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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.

I was reminded this morning of a story that I remember hearing a long time ago but had forgotten about. I think it stands speaks into our times as a testimony for what “good people” (I’ll let you define that on your own, but simply put, not just followers of Christ) need to think about and reframe in their minds right now to continue to be called “good.” If you are reading this online, the links should take you to further learning opportunities:

Anthropologist [Margaret Mead](#) was asked by a student what she considered to be the first sign of civilization in a culture.

Mead said that the first sign of civilization in an ancient culture was a femur (thighbone) that had been broken and then healed. Mead explained that in the animal kingdom, if you break your leg, you die. You cannot run from danger, get to the river for a drink or hunt for food. You are meat for prowling beasts. No animal survives a broken leg long enough for the bone to heal. A broken femur that has healed is evidence that someone has taken time to stay with the one who fell, has bound up the wound, has carried the person to safety and has tended the person through recovery. Helping someone else through difficulty is where civilization starts. We are at our best when we serve others. Be civilized.

(Ira Byock, [The Best Care Possible: A Physician’s Quest to Transform Care Through the End of Life](#) (Avery, 2012))

Perhaps a broken femur could be a symbol of a broken world? We live in times unlike any I can remember in my lifetime. I wish I could say things are better than they have ever been. I suppose that’s true in certain instances, but as a “catchall phrase” I find it difficult to say things are better than ever.

I frequently hear the phrase, “We live in a broken world.” Well, if our world is broken, it could certainly be argued that without care it will die. If this brokenness leads us to being immobile or less mobile physically or mentally, we will become progressively less nimble in our ability to face the challenges that lay in front of us ... challenges that are ready to define whether we will have a living future or a dying future. I am deeply concerned with how people are treating each other right now everywhere, and that includes folks who have nestled in beside each other in the pews in churches for years. It is disturbing to the core. And I am not just talking about folks being actively nasty toward each other. Most often, it is not that at all. It is folks just sitting back immobilized by the “broken femur” of fear. Fear of speaking up forcefully and respectfully with a voice of advocacy and defense of the marginalized when it’s necessary, whomever they may be. It is absolutely alarming to see all of the contempt being thrown around instead of love.

We can do better. I know I can do better.

How do we heal the “broken femur” in our midst?

I think Margaret Mead offers us some thoughts on that:

- Take the time to dwell with each other in our needs.
- Bind up the wounds.
- Carry each other to safety.
- Support each other as we tend to our woundedness.

I would add, do all of this ... without judgement.

“Helping someone else through difficulty is where civilization starts. We are at our best when we serve others. Be civilized.” Sounds a lot like loving your neighbor.

Jesus couldn’t have said it any better himself.

Peace ... 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

**GOOD SHEPHERD LUTHERAN CHURCH
IS OFFERING DRIVE THRU
COMMUNION TWICE A WEEK!**

Wednesdays 6—7 pm

Sundays 9—10 am

Under the south entrance covered overhang.

Please wear your masks. Thank you!



Good Shepherd
Lutheran Church,
Wausau WI
Church
Council meeting
July 2020
There was not a
Council Meeting
in July.

Watch the October
newsletter for the
minutes from August.



**The office will be closed
Monday, September 7
In recognition of
Labor Day.**

REOPENING UPDATE: OUTDOOR WORSHIP SCHEDULED!

We are happy to announce that our outside worship has been rescheduled for Sunday September 13 at 9 am. We have missed seeing you and worshipping together. Our online worship will continue on both Wednesdays and Sundays, but on September 13 we will also gather in person!

Here's what you should know!

You need to bring your own lawn chair.

We will direct your parking and help carry your lawn chair.

Everyone attending will be asked to sign in and use hand sanitizer before being seated.

Ushers will seat you and dismiss you at the end of the service.

We will ask that you socially distance at all times from those who do not live in your home.

We will accept an offering in baskets as you enter or leave.

We will be serving communion to take with you.

We will limit the amount of unison speaking and singing and you will be asked to wear a mask. If you have your own mask, please bring it. If you do not have a mask, we will have masks available.

The church building including restrooms will be closed.

In the event of rain, the service will be canceled and rescheduled for the following Sunday.

So mark your calendar and plan to reconnect with us as we worship together. Although there will be no hugs and no handshakes shared, we will share the love of Christ! If you have questions or concerns, please feel free to call MJ Horvat at 715-205-9195 or Angie in the church office.

