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JULY OFFICIANTS

July 6: *Pr. Natalie Bassett*
July 13: *Pr. Nicole Behnke-Welke*
July 20: *Lay Led*
July 27: *Pr. Nicole Behnke-Welke*

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

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MARK YOUR CALENDARS:

WORSHIP

SUNDAY WORSHIP
9:00 AM @ GSLC

THURSDAY NIGHT
CAMPFIRE WORSHIP & FELLOWSHIP
July 31 @ 5:30 pm

NOTE: SUMMER HOURS
THE OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED ON
FRIDAYS and THUR. JULY 3rd.
OFFICE HOURS: 9:30 AM-4 PM M-TH

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	6-JUL	13-JUL	20-JUL	27-JUL
PRESIDING MINISTER	PR. NATALIE	PR. NICOLE	(JENNY SAMPERISI)	PR. NICOLE
ASSISTING MINISTER	MJ HORVAT	JENN HOLCOMB	LAURIE S	GERI LUER
READER(S)	DIANE PETERSON	SHARON SEMLING	SUSAN MAZIQUE	PAM BOOTZ
GREETER 1	K TOTH	MJ HORVAT	BARB D	JILLIAN/LILIANA J
GREETER 2	BONNIE ANDERSON	SUSAN MAZIQUE	JEAN KORPELA	ADAM PLEUSS
USHER 1	MARTY KRAHN	JOVID SCHUETTE	ANDY HEISE	HANK PLEUSS
USHER 2	GREG BEHFENDT	JOSH STUMPFER	MIKE S	TBD
COMMUNION ASSISTANTS	JILL FALKOWSKI	MINDY S, KAY W	NO COMMUNION	THERESA B, JILL F
ALTAR GUILD	BONNIE A, KAREN M	BONNIE A, KAREN M	BONNIE A, KAREN M	BONNIE A, KAREN M
COFFEE HOUR	KAY	TBD	TBD	PR. NICOLE



NOTE: Changes may have been made after publishing.

Please Note:
New Summer Hours
Monday-Thursday:
9:30 am-4 pm
Closed on Fridays



BLOOD DRIVE
 Sign up today for
Thurs, July 17
1-6 pm
 1-800-733-2767 or
www.redcrossblood.org

Town Hall Meeting
Sun, July 20
following
Worship



Coffee & Fellowship Hour
Helpers Needed

If you enjoy the refreshments on Sunday morning, perhaps you can partner up with someone or provide a donation. Contact Kay (715-675-4556) or the office to find out the "what, where when and how"!



Shepherd Strummers

**will strum by the river again
on Mondays at 5:30 on RiverLife Trail
beginning June 2!**

Everyone is welcome to strum, play, and sing with us!

Rain location: RiverLife Apartment party room

CAMPFIRE EVENING PRAYER WORSHIP

**Last Thursdays of the Summer Months
(June 26, July 31, August 28)
5:30 pm**

Come, there's a place for you here!

**Good Shepherd Lutheran Church Lawn
930 Edgewood Road, Wausau WI 54403**



Sunday Funday

July 27 starting around 10:15 am

**We will kick off with a Potluck Brunch in
place of Fellowship Hour Refreshments**

then...

Good Weather: Bike Ride depart from Good Shepherd

Rainy Weather: Tie Dying

We will provide the tie dies. You provide the garments.

Watch for a signup



OBSERVATIONS FROM

THE POLKA SERVICE AND
FOLLOWING TIME TOGETHER

"SUNDAY FUNDAY"

Here are my observations.

1. I enjoyed the band a lot. They were great to work with.
2. The food was really good. I think people enjoyed it.
3. Someone told me the head count during the service was 136 people!
4. There were many helping hands with set-up, serving, and clean-up.
5. I got the report that there was a little over \$280 in cash plus a check for \$100 to be sent to the Alzheimer's Association! There were about 80 people, including helpers, who ate the lunch after the service. We had more food than we needed. Extra drinks, cookies, chips, and open containers of potato salad were donated to the homeless shelter.
6. The signage was excellent in my opinion as were the decorations people could put up on the memory wall. Thanks to Linda Konkol for sharing table decorations with us. It was purely a coincidence that they were available and they were a PERFECT match for the theme of honoring those with Alzheimer's.
6. In my opinion, except for a couple of days before and after the service, the event ran itself. We had one meeting and everyone took their tasks and ran with them.
7. Thanks to Linda Konkol and a member from Good Shepherd who each got Thrivent Action Team grants that were used for signage and for food.
8. The availability of face painting was great fun. I got my face painted for the first time ever! I was surprised how fast Angie was able to do it and how much I enjoyed it.

