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Poinsettias:

PLEASE PICK UP YOUR PLANTS ASAP IF YOU
DESIGNATED PICK UP OR IF YOU ARE A HOME VISITOR.

THE OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED:

Thursday & Friday, January 1 & 2, 2026

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

G A T H E R in Blessings * **G R O W** in Purpose * **G O** with Passion

Good Shepherd Lutheran Church Annual Meeting

Sunday, February 8, 2026 * 10:15 am

(NOTE DATE CHANGE FROM JANUARY TO FEBRUARY)

Available live or via ZOOM

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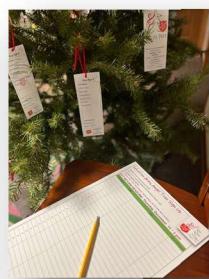
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GOOD SHEPHERD'S
WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Sundays @ 9 am

RECORDED ONLINE WORSHIP
AVAILABLE
Sundays

Sunday, February 8, 2026
10:15 am
ANNUAL MEETING



Giving Tree Gifts &
Warm Hands Collection
Madagascar & Pro Musica
Performances
Wren Jean Kerstner
Baptism
Holiday Bazaar Luncheon
Advent Moments
Christmas Moments



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

LUTHERAN HOUR MINISTRIES/ Daily Devotions: ihm.org

DAILY DEVOTIONALS ARE HERE:

Christ in Our Home & Portals of Prayer & (Jan 2026)

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:

1-1&2-2026

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)

JANUARY 2026 PRESIDING MINISTERS

1-4-26: Pr. Dan Sire

1-11-26: Pr. Dan Sire

1-18-26: Pr. NICOLE BEHNKE-WELKE

1-25-26: Pr. NICOLE BEHNKE-WELKE

JANUARY WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

	4-Jan	11-Jan	18-Jan	25-Jan
Presiding Minister	Pr. Dan Sire	Pr. Dan Sire	Pr. Nicole Behnke-Welke	Pr. Nicole Behnke-Welke
Assisting Minister	MJ Horvat	Cari Logemann	Tim Holcomb	Paul Grewe
Reader(s)	Diane Peterson	Reese Aarthun	Kyiah Walters	Theresa Bootz
Greeter 1	K Toth	Helen Vance	Kay Walters	Bobbie Salzmann
Greeter 2	Bonnie Anderson	Susan Mazique	Jean Korpela	Adam Pleuss
Usher 1	Marty Krahm	Jovid Schuette	Laurie Sturzenegger	Hank Pleuss
Usher 2	Greg Behrendt	Josh Stumpner	Mike Sturzenegger	Andy Heise
Communion assistants	Jill Falkowski Andy Walters	Mindy Schuette M Sturzenegger	Kay Walters Theresa Bootz	Kay Walters Julie Yandell
Alar Guild	Jen & Kyiah Walters	Jen & Kyiah Walters	Jen & Kyiah Walters	Jen & Kyiah Walters
Coffee Hour	January Birthday Cake	Marj Viergutz Helen Vance	TBD	Shared Table of Treats (potluck)

Dr. Kartika Putri

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Paul Jauch

Treasurer

MUSICAL REHEARSALS: Rehearsals will resume starting next Monday, January 12, 2026.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS
GOOD SHEPHERD LUTHERAN CHURCH
ANNUAL MEETING
SUNDAY, February 8, 2026
10:15 AM

A Zoom meeting will be set up. Call the office to RSVP, if you have questions and want to join via ZOOM, then watch for an invitation email from **(Constant Contact-Good Shepherd)** as the date gets closer.

FIRST DRAFT ANNUAL REPORTS WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR REVIEW SUNDAY, 1-25-26.

FEBRUARY 15, 2026

**NEW & RENEWED
DISCIPLESHIP
CELEBRATION**

IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO JOIN IN THE MISSION OF GSLC OR RENEW YOUR PARTNERSHIP, WE HAVE THE DAY SCHEDULED!

