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S E P T E M B E R : 2 0 2 2

Thank you, Pastor Kemp!

Sunday, September 4th marks the milestone of Pastor Kemp's last worship service here at Good Shepherd. We are so grateful for the last decade of ministry together. Our prayers to you, Pastor Kemp, as your family as you begin the next chapter.

As our pastor asked us long ago,

What are we? *Blessed!*

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

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**JOIN US FOR LIVE
WORSHIP!**

Sundays @ 9:00 am

&

**No Midweek Worship
in September**

**ONLINE WORSHIP
AVAILABLE**

“So, are you happy?”

Somebody asked me that question last week. Honestly, it wasn't the foremost feeling I was experiencing as I had just announced my resignation as Senior Pastor/Head of Staff at Good Shepherd. Doing that did not bring me happiness, even if I am content with the decision. I suppose I might just have an unconventional way of looking at life, but I don't know if good conscience even allows me to have a straight answer to “So, are you happy?”

So, are YOU happy? One of my friends once vented toward me and wondered out loud whether God even wants us to be happy? Another really good question. I don't think God wants us to be unhappy, but I am also fairly sure God has something deeper and more satisfying for us than our conventional understanding of happiness. If you look at Paul's writings, you could conclude that it might have been easier for him to suggest that happiness is our primary pursuit in life, but he says something else, **“Three things will last forever – faith, hope, and love – and the greatest of these is love”** (1 Corinthians 13:13). Happiness isn't even on the list, so apparently it doesn't last forever. In fact, if you consult the Bible, the word “happy” appears just 21 times from Genesis through Revelation, but love is used 697 times. Love is the meat and potatoes of life. Happiness is the gravy on top. Since happiness is not the primary experience of God's reign (faith, hope, and love are the fundamentals), then it makes sense that we would intentionally focus on the fundamentals rather than the gravy.

The point? Anyone who has been following Jesus a while knows there are costs associated with living in alignment with that passion. We do not do it for immediate gratification, we do it as a step along the way toward experiencing the strength that comes from the joy of our Lord. Faith, hope, and love are action verbs. They are also rigorous, demanding pursuits.

I want to thank you for being not just a way post on the long journey of my public ministry, but for the strength and grit you have shown time and again that has pointed me to the joy of the Lord. I know it is probably difficult for some to find joy at such a time of great uncertainty in our life at Good Shepherd. I also realize a pastoral transition does not make it any easier. But I am optimistic because I really believe your best times as a congregation could be ahead because you now must reclaim who you are as a congregation in mission. And there is nothing quite like Christ's mission to re-energize God's people! As I have said all along during this latest season of challenge, “The gift of this particular situation is YOU are in complete control of the outcome.” That is rare. Friends, you have everything you need to do the work God places before you, but the discovery process ahead CANNOT be left to “someone else” to do all the heavy lifting. If we always think “someone else” is going to do “everything,” then “nobody” ends up doing “anything.” It is unsustainable, and it does not blaze a path toward happiness or contentment.

So, I urge each of you to step up, lean in, use your voices, your hands, your feet ... and share the work to come. Move forward, dear ones! My leaving gives you the gift of time that you did not have several weeks ago. What will you do with it? God's love for you does not change, nor will mine. I want you to do BIG things! And as you do, may the joy of the Lord be your strength, especially during times to come when happiness and contentedness may be fleeting or in short supply. And may faith, hope and love guide your way!

Your partner in the Gospel,

Rev. Kemp Jones





BLOOD DRIVE:

Thursday, September 8

1-6 pm

Schedule appointment
today online

1-800-733-2767

redcrossblood.org

Calling New Members

September 18

If you have been interested in formalizing your membership here at Good Shepherd, we would like to dedicate Sunday, September 18th to gather, have conversation, get to know each other and initiate the process of welcoming you. New member paperwork will be available for you. We would ask that you bring your visions, dreams, and ideas of ministry and how/where you might see yourself getting involved!

Please plan to join us for worship. Following worship, we will spend some time learning about each other and where our passions intersect with our mission. Existing members are welcome to participate as well.

This is so exciting!

