

Good Shepherd

LUTHERAN CHURCH

930 Edgewood Road Wausau, WI 54403

(Change Service Requested)

OCTOBER: 2021

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

ADULT FORUM AND SUNDAY SCHOOL ARE BACK!!

OCTOBER 17

FOLLOWING 9 AM WORSHIP

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AGO MEMORIAL CONCERT FOR KARMEN TEIGEN

JOIN US FOR
LIVE WORSHIP!

Sundays @ 9 am
Indoor Worship!

ONLINE WORSHIP
AVAILABLE
Wednesdays
Sundays

Wow, it's October??

Hard to believe when you receive this it will be less than 90 days until Christmas!! Is your shopping done yet? (I heard the other day it's a VERY good idea to shop early this year, if you are so inclined.)

In August, I began to introduce a potential pathway toward becoming a thriving congregation. I'll remind you of the questions we need to consider to launch us in that direction:

- 1) Who are we and who are we becoming?
- 1) What is the impact that is within us to make?
- 2) How do we get from where we are to where we are called to be?

To recap, I suggested in August that we need to work past the fear that holds us back from discovering who we are and who we are becoming. Last month, I encouraged us to think closely about the impact that we can make as a congregation, and to live fully into the best version(s) of who we are in order "run wild" in our mission to Gather in blessing, Grow in purpose, and Go with passion.

This month, I'd like to spend a few words reflecting on "*How do we get from where we are to where we are called to be?*" So, how do we get there together?

Leadership expert John Kotter said the following about how we become the best version of ourselves, "We do not change because we desire change. We change because it is too painful not to." A dangerous complacency has descended upon organizations throughout our society, and this has been especially evident in the Church over the last 50 years. Things are getting painful. We feel it in our own congregation. But a few "usual suspects" cannot drive successful transitions (pastor, staff, church council). It takes many people ... more eyes to see, more brains to think, more minds/hearts to discern, and more hands and feet to act. Leaders simply must emerge from throughout our community. Mission is not simply carrying out someone else's directives. So, this is YOUR invitation. YOU power the important activity of moving us forward. YOU are the energy that propels Good Shepherd into the future. (If this doesn't describe YOU, then what is your purpose for being connected to GSLC? Can we help you discern it?)

Beloved, action is not only driven by the head ... it also involves the heart. God created us with the innate desire (and corresponding abilities) to serve beyond ourselves. We are motivated by a cellular mapping to contribute to something bigger than ourselves, to move whatever we are involved in toward a better future. Good Shepherd is a vehicle that God called into being through which God would give greater meaning and purpose to our efforts. We need investment and collective leadership to get from where we are to where we are called to be.

It's all about shared vision, recognizing opportunities, inspired action, innovation, and celebration in the name of Jesus and in alignment with our mission. Change is only going to accelerate. I again encourage us not to allow fear to stifle us in responding proactively to it, rather than reacting to its inevitable consequences. We cannot do this important work without YOU.

Blessings,

Pastor Kemp



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 (Oct-Dec)

MUSIC MINISTRY IS BACK IN SESSION!

See Kartika if you would like to join any of the groups in making music or assisting in worship!
You can see the rehearsal schedules on page 6 in the October calendar.

Reimagining Worship Task Force Update

Your task force continues to meet every 4-6 weeks and more often as needed. In their September meeting, the subject of mandatory masking in church was discussed. Given the very high rate of transmission in Marathon County, it was unanimously decided that mandatory masking and other mitigation strategies will remain in place for the time being.

The task force discussed the need to resume safe, in-person Christian Education. Confirmation will kick-off October 13 at 6:00. Masks and social distancing will be required. Students will take part in weekly lessons, service projects and hear guest speakers. Adult Education and Sunday School will begin October 17th following 9 am worship. Pastor Kemp will lead adult education and Jenny Samperisi will lead our children's Sunday School program. Mitigation strategies will be in place for adults and children.

Your questions and input are always welcome. Please contact any member of the Task Force to discuss your questions or concerns.

Task Force Members: Pastor Kemp, Tim Holcomb, MJ Horvat, Laurie Miles-Kroening, Mike Sturzenegger, Barb Denfeld and Jackie Majewski.

CONFIRMATION KICK-OFF

We'd like to invite all new and returning 6th, 7th and 8th graders, along with their parents, to a Confirmation Kickoff gathering on Wednesday, October 13 at 6:00 pm. We will review the plan for the year and accept registration forms. Per current church policies, masks will be required by all in attendance.