CONTACT THE OFFICE FOR DETAILS AND NEXT STEPS.

Poinsettia Plants:

Thank you to everyone who purchased plants to help decorate the sanctuary for Christmas. It is pick up time! Besides those who designated to pick up plants, there are enough plants for everyone on our Home Visitation Ministry list! Plants should be picked up as soon as possible if you are a visitor or taking them home. We do not have a lot of light or waterers, so they decline in health quickly. If you are a home bound visitor, check in with the office and we can send you with a plant.

FAITH FORMATION

ADULT FORUM RESUMES JANUARY 4 IN THE CAFE

The Adult Forum class is held following 9 am worship at 10:15 am, and all are welcome to join in the conversation. Each week stands alone so perfect attendance is not necessary to participate. See you there!

SUNDAY SCHOOL

A special thank you to Julie Yandell, students and families for helping to bring the Nativity Story to life through the reading of the gospel. There is no better way to hear the story than to see our children present it in the age-old fashion. Sunday School will reconvene on Sunday, January 4 at 10:15 am.

CONFIRMATION:

Confirmation will resume Wednesday, January 7th at 5:30 pm at St. Stephen. Classes for the rest of January will be Wednesdays, January 14, 21 & 28.

CORKS N COVERS:

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to each of you,

Our business meeting discussion was about results of our November 8 & 9th book sale during the Good Shepherd Holiday Bazaar. **We raised nearly \$650.00 ('24-\$471.26)!** We will use it to support of The Women's Community, food insecurities at neighbor schools and some assistance to help with the unbudgeted purchase of artificial holiday greens.

The unsold books were given to the Landing at the Wausau YMCA, Janke's Bookstore, and Marathon County Public Library. Thank you to Myron & Tammie Flees for delivering a load of books to the library!

Our next meeting is the fourth Thursday, January 22, 2026, so you have plenty of time to read our banned, Pulitzer prize winning graphic novel ***The Complete Maus*** by Art Spiegelman. We will again be meeting at Riverlife Community Room at 1:30pm.

A tasty Christmas luncheon was held at 2510. Enclosed and attached is the photo from December 4th, Back row L to R Vicky Robinson, Karen Rusch, Denise Sullivan, Suella Moran, Front row, Bonnie Anderson, Joni Moran Peterson, Joyce Nick, Joyce Lohr

If you have questions or would like to get involved, please call Bonnie Anderson at 715-551-6975.

JANUARY NOISY OFFERING PASTOR'S FUND



You may have seen our young friends coming around with mason jars during offering. These collections are a fun way to make a difference... coin by coin, dollar by dollar! Each month a special recipient is chosen to receive these offerings. They may be long standing partnerships with non-profits like NAOMI or become funds to assist with special needs. It is Good Shepherd's chance to bless others with generosity without adding to our official budget. (think outside our walls)

Note: Good Shepherd operating funds come solely from the collection plate and people's plan for giving whether online, mail or weekly offering.

For all that you share, Good Shepherd is grateful.

Community Dinner

Sunday, January 4
Handing out meals from 4-5 pm
NEW LOCATION @ 903 N 3rd St
First United Methodist Church

Contact Lorraine Beyersdorff to find out where you might be a good fit. 715-370-1784



Warm Hands Warm Feet / Giving Tree

Thank you all sooo much for the many blessings shared in the various ways this Christmas season! The vast majority of items purchased, donated or shared have been basic life needs. We also were able to bring a little cheer for those whose only Christmas celebrating would come from the gifts provided by you. If you have items you wanted to be included in the Warm Hands Collection, please have them here in the trunk by Sunday morning 1-4-26.

