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In observance of Labor Day

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

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JOIN US FOR
LIVE WORSHIP!

Sundays @ 9 am
Indoor Worship!

ONLINE WORSHIP
AVAILABLE
Wednesdays
Sundays

Welcome to September!

It's hard to imagine saying that out loud, but here we are! The summer feels like it has flown by and while there is much to celebrate at this juncture, there are also some big things that continue to plague us (pandemic, anyone?).

A couple months ago I introduced some questions for us to think about as we move forward into the future together. To become a thriving congregation, I suggested we consider the following:

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

This month, I want to take a look at “What is the impact that is within us to make?”

So much of this work is dependent upon us getting a better idea of the best version of who we are as Good Shepherd Lutheran Church. As we continue to navigate in a pandemic-impacted world, I think we are all noticing a collective weariness and fatigue. While that is most certainly real and rampant, the step we most need to take in light of it is determining where our best pockets of energy lie. We simply cannot do all of the things we used to do, like to do, and desire to do when energy and commitment are depressed, and our attention is divided. What does the best of us look like under these conditions, particularly when the worst seems to be quite loud all around us, and even within and among us? Amid all the fearmongering and disinformation, how will our faith light up the world around us – in our workplaces, our schools, our homes and families.

As we continue to get rolling again, I hope you will look to your community of faith at Good Shepherd as an important partner in helping you to discover and grow into the best version of you! Ask yourself, “When/where does the best of me run wild?” That's where the potential lies for you to have the greatest impact! And, as you wrestle with that, think about how the best of you might run wild through Good Shepherd and help our congregation grow into the best version of us! While God can certainly create great things us under any circumstances, just imagine what God could do with YOUR best ... with whatever it is that's the best in you running wild!

I am really excited to be on this journey with you!

Peace and joy ... 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 (Jul-Sep)

Reimagining Worship Task Force Update

Sunday worship continues indoors! We will continue the schedule with one service at 9:00 am each Sunday. We continue to practice the following Covid-19 related safety measures.

- Face masks are required by everyone when inside the church building
- Every other pew is roped off to allow for physical distancing
- No-touch and self-serve offering, bulletins and communion are at the door
- Areas of the building are roped off to minimize the cleaning requirements
- Coffee and treats are not being served

There are no changes in procedures this month.

The Task Force continues to meet monthly to review current statistics, discuss our current plan and consider changes to the plan. We invite you to reach out to any of us with any questions or concerns.

Tim Holcomb, MJ Horvat, Jackie Majewski, Laurie Miles-Kroening, Mike Sturzenegger, Barb Denfeld,
Pr. Kemp Jones

BLOOD DRIVE:

Thursday, September 9

1-6 pm

Schedule appointment
today online

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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)**

CORKS-N-COVERS

September 23
Just Mercy by Bryan Stevenson –
discussion leader Kris
Host



SEPTEMBER 26, 9 am:

Blessing of Pets & Quilts

Outdoor Worship

Bring your own chair

Masks are optional



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SEPTEMBER Birthdays



- 1 Katie Martell
- 2 Melissa Kriewaldt
- 3 Kay Walters
- 4 Dave Gallagher
- 5 Tony Omernik
- 6 Paul Grewe
Jean Krause
- 7 Jenn Tryba
- 8 Jim Bliese
Mary Beth Ament
- 9 Mayson Curtis
- 10 Adam Golombiski
Cari Logemann
- 14 Theresa Bootz
- 15 Addison Stumpner
- 16 Pam Bootz
Ron Covelli
- 17 Braydon Mueller
- 18 Brenda Blaubach
- 19 Donna Gwidt
- 20 Elizabeth Boulanger
- 21 Stu Krause
- 22 Tom Jones
Justin Mork
- 23 Bev Eisenman
Dennis Weinkauf
- 24 Eric Edwardson
Sharon Semling
Gracie Wistrom
- 25 Allison Berg
Jack Kane
- 26 Lance Carmichael
- 28 Bernard Graveen
Danielle Neitzke
- 29 Andrew Dehnel
Mary Jo Hildensperger
- 30 Wayne Viergutz

