



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

M A Y:2024

### MAY OFFICIANTS

May 7: Pr. Micole Behnke-Welke

May 14: Pr. Nicole Behnke-Welke

May 21: Pr. Micole Behnke-Welke

May 28: Lay Led

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

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### **MARK YOUR CALENDARS:**

### **WORSHIP**

SUNDAY WORSHIP 9:00 AM @ GSLC

PENTECOST SUNDAY AFFIRMATION OF BAPTISM May 19, 2024

> ONLINE WORSHIP AVAILABLE

# 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 meetings

**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

Date May 5		May 12	May 19	May 26		
Presiding Minister	Pr. Nicole	Pr. Nicole	Pr. Nicole	Lay Led		
Assisting Minister	Jenn Holcomb	Cari Logemann	Pr. Karoline	Paul Grewe		
Reader(s)	Reader(s) Diane Peterson		Readers Ministry	JoAnn Grewe		
Greeter 1	Greeter 1 MJ Horvat		K Toth	Jean Korpela		
Greeter 2	Greeter 2 Karen Maier		Geri Luer	Jilian Jensen		
Usher 1	Marty Krahn	Jovid Schuette	Andy Heise	Mike S		
Usher 2	Greg Behrendt	Hank Pleuss	Josh Stumpner	Laurie S		
Altar Guild	Barb Denfeld & Connie Heise	Barb Denfeld & Connie Heise	Barb Denfeld & Connie Heise	Barb Denfeld & Connie Heise		
Hospitality Hour	Kay Walters		MJ Horvat	Lorraine Beyersdorff		

### **NOTE:** Changes may have been made after publishing.

### Faith Formation Appreciation

As summer approaches and the school year winds to a close, we want to thank all the folks who dedicated their time this last year to enriching the faith lives of all the ages!

SUNDAY SCHOOL:

Jillian Jensen

CONFIRMATION:

Tim & Jenn Holcomb \* MJ Horvat \* Pr. Karoline Schwantes

ADULT FORUM:

Kris Kamrath

We also give thanks to God for those who helped in any way.

Well done good and faithful servants!





May 19, 2024

We ask God's blessings for them on this special day and invite everyone to join in this milestone with prayer and presence.

### **Funerals**

### Kenneth Gordon John Baumann

April 15, 2024 Pr. Dan Sire Officiating

### Eugene August Koehler

April 22, 2024 Pr. Rich Block Officiating

## MAY NOISY OFFERING

We Care Bags

There was a little shuffling of efforts and schedules to accommodate our Lenten Service Project and then Synod Assembly. Noisy Offerings will be supporting our Home Visitation Ministry through May.

# Coffee & Fellowship Hour

### **Helpers Needed**

May and June Calendars are being filled now. The sign-up sheet is in need of new participants and located outside Angie's office. Contact Kay (715-675-4556) or the office to find out the "what, where, when and how"!



### OFFICE CLOSED

Mon, May 27 in observance of *Memorial Day* 



# Women of Good Shepherd Meeting

### Tuesday, May 14 @ 10:30 am

Ladies!! Come join the circle and conversation. We have lots to catch up on, share new visions and help disperse funds earned from last year's Holiday Bazaar and funeral luncheons. Did you know that those salads or baked goods you donated for funerals or the bazaar were just two of the ways you have been supporting the Women of Good Shepherd? Want to get on the call list or find other ways to get deployed? Attend this meeting and we'll figure it out together!

### BLOOD DRIVE

Sign up today on

Tue, May 2 \* 1-6 pm

1-800-733-2767 or

www.redcrossblood.org

# Spring Yard Clean Up Day

We will meet this Saturday, May 5<sup>th</sup> at 8:30 am to help freshen up the yards, fix the lawns from snow plow damage, pick up sticks, pine cones and prepare for the summer mowing season. Marty Krahn can answer questions and point you in the right direction: 715-297-6449. Cleanup usually wraps up around 1 pm.

Bad weather make up date is Saturday, May 11.

# WELCOME

# New Members!

WE GIVE THANKS TO GOD &

CFIFBRATE OUR NEW PARTNERS IN MINISTRY!

