

# Good Shepherd

LUTHERAN CHURCH

930 Edgewood Road Wausau, WI 54403

*(Change Service Requested)*

NOVEMBER: 2021



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

ADULT FORUM AND SUNDAY SCHOOL ARE BACK @ 10 am

ALL SAINTS SUNDAY \* NOVEMBER 7

2022 MINISTRY EXCELLENCE DRIVE "BETTER THAN EVER!" SUNDAY \* NOV 14

THANKSGIVING EVE SERVICE \* NOVEMBER 24 \* 6:30 PM

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JOIN US FOR  
LIVE WORSHIP!

**Sunday Worship**  
@ 9 am

ONLINE WORSHIP  
AVAILABLE  
**Wednesdays**  
**Sundays**



Pet & Quilt Blessing  
 9-26-21

Rally Sunday  
 10-17-21

City Wide Strings Concert  
 10-25-21



Well Done Good Shepherd's Own!!

Maddy Bartz  
 Natalie Doering  
 Breanna Schmuldach

Welcome to November!

I happened upon an article this week that indicated that according to surveys, the number of cupholders in a car is a more significant buying factor for consumers purchasing a vehicle than the miles per gallon. The 2020 Subaru Assent SUV has 19. The point? Multiple cupholders have become a foregone conclusion for car buyers. Whether it is a Ford or a Ferrari, we care less about what's under the hood than having plenty of in-vehicle real estate to stow our Starbucks. It's all about the accessories! That's interesting ... and it makes me curious.

Is the church also more interested in accessories than we are with what's under the hood? Watching trends in US churches would seem to indicate to me that overall that our conversations seem a lot more focused on cupholders than on Jesus. We are hanging on to "what we have always known" and trying to re-package it in new techniques and philosophies and approaches that excite because they are new or hip or edgy or intellectually stimulating ... but they are actually quite boring when set next to the person of Jesus.

A consultant I follow put it like this (apologies for the lengthy quote): *"Actually, I don't think it's a good idea at all to 'hang on to what we know.' I think we're now at a place where we're so comfortable with Jesus, so confident of who He is and what He's like, that a lot of 'what we know' is actually wrong. We've kind of lost interest in Him (though we'd never admit that), like a married couple in midlife. We think we pretty much have him pegged—all the things we like and all the things that have been bugging us about Him for years. We've been married a long time to Jesus and have gone through a lot together. But one of the marriage partners—the church—is sort of looking around for something to spark our passions because we're past the 'passionate curiosity' stage with Jesus. So, we turn to the 'form and function' of doing church as our mid-marriage splurge—like letting ourselves get involved in an emotional affair to rouse us from our relational boredom. If we're not awake to this dynamic, our 'marriage' could descend into deadness and a sense of growing isolation. We'll literally live under the same roof with Jesus but live separate lives, functionally apart from Him."* – **Rick Lawrence, Executive Director of Vibrant Faith**

I'm not sure I am ready to grind axes about this yet, but it certainly makes me want to reflect on it a bit more. My understanding from what I read and hear is that what most all people – young and old – are hungering for today is Jesus. We seem to all share a deep need for this kind of connection with the Savior. Further, this is a true reflection of what the generation called "Z" is said to be seeking as well. When they think of their connection (or lack of) to church, they indicate that the thing they would be most interested in talking with a ministry leader about is this: ***"Getting a better understanding of what Jesus really said and did, and how faith in him matters in my own life."***

Honestly, that could truly change the trajectory of the church, both now and into the future. It would probably even secure the future. But we have to be ready and willing to accept that we have been paying more attention to the cupholders than the motor that is under our hood.

What a gift that all future generations at Good Shepherd would know the true, life-changing love of God in Jesus!  
What are you willing to do to make that happen?

That's where it all begins.

Grit and grace,

Pastor Kemp



# Better Than Ever!

## G S L C Ministry Excellence Drive 2022

Building back Better Than Ever! challenges us to boldly create a course that will define the next chapter going forward, equipping the community of Good Shepherd with financial stability, confidence and vitality which in turn allows us to continue the work of the church with blessings, purpose and passion! The cost needed to achieve our goals listed below is \$25,000.

### 2022 ministry initiatives will focus on:

- 1) Replacement of the furnace (Boiler)
- 2) Strategic Planning to steer us toward becoming a thriving congregation
- 3) Maintaining Ministry Excellence

*Watch for detailed information and pledge cards to arrive the week of November 8th.*

◆ **Sunday, November 14 – Official Pledge Turn In Day**

### All Saints Day will be celebrated on Sunday, November 7

If you would like to submit names of loved ones who died between November 2, 2020, and November 1, 2021, Please contact Kartika by Wednesday, November 3<sup>rd</sup>.

### THANKSGIVING EVE WORSHIP SERVICE

AND PIE TO GO 🥧

Wednesday, November 24

6:30 PM



### BLOOD DRIVE:

Thursday, November 4

1-6 pm

Schedule appointment

today online

1-800-733-2767

[redcrossblood.org](http://redcrossblood.org)

Check in with Parish Nurse, Barb to find out where you can help!