There is one thing I wish would have worked more smoothly and that is having enough brats and dogs ready before the lunch so some people didn't have to wait for them.

It's unfortunate that Jim Yunek was not able to be present because I'm sure he would have added some flair to the music after the service but there's no getting in the way of medical emergencies that need immediate attention.

GOOD SHEPHERD

TASK FORCE UPDATE...

JUNE, 25 2025

The Good Shepherd task force met on June 3; the task force members were invited to attend the council meeting on June 10 to share updates and insights. Our original task was to research and respond to St Stephen's request to merge or consolidate. After 18 months of time, hundreds of hours of meeting and much learning, discerning and discussion, the task force presented their opinions that while we must and want to continue to work and share ministries with the other area ELCA congregations, the time does not seem appropriate for merging with SS. There is still much work to be done, both internally and outside of the GS walls. We will be looking for ways to best use our task force accumulated knowledge as we work to plan our next steps and tasks. We continue to covet your thoughts and prayers...As always, please do not hesitate to contact any task force member (JoAnn or Paul Grewe, Jennifer Holcomb, Laurie or Mike Sturzenegger or Kay Walters) with any questions or concerns.



First campfire worship indoor & outdoor...
Despite the rain! God is Good 😊

JULY NOISY OFFERINGS



A wish experience can be a game-changer for a child with a critical illness.

This one belief guides us in everything we do at Make-A-Wish. It inspires us to grant life-changing wishes for children going through so much. It compels us to be creative in exceeding the expectations of every wish kid. It drives us to make our donated resources go as far as possible. Most of all, it's the founding principle of our vision to grant the wish of every eligible child.

Are you looking for fun & adventure this summer?

Join us for
Kingdom of the Son
Vacation Bible School
and experience a
A Prayer Safari!

When: **August 4-7, 2025, 9 am - Noon**

Where: **Saint Andrew Lutheran Church**
150202 North Mountain Rd, Wausau

Registration forms available here! 

Come join the adventure!

JULY CALENDAR

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Online Worship Available Sundays						
		1 9:00 am LWR Quilters 5:30 pm GSLC Task Force	2 10:00 am Shared Ministry Worship Plan Mtg-Polka Service follow up	3 OFFICE CLOSED Observance of 4 th July	4 OFFICE CLOSED Fellowship Hall in Use 10-4	5
6 9:00 am Worship Pr. Natalie Bassett presiding 10:15 am Fellowship/ Adult Forum	7 5:30 pm Shepherd Strummers @ River Walk 6-9 pm WMC Good Steward Volunteer Nt	8 9:00 am LWR Quilters 6:30 pm Church Council Meeting	9	10	11 OFFICE CLOSED	12
13 8:00 am Pickup Choir 9:00 am Worship Pr. Nicole Behnke- Welke presiding 10:15 am Fellowship/ Adult Forum	14 5:30 pm Shepherd Strummers @ River Walk	15 9:00 am LWR Quilters	16 OFFERING COUNT	17 1-6 pm Blood Drive	18 OFFICE CLOSED	19
20 8:00 am Pickup Strings 9:00 am Worship Jenny Samperisi leading 10:15 am Fellowship/ Town Hall Meeting	21 5:30 pm Shepherd Strummers @ River Walk 6:00 pm Forest Park Mtg	22 9:00 am LWR Quilters	23	24 1:30 pm Corks n Covers 6:30 pm Riverview Neighborhood Mtg	25 OFFICE CLOSED	26
27 9:00 am Worship Pr. Nicole Behnke- Welke presiding 10:15 am Adult Forum SUNDAY FUNDAY Brunch	28 5:30 pm Shepherd Strummers @ River Walk 6:00 PM Forest Park Neighborhood Mtg	29 9:00 am LWR Quilters	30 MONTH END OFFERING COUNT	31 5:30 pm Campfire Evening Prayer Worship 4-8 pm Hagar House Volunteer Appreciation Picnic		