John & Paulette Allman

Todd & Lisa Clandenning, Ava & Carly

Bradley Duebler & Calli Hohensee,

Scarlett, Allanah & Theodore

Paul & Emily Dauch.,

Charlotte, Dacob, Sophie & Allison

Asher & Leslie O' Callaghan



# Worship Toolbox

If you have curious kids here in worship, we have just the thing! Grab a toolbox right outside the sanctuary. It is filled with items to help worship come alive and make sense.

# MAY CALENDAR

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	
5	6	7	5:30 pm Confirmation @ St. Stephen 6:00 pm Ringers 7:00 pm Choir	1:00 pm Blood Drive 5:30 pm GSLC Task Force Mtg	7:00 pm Pro Musica Concert @ First Presbyterian Church	Lay School Celebration in Shawano 8:30 am Yard Cleanup Day	
9:00 am Worship Pr. Nicole Behnke- presiding 10:20 am Adult Forum: Sunday School	5:30 pm Shepherd Strummers	9:00 am LWR Quilters 5:30 pm Joint Task Force Mtg @ GSLC 5:30 pm Riverview school using parking lot for overflow parking	7:30 am HCE Community Ed Day 6:00 pm Ringers 7:00 pm Choir	7:00 pm Community Band Concert @ UWSP Wausau Extension		8:30 am Yard Cleanup Day Backup Date	
9:00 am Worship Pr. Nicole Behnke- Welke presiding  10:20 am Adult Forum Last day of Sunday School	7:45 am Kwik Trip Mtg -Library 5:30 Shepherd Strummers OFFERING COUNT	9:00 am LWR Quilters 10:30 am Women of Good Shepherd Mtg 6:30 pm Church Council Meeting	7:00 pm Choir 5:30 pm Confirmation @ GSLC	Kartika Synod Assembly prep Angie vacation Karen Maier cover	17 ECSW Synod Assembly- Plant Drop off Angie vacation Karen Maier cover	8:00 am Plant Sale  ECSW Synod Assembly- 9:00 am AGO Organ "Pipe Up"	
9:00 am Worship Pentecost Sunday  Pr. Nicole Behnke- presiding Affirmation of Baptism/ Confirmation  10:00 am Plant Sale No Town Hall Mtg	5:30 Shepherd Strummers	9:00 am LWR Quilters	22	11:00 am Aspirus Hospice Service  1:30 pm Corks n Covers @ River Front Apartments  6:30 pm Riverview Mtg Angie vacation Karen Maier	Angie vacation Karen Maier	25	
9:00 am Worship Lay Led	27 Memorial Day OFFICE CLOSED	28	OFFERING COUNT	30	31		

### MAY Birthdays



1	Daniel Young
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2	Nicole Batterman
	Kelsi Kroening
	Diane P. Laszewski
4	Ralph Kohnhorst
	Dale Thurs
6	Jane Johnson
	Joyce Nick
	Jahn Sandman
7	Kennedy Thoma
	Wesley Salzmann
8	Jamie Oswald
10	Judith Westberg
14	Bob Guenthner
	Marion Kloth
15	Trevor Doering
	Ryan Ramthun
16	Mike Sturzenegger
	Breanna Thoma

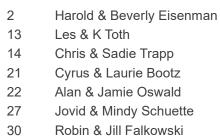
19	Gregory Glovinski
. •	Kaylen Majewski
20	Jovid Schuette
24	William Lakus
	Joel Mattice
25	Kristine Boulanger
26	Geraldine Luer
27	Jennifer Gruna
28	Clyde Babcock
	Shelly Ellenbecker
	Jacob Gruna
	Paisley Thoma
29	Bonnie Beyersdorff
30	Bonnie Anderson
	Brooke Heise

Greg Huckbody

### MAY Anniversaries

John Boulanger

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CORKS n COVERS: MAY 23rd @ 1:30 pm

**Book: Survival in Auschwitz** 

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Author: Primo Levi

Meeting will take place at

**Community Room at the Riverfront** 

Apartments near WOW.

