be an Easter People didn't we? Well, what does that mean to "be an Easter People?" Well, to me, and hopefully you too, it means:
Life, Death, Resurrection!
Listen to that again: Life Death RESURRECTION!!

TO RISE AGAIN - that is the official definition of Resurrection.

Well...

If we are going to profess to be Easter People, we need to live as Easter People.
Say that with me - If we are going to profess to be Easter People we need to live as Easter People!

Ok that's Great Laurie - but just hold on a minute - hold on a big minute - I'm good with a couple of those but.... Life: OK Resurrection: Cool Death: Ummmm no so cool for some folks...
(I personally am pretty OK talking about death but that's a message for another day, but I know not everyone is OK with it and I want to acknowledge that and make sure you know - I see you and hear you and it is OK to not be OK with it, and again maybe that's a message for another day but ... - keep listening 😊)

So here is where God's promises come in, Here is where our Faith come in:

In John 11:17 Jesus says (as He is praying for his disciples as He is leaving the Earth) *"I will remain in the world no longer,, but they are still in the world and I am coming to you Father. Holy Father protect them by the power of your Holy name that they be as one, as we are one."*

God is here with us to protect us. Just as he is one with the Father, He is her with us, The Father is with us THEY are with us WE ARE ONE!

We are part of something larger than ourselves, and we are not alone - Jesus has promised us that. The Spirit is calling and leading us into new ways of being a Church - with a Capital C. If we look back at our Gospel lesson from Matthew Chpt 9, and read to the end of the Chapter, Vvs 37-38 *"The harvest is plentiful but the workers are few. Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send our workers into His harvest field"*. We have learned that the harvest field being spoken of is the work of the Church (with a Blg C) and we are the harvest workers. I believe and have faith in this work with my whole being. I BELIEVE I am being filled and led by the Holy Spirit to do this work. To be in this place - at this time - which is the ONLY reason I am able to stand here and give this message I wrote today!

I honestly don't know where the Spirit is leading GSLC and all the churches of the GWA, but I know for certain He is leading us and I am excited to see where, and how. I am also certain it will be done with Love together and Loving One Another.

Please join me in Prayer:

Dear God,

I confess I have forgotten your Power, I have at times forgotten your love and your wisdom. I know this when I start to rely on myself for strength, discernment and love. In you, I have all these things. Holy Spirit, remind me of these truths. Remind me of my loving Savior Jesus. Hold me in this remembrance, for whatever I face, to carry me through
In Christ's name I pray,

Amen

J U L Y Birthdays

2 Thomas Domka
Betty Gattiker
3 Landry Guldan
Lilyn Peterson
4 Richard Wichlidal
5 Mary Jo Netzer
6 Lorraine Beyersdorff
Jill Falkowski
7 Ray Liebers
Katie Mattice
8 Kyiah Walters
9 Tabitha Bartz
John Enk
Bonnie Krubsack
Benjamin Schuette
10 Pat Falkowski
Kartika Putri

11 Rand Krueger
12 Carly Davis
Kathleen Selby
"K" Toth
Les Toth
13 Elisha Doering
Lucille Pfantz
14 Robin Falkowski
15 Skyler Schalow
17 Kyle Bartz
Vicki Young
18 Laurie Sturzenegger
19 Henry Merkey
21 Joshua Gruna
Jay Kamrath
John Lakus



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

J U L Y Anniversaries

1 David & Courtney Derus
2 Ken & Stephanie Martell
6 Robert & Pat Barofsky
9 Jahn & Tracey Sandman
11 Mike & Kathleen Selby
17 Ryan & Gina Ramthun

20 John & Colleen Sickels
24 Cara & Dakota Klinger
27 Connie & Pat Miskowiak
30 Keith & Diane Peterson-Laszewski
30 Scott & Karen Worden
31 Jim & Fran Carmichael