**Just one more
THANK YOU!!**

BLOOD DRIVE

Thursday, February 5 * 1-6 pm
1-800-redcross / 1-800-733-2767
Visit redcrossblood.org

JANUARY Birthdays



1 William Samperisi	18 Gail Koehler
3 Diana LaCerte	19 Bobbie Salzmann
9 JoAnn Grewe	Noah Schulz
10 Richard Henke	21 Paul Daigle
Emma Janke-Buckli	Stanislaus Sobieszczyk
Brittney Hildebrandt	24 Brian Denfeld
14 Arden Baumgardt	Mary Omernik
Alivia Heise	26 Colleen Sickels
17 Mark Bartz	28 Cheryl Gallagher
Scott Mattice	Brian Merkey

JANUARY Anniversaries

15 Chris & Laura Petterson
25 Arden & Barbara Baumgardt
26 Bernard & Nicole Graveen

January Coffee Hour

The calendar is out (on table outside Angie's office) and ready to be filled in for January 11, 18 and 25. Remember that you can partner with a friend or bestie or donate funds for someone else to do the "hands on"!

A L W A Y S... a grateful thank you to all the individuals and partners that help to bring hospitality to life each and every Sunday.

We are grateful, thankful and blessed!

Stewardship Drive: Sharing Our Light 2026

OUR ANNUAL STEWARDSHIP DRIVE BEGINS SOON! HERE'S WHAT TO EXPECT:

- **January 11:** Stewardship display in the church highlighting our ministries and activities
- **Week of January 18:** Stewardship letter mailed with details and commitment materials
- **January 25:** Time and Talent Fair—learn how you can get involved
- **By February 8:** Please return your **financial commitment form** and **time and talent checklist**
- **February 15:** Stewardship Celebration as we give thanks for the ways we are sharing our light in the world

We invite everyone to prayerfully participate as we continue this journey together.



JANUARY 2026 CALENDAR

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 Office Closed in observance of New Year's Day	2 Office Closed in observance of New Year's Day	3
4 9:00 am Worship- Pr Dan Sire presiding 10:15 am Adult Forum 4:00 pm GSLC Hosted Community Dinner@ First U.M Church	5 7:00 pm Dartball: GSLC @ Redeemer Luth. Brewers	6 9:00 am LWR Quilters	7 5:30 pm Confirmation @ St Stephen	8	9	10
11 Baptism of our Lord 9:00 am Worship Pr. Pr. Dan Sire presiding 10:15 am Sunday School/ Adult Forum Stewardship Kickoff	12 5:30 pm Strummers 6:30 pm Strings 7:00 pm Dartball: Mt. Olive Oilers @ GSLC	13 9:00 am LWR Quilters 6:30 pm Church Council Mtg	14 5:30 pm Confirmation @ St Stephen 6:00 pm Ringers 7:00 pm Choir OFFERING COUNT	15	16 Lay School	17 Lay School
18 9:00 am Worship Pr. Nicole B- Welke presiding 10:15 am Sunday School / Town Hall Mtg	19 5:30 pm Strummers 6:30 pm Strings 5:45 pm GSLC Good Shepherd Nite @ WMC 7:00 pm Dartball: GSLC @ St. Stephen Stewardship Letter/ Year End Financial reports sent out	20 9:00 am LWR Quilters	21 5:30 pm Confirmation @ St Stephen 6:00 pm Ringers 7:00 pm Choir	22 1:30 pm Corks n Covers 6:30 pm Riverview Neighborhood Mtg	23	24
25 9:00 am Worship Pr. Pr. Nicole B- Welke presiding 10:15 am Stewardship Time & Talent Fair Fellowship Hour Sunday School	26 5:30 pm Strummers 6:30 pm Strings 7:00pm Dartball: St Michael Sox @ GSLC	27 9:00 am LWR Quilters	28 5:30 pm Confirmation 6:00 pm Ringers 7:00 pm Choir OFFERING COUNT	29	30	31

Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, Wausau WI

Church Council Meeting Minutes: December 9, 2025 - VIRTUAL MEETING

Call to Order & Attendance

6:52 pm - Present: Jennifer Holcomb, Emily Jauch, Marty Krahm, Stephanie Martell, Craig Netzer, Josh Stumpner, Laurie Sturzenegger, Mike Sturzenegger, Andy Walters, and Treasurer Paul Jauch. Excused: Lorraine Beyersdorf, Marjorie Viergutz

Gathering Litany

God's Word

Devotional Time - Laurie Sturzenegger: based on John 1:12 - our identity as a **Child of God!**

How have we seen God at work this week? Recent baptism acknowledged.