### 930 EDGEWOOD RD WAUSAU, WI 54403

(715) 675.1997 info@gswausau.org www.gswausau.org office hours: 9:30 AM-4:00 PM

Monday-Friday (Office Closed 5-27-24) In observance of Memorial Day

Worship Sundays @ 9:00 am

# Worship services available Released for: Sundays

go to
GSLC Wausau WI on Youtube,
www.gswausau.org
Facebook
(they remain available at
our youtube channel)

### Dr. Kartika Putri

Minister of Worship and Music Office: 715.675.1997 ext.: 103

### **Angie Huckbody**

Parish Administrator
Office: 715.675.1997 ext.: 101

### **Brian Wiese**

Interim Financial Secretary 715.539.6700

### **Barb Denfeld**

Parish Nurse

Cory Toth LaPointe

Treasurer

### **Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, Wausau WI**

# Church Council Meeting Minutes April 9, 2024

### **Call to Order & Attendance**

6:37 pm- **Present:** Laurie Sturzenegger, Mike Sturzenegger, Chad Majewski, Jennifer Holcomb, Andy Walters, MJ Horvat, Marjorie Viergutz, Josh Stumpner, Cheryl Rocheleau **Not Present:** Lorraine Beyersdorf, Craig Netzer **Remote: None** 

### **Gathering Litany**

### God's Word

Devotional Time- Chad Majewski Where have you seen God's work lately - All

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

- Additions
  - Plant Sale
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- Agenda Review/Approval (MSC: Jenn/Andy)

### **March 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)
  - March Income: \$16,816March Expenses: \$19,293
  - Discussions were had about Easter income not being included in March numbers due to banks being open.
  - April will have higher numbers due to Easter income being counted in April (see addendum in Council Meeting packet)
  - o Council discussed bringing it up at the Town Hall meeting

### Our Response to the Word

<u>Task Force Update/Synod Meeting/Cath Mode</u> [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]

- Laurie discussed the meeting and that GSLC is further along in the process than other congregations and we are doing a good job in being transparent in sharing information with our congregation. There are still opportunities out there for joint solutions among area churches that the task force is working through and will update everyone.
- Cath Mode Synod assigned coach if we choose. She offered up a contract of four coaching sessions (GSLC pays for 1, Synod pays for 3), which Laurie sent to the taskforce and read to Council. Task Force agreed that it would be money well spent. Council discussed and proposed some further questions for Pastor Cath.

### **President's Meeting**

- Was held at Immanuel recently. The biggest thing to come from it was a 'parade of churches' suggestion. It is being discussed to do something similar to last year's July 16<sup>th</sup> service but at a lesser scale.
- First English is interested in joining the shared confirmation program as they only have a few kids. Sounds like things will be put in motion to do so.

### **Ecumenical Promotion Policy**

Definition: Different denominations doing activities together.

There have been a couple events at Zion Lutheran, which has different theology than us (they are members of the LCMC (Lutheran Congregations in Mission for Christ) that have been advertised here at GSLC. GSLC Council discussed putting together some policies around making sure that all we share with our members is focused around our same beliefs. Discussion was tabled for next month so Council members could think on it. See Reconcilingworks.org for more information

### **Plant Sale**

- May 18<sup>th</sup>, 2024
- It's being planned and we will start advertising soon

### Kartika's Korner

• Kartika is looking to set up some activities where GSLC members can 'Testify as Lutherans' by putting together a write up, video, etc. to share with the congregation.

### **Carryover \ Action Items**

- Ecumenical Promotion Policy
- Nov, Dec Noisy Offering
- Harvest Host

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

• The Lord's Prayer

### **Sending/Motion to Adjourn**

Meeting Adjourned at 8:09pm (MSC: Jenn/Laurie)