JULY Birthdays



2 Thomas Domka Betty Gattiker	12 Carly Davis Kathleen Selby	22 Mary Sue Damgaard Oliver Lakus
3 Landry Guldan Lilyn Peterson	"K" Toth Les Toth	23 Rhonda Hallam
5 Mary Jo Netzer	13 Elisha Doering	25 John Josiger
6 Lorraine Beyersdorff Jill Falkowski	14 Robin Falkowski	27 Nancy Salli
7 Ray Liebers	15 Skyler Schalow	28 Anita Behrendt
8 Kyiah Walters	16 Sheryl Lauby	30 Marlene Babcock Dylan Mork
9 Tabitha Bartz John Enk Benjamin Schuette	17 Kyle Bartz Vicki Young	
10 Pat Falkowski	18 Laurie Sturzenegger	
11 Alan Oswald	19 Henry Merkey	
	21 Joshua Gruna Jay Kamrath John Lakus	

JULY Anniversaries



1 David & Courtney Derus	
2 Ken & Stephanie Martell	
6 Robert & Pat Barofsky	20 John & Colleen Sickels
11 Mike & Kathleen Selby	24 Cara & Dakota Klinger
17 Ryan & Gina Ramthun	27 Connie & Pat Miskowiak
	30 Keith & Diane Peterson-Laszewski
	30 Scott & Karen Worden
	31 Jim & Fran Carmichael

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office hours:

9:30 AM-4:00 PM

Monday-Thursday

NOTE:

We will be closed
Fridays through the summer
and Thursday, July 3rd in
observance of
Independence Day.

Worship
Sundays @ 9:00 am

Campfire Worship
Thursday, July 31
5:30 pm

Online Worship Available
Released on
Sundays

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

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Paul Jauch
Treasurer

Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, Wausau WI

Church Council Meeting Minutes

June 10, 2025

Call to Order & Attendance

6:31 pm - Present: Lorraine Beyersdorf, Jennifer Holcomb, Emily Jauch, Marty Krahn, Stephanie Martell, Craig Netzer, Josh Stumpner, Laurie Sturzenegger, Mike Sturzenegger, Marjorie Viergutz. **Not Present:** Andy Walters. **GUESTS:** JoAnn Grewe, Paul Grewe, Kay Walters (Task Force members).

Gathering Litany

God's Word

Devotional Time - Lorraine Beyersdorf: The Benefits of a Good Laugh! (references from Psalm 126; Job 8; Proverbs 17)
How have we seen God at Work? - All

[MSC = motion/second/carried]

Agenda Review/Approval

- Agenda Review/Approval (MSC: Martell/ Netzer)

Task Force Update

Summary: Approximately 18 months ago, a six-person Task Force was commissioned to explore the potential of merging or consolidating with another local ELCA congregation (St. Stephen). The Task Force members are: Kay Walters, JoAnn Grewe, Paul Grewe, Mike Sturzenegger, Laurie Sturzenegger, and Jennifer Holcomb.

After many hours of meetings, listening sessions, exploration, and so on, the Task Force's assessment is that a merge/consolidation with St. Stephen seems not to be a viable option for Good Shepherd at this time and that we should stop pursuing that goal for the near term. However, we would and should remain open to future opportunities [with St Stephen and/or other congregations] provided congregational needs and visions align, and the work of the greater church can be advanced. The Task Force also recommends that collaborative work around community service and joint worship experiences **should continue to happen** [possibly even grow], as we have learned over the past few years that we truly are better together! Lastly, the Task Force recommends a visionary team be created to focus on the future (historically, a "Forward Planning" committee has been part of our structure - perhaps it is time to bring that concept back into play).

The GPS (Good Shepherd, Pilgrim, St Stephen) Task Force has decided to take a break over the summer and will be meeting again in late September. The current six-member Good Shepherd Task Force will remain in effect until the September GPS meeting. The current plan is that the October Council meeting will include a follow-up from the GPS meeting. Council discussion relative to future work/plans/opportunities will continue.

April Treasurer/Financial Report

Group reviewed financials - Contributions for April were \$17,740. Expenses for April were \$21,950, resulting in a loss of \$2,699 for the month after mortgage transfer. Several expenses were higher than typical due to how transactions occurred. It was also a three-payroll month.