Pastor Kemp-Jones	920-410-9210	Mary-Jane Horvat	715-205-9195
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LAUNCHING "WE CARE" BOXES

We care about all our members and we want to connect with those who are homebound or don't have access to online resources. We know this is a difficult time for everyone with the Covid-19 precautions. In an effort to connect with those who are homebound or we know are lonely, we are launching a new ministry called "We Care". Every few weeks we will be delivering care boxes to these members. What will be in these boxes? Here are a few things which may be included: personal care products, crossword puzzles, devotions, notes, treats and love! If you are interested in helping, please drop off empty shoe boxes at the church. We are also accepting new travel sized personal care products, unused puzzles or word games, prepackaged candies and nuts. There will be a box in the narthex where you can leave gifts for inclusion in our "We Care" boxes. If you would like to help assemble or deliver boxes, there is a sign up outside the office. We are happy to have you help spread the love we have for all our members! If you have questions, feel free to contact MJ Horvat at 715-205-9195 or Angie in the office.





SEPTEMBER Birthdays

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| 1 Katie Martell | Jacob Hoover | Dennis Weinkauf |
| 2 Melissa Kriewaldt | 13 Karmen Teigen | 24 Eric Edwardson |
| 3 Bryan Schueller
Kay Walters | 14 Theresa Bootz | Sharon Semling |
| 4 Dave Gallagher
Jamie Hoover | 15 Addison Stumpner
Kris Vandenheuvel | Keene Winters |
| 5 Tony Omernik | 16 Pam Bootz | Gracie Wistrom |
| 6 Paul Grewe
Jean Krause
Jennifer Mitchell | 17 Ron Covelli | 25 Allison Berg
Jack Kane |
| 7 Jenn Tryba | 18 Braydon Mueller | 26 Lance Carmichael |
| 8 Jim Bliese
Mary Beth Ament | 19 Brenda Blaubach | 27 Jack Cayley
Tony Kuehl |
| 9 Meyson Curtis
Allen Czeck | 20 Donna Gwidt | Jenna Lakus Moscherosch |
| 10 Adam Golombiski
Cari Logemann | 21 Elizabeth Boulanger
Mary Weimerskirch | 28 Bernard Graveen
Danielle Neitzke |
| 11 Mattea Baeseman | 22 Stu Krause | 29 Aaron Beyersdorff
Andrew Dehnel
Mary Jo Hildensperger
Morgan Stapleton |
| | 23 Tom Jones
Justin Mork | 30 Wayne Viergutz |
| | 24 Linda Birkholz
Bev Eisenman
Spencer Springer | |

SEPTEMBER Anniversaries



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| 6 Allan & Joni Hahn
Justin & Katie Mattice | 20 Andy Kozloski & Melissa Mueller
Jeremy & Brenda Grubb |
| 8 Matt & Betsy Thums
Jeff & Kris Vandenheuvel | 21 Christopher & Amy Gulsvig
Wayne & Marjorie Viergutz
Kevin & Patti Yolitz |
| 11 Loren & Connie Beyersdorff | 24 Ralph & Clarice Kohnhorst |
| 14 Joshua & Jill Stumpner | 25 Lance & Carol Carmichael |
| 15 John & Missy Cayley | 27 Dale & Sandy Schwede |
| 16 Greg & Carol Easter
John & Thea Kordus | 28 Stu & Jean Krause |
| 17 Chad & Deborah Kane | 30 Ross & Michael-Leah Reich
Mike & Cheryl Rocheleau
Todd & Lori Wunsch |
| 18 Roy & Christine Emerson
Bernie & Karen Lakus | |



This month we highlight the Well Badger Resource Center. The Well Bader Resource Center is a free health information and referral program operated by the Wisconsin Women's Health Foundation in partnership with the Wisconsin Department of Health Services. The Well Badger Resource Center helps people navigate and connect with resources related to:

- unemployment insurance
- child care
- food assistance
- mental health services
- health insurance
- services for children with special health care needs
- pregnancy/parenting help
- nutrition programs and many other resources

You have questions.
We find answers.
1-800-642-7837



Certified resource specialists are available Monday – Friday 7am to 6pm by:

Phone 1-800-642-7837
Text 608-260-9328
Email help@wellbadger.org

Live chat www.wellbadger.org
Facebook Messenger @wellbadger

One more resource to be aware is the virtual Caring Conversations from the Marshfield Clinic Health System. Caring Conversations helps you understand and complete advance care directives. You can register for a telephone appointment or one of the on-going virtual workshops. To register, call 715-221-7132 or 844-853-4106. Participation is limited so registration is required.

Caring Conversations
A free educational session on advance care planning

3 John

"Dear friend, I pray that you may enjoy good health and that all may go well with you, even as your soul is getting along well."

1:2

*Your Parish Nurses,
Barb & Mary*

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Outdoor Worship
Sunday, September 13
9:00 am

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	
Address			
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.