Respectfully Submitted, Chad Majewski, Secretery

					Go	od Shepherd -	2024 YTD Inc	ome & Expen	ses						
	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	\$16,816.19										\$49,620.14		
Transfer															
Income	\$1,510.86	\$1,510.86	\$1,510.86										\$4,532.58		
Expenses	\$15,914.94	\$22,136.84	\$19,293.33										\$57,345.11		
Total	(\$1,198.37)	(\$1,027.74)	(\$966.28)	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	(\$3,192.39)		
					G	ood Shepherd	- Rolling Inco	me & Expense	es						
	Mar-24	Feb-24	Jan-24	Dec-23	Nov-23	Oct-23	Sep-23	Aug-23	Jul-23	Jun-23	May-23	Apr-23	Rolling Totals		
Income	\$16,816.19	\$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	\$267,285.06		
Transfer Income	\$1,510.86	\$1,510.86	\$1,510.86										\$3,021.72		
Expenses	\$19,293.33	\$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	\$211,314.79		
Total	(\$966.28)	(\$1,027.74)	(\$1,198.37)	\$16,425.66	\$3,289.86	\$2,357.87	(\$8,541.04)	(\$1,921.27)	(\$573.83)	\$35,556.97	\$8,939.11	\$5,684.77	\$58,991.99		
					Go	od Shepherd -	2023 YTD Inc	ome & Expen	ses						
	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		\$19,741.29	\$18,970.80	\$13,639.02	\$18,223.67	\$18,412.70	\$38,519.19	(\$5,702.00)	(\$25.42)	\$284,962.1
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	(\$5,702.00)	(\$25.42)	\$229,070.7
Total	\$396.60	(\$4,094.48)	(\$1,628.82)	\$5,684.77	\$8,939.11	\$35,556.97	(\$573.83)	(\$1,921.27)	(\$8,541.04)	\$2,357.87	\$3,289.86	\$16,425.66			\$55,891.40
*June incor	me includes th	e Employer R	Retention Cred	its (\$34,437.5)	0) and interest	for Q2 2020 a	and Q3 2021 (	\$2.243.76) rec	eived from the	IRS.					
	n income was			(***),***	,										
					Co	od Shepherd -	2022 VTD Inc	ome & Evnon	cac						
	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		\$22,937.68	\$16,250.28	\$14,230.43	\$22,025.00	\$18,366.17		\$238,907.10		
Expenses		\$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		\$284,211.23		
	(\$5,273.00)	(\$22,454.00)	\$338.00	\$954.00	(\$3,773.00)	(\$6,381.62)	(\$4,766.67)	(\$5,427.21)	(\$9.754.55)	\$6,064.00	\$2,823.79	\$2,346.14	(\$45,304.13)		

### Good Shepherd Task Force Update...4-23-24

The Good Shepherd task force continues to meet on a regular basis with full agendas. As we direct our efforts in multiple areas, we continue to seek the congregation's input and prayers. On April 2, per the suggestion of the synod reps at the March 16, multi-congregation meeting, two members of Good Shepherd (Kay Walters and Paul Grewe) met with two reps from St Stephen as members of the communications teams to polish and formalize a covenant prayer, created and agreed upon at the synod led meeting. This prayer will be shared whenever two or more congregation teams meet as a reminder of our promises to one another.

### The Good Shepherd task force met on April 4; discussion topics included:

- the hiring of Pastor Cath Mode as a "coach" to help guide us through this time of transition and Good Shepherd's role as a leader in this process
- the possible re-structuring of committees as we re-organize our work, responsibilities and efforts
- several socially based events where Good Shepherd and St Stephen will be able to combine forces in a fun manner
- proposed shared worship events tentatively scheduled for this summer
- a new survey, included in the newsletter and available in the narthex
- further work on defining our vision and values
- a brief schedule update as the warmer months bring additional responsibilities and commitments.

The task force felt it appropriate to contact Pilgrim once again with an offer to share some of our experiences as we've been working through transition. And proving that God does indeed move in mysterious ways, Laurie and Mike Sturzenegger (council president and vice president and task force members) were planning to worship at Pilgrim on the same day that Pilgrim had a town hall meeting scheduled! They were able to share briefly with the Pilgrim congregation Good Shepherd's background and some of the things that we have learned on our journey.

The Good Shepherd task force will meet again on May 2, in part, to prepare for the May 7 joint meeting with St Stephen which will be held at Good Shepherd.

Once again, please keep all of the Wausau area ELCA congregations in your prayers as we work to understand what and where and how God might lead us...

No meeting in May.
Next meeting:
Sun, June 16

A note from Pobbie on our Home Communion Kits.

Our Altar Guild leader Bobbie Salzman has asked that all Home Communion kits be returned to home base (here at GSLC) for the first Sunday of the Month for maintenance and blessing. They can then either be taken back out with you or picked up at your convenience.

