



930 Edgewood Road Wausau, WI 54403  
(Change Service Requested)

DECEMBER: 2023

Town Hall Meeting  
Sunday, Dec. 17  
10:15 am

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



Come worship with us this Advent Season:  
Wednesdays Nov. 29, Dec 6, 13 & 20: at 5:30 pm  
Sundays at 9:00 am

December 24<sup>th</sup> Worship Schedule:

9:00 am: Advent 4 Worship  
2:00 pm: Candlelight Worship with Holy Communion  
5:00 pm: Candlelight Worship with Holy Communion

Christmas Day Worship Schedule:

9:00 am Christmas Day Service  
at St. Stephen Lutheran Church

We are excited to offer a special Advent resource!

Thank you to the creative team who put this together!

Reflections by: Laurie Starzenegger, Mary Jane Horvat,  
Tim & Jennifer Holcomb and Tim & Cari Logemann

Illustrations: Mary Omernik

Compiled by: Kwartika Putri

Devotionals are available outside  
the sanctuary and Dangaard Rm



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

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

**DAILY DEVOTIONALS ARE HERE:**

Christ in Our Home & Portals of Prayer (Oct-Dec) Jan 2024 JUST IN!

## MUSIC MINISTRIES:

### DECEMBER SCHEDULE

**Mon @ 5:30 pm:** Shepherd Strummers

**@ 6:30 pm:** Shepherd Strings

**Wed @ 6:00 pm:** Shepherd Ringers

**@ 7:00 pm:** Shepherd Choir

THE OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED  
 DEC 25&26, 2023 & JAN 1&2, 2024  
 IN OBSERVANCE OF  
 CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR.

Times may be modified slightly due to scheduling needs. Watch your emails.

NO REHEARSALS THE WEEK OF DEC. 25<sup>TH</sup> & JANUARY 1<sup>ST</sup>.

Music rehearsals will resume the week of January 8, 2024.



## SUNDAY SCHOOL IN DECEMBER:

Sunday School is preparing for the Christmas Program!  
 They will read and present the gospel at the 5 pm service  
 on Christmas eve. Sundays, December 3, 10, 17 & 24 @  
 10:15 am will be dedicated to preparing. All are welcome!  
 Come children!

Date	3-Dec	10-Dec	17-Dec	24 Dec (advent)	24 Dec (2pm CE)	24 Dec (5pm CE)	31-Dec
Presiding Minister	Pr. Dan Sire	Pr. Dan Sire	Pr. Nicole B-Welke	Lay Leader	Pr. Karoline Schwantes	Pr. Nicole B-Welke	MJ Horvat
Assisting Minister	Tim Holcomb	MJ Horvat	Paul Grewe	Jenn Holcomb		Andy Walters	Paul Grewe?
Reader	Diane Peterson	Sharon Semling	Bonnie Anderson	Robin Mueller	Cheryl Rocheleau	JoAnn Grewe	Alicia Herrera
Greet 1	K Toth	Jean Korpela	K Toth	Adam Pleuss	Bobbie Salzman	Stu / Jean Krause	K Toth
Greet 2	Karen Maier	Bonnie Anderson	Helen Vance	Jilian Jensen		Mike Rocheleau	Susan Mazique?
Usher 1	Marty Krahn	Josh Stumpner	Mike Sturzenegger	Hank Pleuss	Marty Krahn?	Craig Netzer	Josh Stumpner
Usher 2	Greg Behrendt	Andy Heise	Laurie Sturzenegger	Jovid Schuette		Greg Behrendt	Andy Heise
Altar Guild	Bobbie Salzman	Bobbie Salzman	Bobbie Salzman	Bobbie Salzman	Bobbie Salzman	Bobbie Salzman	Bobbie Salzman

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**Worship**  
**Sundays @ 9:00 am**  
**Advent: Weds @ 5:30 pm**

**Sunday & Wednesday**  
 Worship services are recorded and available.

Go to  
 GSLC Wausau WI on Youtube,  
[www.gswausau.org](http://www.gswausau.org)  
 Facebook  
**(they remain available at our youtube channel)**

### STAFF

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Parish Nurses

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Treasurer

### 2023 CHURCH COUNCIL

Mike Sturzenegger-PRES  
 Laurie Sturzenegger-V. PRES  
 Chad Majewski-SECRETARY  
 Cory Toth-LaPointe-TREAS  
 Shelly Ellenbecker  
 Jennifer Holcomb  
 MJ Horvat  
 Craig Netzer  
 Tony Omernik  
 Cheryl Rocheleau  
 Jenny Samperisi  
 Andrew Walters

*Worship Assistants are still needed where there are open fields. Contact the office for the opportunity to help!*



Stewardship  
Sunday  
Celebration  
All Saints Sunday  
Thanksgiving Eve  
& Pie Social



## CONFIRMATION:

### ADVENT MID-WEEK WORSHIP

And just like that, we are in Advent! We're so excited for this season of the church year.

