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**G A T H E R** in Blessings \* **G R O W** in Purpose \* **G O** with Passion

**A P R I L 2024 . V O L U M E 59 . I S S U E 4**

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Good Shepherd Gathers for:

**WORSHIP ON SUNDAYS**

9:00 am

EDUCATION / FELLOWSHIP HOUR

10:15 am

Sunday School \* Fellowship

Adult Faith Forum Bible Study

3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Month: Town Hall Meeting

**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](http://www.gswausau.org)

**Other Resources:**

**LUTHERAN HOUR MINISTRIES/ Daily Devotions:** [lhm.org](http://lhm.org)

**DAILY DEVOTIONALS ARE HERE:** Christ in Our Home & Portals of Prayer

**MUSIC MINISTRIES: APRIL SCHEDULE: No Rehearsals April 1-12**

MONDAYS: 5:30 pm Shepherd Strummers / 6:30 pm Shepherd Ringers

WEDNESDAYS: Shepherd Strings 6:00 pm / Adult Choir 7:00 pm



Date	7-Apr	14-Apr	21-Apr	28-Apr
Presiding Minister	Pr. Dan	Pr. Dan	Pr. Nicole	Lay Led
Assisting Minister	Paul Grewe	Jenn Holcomb	Andy Walters	MJ Horvat
Reader(s)	Diane Peterson	Sharon Semling	Bonnie Anderson	Robin Mueller
Greeter 1	Helen Vance	Adam Pleuss	MJ Horvat	Jean Korpela
Greeter 2	Karen Maier	Bobbie Salzmann	K Toth	Jilian Jensen
Usher 1	Marty Krahn	Jovid Schuette	Mike S	Andy Heise
Usher 2	Greg Behrendt	Hank Pleuss	Laurie S	Josh Stumpner
Altar Guild	K Walters & T Bootz	K Walters & T Bootz	K Walters & T Bootz	K Walters & T Bootz
Sunday Hospitality	Jill Falkowski	H Vance & M Viergutz	MJ Horvat	

**APRIL  
PRESIDERS**

*Pr. Dan Sire*  
April 7 & 14

*Pr. Nicole  
Benke-Welke*  
April 21

*Lay Led*  
April 28

*Sunday Morning Hospitality*

**We would like to extend a grateful acknowledgement and thank you for everyone who has signed up and provided refreshments at their own expense!** This effort has been coordinated by Kay Walters. We can tell this is a time treasured by the majority of worshipers and would like to extend the group of participants so that this is not landing on a small number of people. Please see the sign up sheet for openings. The last week of April and all of May is ready to be filled. You can partner with your favorite besties! You can bake or buy, and decide on the assortment of treats, or donate funds for someone else to purchase or bake. Contact Kay with questions or details at 715-432-0631.

*Nametags*

Thank you to everyone using the stick-on label nametags.

This is an especially important and effortless way to make visitors and newcomers feel welcome as we ALL work towards getting acquainted!

***Nametags can be found outside the sanctuary.***

## GOOD SHEPHERD TASK FORCE UPDATE...3-20-24

The Good Shepherd task force continues to meet and work to establish a strong foundation of understanding as we navigate the unknown path in front of us. We met on March 7 to prepare for the four congregation/ELCA synod led meeting on March 16. The survey (distributed on February 25) information was collated, processed and discussed; thank you to those who completed questionnaires. It is important that the task force group knows the thoughts and concerns of the congregation!

31 task force and council members from Good Shepherd, St Stephen, Pilgrim and Immanuel, along with 2 synod leaders, met in the Good Shepherd sanctuary, seated around the cross, on Saturday, the 16th. Much of the time was spent in establishing a communication covenant, a promise of how we will share and establish relationships with each other. This covenant will be “polished” up by representatives from each congregation and distributed as a guideline to be used by each task force whenever they meet. This group will also create a process for a “press release”, an agreement on what information is shared after a meeting of two or more task force groups in an effort to reduce miscommunication and rumors. Time was devoted to answering “ the why’s”...why do we exist? Why are we considering combining? Why are we in conversation? We were tasked to continue to focus on the “whys” as we move ahead. Homework, for both task forces and congregations, includes answering the questions “What is thriving? What does it mean to thrive? What does thriving look like”. So, put on your thinking caps and share your thoughts!