GOOD SHEPHERD JULY CALENDAR

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Online Worship Available Sundays						1
2 9:00am Worship Pr. Justin Smoot presiding	3 Office closed Independence Day Mon. Nt AA 7:00pm	4 Office closed Independence Day	5 Wed AA 9:00am	6 Shared Ministry Praise Band Rehearsal 6:00 pm @ Mt. Calvary		8
9 9:00am Worship Pr. Justin Smoot presiding 10:00am Town Hall Mtg Shared Ministry Combined Choir Rehearsal 6:30 pm @ St Stephen	10 Kwik Trip Mtg 4:00pm Shepherd Strummers @ River Walk/ Briqs 5:30pm Mon. Nt AA 7:00pm	11 LWR Quilters 9:00am Shared Ministry Praise Band Rehearsal 6:00 pm @ Mt. Calvary Church Council Mtg 6:30pm	12 Wed AA 9:00am OFFERING COUNT		14	15 5:00 pm SETUP 6:00 pm Shared Ministry Praise Band Rehearsal @ Roth. Pavilion 6:30 pm Shared Ministry Combined Choir Rehearsal @ Rothschild Pavilion/
16 No Worship @ GSLC 10:30 am Shared Ministry Worship Service @ Rothschild Pavilion Picnic Lunch / activities for the whole family	17 Shepherd Strummers @ River Walk/ Briqs 5:30pm Mon. Nt AA 7:00pm 6:00 pm String Rehearsal	18 LWR Quilters 9:00am String Rehears. 5:00pm 6:00 pm NAOMI Issues Assembly	19 Wed AA 9:00am 12:00 pm Lunch n Lessons	20 Blood Drive 1:00pm		22
23 9:00am Worship Pr. Nicole Behnke- Welke presiding	24 Shepherd Strummers @ River Walk/ Briqs 5:30pm Mon. Nt AA 7:00pm	25 LWR Quilters 9:00am String Rehears. 5:00pm	26 Wed AA 9:00am 12:00 pm Lunch n Lessons	27 Corks n Covers 1:30 pm Riverview Neighborhood Mtg 6:30pm		29
30 9:00 am Worship Lay Led	31 Shepherd Strummers @ River Walk/ Briqs 5:30pm Mon. Nt AA 7:00pm OFFERING COUNT					

Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, Wausau WI

Church Council Meeting Minutes

June 13, 2023

Call to Order & Attendance

6:33 pm- **Present:** Jenny Samperisi, Chad Majewski, Shelly Ellenbecker, Cheryl Rocheleau, Jenn Holcomb, Laurie Sturzenegger, MJ Horvat, Mike Sturzenegger, Craig Netzer, Andy Walters **Not Present:** Cory Toth-LaPointe, Tony Omernik, Dia Arpon **Remote:** None

Gathering Litany

God's Word

Devotional Time- Cheryl Rocheleau

Where have you seen God's work lately - All

Review/Approval

- Agenda Review/Approval (**MSC: Laurie\Jenny**)
 - Add brief update of plant sale
- May Minutes Review/Approval (**MSC: N/A**)
 - Electronically approved; no action needed

Treasurer/Financial Report

- Cory not present, reviewed and discussed May financial statement
- Found some typos, sending back to Cory to fixup and resubmit
- (**MSC: not approved**)

Our Response to the Word

Council Meeting Electronic Minutes Approval

- No suggestions on improvement
- Chad to send out minutes electronically by next morning after meeting. Council members will have a week to approve at which time they will be submitted for review. Once reviewed and revised, Angie will publish the same month's council minutes in that month's newsletter.

Ministry Site Profile (MSP) Survey Results

- Discussed Strengths and Opportunities for Improvement
- **Strengths:** staff, music
- **Opportunities for Improvement:** old ways of doing things, shorter and simpler survey questions
- Group will be meeting on June 27th to discuss and gather thoughts and put together a status report

Fundraising Update

- **Plant Sale:** \$2300 or so, made about the same as last year. Extra advertising didn't seem to make a difference.
- **First English Tent @ Wisconsin Valley Fair** sign-up sheet is in the Narthex. Anyone who signs up gets a free pass to the fair for that day. Volunteers will clock in and clock out and your congregation will get credit for those hours you work.
- **Taste & Glow:** Can sign up on their website (<https://tasteandglow.com>) Money will go to your congregation for those hours you work.