Confirmation Classes shift over to Good Shepherd church for the next four Wednesdays. Worship will be at 5:30, followed by a shortened lesson time, still concluding at 7:00. Everyone in the family is welcome at the worship, and even to sit in on the lesson.

### SPECIAL EVENT: CHRISTMAS TREE CUTTING DEC 16 @ 10 am

we'd like to invite families to join in choosing and cutting the Christmas tree for the Good Shepherd sanctuary. We will meet on Saturday, Dec. 16 at 10:00 am to find the perfect tree. Let me know if you can join us. This should include an adult with students.

## CORKS-N-COVERS

First of all, thanks to Kris Kamrath, Karen Rusch, and Hank Pleuss for their help setting up the book sale. We had a wonderful response from members of Good Shepherd in donating many more books than we had last year.

Also, a special thank you to Norma Freedom, a former member of Corks and Covers now living in Louisiana, for mailing two boxes of books to Good Shepherd for the sale. We miss having you at our meetings.

We had one special donation from a member for \$50 after buying about \$20 worth of books, but with a request to donate some of our profits to the Women's Community again this year.

And a big thank you to the church custodian, Tammy, for offering to take a load of the unsold books to the Marathon Public Library! I placed all the children's books that were not sold in the little libraries at church and in Monk Gardens. Janke's also received about six boxes of books, and finally two loads went to MCPL.

Our total earned is \$387, and in the month of January we will offer a matching funds request to the congregation for the nonprofits that we will decide to support at our December 7th meeting.

Thankfully,

Bonnie



## MARK YOUR CALENDARS:

**January Town Hall / Annual Meeting**  
**Sunday, January 21, 2024**  
**10:15 am**  
**Following 9 am worship**

## COMMITTEE REPORTS

**Reports by committee leaders need to be submitted by December 18<sup>th</sup>.**



# ITEMS NEEDED

- HYGIENE PRODUCTS  
(SHAMPOO, BODY SOAP, LAUNDRY SOAP, FEMININE HYGIENE, ETC.)
- PAPER TOWELS
- CLOROX WIPES
- LYSOL SPRAY
- 13-GALLON GARBAGE BAGS
- BUS TOKENS (FOR GUESTS)
- OFFICE SUPPLIES (SCOTCH TAPE, PRINTER PAPER, POST IT NOTES, ETC.)
- ART SUPPLIES AND ACTIVITY BOOKS  
(THESE ARE IN THE COMMUNITY ROOM FOR ALL GUESTS TO UTILIZE)

*THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR MAKING THIS GREAT!*

## Gift Tree / Hat & Mitten Tree

The office has received the first phone calls for Christmas assistance. As in years past, the wish list tags will be put on the tree for purchase. Unless otherwise noted, the gifts can be wrapped with the tag and returned here around the tree.

Hats, mittens and socks  
Can be added  
Any time.

Winter items  
Will be divided  
between  
Several area  
agencies and  
schools.



There are several ways you can make an impact this Christmas season! We do not expect that you give to each effort, but we hope that at least one of these options will be a good fit for you!

1. **DECEMBER NOISY OFFERING:** salvation Army
2. **GIVING TREE:** Pick a name tag off the giving tree -This year we are partnering with Adopt a Family program at the Women's Community. **Deadline Dec. 18**
3. **PACK THE RACK!** this year the practical items collection will be given to the Community Partners Campus. We are also collecting "Santa Stuffers" that Santa will give away at the CPC.
4. **SANTA STUFFERS:** Little toys, small items that Santa can hand out to age-appropriate visitors at the CPC ex: little matchbox cars, my little pony, sticker sheets, lip balm, limited amount gift card Biggby, etc. no more than \$5 Items can be wrapped but be sure to identify age and targeted gender if item is gender specific.
5. **ELCA WORLD HUNGER:** Your gift will be matched if you give by December 31! You can go online or through our offering plate. Please earmark if using our envelopes.