Many of the questionnaire results were unsurprising. Why are we engaged in conversations? Certainly, the loss of a full-time pastor led us to question our future. Challenges within the culture of church in general, declining membership, limited financial resources and the prospect of combining time/talent/treasure to maximize our gifts and ministry also played a role. We do things together; we currently share educational opportunities, music, lay leaders and worship with other congregations and the feeling is that we can do just about anything better when we combine our energies, ministries, resources and gifts. As we help reform the ELCA in the Wausau area, we will meet our needs while the work of the Spirit spreads to meeting the needs of others. Fears included the loss of the Good Shepherd family, the relationships that bless us, the actual building site. It was suggested that we continue to rely on prayer, to act on logic, to let the process work itself out. An interesting response was “ the fear that we are now acting out of fear”...

Good Shepherd’s task force is scheduled to meet with St Stephen on March 21; we will meet as our own group on April 7. We continue to ask for your thoughts and prayers, not only for Good Shepherd, but for all the ELCA congregations in the greater Wausau area. Thank you for your questions and comments, your attendance at Town Hall meetings, your patience and willingness to be part of the journey.

JoAnn Grewe  
(715) 218-5800 cell  
(715) 842-1717 hm

**NEXT TOWN HALL MEETING:**

**Sunday, April 21 ~10:15 am**

GOOD SHEPHERD'S

**TOMATO  
& Plant SALE**



Saturday, May 18

8:00 a.m.—1:00 p.m.

Sale continues after worship on

Sunday, May 19

Located in the Damgaard Rm

Contact the church office for information

@ 715-675-1997

**THANK YOU!!!**

To the Tom Domka Family for donating  
the famous and beautifully homegrown  
assortment of tomatoes and potting  
plants!

**LOOKING FOR HELPERS  
SATURDAY & SUNDAY!**

Corks n covers

Thur, April 25 1:30 pm

Riverlife Apartment  
Community Room

Book:

**Lady Clementine**

by

Marie Benedict

RSVP PLEASE

To: Bonnie Anderson  
715-551-6975

bring a friend!



**LENT HUNGER PROJECT 2024**

Thank you to everyone who supported

**HUNGER FOR:**

**FOOD**

**SAFETY/SECURITY**

**HEALTHCARE ACCESS**

**We collected funds throughout Lent  
with Sunday Worship's Noisy  
Offerings and the Wednesday Night  
Soup Supper Free Will Offerings**

1. The Hagar House Amazon Wish List  
<https://www.thehagarhouse.org/donate>
2. Collection of funds to support the Free Clinic  
located at First Presbyterian Church downtown.

**There are several options for helping.**

- You can give generously to the Free Will Offering  
Basket at the Wed. Nt Lent Soup Suppers
- You can give generously online or in your  
offering envelope
- You can go online and directly purchase items  
from the Hagar House Wishlist

*Financial note: If you give a financial gift, consider  
writing a check or at least provide your contact info,  
envelope number and purpose of gift. It can then be  
recorded as charitable giving.*

**RESULTS WILL BE MADE AVAILABLE AFTER MARCH'S  
MONTH END COUNT HAS HAPPENED.**



**THE GRAND THEATER**  
**TUESDAY, APRIL 16 | 7:00 PM**

**Free to the public.**  
Donations accepted for New Beginnings.



The New Beginnings For Refugees is holding a special Fundraising Movie Night. They will be showing the film "The Swimmers, based on the true story of two Syrian girls who escape the war in their home country to pursue a dream. No tickets are needed. There will be raffles and fun!

### Confirmation

Confirmation will resume bi-weekly classes beginning Wednesday April 3, at 5:30 pm at St. Stephen.