[Note: **MSC** = motion/second/carried]

November Treasurer/Financial Report

Group reviewed financials - Contributions for November were \$17,667. Expenses for November were \$16,080, resulting in a profit of \$1,586 for the month after transfer of funds from Building Fund for mortgage payment contribution. Please see the Treasurer report for more details.

Motion to Accept Treasurer Report as presented (MSC: Krahm/Walters)

Agenda Review/Approval

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

Our Response to the Word

Standing Agenda Items

Kartika's Korner: Tree decorating will occur on Sunday, 12/14. Thanks to the Falkowski family for providing the fresh tree again this year!

Current Agenda Items

- 1) Gratitude plan for Custodial team - we will move forward with the plan as established at the November meeting; the potential taxation concerns will not be a concern for 2026 as 1099 rules will be changing.
- 2) Personnel Committee - the team hopes to conduct Bridge Pastor interviews in December.
- 3) Unhoused Community Support status update - no update at this time.
- 4) Approval process options for between-meeting needs [especially virtual voting] - Laurie will research various available resources and bring information back to the next Council meeting.
- 5) Noisy Offering recommendations made by congregation member: Faith in Action and Wausau Area Mobile Meals - both accepted! See list below for upcoming months.
- 6) Three Council members are at the end of their first Council term; all have agreed to serve a second term unless others wish to join - thank you! Still room for one more for full panel.
- 7) Stewardship Committee report - moving forward! So much more to come in January!!

Noisy Offering Plan:

December - Wausau/Marathon County Shelter

January - Pastor's Fund

February - NAOMI

March - Faith in Action

April - Wausau Area Mobile Meals

L Sturzenegger will create a document for tracking which non-profits we have supported through Noisy Offering in the past - thank you!

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

Follow-Ups for **future** meetings:

- 1) January: funding for fellowship hour and community meal costs
- 2) January/February: approval processes when needs come up between scheduled Council meetings
- 3) Unhoused support
- 4) Social Media policy review - deferred into 2026
- 5) 2027 Annual meeting will need to include approving new constitution model

[Sending litany and Lord's Prayers were not completed this meeting due to end of Zoom meeting time]

Sending/Motion to Adjourn

- Meeting Adjourned at 7:23pm (**MSC: Martell/Netzer**)

Respectfully Submitted,
 Jennifer Holcomb
 Good Shepherd Lutheran Church Council Secretary