- 1 Cory Pfantz
- 2 Jacob Duellman  
Jeremy Grubb
- 4 Mike Rocheleau
- 5 Dean Schwede
- 6 Quillan Cummings
- 8 Pam Hildebrandt

- 9 Esme Ehrhardt
- 10 Emma Graveen
- 10 Cheri Guenther  
Dakota Schalow
- 12 Harper Derus
- 13 Rebecca Chapman
- 17 Angie Huckbody
- 20 Paul Josiger  
Ryan Kroening  
Katherine Uttecht
- 21 Andy Davis

## DECEMBER Birthdays

- Logan Glovinski
- 23 Abigail Trapp
- 24 Cory Toth-LaPointe
- 26 Christine Mertes
- 27 Kassandra  
Bargender  
Nancy Bergstrom
- 28 Barbara Budimlija  
William Bootz
- 30 Annora Millerleile
- 31 Barbara Baumgardt

## DECEMBER Anniversaries

- 1 Jeremy & Jennifer Gruna
- 8 Douglas and Lori Crawford
- 9 Bert and Gail Koehler
- 15 Dan and Vicki Young
- 20 Scott and Denise Mattice
- 29 Dave and Le Ann Gallagher
- 29 Laurel & David Schmieder



# DECEMBER CALENDAR

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>Online Worship Available Sundays</b>		<b>Online Advent Worship Wednesdays</b>	12:00 pm Lunch n Lessons 5:30 pm Advent 1 Worship @ GSLC 5:30 pm Confirmation 6:00 pm Shepherd Ringers 7:00 pm Shepherd Choir		1	2
3 <b>ADVENT 1</b> 9:00 am Worship Pr. Dan Sire 10:15 am Sunday School Adult Forum	4 5:30 pm Shepherd Strummers 6:30 pm Shepherd Strings 7:00 pm Dartball: Mt Olive Oilers @ GSLC 7:00 pm Mon Nt AA	5 9:00 am LWR Quilters	6 12:00 pm Lunch n Lessons 5:30 pm Advent 2 Worship @ GSLC 5:30 pm Confirmation 6:00 pm Shepherd Ringers 7:00 pm Shepherd Choir	7	8 Pro Musica Concert @ First Presbyterian 7:00 pm	9 Pro Musica Concert @ First Presbyterian 3:00 pm  Mt Calvary Cookie Walk 9-11 am
10 <b>ADVENT 2 SUNDAY</b> 9:00 am Worship Pr. Dan Sire 10:15 am Sunday School Adult Forum	11 5:30 pm Shepherd Strummers 6:30 pm Shepherd Strings 7:00 pm Dartball: Covenant Turtles @ GSLC 7:00 pm Mon Nt AA	12 9:00 am LWR Quilters  6:30 pm Church Council Mtg	13 12:00 pm Lunch n Lessons 5:30 pm Advent 3 Worship @ GSLC 5:30 pm Confirmation 6:00 pm Shepherd Ringers 7:00 pm Shepherd Choir <b>OFFERING COUNT</b>	14	15 Lay School	16 Lay School
17 <b>ADVENT 3</b> 9:00 am Worship Pr. Nicole B-Welke 10:15 am Sunday School Town Hall Mtg	18 5:30 pm Shepherd Strummers 6:30 pm Shepherd Strings 7:00 pm Dartball: GSLC @ St. Michael Sox 7:00 pm Mon Nt AA	19 9:00 am LWR Quilters	20 12:00 pm Lunch n Lessons 5:30 pm Advent Worship @ GSLC 5:30 pm Confirmation 6:00 pm Shepherd Ringers 7:00 pm Shepherd Choir	21	22	23
24 <b>ADVENT 4</b> 9:00 am Worship Lay Led 10:15 am Sunday School	25 9:00 am Christmas Day Worship at St. Stephen  7:00 pm Mon Nt AA  Office Closed	26 Office Closed	27 OFFERING COUNT	28	29	30
31 9:00 am Service of Renewal	Office Closed	Office Closed				

## Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, Wausau WI

### Church Council Meeting Minutes

November 14, 2023

#### Call to Order & Attendance

6:34 pm- **Present:** Andy Walters, Cory Toth-LaPointe, Craig Netzer, Chad Majewski, Laurie Sturzenegger, Mike Sturzenegger, Tony Omernik, MJ Horvat, Cheryl Rocheleau **Remote:** Jenn Samperisi **Not Present:** Jenn Holcomb, Shelly Ellenbecker

#### Gathering Litany

#### God's Word

Devotional Time- Craig Netzer

Where have you seen God's work lately - All

#### Agenda Review/Approval

- Additions
  - Budget Review
  - Home visitation program update
  - Advertising for Christmas and Advent Schedules
- Agenda Review/Approval (**MSC: Cory/Andy**)