We feel blessed that you are here and we celebrate the process of developing the mission of Good Shepherd together!

THESE FLOWERS HAVE A LOT OF FIGHT IN THEM.

The Alzheimer's Association Walk to End Alzheimer's is full of flowers — each carried by someone committed to raising funds and awareness to help end this disease. It's time to add your flower to the fight.

Visit act.als.org/wausau for more information about this year's event as we offer options to participate in-person or online and in your neighborhood.

Register here

Walk to End Alzheimer's - Wausau
Saturday, September 24, 2022
8:00 AM Event Opens | 9:10 AM Opening Ceremony | 9:30 AM Walk Begins
Marathon Park, Wausau
*Pre-registration highly encouraged

WALK TO END ALZHEIMER'S
alzheimer's association

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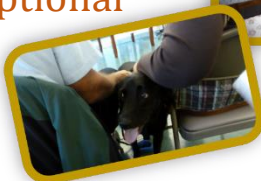
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Contact Dia Arpon today @ 443-359-9001. She can help you get registered to walk, receive a donation or help out!

SEPTEMBER 25, 9 am:

Blessing of Pets & Quilts

Outdoor Worship
Bring your own chair
Masks are optional



J & T Podcast

Starring:

Josh Stumpner (Council President)

&

Tim Logemann (Finance Committee)

Featuring: Various guests

The podcast is recorded monthly and can be found in our Youtube archives. Find answers to FAQ's. Learn about some of GS's featured ministries. Have feedback to share? Let us know what you think!

Subscribe today!



CORKS-N-COVERS

Our next Corks and Covers
Thursday, September 22nd at 1:30PM
Community room at River Life apartments.

The book we are reading is **The Premonition,
A Pandemic Story** by Michael Lewis.

Judie will bring dessert.

Please bring your own drink and masks are optional.

Reminder: October is our readers choice month
where we recommend books for discussion in the
coming year.

Please also have the authors name and make sure the
book is available in paperback if possible.

OUTDOOR WORSHIP

September 25 @ 9 am

BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS AND QUILTS

We will enjoy the last scheduled outdoor service
of the summer together on the lawn outside. All
well behaved species / pets are welcome. Bring
your lawnchair/s. We will gather on the west lawn
weather permitting. Backup plan will resume in
the fellowship hall.



CALLING EVERYONE!! Mark your calendars for Friday night, October 28. This is a HUGE Good Shepherd Outreach project. There will be something for E V E R Y O N E!! We are planning to have Trunk or Treat outside, a free meal, activities and a musical finale. This annual event has drawn more and more neighbors every year.

We will need trunks, decorators, activity facilitators, meal servers, clean up, hospitality, MC and lead up administrative help. **YAY, were havin a party and everyone s invited!!**

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)

SEPTEMBER WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

Date	4-Sep	11-Sep	18-Sep	25-Sep
Assisting Minister	Barb Denfeld	Tim Holcomb	Geri Luer	Andy Walters
Reader	Diane Peterson	Sharon Semling	Robin Mueller	Theresa Bootz
Greeter 1	K Toth	Cheryl Rocheleau	Bonnie Anderson	K Toth
Greeter 2	Jean Korpela	Jenn Holcomb	Helen Vance	Barb Denfeld
Usher 1	Greg Behrendt	Laurie S	Marty Krahn	Paul Grewe
Usher 2	Hank Pleuss	Mike S	Paulette Keough	JoAnn Grewe

MUSIC MINISTRIES

SEPTEMBER SCHEDULE

No music rehearsals the week of Labor Day (Week of September 5)

Mondays @ 5:30 pm: Shepherd Strummers will continue Uke by the River

We will practice at Good Shepherd beginning in October

Wednesdays @ 6:00 pm: Shepherd Strings

FAITH FORMATION

SUNDAY SCHOOL: Begins October 2:

We have a great opportunity for friends who loves kids, loves the story of Jesus and loves the ability to make waves (an impact)! Prayerfully consider sharing your gift. You can lead or be part of a team. We have the glorious opportunity to create the kind of program to change lives and build faith as we prepare for this fall's Sunday School. Reach out to Angie or Kartika and we can do some brainstorming 😊 Call the office to get signed up.