SEPTEMBER Anniversaries

- 6 Justin & Katie Mattice
- 11 Loren & Connie Beyersdorff
- 14 Joshua & Jill Stumpner
- 16 John & Thea Kordus
- 17 Chad & Deborah Kane
- 18 Bernie & Karen Lakus
Jeremy & Brenda Grubb
- 21 Wayne & Marjorie Viergutz
Kevin & Patti Yolitz
- 24 Ralph & Clarice Kohnhorst
- 25 Lance & Carol Carmichael
- 26 Jessica & "Eric" Pergolski
- 28 Stu & Jean Krause
- 30 Mike & Cheryl Rocheleau
Todd & Lori Wunsch



GOOD SHEPHERD SEPTEMBER CALENDAR

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Online Worship Available Sundays	7:00 pm Monday Nt AA		Online Worship Available Wednesdays			
9:00 am Worship INDOORS	7:00 pm Monday Nt AA		1 Wed AA 9:00 am	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
9:00 am Worship INDOORS	7:00 pm Monday Nt AA LABOR DAY OFFICE CLOSED		Wed AA 9:00 am Bell Rehearsal 5:30 pm OFFERING COUNT	Blood Drive 1:00 pm		
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
9:00 am Worship INDOORS	7:00 pm Monday Nt AA	LWR Quilters 8:30 am Church Council Mtg 6:30 pm	Wed AA 9:00 am Bell Rehearsal 5:30 pm Choir Rehearsal 6:30 pm			
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
9:00 am Worship INDOORS	5:30 pm Shepherd Strummers 7:00 pm Monday Nt AA	LWR Quilters 8:30 am	Wed AA 9:00 am Bell Rehearsal 5:30 pm Choir Rehearsal 6:30 pm	1:30 pm Corks-n-Covers		Wedding: Tim Holcomb & Jen Tryba
26	27	28	29	30	1	2
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Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, Wausau WI
Church Council meeting minutes

July 13, 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, Tony Omernik, Jenny Samperisi, Cory Toth-LaPointe, Geri Luer, Heidi Falstad, Paul Grewe

Gathering Litany – Pastor Kemp

God's Word

- Devotional time, Brad – [Why we need Jesus every day, like manna from heaven]
- Sharing how you have seen God at work lately – ALL

Review

- Agenda review - Cory / Jenny – APPROVED
- Minutes review – Geri / Shelly - APPROVED
- June income was \$17,452, expenses were \$24,976. We transferred \$2,207 from the building fund for a negative \$5,317 in total net income. Current reserves are \$86,191 (\$35,675 is PPP) in the general fund, \$22,643 in the building fund, and \$13,273 in work of the church.

Transfer from the building fund covers the mortgage and snow removal. These funds come in via monthly contributions designated to the building fund (income) then are transferred out (expense). Second quarter year to date totals (Jan – June): \$115,239 for income, \$14,463 in transferred funds and \$152,687 in expenses. Leaving us with a total net income of negative \$37,448. We are currently \$2,996 behind our budget. We budgeted \$169,000 in contributions for the first half of the year. We received \$112,776 in unrestricted contributions, leaving a negative \$56,224 for income. \$14,463 was transferred from the building fund to cover mortgage and snow removal and we had \$152,688 in regular expenses and budgeted for \$188,989. We had less expense on building and grounds maintenance and some administrative expense due to the church being closed for in-person worship from January to mid-June. – Tony / Heidi – APPROVED

Our Response to the Word

(old business)