#### October Treasurer/Financial Report

- Cory reviewed October financials (**MSC: Laurie/Cheryl**)
  - Total Net Income: \$2358
  - YTD Income vs Expenses = -\$504
- Budget Discussion
  - Cory presented 2024 Proposed Budget
  - Council approved to take to annual meeting (**MSC: Laurie/Craig**)

#### Our Response to the Word

##### Departing Council Members

- Mike discussed members whose terms are up in 2023
  - There will be 4 openings, potentially a 5<sup>th</sup>

##### Thanksgiving Eve / Pie Social

- Shelly is doing pie social at First English where Thanksgiving Eve service is being held

##### Kartika's Kingdom

- Advent week all planned
  - Confirmation leaders/students
  - Other congregations will be attending Advent services here in the Damgaard Room
- Kartika will be playing Christmas Day service at St. Stephens. ALL ARE INVITED since there is no service at Good Shepherd
- Sunday School
  - Looking for more adult presence. Contact Kartika if interested.
- Endowment Fund
  - Jillian was approved for continuing education money, but a good program was unable to be found
  - Council would like to provide this approved money to Jillian as a recognition for her hard work. (**MSC: Laurie/Cheryl**)

### Home Visitation Program Update

- Tony brought up the dedication of the visitors in this program. Many have gone to extra efforts to really help our homebound members.
- MJ is again coordinating the We Care baskets this Christmas Season.

### Advertising for Christmas & Advent Schedules

- Angie was contacted by City Pages asking if we wanted to advertise our Christmas and Advent Schedules.
- Laurie discussed and requested approval to give Angie approval to move forward with publishing (MSC: Laurie/Cheryl)

### Synod Leadership Meeting

- Motion made to keep the remaining portion of this discussion closed to prevent hearsay and rumors from spreading. Please pick up a copy of the letter sent by Pastor Dara from the Good Shepherd narthex. (MSC: Cory/Cheryl)

### Action Items

- Council Replacements
- Stewardship Reception
- Trunk or Treat

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

- The Lord's Prayer

### Sending/Motion to Adjourn

- Meeting Adjourned 8:30pm (MSC: Cory/Laurie )

**NEXT UP!**

**Good Shepherd Leadership is looking for 4-5 Church Council nominees.**

**Our church council is made up of caring, bold, open, and faithful individuals.**

**Most don't feel ready, capable or worthy to lead.**

**The good thing is you don't need to.**

**We learn as we go. Together.**

**YOU ARE NEEDED!**

**CONSIDER HELPING GOOD SHEPHERD MOVE FORWARD.**

**Check in with the office, Council Members or Josh Stumpner**

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
<b>Income</b>	\$17,614	\$21,688	\$16,906	\$23,190	\$29,162	\$54,622	\$19,741	\$18,971	\$13,639	\$18,224			\$233,757
<b>Expenses</b>	\$17,217	\$25,782	\$18,535	\$17,505	\$20,223	\$19,065	\$20,315	\$20,892	\$22,180	\$15,866			\$197,581
<b>Total</b>	\$397	(\$4,094)	(\$1,629)	\$5,685	\$8,939	\$35,557	(\$574)	(\$1,921)	(\$8,541)	\$2,358	\$0	\$0	\$36,176

\*June income includes the Employer Retention Credits (\$34,437) and interest for Q2 2020 and Q3 2021 (\$2,243) received from the IRS. Contribution income was \$17,942.

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Special \$10K contribution  
NOT SHOWING ERC CREDIT

Advent Blessings and  
Happy Holidays  
to everyone from your staff  
here at GSLC!  
We are thankful for this  
year and all that  
each of you mean to the  
community and mission of  
Good Shepherd!  
Be you blessed ❤️



Good Shepherd Lutheran Church

## 2023 Poinsettia Order Form

Poinsettias will be used to beautify the sanctuary and honor loved ones for the Christmas worship services.

**Order form and payment due in the church office no later than Monday, December 8.**

COST: Single plant: \$15 Checks can be made out to Good Shepherd Lutheran Church.

NAME \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE \_\_\_\_\_

Please indicate your choices below.

\_\_\_: Given to the Glory of God...

\_\_\_: Given **in memory / honor of** \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_: Will take plant home

\_\_\_: Would like plant donated to home bound member.

**DEADLINE FOR ORDER: MONDAY \* DECEMBER 8, 2023**