### **April, 2024 Transition Survey**

The Good Shepherd task force continues to covet your feedback, insights and thoughts as we navigate the path of the future of the ELCA in the Wausau area. Please complete this to the best of your ability...any and all comments are welcome!

1.	What does it mean to you to have Good Shepherd "thrive"?
	What does "thriving" look like?
2.	What makes Good Shepherd special?
	What are the unique traits/traditions/events/means of worship/ behaviors/etc. that make our congregation different, unique, special?
3.	Which of these worship events were you able to participate in? And how did the Spirit move you in them?
	Ash Wednesday (shared event held at Pilgrim)
	Midweek Lenten noon service (shared event held at St Stephen)
	Midweek Lenten evening service (shared event held at Good Shepherd)
	Maundy Thursday service (shared event held at Good Shepherd)
	Good Friday service (shared event held at St Stephen)
	Easter service (held at Good Shepherd)
4.	"Gather in Blessings. Grow in Purpose. Go with Passion." Gather. Grow. Go. We share this every week at the close of worship; what does this phrase mean to you?
	What are examples of the three parts of that pledge?

# Senior Independent Living Support Services in Marathon County

Information provided by the Healthy Aging Coalition of Micrathon County

Aging and Disability Resource Center of Central Wisconsin (ADRC) staff will talk through the individuals' situations & connect them with appropriate resources, programs and services for older adults and adults with disabilities. Get information on private pay or publically funded options to get help in your home (personal care, assistance with food preparation, housekeeping, etc.) Free classes on Medicare & falls prevention. Books and resources available, 715-261-6070.

# Home Delivered Meals and Groceries:

Wausau Area Mobile Meals: (Noon meal delivered) 715-848-5848.

ADRC: Meals on Wheels (Noon meal delivered) 715-261-6070.

Faith in Action: Delivers groceries from The Market at The Neighbors Place. 715-848-8783.

The Market at The Neighbors Place: Delivers Stock Boxes once per month when available. Eligibility requirements apply. 715-845-1966.

# Transportation Services:

Faith in Action provides rides to Medical Appointments, Grocery Shopping and Personal Appointments, 715-848-8783.

Marathon County Transportation Program at NCHC provides transportation for medical employment or nutritional needs only for persons 60+ or who are non-ambulatory: 715-841-5101.

Metro Ride Paratransit provides origin to destination transportation in Wausau for people who have a physical or cognitive disability and are unable to use a standard transit bus. Eligibility requirements apply. 715-842-9287.

Note: There are other transportation options and due to program eligibility requirements, it is best to call United Way's 211 to help determine which transportation options are best for you.

Health Equipment Lending Program: The Good News Project provides medical equipment for short and long term use available at no cost but suggests a donation to help with overhead costs. Good News also accepts used medical equipment. 715-843-5985.

Lifeline Personal Emergency Response program that permits people who are elderly or disabled to summon help 24 hours/day by pushing a button on a small pendant or wristband. Aspirus Lifeline: 715-847-2781.

Ramp Up Marathon County: Volunteer run program that builds wheelchair ramps for low income seniors and adults with disabilities. Eligibility requirements apply. To learn more cr apply for a ramp, call the ADRC-CW; 715-261-6070 or MILC: 800-382-8484.

United Way's 211 provides 24/7, free & confidential information and referral service for any program or service you are in need of.

Call 211 or 715-848-2255 to help you connect. If you or someone you know is experiencing a mental health crisis call 988.

The Women's Community Abuse in Later Life Advocate provides services for victims of domestic abuse, financial abuse & sexual viclence over 60 years of age. Services include advocacy, crisis intervention, supportive counseling and follow up services. Call The Women's Community Crisis Lire 715-842-7323 or the main reception desk 715-842-5663.

Wausau—AARP Foundation Volunteer Tax-Aides provide tax assistance with income tax returns free of charge, for taxpayers 50+ from January—April each year. Local IRS certified volunteers will prepare and electronically file Federal, Wisconsin and Homestead Credit tax returns. Appointments required at 715-298-5734.

Updated: 5/17/2023