### Community Dinner

Sunday, November 14

First Presbyterian Church

Currently meals are available for pick up starting at 3:45 pm until gone.

Contact Ruth Henkelman to help 715-432-1589

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# 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)

**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](http://lhm.org)

## DAILY DEVOTIONALS ARE HERE:

Christ in Our Home & Portals of Prayer (Oct-Dec)

## CONFIRMATION

*Wednesday evenings will usually look like this:*

5:30 pm Gathering and Announcements

5:35-6:25 pm Lesson and Learning Activities

6:25 pm Closing

Classes will dismiss around 6:30 (by 6:35 at the latest)

There will be some special outings/events/times too.

November 3, 10, 17- lessons

November 24- Thanksgiving Eve service

December 1, 8, 15- lessons/Advent services

## CORKS - N - COVERS

Book for November 18 - **The Johnstown Flood** by David McCullough - discussion leader Bonnie, location Kris Kamrath's Community Room, wine - Bonnie, treats - TBA

Book for December 9 at 12:30 - **Identical Strangers, a memoir of twins separated and reunited** by Elyse Schein and Paula Bernstein, discussion leader - Judie, location Kris Kamrath's Community Room, Hosts - everyone - Christmas Potluck -

VETERAN'S DAY IS NOVEMBER 11  
If you or a loved one has served in the military, we are happy to display photographs over the mantle in the narthex for the month of November.

The office will be closed November 25 & 26 in observance of Thanksgiving. Give thanks and enjoy your blessings!

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**Indoor Worship  
Sundays @ 9:00 am**

Worship services available  
Released for:  
**Sundays  
Wednesdays**

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

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Treasurer

# NOVEMBER

## Birthdays



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|---|---|--|
| 1. Mark Hildebrandt<br>Marjorie Viergutz                              | Benjamin Stich  | Maria Schalow  |
| 2. Bryce Falstad<br>Mary Ann Howard<br>Roger Juedes<br>Mari Rybarczyk | 10. Kris Kamrath<br>Jamie Lodholz                         | 22. Bowen Bootz<br>Lori Crawford                     |
| 4. Andrew Heise<br>Tim Woods  | 11. Brody Trantow   | 23. James Janke<br>Logan Mork<br>Jerry Netzing       |
| 5. Lili Gulsvig<br>Sadie Weinkauff-Trapp                              | 12. Jacob Schneider                                       | Jackson Schulz                                       |
| 6. Judy Rose  | 13. Harold Grubb<br>Renee Laffin                          | 24. Laney Schreiber<br>Geraldine Seidler             |
| 7. Dorece Johnson<br>Milt Pachal<br>Gina Ramthun                      | 14. Jarek Gehrke<br>Ivy Oswald                            | 26. Avari Ramthun<br>Nathan Sielaff<br>Kenneth Sitko |
| 8. Hayden Bartelt<br>Ryan Selby<br>Lucas Worden                       | 16. Natalie Doering<br>Tanner Falstad<br>Jasmine Mitchell | 27. Dana Liebers                                     |
| 9. Nona Beyer   | 17. Jennifer Barthels<br>Torrie Maier                     | 28. Marjorie Schwede<br>Brett Waldinger              |
|   | 18. Brittany Waldinger                                    | 29. Deborah Kane<br>Kaitlyn Stich<br>Amy Yolitz      |
|   | 21. Rick Clemens  |  |
|   | 22. David Johnson<br>Jean Leih                            |  |

## NOVEMBER Anniversaries



1. Rick & Anne Buntrock  
Greg & Angie Huckbody
12. John & Stephanie Bresnahan
14. William & Robin Mueller
16. Marty & Colette Krahn
23. Tim & Diane Worden
26. Alfred & Nona Beyer
30. John & Kristine Boulanger

# NOVEMBER CALENDAR

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>Online Worship Available Sundays</b>			<b>Online Worship Available Wednesdays</b>			
9:00 am Worship ALL SAINTS SUNDAY 10:00 am Sunday School Adult Forum	1 5:30 pm Shepherd Strummers  7:00 pm Monday Nt AA	2 9:00 am LWR Quilters	3 9:00 am Wed AA	4 1:00 pm Blood Drive	5	6
7 9:00 am Worship 10:00 am Sunday School Adult Forum	8 5:30 pm Shepherd Strummers  7:00 pm Monday Nt AA	9 9:00 am LWR Quilters  6:30 pm Church Council Mtg	10 9:00 am AA 5:30 pm Bell Rehearsal 5:30 pm Confirmation 6:30 PM Choir	11 1:30 pm Corks-n-Covers  Wedding Laurie Miles Kroening and Mike Sturzenegger	12	13
14 9:00 am Worship Baptism: Cecilia Grace Mueller Better Than Ever! Pledge Collection 10:00 am Sunday School Adult Forum 3:45 pm Community Dinner@ First Pres	15 5:30 pm Shepherd Strummers  7:00 pm Monday Nt AA	16 9:00 am LWR Quilters	17 9:00 am AA 5:30 pm Bell Rehearsal 5:30 pm Confirmation 6:30 pm Choir Rehearsal  OFFERING COUNT	18 1:30 pm Corks-n-Covers @Kris Kamrath's Community Room  6:30 pm Riverview Neighborhood Mtg	19	20
21 9:00 am Worship 10:00 am Sunday School Adult Forum		23 9:00 am LWR Quilters	24 9:00 am AA 5:30 pm Confirmation  6:30 pm Thanksgiving Eve Service	25 Thanksgiving Day Office Closed	26 Office Closed	27
28 9:00 am Worship  10:00 am Sunday School and Adult Forum	29 5:30 pm Shepherd Strummers  7:00 pm Monday Nt AA	30 9:00 am LWR Quilters  OFFERING COUNT	1 9:00 am AA 5:30 pm Bell Rehearsal 5:30 pm Confirmation 6:30 pm Choir Rehearsal	2	3	4

## Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, Wausau WI

### Church Council meeting minutes

September 14, 2021 Socially distanced in Fellowship Hall GSLC

**Call to Order** –6:30 pm \*Present: Pastor Kemp Jones, Josh Stumpner, Brad Bartelt, Cheryl Rocheleau, Shelly Ellenbecker, M. J. Horvat, Jenny Samperisi, Cory Toth-LaPointe, Geri Luer, Heidi Falstad, Paul Grewe

**Gathering Litany** – Pastor Kemp

### God's Word

- Devotional time, Heidi
- Sharing how you have seen God at work lately – ALL

### Review

- Agenda review - Cory / Brad – APPROVED
- Minutes review – Paul / Shelly - APPROVED

July income was \$15,628, expenses were \$22,784. We transferred \$1,511 from the building fund for a negative \$5,645 in total net income. Current reserves are \$66,075 (\$35,675 is PPP) in the general fund, \$24,757 in the building fund, and \$13,333 in work of the church.

The monthly transfer from the building fund covers the mortgage and snow removal. These funds come in via monthly contributions designated to the building fund (income) and we then transfer them out (expense).– Paul / M.J. - APPROVED

### Our Response to the Word

(old business)

- **GSLC Family Call List Project** – The pandemic has interfered with many of our normal interactions with our fellow GSLC family. Council members are each asked to touch base with about 30 of our Church family, as per a pre-assigned list, and share goodwill and connection. We can inform everyone about in-person Worship, upcoming Sunday School and Confirmation and the coming return to two services – and answer any questions which might arise. Be mindful of any expressed interest in Church leadership such as a Council position. We will try to contact everyone within a timeframe of four to eight weeks.
- **Church Council Membership Rollover and Candidates** - Our present best estimate based on completion of terms is that four positions will become open for the 2022 Church Council. Current Council members are asked to prayerfully consider their service and keep an open mind for those in our church family who might bring valuable gifts to the upcoming Church Council.
- **Fall Stewardship** – The third meeting with Stewardship consultant Peter Reuss is slated for this week. Planning for this Fall's Stewardship is coalescing around a shift from printed communication to video content, holding up the theme of 'Our Love for Our Church.' Ten short videos will be produced and made available, beginning next week, with members of GSLC briefly sharing the story of what they value in their relationship with Good Shepherd. The Committee seeks ideas for a primary tangible cause to lift up, in the format of "Supporting Ministerial Excellence and \_\_\_\_\_ . Better Than Ever." November 14<sup>th</sup> is the planned commitment date for stewardship pledges. Of special, pressing, vital concern is the need for lay leadership to join the Stewardship Committee.

(new business)

- **2022 Budget** – Paul presented the pro forma 2022 budget as developed by the Finance Committee. Adjustments of note, varying from 2021 include: the addition of a High Deductible Health Savings Account option to staff health benefits, a large annual drop in mortgage loan expense, adjustments for the completion of concrete work and audio / video infrastructure budgeted expenses for 2021, and a reduction in administrative wage expense. Budgeted contributions was also reduced to reflect the unfortunate reality of some downward giving trends. Budget planning will continue to hone the budget for later Council approval.
- **Snow Cancellation procedure development** – A procedure is in development to codify the steps to be taken in the event of weather necessitating cancellation of services for safety reasons.
- **Basketball Hoop** – Council agreed that the broken basketball backboard in out back parking lot should be replaced. Signage inviting all to it's use was discussed.
- **Re-Visiting Our Vision, Mission** – Council tabled this topic until next meeting, for time constraints.

### Action Items:

- ✓ Consider recording a Stewardship video
- ✓ Share GSLC via Social Media (at least 1 more – keep it rolling)
- ✓ Touch base with your assigned list of GSLC family, make note of relevant information

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

**Sending** (motion to adjourn) Paul / Cory PASSED Adjournment 7:45 pm

Respectfully submitted, Paul Grewe, GSLC Secretary