ADULT FORUM: Begins October 2:

Kris Kamrath will be stepping in as the facilitator for post worship Adult Forum. We will gather in the Café after worship is over and explore conversations from the Wired Word. Each day's conversation stands on it's own, so you can join in anytime.

CONFIRMATION: Begins October 5:

Confirmation is right around the corner and we are excited! Our Good Shepherd students and leaders will be partnering with Immanuel Lutheran Church and potentially several other Wausau area ELCA congregations. Specific details are still being worked out, but we do know that classes will be held Wednesday nights. If you have a 6-8th grader, contact Tim Holcomb at 715-212-3633 or you can call the office.

SEPTEMBER Birthdays



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| 1 Katie Martell | 19 Donna Gwidt |
| 2 Melissa Kriewaldt | 20 Elizabeth Boulanger |
| 3 Kay Walters | 21 Stu Krause |
| 4 Dave Gallagher | 22 Tom Jones |
| 5 Tony Omernik | Justin Mork |
| 6 Paul Grewe | 23 Bev Eisenman |
| Jean Krause | Dennis Weinkauff |
| 7 Jenn Tryba | 24 Sharon Semling |
| 8 Jim Bliese | Gracie Wistrom |
| Mary Beth Ament | 25 Allison Berg |
| 9 Mayson Curtis | Jack Kane |
| 10 Adam Golombiski | 26 Lance Carmichael |
| Cari Logemann | 28 Bernard Graveen |
| 14 Theresa Bootz | Danielle Neitzke |
| 15 Addison Stumpner | 29 Mary Jo Hildensperger |
| 17 Braydon Mueller | 30 Wayne Viergutz |
| 18 Brenda Blaubach | |

SEPTEMBER Anniversaries



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| 6 Justin & Katie Mattice | 21 Wayne & Marjorie Viergutz |
| 11 Loren & Connie Beyersdorff | Kevin & Patti Yoltz |
| 14 Joshua & Jill Stumpner | 24 Ralph & Clarice Kohnhorst |
| 16 John & Thea Kordus | 25 Lance & Carol Carmichael |
| 17 Chad & Deborah Kane | 26 Jessica & "Eric" Pergolski |
| 18 Bernie & Karen Lakus | 28 Stu & Jean Krause |
| Jeremy & Brenda Grubb | 30 Mike & Cheryl Rocheleau |
| | Todd & Lori Wunsch |

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Office Closed:
Monday, Sept. 5, Labor Day
Sunday Worship @ 9 am

No Wednesday Worship
in September

Online Worship Available
go to
GSLC Wausau WI on Youtube,
www.gswausau.org
Facebook
(they remain available at
our youtube channel)
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GOOD SHEPHERD SEPTEMBER CALENDAR

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Online Worship Available Sundays	7:00 pm Monday Nt AA		NO MIDWEEK WORSHIP THROUGH SEPTEMBER			
9:00 am Worship	7:00 pm Monday Nt AA		9:00 am Wed AA	1	2	3
4 9:00 am Worship Pr Kemp's last Sunday	5 No Ukes by the river 7:00 pm Monday Nt AA LABOR DAY OFFICE CLOSED	6	7 9:00 am Wed AA	8 Blood Drive 1:00 pm	9	0
11 9:00 am Worship Pr. Gary Froseth presiding	12 5:30 pm Shepherd Strummers sing along by the river 7:00 pm Monday Nt AA	13 9:00 am LWR Quilters 6:30 pm Church Council Mtg	14 9:00 am Wed AA 5:30 pm Stewardship Meeting 6:00 pm String Rehearsal OFFERING COUNT	15	16	17
18 9:00 am Worship Pr. Gary Froseth presiding New Member Welcome	19 5:30 pm Shepherd Strummers sing along by the river 7:00 pm Monday Nt AA	20 9:00 am LWR Quilters	21 9:00 am Wed AA 6:00 pm String Rehearsal	22 1:30 pm Corks-n-Covers 6:30 pm Riverview Meeting	23	24 Purple Passion Alzheimers Walk
25 9:00 am Worship OUTDOOR Blessing of quilts and animals	26 5:30 pm Shepherd Strummers sing along by the river 7:00 pm Monday Nt AA	27 9:00 am LWR Quilters 9-11 am / 4-6 pm Kwik Trip Meetings	28 6:00 pm String Rehearsal OFFERING COUNT	29	30	