If you have questions prior to that meeting, you can direct them to Tim Holcomb (alissasdado3@gmail.com, 715-212-3633), MJ Horvat (horvatmj@aol.com, 715-205-9195) or Pastor Kemp.

CORKS - N - COVERS

October 14 (tentative) - Readers choice - recommendations for 2022 reading list
Host: ?

Watch for details on decisions to be made.

Contact Bonnie if you would like to host. bonhealthcorner@yahoo.com

Attention parents of younger children!

As we begin to think about worship in the Fall, we want to invite you to think about your family's needs and desires with regard to your child(ren) and Holy Communion. Rather than establishing an arbitrary age for receiving first communion, we believe YOU are best suited to know if/when your child is ready to receive the Lord's Supper. Has your child expressed strong interest? Do they wonder why they cannot receive communion? Well, perhaps it's time to have a conversation with Pastor Kemp and get them started! Readiness for communion is never an arbitrary decision based upon achieving a certain age. It is based upon the child's desire for the experience of the mystery of Christ in the meal, and the parents' willingness to nurture and support that interest along the way. The church is a partner in that process, not the sacramental police. We will, of course, still provide annual communion instruction every Spring, but experience shows that it is quite beneficial to experience something before we fully understand it. Said another way, all of us eat regular old food for a very long time before we understand its nutritional value. We behave our way into deeper understanding and belief. Could the same not also be true of Holy Communion? Again, there is no pressure ... you know best! If this describes your situation, or even if you are curious about next steps, please connect with Pastor Kemp at your convenience. Email, phone, texts always welcome!

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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

Facebook

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

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Birthdays



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|---|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----|---------------------------------------------|----|----------------------------------------------|
| 1 | Joanne Baehman
Annie Sims | 9 | Barbara Denfeld | 22 | Larry Korpela
Brian Pfantz |
| 3 | Tony Champine
Lee Ann Gallagher
Cindy Worden | 10 | Kiptyn Wirtz | 23 | Nathan Schreiber |
| 4 | Ken Martell
Andrew Walters | 11 | Charlotte Doering
Barb Madden | 24 | Dean Schalow
Cynthia Weinkauff |
| 5 | Marty Krahn
Gabriel Krueger | 12 | Greg Behrendt
Grace Burch
Hank Pleuss | 25 | Dale Schwede
Aanika Weller |
| 6 | Samuel Barthels
Tama Gehrke
Ethan Pergolski
Sarah Sobiesczyk
Natalie Stumpner | 13 | Madalyn Bartz | 26 | Kylie Miles-Kroening |
| 8 | Austin Baranowski
Avila Cucciarelli
Charles Schwede Jr | 14 | Todd Wunsch | 27 | Ruth Henkelman
Conner Mattice |
| | | 15 | Aaron Baumann | 28 | Diane Schmidt
Judie Urbanek |
| | | 16 | Alan Jirgl
Keith Samperisi | 29 | Sandra Craven |
| | | 17 | Ben Merkey | 30 | Dick Burch
Justin Mattice
Malory Smith |
| | | 18 | Robert Barofsky | 31 | Ron Fritz
Tanner Kroening |
| | | 19 | Cyrus Bootz | | |
| | | 21 | Madison Cummings | | |

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Anniversaries



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| 2 | Donald & Mary Ann Howard |
| 4 | William & Theresa Bootz |
| 6 | Dean & Maria Schalow |
| 7 | Allan & Marie Teige |
| 13 | Mike & Cindy Taylor |
| 14 | Wayne & Tama Gehrke |
| 17 | Clyde & Marlene Babcock |
| 24 | Mark & Judy Westberg |
| 25 | Nathan & Laney Schreiber |
| 27 | Al & Sue Jirgl |