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	\$16,069.51	\$18,532.64	\$64,525.13	\$18,320.31	\$17,740.16	\$15,072.56	\$14,833.48	\$26,108.78	\$18,074.86	\$15,153.93	\$17,666.83		\$242,098.19
Transfer Inc	\$1,510.86	\$1,510.86	\$1,510.86	\$1,510.86	\$1,510.86	\$1,510.86	\$1,510.86	\$760.47	\$348.00	\$544.00	\$403.00		\$12,631.49
Expenses	\$19,722.66	\$20,036.08	\$18,427.03	\$25,835.98	\$21,950.15	\$20,667.20	\$19,401.69	\$19,948.00	\$18,153.66	\$24,405.99	\$16,080.58		\$224,629.02
Total	(\$2,142.29)	\$7.42	\$47,608.96	(\$6,004.81)	(\$2,699.13)	(\$4,083.78)	(\$3,057.35)	\$6,921.25	\$269.20	(\$8,708.06)	\$1,989.25	\$0.00	\$30,100.66
% +/- average	0.3%	0.5%	-0.5%	-18.6%	-22.4%	-11.6%	-21.5%	61.8%	16.9%	-20.4%			
% 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	\$13,399.71	\$19,598.24	\$16,816.19	\$23,157.64	\$14,969.11	\$15,588.42	\$14,039.72	\$13,191.76	\$18,520.19	\$16,860.51	\$14,395.32	\$24,098.30	\$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	\$16,108.94	\$22,136.84	\$19,293.33	\$16,712.61	\$23,179.35	\$16,093.48	\$13,788.48	\$17,924.13	\$16,386.76	\$17,749.84	\$23,042.19	\$17,027.06	\$219,443.01
Total	(\$1,198.37)	(\$1,027.74)	(\$966.28)	\$7,955.89	(\$6,699.38)	\$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													Shared Rev/Exp	Reclass Items	YTD Totals
	Jan-23	Feb-23	Mar-23	Apr-23	May-23	*Jun-23	Jul-23	Aug-23	Sep-23	Oct-23	Nov-23	Dec-23	(\$5,702.00)	(\$25.42)	\$284,962.11
Income	\$17,613.90	\$21,687.81	\$16,906.71	\$23,189.80	\$29,162.38	\$54,622.26	\$19,741.29	\$18,970.80	\$13,639.02	\$18,223.67	\$18,412.70	\$38,519.19			
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)	\$229,070.71
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
% of total giving	7.09%	8.74%	6.81%	9.34%	11.75%	7.23%	7.95%	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.															

Good Shepherd - 2022 YTD Income & Expenses													
	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	\$17,619.44	\$22,937.68	\$16,250.28	\$14,230.43	\$22,025.00	\$18,366.17	\$25,439.10	\$238,907.10
Expenses	\$22,316.00	\$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	\$23,092.96	\$284,211.23
Total	(\$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)
	7.13%	5.86%	10.53%	8.93%	10.25%	7.38%	9.60%	6.80%	5.96%	9.22%	7.69%	10.65%	

Income per month as percent of annual total (2022-2024). Does NOT include the ERC credit in June 2023
Average %
Average \$

\$16,019	\$18,432	\$19,630	\$22,558	\$22,675	\$17,050	\$18,906	\$16,138	\$15,463	\$19,036	\$17,058	\$29,352	\$232,517
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Budgeted giving by month	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Annual
250,000	17,313	20,147	21,301	24,653	24,428	18,516	20,344	17,408	17,084	20,665	18,449	29,692	250,000

DATE OF SUBMISSION: _____

ENDOWMENT FUND

Fund Objective:

The mission of this Fund is to provide a tool that allows people to give a gift or legacy as a means of extending the mission of Christ's church. The application of the funds received and disbursed will be consistent with the mission and purpose of the church in its Mission Statement. (Include additional sheets if more space is required.)



GRANT APPLICATION

NAME: _____

COMMITTEE / GROUP (If applicable): _____

DATE ESTABLISHED: _____

STREET ADDRESS: _____

MAILING ADDRESS (if different): _____

PHONE: _____ EMAIL: _____

CONTACT PERSON: _____

PURPOSE OF ORGANIZATION (include brief description of services provided):

PURPOSE FOR FUNDS REQUESTED:

TOTAL DOLLAR AMOUNT FOR PROJECT: \$ _____

TOTAL DOLLAR AMOUNT REQUESTED: \$ _____

HAS THE ENDOWMENT FUND SUPPORTED THIS ORGANIZATION IN THE PAST? Y / N

IF YES, HOW MUCH: \$ _____ DATE: _____

NOTES:

All requests will be acted upon following review by the Good Shepherd Endowment Fund Committee. Specific dates may be obtained by contacting the church office at 715-675-1997. All Requests must be submitted to the church office by March 31, 2026 to be considered for this year's recipients.

revised 12-29-2025

GOOD SHEPHERD LUTHERAN CHURCH ENDOWMENT FUND COMMITTEE

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