Motion to Accept Treasurer Report as presented (MSC: Viergutz/Krahn)

Our Response to the Word

Standing Agenda Items

1) Kartika's Korner:

- a) Please take a yard sign for the Polka service and post as appropriate. Thanks!
- b) Kartika has purchased the following worship/music accessories as part of the Jim Nick Legacy gift funds: 4 wireless cables/transmitters for ukuleles and guitars, portable amplifier for outdoor ministries, Wi-Fi extensions for sanctuary and Damgaard room, dual-channel wireless microphones/transmitters.
- c) Exploring a complete wireless system to connect with our sound board - hitting roadblocks with lack of responses; will keep working on!
- d) Immanuel Lutheran donated their electric piano to us; Kartika accepted this gift to replace an older unit already on-site; she was also invited to look through their music to add to Good Shepherd's music library.
- e) Looking into planning Thanksgiving joint worship experiences with other local congregations (this is something we have done for the past several Thanksgivings).
- f) Working on Supply Pastor rotation for fall.
- g) Garden boxes - the group who asked about this opportunity appreciated feedback presented and will continue to explore other ways to meet perceived food insecurity needs.

Current Agenda Items

- 1) Congregational letter will be going into the mail this week; office personnel will be provided with a script for directing conversations to specific leaders should any calls/inquiries come in.
- 2) US flag in the building - it will remain where it is currently positioned.
- 3) Synod Educational Opportunity - the Synod has a specialist who can offer some Council education around leadership and governance. Motion to proceed with scheduling this free opportunity (**MSC: Martell/Jauch**)
- 4) Social Media policy - Emily J offered to draft a policy for social media management - thank you!
- 5) Noisy offering - Recommended Pastors Fund for September; Support for our Cleaning Team for October; focus on Thanksgiving meal provision (specific organization TBD) in November; Wausau/Marathon County Shelter for December.

June - Positive Alternatives

July - Make-A-Wish Foundation of Wisconsin

August - NAOMI Wausau

If you have ideas of other organizations, you would like us to consider supporting through the Noisy Offering, please share your idea with any Council member. Thanks in advance!

Follow Ups for JULY meeting:

- 1) Jim Nick Legacy gift updates as needed (may be a part of Kartika's corner)
- 2) Facebook/Social Media discussion/policy creation
- 3) Staff job descriptions (priority)

Prayers of the Church / Lord's Prayer

Sending/Motion to Adjourn

- Meeting Adjourned at 8: 21pm (**MSC: M Sturzenegger/Stumpner**)

Respectfully Submitted,

Jennifer Holcomb

Good Shepherd Lutheran Church Council Secretary

Treasurer's Report
May 2025
Council Meeting
June 10, 2025

Contributions for May were \$17,740. The average giving for May is \$22,875 or 9.77% of the annual giving and budgeted amount is \$24,428. Contributions are \$5,135 or 22.4% under average and \$6,688 under budget.

Giving for 2025 is at \$135,187 compared to \$107,842 budgeted which is \$23,589 ahead of budget still. If giving the rest of the year would be similar to past averages we would be around \$268,000 compared to our budgeted amount of \$250,000 but the last two months have been nearly 20% below average.

Expenses for the month are only \$792 over budget at \$21,950.

- **Pastoral Salaries** – Supply minister was only \$600 for May. Looking at the details it shows Pastor Natalie wasn't paid for Sun 5/18 and no pastor paid for 5/25. May was a 3 payroll month (5/2, 5/16, 5/30) so minister of music, admin and payroll taxes show higher than budgeted but overall for the year salaries are on budget.
- **Professional services** (#5490) \$2,495 for May which is more than double budget. Kerber Rose was paid \$2165 in May, April was \$1415, March \$0, Feb \$1435, Jan \$440. I'm still not sure what 'normal' is for the billing but for Jan-May professional service is \$1,542 over budget.
- **Comprehensive Insurance** (#5480) – Church Mutual is normally \$830 a month but sometimes comes through the 1st and last day of the month and then shows double the next month so no expense for May.
- **Utilities** (#5630) - \$21,575 is budgeted for utilities for the year and split up evenly at \$1,798 per month. May was only \$928 which shows as \$869 under budget but utilities are naturally more in winter and certain months are less.

For the month, ordinary income shows a loss of \$4,210. Adding in the transfer of \$1511 from the building fund to cover the mortgage payment the loss was \$2,699. Year to date net income is \$34,664 ahead of budget. Without the \$46,000 donation it would be a loss of around \$11,336 for the year.