Good Shepherd Lutheran Church
Church Council Meeting
7-12-2022

Call to Order & Attendance

6:33 pm – **Present:** Pastor Kemp Jones, Josh Stumpner, Chad Majewski, Jenny Samperisi, Corey Toth-LaPointe, Laurie Sturzenegger, Mike Sturzenegger, Cheryl Rocheleau, Shelly Ellenbecker. **Not Present:** MJ Horvat

Gathering Litany

Pastor Kemp

God's Word

Devotional Time – Shelly

Where have you seen God's work lately – ALL shared their experiences

Review/Approval

- Agenda Review/Approval (MSC: Mike/Laurie)
 - Pastor Kemp added 2 items to end
- May. Minutes Review/Approval (MSC: Laurie/Cory)

Treasurer/Financial Report

- (MSC: Jenny/Shelly)
- Cory presented monthly report
- Brief discussion on money in the Building Fund

Our Response to the Word

Stewardship

- Still problems getting folks to participate
 - How do we communicate to others on tithes, etc.?
 - Can we break down the tasks that make up stewardship to get more people involved?

Sale of Unused Items

- Puppets
 - A Facebook group was found with potential buyers
- Trailer
 - Hesitation as it is seldom used
 - Disagreement on selling
- Motion passed to sell puppets but table selling of trailer (MSC: Mike/Chad)

Narthex Beautification

- Waiting on marker board to be put up, rest is done
- Discussed putting a blurb in bulletin to identify funds for this and other projects come from via donations, not from tithing money

Trunk or Treat

- Oct. 28th, 2022
 - Ideas being generated, looking to get more community involved

Town Hall Meeting

- Feel a need to squash rumors and give folks information from the leaders
- Offer Zoom option?

- No hybrid of both, do an in person and Zoom once each month
- Motion to find a date in August where as many council members are available as possible

Ministry Partnership

- Very beginning of discussions to develop a relationship with another congregation
- May be on back burner for now

Noisy Offering

- RiseUp is the 1st organization we're featuring to get things back up as they were in the past
- <https://riseupart.org>

Added Items

- Letter received from County Market
 - Information on availability of their brat stand
- Phone call from Wausau East High School
 - Request for wanting our logo on some t-shirts they are putting together for sale
 - Cost to us, would get name out on East side of Wausau
 - Josh to look into

Tabled

- Involvement with Riverview Elementary
- Good Shepherd Constitution review, update, amendment(s)
- Strategic Planning
- Re-start the visioning work that we had begun toward the end of last year

Action Items

- Trunk or Treat
- Engaging our congregation
- Town Hall Meeting
- Wausau East T-Shirts

Prayers of the Church/Lord's Prayer

- The Lord's Prayer

Sending/Motion to Adjourn

Meeting Adjourned 8:02 pm (MSC: Cory\Chad)

Respectfully submitted by Chad Majewski, council Secretary

Good Shepherd - 2022 YTD Income & Expenses

	Jan-22	Feb-22	Mar-22	Apr-22	May-22	Jun-22	Jul-22	YTD Totals		Jul-22	YTD Totals
Income	\$17,043	\$14,009	\$25,166	\$21,327	\$24,494	\$17,619	\$22,938	\$142,596	Income	\$22,938	\$142,596
Expenses	\$22,316	\$36,463	\$24,828	\$20,373	\$28,267	\$24,001	\$27,704	\$183,952	Expenses	\$27,704	\$183,952
Total	(\$5,273)	(\$22,454)	\$338	\$954	(\$3,773)	(\$6,382)	(\$4,767)	(\$41,356)	Total	(\$4,767)	(\$41,356)



VBS '22
MAKE WAVES
AWESOME!!