Save the date:  
May 19

Affirmation of Baptism!

### Adult Forum

Will not be meeting Sunday, April 21. Join us in the sanctuary for the Town Hall Meeting!

### Sunday School

The last day of Sunday School will be Sunday, May 12, 2024



**Welcome to God's Kingdom**  
THIS MORNING WE WELCOME TO GOD'S KINGDOM THROUGH THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY BAPTISM.

**Theodore Bradley Duebler**  
SON OF BRADLEY DUEBLER & CALLI HOHENSEE

THE SPONSORS FOR THEODORE ARE SHAWN CASSON, KRISTI HOHENSEE & ROBERT KOHL

MAY GOD'S RICHEST BLESSINGS BE WITH THEODORE, HIS PARENTS AND SPONSORS TODAY.

March 31, 2024

### Good Shepherd Lutheran Church

makes Welcome

### Our Newest Partners in Ministry

Sunday, March 31, 2024

We give thanks for...

JOHN & PAULETTE ALLMAN  
TODD & LISA CLENDENNING, AVA & CARLY  
BRADLEY DUEBLER & CALLI HOHENSEE, SCARLETT HOHENSEE, ALANNAH & THEODORE DUEBLER  
PAUL & EMILY JAUCH, ALLISON, SOPHIE, JACOB & CHARLOTTE  
ASHER & LESLIE O'CALLAGHAN

We look forward to joining together with our newest partners in ministry as we Gather, Grow and Go with passion!





WE COLLECT THEM ALL!  
POSTAGE STAMPS \* EYEGLASSES  
INK CARTRIDGES \* XMAS LIGHTS

## April Noisy Offering

**Our Home Visitation Ministry sends visitors out to keep in touch and provide Holy Communion. GSLC also prepares care bags that hold mementos, spiritual and practical items, given out twice a year. This is not budgeted and has been sponsored by individuals and Endowment Fund Grants. Baskets are typically assembled at Easter / Christmas and delivered by home visitors, council members or Confirmands.**



## VOLUNTEERING 101

As a follow-up to the recent Adult Forum discussion on The Good Samaritan, GSLC is offering this program to expand awareness of how we as individuals can help others in our community who are in need. If you've ever thought about volunteering and not sure about how to go about it- come join us on **Sunday, April 7 from 10:15-11:00 am.**

We'll help you identify your interests, time and talents and help you narrow down the community volunteer options that are the best fit. No commitments, just a time to explore and learn if there is a volunteering opportunity that you would enjoy and find meaningful. The purpose of the program is to increase awareness of volunteer options in our community and give you something to think about. The program is provided by Tony Omernik who has spent his working career in the nonprofit sector and volunteerism.



## LWR QUILTERS

*Our Quilters Ministry dates back to the earliest days of GSLC. They have been covering the vulnerable one quilt at a time, all while caring for each other with a little grit, a little humor and a lot of love!*

**TUESDAY MORNINGS  
9-NOON**

*Most of the year  
If you are looking for a community that will provide a safe place where you can be yourself, have fun and be productive, this might be just the place!*

## BLOOD DRIVE

**Thursday May 2 \* 1-6 pm  
For appt call 1-800-redcross  
1-800-733-2767 Or  
Visit [redcrossblood.org](http://redcrossblood.org)**