GOOD SHEPHERD OCTOBER CALENDAR

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Online Worship Available Sundays			Online Worship Available Wednesdays		1 LWR Quilt Drop off	2 LWR Quilt Drop off
3 9:00 am Worship INDOORS	4 5:30 pm Shepherd Strummers 7:00 pm Monday Nt AA	5	6 Wed AA 9:00 am	7	8	9
10 9:00 am Worship INDOORS	11 5:30 pm Shepherd Strummers 7:00 pm Monday Nt AA	12 6:30 pm Church Council Mtg	13 9:00 am AA 5:30 pm Bell Rehearsal 6:00 pm Confirmation Kickoff OFFERING COUNT	14 1:30 pm Corks-n-Covers (tentative)	15	16 1:30 pm Fellowship Hall in use-Baby Shower
17 9:00 am Worship INDOORS Sunday School and Adult Forum to follow worship	18 5:30 pm Shepherd Strummers 7:00 pm Monday Nt AA	19 9:00 am LWR Quilters	20 9:00 am AA 5:30 pm Bell Rehearsal 5:30 pm Confirmation 6:30 pm Choir Rehearsal	21	22	23
24 9:00 am Worship INDOORS Sunday School and Adult Forum to follow worship 3:00 pm AGO Memorial Concert for Karmen Teigen	25 5:30 pm Shepherd Strummers 7:00 pm Monday Nt AA	26 9:00 am LWR Quilters	27 9:00 am AA 5:30 pm Bell Rehearsal 5:30 pm Confirmation 6:30 pm Choir Rehearsal OFFERING COUNT	28	29	30
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Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, Wausau WI
Church Council meeting minutes

August 10, 2021 Socially distanced in Fellowship Hall GSLC

Call to Order- 6:30pm PRESENT: Pastor Kemp Jones, Josh Stumpner, Cheryl Rocheleau, Shelly Ellenbecker, Jenny Samperisi, Cory Toth-LaPointe, Tony Omernik, Geri Luer

Gathering Litany – Pastor Kemp

God's Word

-Devotional Time: Cory – (spirituality in daily life and in different religions)

- Sharing how you have seen God at work lately – ALL

Review

- Agenda review – Cory / Tony – APPROVED
- Minutes review – Geri / Jenny – APPROVED
- Treasurer report – July income was \$13,771, expenses were \$27,103. We transferred \$1,511 from the building fund for a negative \$11,821 in total net income. Current reserves are \$74,142 (\$35,675 is PPP) in the general fund, \$23,678 in the building fund, and \$13,278 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) It was noted the lower monthly mortgage amount is beneficial and July was also a three-payroll month. – Geri / Cheryl – APPROVED

Our response to the Word

(old business)

Personal touch evangelism – in reference to families with school kids. Jenny is working with others to connect with parents. Plans are to reach out in our community and Riverview Elementary School.

Church Council venue moving forward, continue in Fellowship Hall, socially distanced with face masks. The option of zoom is also available for any member who is not able to attend in person.

Pastor Kemp updates – Pastor Kemp informed council of some personal matters that warrant the attention of leadership. The council agreed to offer support as needed.

(new business)

Sunday School – Jenny has been working hard on planning for the kick off, tentatively for Sept. 12th. There were concerns about keeping the kids safe, face masks will be required and socially distancing as much as possible. Kids may be separated by grade level.

Confirmation – No immediate plans at this time with information changing rapidly. Leaders have ideas and curriculum. PK would rather not continue with online confirmation so the hope is to conduct classes at GSLC.

First Communion – tentative timeline is in Spring. Discussion about if a child is ready for First Communion now then PK would be delighted to administer. This information will also be posted in the newsletter for those parents that may not already know.

Personal touch evangelism – Josh will prepare a list for council members to call members of our church to help connect with them, also preparing a standard theme to use.

Action Items:

Participate by going to in person worship and/or watch online worship, share, like, and comment.

Prayers of the Church / Lord's Prayer

Sending (motion to adjourn) Geri / Shelly PASSED Adjournment 8:25pm

Respectfully Submitted, Joshua Stumpner, GSLC President

Better Than Ever!

G S L C Ministry Excellence Drive 2022

This October and November we will make quality time to hear and tell stories about why this place, Good Shepherd is important and what it means, to us as individuals, to our community and the world. We have so much ahead of us as we work together to determine who we are, what is the impact within us to make and figure out what that journey is to look like!

2022 ministry initiatives will focus on:

- 1) Maintaining Ministry Excellence
- 2) Strategic Planning to steer us toward becoming a thriving congregation

Ps...Pastor Kemp's newsletter messages the last three months have been setting the stage! Are we ready?



October is Pastor Appreciation Month

Please remember to offer a prayer and thank you to PK, as we celebrate him this month and all year!

In Memoriam: Karmen Teigen

The Wisconsin River Chapter of the American Guild of Organists presents an organ recital in loving remembrance of Karmen Teigen

Sunday,
October 24, 3:00 p.m.
Good Shepherd Lutheran Church
930 Edgewood Road
Wausau, WI
Free-will Offering - to benefit young organists