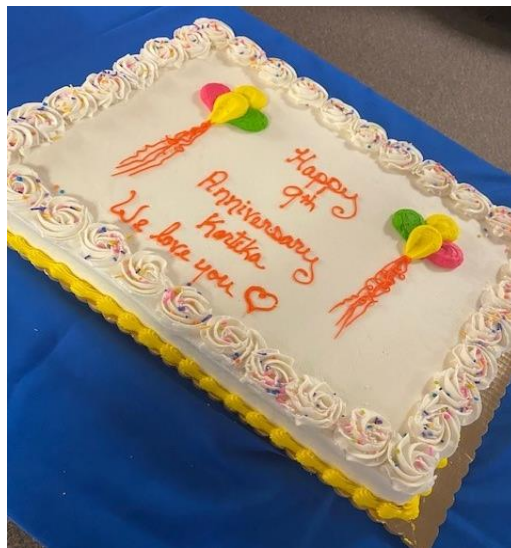
Month ending account balances – see new spreadsheet showing monthly totals for 2023 through 2025 including a fancy little graph.

Paul Jauch, Treasurer, Good Shepherd Lutheran Church

Good Shepherd - 2025 YTD Income & Expenses													
	Jan-25	Feb-25	Mar-25	Apr-25	May-25	Jun-25	Jul-25	Aug-25	Sep-25	Oct-25	Nov-25	Dec-25	YTD Totals
Income	\$16,060.51	\$18,532.64	\$24,525.13	\$18,320.31	\$17,740.16								\$135,187.75
Transfer Inc	\$1,510.86	\$1,510.86	\$1,510.86	\$1,510.86	\$1,510.86								\$7,554.30
Expenses	\$10,722.66	\$20,036.08	\$18,427.03	\$25,835.08	\$21,950.15								\$105,971.90
Total	(\$2,142.29)	\$742	\$47,608.96	(\$6,004.81)	(\$2,699.13)	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$38,770.15
% +/- average	0.3%	0.5%	-0.5%	-18.8%	-22.4%								
% of total giving (calculated at end of year)													
* March income includes legacy gift of \$45,000 from former member													

Good Shepherd - 2024 YTD Income & Expenses													
	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	\$13,309.71	\$10,508.24	\$16,816.19	\$23,157.64	\$14,060.11	\$15,588.42	\$14,030.72	\$13,191.76	\$18,520.19	\$16,860.51	\$14,305.32	\$24,008.30	\$204,635.11
Transfer Inc	\$1,510.86	\$1,510.86	\$1,510.86	\$1,510.86	\$1,510.86	\$1,510.86	\$1,510.86	\$1,510.86	\$1,510.86	\$1,510.86	\$1,510.86	\$1,510.86	\$18,130.32
Expenses	\$16,108.04	\$22,136.84	\$10,203.33	\$16,712.61	\$23,179.35	\$16,093.48	\$13,788.48	\$17,024.13	\$16,386.76	\$17,740.84	\$23,042.19	\$17,027.06	\$219,443.01
Total	(\$1,198.37)	(\$1,027.74)	(\$596.28)	\$7,955.89	(\$6,609.38)	\$1,005.80	\$1,762.10	(\$3,221.51)	\$3,644.29	\$621.53	(\$7,136.01)	\$8,582.10	\$3,322.42
% of total giving	6.55%	9.58%	8.22%	11.32%	7.32%	7.62%	6.86%	6.45%	9.05%	8.24%	7.03%	11.78%	

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	Shared Rev/Exp
Income	\$17,613.00	\$21,687.81	\$16,906.71	\$23,180.80	\$20,162.38	\$54,622.26	\$19,741.29	\$18,970.80	\$13,639.02	\$18,223.67	\$18,412.70	\$38,519.19	(\$5,702.00)
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)
Total	\$396.60	(\$4,094.48)	(\$1,628.82)	\$5,675.77	\$9,939.11	\$35,556.97	(\$573.83)	(\$1,021.27)	(\$8,541.04)	\$2,357.87	\$3,289.86	\$16,425.66	
% of total giving	7.00%	8.74%	6.81%	9.34%	11.75%	7.23%	7.35%	7.64%	5.49%	7.34%	7.42%	15.51%	-2.30%
*June income includes the Employer Retention Credits (\$34,437.50) and interest for Q2 2020 and Q3 2021 (\$2,243.76) received from the IRS.													
Contribution income was \$17,941.													



SPECIAL USHERS * SEASON END BELL CLEANING

CELEBRATIONS: KARTIKA'S 9TH ANNIVERSARY & PTAMMIE'S BIRTHDAY THANK YOU

SHARED MINISTRY POLKA SERVICE HIGHLIGHTS FROM JUNE 22