# APRIL CALENDAR

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SAT
	1 OFFICE CLOSED IN OBSERVATION OF EASTER-  No Rehearsals  Election Setup	2 7:00 am-8:00 pm Spring Election  Quilters will be choosing another time to gather	3 5:30 pm Confirmation @ St Stephen	4 5:30 pm Task Force Mtg @ St Stephen	5	6
7 9:00 am Worship Pr. Dan Sire presiding  10:20 am Fellowship Hour Sunday School  Volunteering 101 Presentation	8	9 9:00 am LWR Quilters  6:30 pm Church Council Mtg	10	11	12 Lay School	13 Lay School
14 9:00 am Worship Pr. Dan Sire presiding  10:20 am Fellowship Hour  Sunday School/ 10:15 am	15 5:30 pm Shep Strummers  6:30 pm Shep Strings	16 9:00 am LWR Quilters  7:00 pm New Beginnings Fundraiser Movie Night @ the Grand	17 5:30 pm Confirmation @ St Stephen  6:20 pm Shep Ringers  7:00 pm Shep Choir	18 1:30 pm Corks n Covers	19	20
21 9:00 am Worship Pr Nicole B. Welke presiding  10:20 am Fellowship Hour Sunday School  Town Hall Meeting	22 Kwik Trip Meeting  5:30 pm Shep Strummers  6:30 pm Shep Strings	23 9:00 am LWR Quilters	24 6:15 pm Shepherd Ringers  7:00 pm Shepherd Choir	25 1:30 pm Corks n Covers @ Riverlife Community Room  6:30 pm Riverview Neighborhood Mtg	26	27
28 9:00 am Worship- Lay Led  10:20 am Fellowship Hour Sunday School	29 5:30 pm Shep Strummers  6:30 pm Shep Strings	30 6:30 pm President's Meeting @ St. Stephen  Month End OFFERING COUNT	1	2	3	4

Note: As we near the end of the “school” year, some of the musical groups schedules may change or cancel, depending on whether or not they will play going forward.

**APRIL**  
Birthdays



- |    |                   |    |                       |
|----|-------------------|----|-----------------------|
| 1  | Michael Selby     |    |                       |
| 2  | Anne Krueger      | 21 | Pam Daigle            |
| 3  | Camden Majewski   | 23 | Tyler Beyersdorff     |
| 5  | Susan Jirgl       |    | Christian Boulanger   |
|    | Evelyn Trapp      |    | Helen Vance           |
| 6  | Brandt Schreiber  | 24 | Ali Ramthun           |
| 7  | Cody Beyersdorff  | 25 | Jan Bootz-Dittmar     |
|    | Gary Jarntowski   |    | John Sickels          |
|    | Zuri Woodards     | 26 | Keith Laszewski       |
| 12 | Brenda Bargender  |    | Emily Sickels         |
| 16 | Jenny Glovinski   | 27 | Jennifer Samperisi    |
|    | Stephanie Martell | 28 | Chad Majewski         |
| 17 | Luke Gallagher    | 29 | Karen Lakus           |
| 20 | Bev Korpita       | 30 | Kaitlynn Bargender    |
|    | Chris Petterson   |    | Jarret Miles-Kroening |

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office hours:

9:30 AM-4:00 PM

Monday-Friday

(Office Closed 4-1-24)

**Worship**

**Sundays @ 9:00 am**

Worship services available

Released for:

**Sundays**

go to

GSLC Wausau WI on Youtube,

[www.gswausau.org](http://www.gswausau.org)

Facebook

**(they remain available at  
our youtube channel)**

**Dr. Kartika Putri**

Minister of Worship and Music

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**Angie Huckbody**

Parish Administrator

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**Brian Wiese**

Interim Financial Secretary

715.539.6700

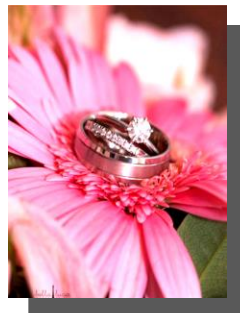
**Barb Denfeld**

Parish Nurse

**Cory Toth LaPointe**

Treasurer

**APRIL**  
Anniversaries



- 11 Richard & Arlene Henke  
James & Kay Walters
- 15 Dave & Brenda Blaubach



## Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, Wausau WI

### Church Council Meeting Minutes

March 12, 2024

#### Call to Order & Attendance

6:33 pm- **Present:** Laurie Sturzenegger, Mike Sturzenegger, Chad Majewski, Jennifer Holcomb, Andy Walters, MJ Horvat, Craig Netzer, Marjorie Viergutz, Josh Stumpner, Lorraine Beyersdorf. **Not Present:** Cheryl Rocheleau **Remote:** none