Shared Ministry Update

- Laurie read an email from Pastor Dara, the Associate to the Bishop and Director for Evangelical Mission with the East Central Synod of WI. The email stated the shortage of fill-in pastors in Central Wisconsin and asked for consideration to come up with ideas on how we can adjust things to help ensure all Central Wisconsin Lutheran churches can fulfill their pastoral needs. A Council Presidents' meeting is being held on June 21, 2023, for many area churches at which this this will be discussed. The Council members present questioned whether or not the Supply Pastors had been queried about their desires and preferences in serving

Community Worship Update

- July 16th, 2023 @ Rothschild Pavilion (NO service at GSLC that day)
- Help needed on July 15th to help make sandwiches
- Has expanded now to 8 congregations
- There was some concern over transportation for those who may not want to drive and a plan is being developed to try and accommodate that concern
- Jenn asked if there was any write up being done for the newsletter and someone will be found to put something together

Endowment Fund Disbursement Approval

- Motion made to approve disbursement as presented to Council members in an email (MSC: Jenn/MJ)

Tabled

- Good Shepherd Constitution review, update, amendment(s)
- Strategic Planning
- Re-start the visioning work that we had begun toward the end of last year
- Move to Tithe.ly

Action Items

- Membership Giving Stats
- MSP Survey
- Community Worship

Prayers of the Church/Lord's Prayer

- The Lord's Prayer

Sending/Motion to Adjourn

- Meeting Adjourned 8:10 pm (MSC: Laurie/Chad)

REJOICE!

The two Federal Tax credit checks we've been waiting for... have arrived!

\$36,674.26

A M E N !



Good Shepherd - 2023 YTD Income & Expenses													
	Jan-23	Feb-23	Mar-23	Apr-23	May-23	Jun-23	Jul-23	Aug-23	Sep-23	Oct-23	Nov-23	Dec-23	YTD Totals
Income	\$17,614	\$21,688	\$16,906	\$23,190	\$29,162								\$108,560
Expenses	\$17,217	\$25,782	\$18,535	\$17,505	\$20,223								\$99,263
Total	\$397	(\$4,094)	(\$1,629)	\$5,685	\$8,939	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$9,297

Good Shepherd - Rolling Income & Expenses													
	Jun-22	Jul-22	Aug-22	Sep-22	Oct-22	Nov-22	Dec-22	Jan-23	Feb-23	Mar-23	Apr-23	May-23	YTD Totals
Income	\$17,619	\$22,938	\$16,250	\$14,230	\$22,025	\$18,366	\$25,439	\$17,614	\$21,688	\$16,906	\$23,190	\$29,162	\$245,428
Expenses	\$24,001	\$27,704	\$21,677	\$23,985	\$15,961	\$15,542	\$23,093	\$17,217	\$25,782	\$18,535	\$17,505	\$20,223	\$251,227
Total	(\$6,382)	(\$4,767)	(\$5,427)	(\$9,755)	\$6,064	\$2,824	\$2,346	\$397	(\$4,094)	(\$1,629)	\$5,685	\$8,939	(\$5,799)

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Income	\$17,043	\$14,009	\$25,166	\$21,327	\$24,494	\$17,619	\$22,938	\$16,250	\$14,230	\$22,025	\$18,366	\$25,439	\$238,907
Expenses	\$22,316	\$36,463	\$24,828	\$20,373	\$28,267	\$24,001	\$27,704	\$21,677	\$23,985	\$15,961	\$15,542	\$23,093	\$284,211
Total	(\$5,273)	(\$22,454)	\$338	\$954	(\$3,773)	(\$6,382)	(\$4,767)	(\$5,427)	(\$9,755)	\$6,064	\$2,824	\$2,346	(\$45,304)



IF YOU ARE LOOKING FOR A FUN VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL EXPERIENCE,

LOOK NO FURTHER!

Saint Andrew Lutheran Church, ELCA

Mon-Thur: August 7-10, 2023

9am-noon

Make a SPLASH this summer at VBS: Splash in God's Living Water!

- *Vacation Bible School at Saint Andrew is a 4-day program*
- *This program is for children entering PreK-2nd grade.*
- *This year we will be diving into God's Living Water and how important water is to our whole lives. Kids will hear scripture, sing songs, play games, and grow in faith in a fun environment!*
- Registration link:
<https://www.salc-wausau.org/forms/#1684461959622-bc9a6510-c141>
- Or visit www.salc-wausau.org and to click on the "forms" tab.
- *Registration fee is \$15 per child.*