- Social Gathering Policy – Good Shepherd will occasionally lend space for events to people and groups which are in line with our mission. As we open up safely, policies for such gatherings were updated, including a slightly higher security deposit to ensure post event cleaning. [Note that these policies are attached with this document, to follow.] A MOTION to install the policy was offered by Jenny, seconded by Brad – APPROVED
- Stewardship for all Seasons update - Pastor Kemp, Angie Huckbody and Dorie Johnson generously continue their leadership in our SFAS initiative again this year. Pastor Kemp and Angie met with our consultant, Peter Reuss, two weeks ago to discuss our giving trends and approaches to communicate the need to all with an interest in Good Shepherd. It is difficult to interpret a concerning drop in giving trend over the past three years, across all giving levels, given the unknown impact of pandemic reaction. But we hope to be ahead of any concerns of those who make GSLC possible. We hope to learn how to better communicate Good Shepherd's stewardship value through lifting up the story of the good we can do as God's hands. Regular cohorts will begin in September to turn data into plans into action.
- Lawn care team update – Adding to Paulette Keough, Michael Rocheleau, and Heidi Falstad's sons, Josh Stumpner generously volunteered Jill, his wife, to join Brian Denfield, Marty Krahn, Tim Holcomb and occasionally Paul Grewe to assist in lawn work. Scheduling and equipment briefing will come soon.
- Decision to move ahead with A/V technology upgrades – Council enthusiastically reaffirms continued updating of infrastructure required to maintain an online ministry. Staff is meeting with consultants again this Thursday morning.

(new business)

- 'Personal Touch' evangelism. – As pandemic immunity allows more tangible interpersonal interactions, council discussed approaches to being Christ's Church outside of this building and the internet. A first priority is personal contact with families of children who might join our Sunday School family, which is slated to resume around September 16. Volunteers will telephone families as they are identified. Additionally we discussed taking initiative to safely attend social gatherings (sporting events, concerts etc.) as church family members, and get to know one another better – as well as others.
- August Church Council venue – Council decided to continue with socially distanced, masked meetings presuming no resurgence in pandemic risk.

Action Items:

- ✓ Help educate others regarding inside worship policy
- ✓ Share GSLC via Social Media (at least 1 more – keep it rolling)
- ✓ Try mentioning Christ in a social setting outside of 'Church' ... who knows what might happen?

Prayers of the Church / Lord's Prayer

Sending (motion to adjourn) Paul / Geri PASSED Adjournment 7:50 pm

Respectfully submitted, Paul Grewe, GSLC Secretary

Good Shepherd Lutheran Church

Policy for Social Gatherings during Covid

Purpose:

The purpose of this policy is to provide guidance to friends and members of GSLC who wish to utilize the church facilities for gatherings such as showers, dinners and other events which are not sponsored by the church.

Use of the Fellowship Hall:

The Fellowship Hall may be rented by contacting the Parish Administrator. The only time that the Fellowship Hall is unavailable for rental is during functions where a previous individual or group has already arranged to use the facilities or during events sponsored by the church.

Included in Fellowship Hall Rental:

When the Fellowship Hall is rented for social gatherings it includes use of the kitchen, the Fellowship Hall itself with tables and chairs, the café and the west hall Family Restroom. Entrance to the event will be done via the small door on the south side of the Fellowship Hall. Those in attendance are expected to remain in these areas or outside on the grounds which may be used as weather permits.

Kitchen Use:

Included in the rental is full use of the kitchen, but also the expectation that the kitchen will be cleaned and returned to the condition that was present prior to the event. Coffee pots may be used but must be cleaned and all church dishes must be washed and returned to cupboards and shelves. All garbage and recycling must be removed and placed in the appropriate waste bins at the north side of the main parking lot following the event. Food, coffee and other supplies are not included in the rental fee unless previously agreed upon and detailed in the rental agreement.

Security Deposit:

A non-refundable deposit of \$100 will be collected for the use of church space. The deposit fee covers normal wear and tear of the facility and professional disinfecting/cleaning following your event. It is understood that any unexpected damage to the facility will be the responsibility of the contact person.

Covid Protocols:

Private events may use Covid precautions as they think appropriate and will not be governed by masking and distancing mandates in place for church sponsored functions. Although not required for private events, GSLC does recommend that any non-vaccinated individuals wear masks and that social distancing is maintained to the extent possible. Handwashing and use of hand sanitizer are also recommended.