#### Gathering Litany

#### God's Word

Devotional Time- Cheryl Rocheleau, ready by Laurie S. – “Transitions”  
Where have you seen God's work lately - All

#### Agenda Review/Approval [MSC = motion/second/carried]

- Additions
- Agenda Review/Approval (**MSC: Jenn\Craig**)

#### February Treasurer/Financial Report

- Cory Toth-LaPointe has agreed to stay in the Treasurer capacity, with quarterly meeting attendance. Thank you, Cory!
- Group reviewed financials (**MSC: Laurie/Josh**)
  - February Income: \$19,598
  - February Expenses: \$22,137

#### Our Response to the Word

##### Covenant Development

- Laurie handed out copies of the covenant that council came up with last month
- Laurie also handed out Vision and Mission Statement
- Covenant was signed by all council members

##### Insurance Update

- Building insurance discussion – Lutheran Brotherhood had stopped in late 2023 to give us a quote. They had provided a quote that was higher than what we pay now, so it was passed upon.

**Task Force Update** [this is the group tasked with working directly with potential future church partners; members include Mike and Laurie Sturzenegger, Paul and JoAnn Grewe, Jennifer Holcomb, and Kay Walters]

- GSLC task force met last week and went over surveys that had been received. No surprises in what was submitted. JoAnn is consolidating responses to bring to a meeting this Saturday hosted by GSLC. Attendees will be GSLC, Pilgrim, Pastor Dara and Pastor Asher from the Synod, St. Stephen, and Immanuel.
- Purpose of the meeting is from the Synod wanting to get together to lay out expectations, how the process works, and a covenant created that each congregation is expected to follow during the process. No decisions are expected to be made.

##### Kartika's Korner

- 400 Block Pride Festival – would like to be a representative of GSLC and was asking Council's opinion. St. Stephen will have representation there as well, so there may be an opportunity for a collaboration.
- Podcast – Josh and Tim are in talks about doing another podcast. Looking for a guest who would give an insight of consolidation task force, etc. An idea was thrown out that JoAnn may be a good fit for that role. Marjorie suggested covering the highlights of the Town Hall meeting.

**Noisy Offering** - February, March, and April are already planned. May, June, July, and August were discussed and planned.

**Action Items**

- None this month

**Prayers of the Church/Lord's Prayer**

- The Lord's Prayer

**Sending/Motion to Adjourn**

- Meeting Adjourned at 7:52 pm **(MSC: Andy/Laurie)**

Respectfully Submitted,  
Chad Majewski, Secretary

Good Shepherd - 2024 YTD Income & Expenses													
	Jan-24	Feb-24	Mar-24	Apr-24	May-24	Jun-24	Jul-24	Aug-24	Sep-24	Oct-24	Nov-24	Dec-24	YTD Totals
Income	\$13,205.71	\$19,598.24											\$32,803.95
Transfer													
Income	\$1,510.86	\$1,510.86											\$3,021.72
Expenses	\$15,914.94	\$22,136.84											\$38,051.78
<b>Total</b>	<b>(\$1,198.37)</b>	<b>(\$1,027.74)</b>	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	<b>(\$2,226.11)</b>

Good Shepherd - Rolling Income & Expenses													
	Feb-24	Jan-24	Dec-23	Nov-23	Oct-23	Sep-23	Aug-23	Jul-23	Jun-23	May-23	Apr-23	Mar-23	Rolling Totals
Income	\$19,598.24	\$13,205.71	\$38,519.19	\$18,412.70	\$18,223.67	\$13,639.02	\$18,970.80	\$19,741.29	\$54,622.26	\$29,162.38	\$23,189.80	\$16,906.71	\$284,191.77
Transfer													
Income	\$1,510.86	\$1,510.86											\$3,021.72
Expenses	\$22,136.84	\$15,914.94	\$22,093.53	\$15,122.84	\$15,865.80	\$22,180.06	\$20,892.07	\$20,315.12	\$19,065.29	\$20,223.27	\$17,505.03	\$18,535.53	\$229,850.32
<b>Total</b>	<b>(\$1,027.74)</b>	<b>(\$1,198.37)</b>	\$16,425.66	\$3,289.86	\$2,357.87	<b>(\$8,541.04)</b>	<b>(\$1,921.27)</b>	<b>(\$573.83)</b>	\$35,556.97	\$8,939.11	\$5,684.77	<b>(\$1,628.82)</b>	<b>\$57,363.17</b>

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	Shared Rev/Exp	Reclass Items	YTD Totals
Income	\$17,613.90	\$21,687.81	\$16,906.71	\$23,189.80	\$29,162.38	\$54,622.26	\$19,741.29	\$18,970.80	\$13,639.02	\$18,223.67	\$18,412.70	\$38,519.19	<b>(\$5,702.00)</b>	<b>(\$25.42)</b>	\$284,962.11
Expenses	\$17,217.30	\$25,782.29	\$18,535.53	\$17,505.03	\$20,223.27	\$19,065.29	\$20,315.12	\$20,892.07	\$22,180.06	\$15,865.80	\$15,122.84	\$22,093.53	<b>(\$5,702.00)</b>	<b>(\$25.42)</b>	\$229,070.71
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$396.60</b>	<b>(\$4,094.48)</b>	<b>(\$1,628.82)</b>	\$5,684.77	\$8,939.11	\$35,556.97	<b>(\$573.83)</b>	<b>(\$1,921.27)</b>	<b>(\$8,541.04)</b>	\$2,357.87	\$3,289.86	\$16,425.66			<b>\$55,891.40</b>

\*June income includes the Employer Retention Credits (\$34,437.50) and interest for Q2 2020 and Q3 2021 (\$2,243.76) received from the IRS.  
Contribution income was \$17,941.

Good Shepherd - 2022 YTD Income & Expenses													
	Jan-22	Feb-22	Mar-22	Apr-22	May-22	Jun-22	Jul-22	Aug-22	Sep-22	Oct-22	Nov-22	Dec-22	YTD Totals
Income	\$17,043.00	\$14,009.00	\$25,166.00	\$21,327.00	\$24,494.00	\$17,619.44	\$22,937.68	\$16,250.28	\$14,230.43	\$22,025.00	\$18,366.17	\$25,439.10	\$238,907.10
Expenses	\$22,316.00	\$36,463.00	\$24,828.00	\$20,373.00	\$28,267.00	\$24,001.06	\$27,704.35	\$21,677.49	\$23,984.98	\$15,961.00	\$15,542.39	\$23,092.96	\$284,211.23
<b>Total</b>	<b>(\$5,273.00)</b>	<b>(\$22,454.00)</b>	\$338.00	\$954.00	<b>(\$3,773.00)</b>	<b>(\$6,381.62)</b>	<b>(\$4,766.67)</b>	<b>(\$5,427.21)</b>	<b>(\$9,754.55)</b>	\$6,064.00	\$2,823.79	\$2,346.14	<b>(\$45,304.13)</b>

Respectfully Submitted,  
Cory Toth-LaPointe, Treasurer

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KARTIKA IN GREATER NORTHERN CHORAL ASSN  
HAGAR HOUSE VISITOR / PRESENTATION

GIRLS SCOUT PICKUP SITE IN CSLC PARKING LOT



CORKS N' COVERS SHARING THEIR FUNDRAISING EFFORTS W/ NEW BEGINNINGS & WOMEN'S COMM.



MUSIC MINISTRY NIGHT AT  
MIDWEEK LENT SOUP SUPPER



LENT HUNGER  
PROJECT

EASTER BULLETIN PREP

KAREN LAKUS IN BOW THE KNEE & PLAID DAY IN ADULT FORUM



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