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SUNDAY, MARCH 9 DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME BEGINS

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

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Good Shepherd Gathers for:

WORSHIP ON SUNDAYS

9:00 am

EDUCATION / FELLOWSHIP HOUR

10:15 am

Sunday School * Fellowship

Adult Faith Forum Bible Study

3rd Sunday of Month: Town Hall Meeting

SHARED LENTEN SEASON WORSHIP

3.5.25: Ash Wednesday @ PILGRIM 6:30 PM

Wednesdays through Lent @ GSLC:

MAR. 12, 19, 26, APR 2 & 9, 2025

Noon Lunch Worship: 12:00 pm

5:30 pm Worship / Soup Supper: 6:00 pm

HOLY WEEK:

4.13.25: Palm /Passion Sunday @ GSLC 6:30 pm

4.17.25: Maundy Thursday @ GSLC 6:30 pm

4.18.25: Good Friday @ ST STEPHEN Noon & 6:30 pm

4.20.25: Easter: 6:00 am @ SYLVAN HILL

9:00 am @ GSLC

8:30 am @ St. Stephen / 10:30 am @ Pilgrim

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

Other Resources:

LUTHERAN HOUR MINISTRIES/ Daily Devotions: lhm.org

DAILY DEVOTIONALS ARE HERE: Christ in Our Home & Portals of Prayer

MUSIC MINISTRIES: MARCH SCHEDULE:

MONDAYS: 5:30 pm Shepherd Strummers / 6:30 pm Shepherd Strings

WEDNESDAYS: Shepherd Ringers 6:10 pm / Adult Choir 7:00 pm (No bells 3-5-25)

PLEASE BE ON THE LOOKOUT FOR EXTRA REHEARSALS FOR HOLY WEEK

GATHER.
Worship

Have you been
hitting share?
Did you know this
expands the reach
of Good Shepherd
ministries at no
cost?
GIVE IT A TRY!

MARCH Presiders

Pr. Natalie Bassett
Mar. 2

*Pr. Nicole
Benke-Welke*
Mar. 9 & 23

Pr. Leslie O'Callaghan
Mar. 16

Lay Led
Mar. 30

Date	2-Mar	9-Mar	16-Mar	23-Mar	30-Mar
Presiding Minister	Pr. Natalie	Pr. Nicole	Pr. Leslie	Pr. Nicole	Lay Led
Asst. Minister	MJ Horvat	Tim Logemann	Laurie S	Paul Grewe	Jenn Holcomb
Reader(s)	Diane Peterson	Sharon Semling	Pam Bootz	Susan Mazique	Robin Mueller
Greeter 1	K Toth	Bonnie Anderson	Helen Vance	Jillian/Liliana J	MJ Horvat
Greeter 2	Robin Mueller	Karen Maier	Jean Korpela	Adam Pleuss	K Toth
Usher 1	Marty Krahn	Jovid Schuette	Andy Heise	Hank Pleuss	Paul Grewe
Usher 2	Greg Behrendt	JoAnn Grewe	Mike S	Josh Stumpner	JoAnn Grewe
Communion assistants	Andy Walters Bobbie Salzman	Jill Falkowski Kay Walters	Theresa Bootz Bobbie Salzman	Jill Falkowski Kris Kamrath	no communion
Altar Guild	Month is Covered	Month is Covered	Month is Covered	Month is Covered	Month is Covered
Coffee Hour	Marge Viergutz Helen Vance	Kay Walters	Lorraine Beyersdorff	Denise M/ Jill F / Bobbie W	Netzer's

Sunday Morning Hospitality

Sunday morning hospitality is one of the highlights of our time together following worship. **We would like to extend a grateful acknowledgement and thank you for everyone who has signed up and provided refreshments at their own expense!** This effort has been coordinated by Kay Walters. We can tell this is a time treasured by the majority of worshipers and would like to extend the group of participants so that this is not landing on a small number of people. Please see the sign up sheet for openings. You can partner with your favorite besties! You can bake or buy, and decide on the assortment of treats, or donate funds for someone else to purchase or bake. Contact Kay to get involved at 715-432-0631.

WHOLLY

Experience a Lenten Journey

Through

Sight * Sound * Taste * Touch * Scent

Lent 2025 is a shared ministry effort between the congregations of
Good Shepherd, Pilgrim and St. Stephen Lutheran Churches.

The Lenten journey includes:

Wed. 3-5-25: Ash Wednesday Worship at Pilgrim Lutheran Church @ 6:30 pm

Weds. 3-12 thru 4-9-25: Midweek Lunch worship at Good Shepherd @ Noon

Wednesday Evening worship at Good Shepherd @ 5:30 pm with the meal to follow

Thur, 4-17-25: Maundy Thursday Worship at Good Shepherd @ 6:30 pm

Fri, 4-18-25: Good Friday Worship at St. Stephen @ 6:30 pm

Sun, 4-20-25: Sunrise Worship at Sylvan Hill @ 6:00 am

See the weekly chart below for a schedule of serving ministries. **Our goal is to bring groups together to get to know each other through serving and fellowship!** If you are able to help, reach out to the contact person below, to get connected for a specific date. Each ministry will then coordinate a menu, the specific volunteer roles needed and where or how you would like to direct that day's free will offering.

Each week we will provide lunch for approximately 25-40 lunch worshipers and 60-75 for the evening meal. (Numbers are estimates at this point) Groups should plan to have volunteers for setup, serving, dishwashing and cleanup for lunch and supper. Meals can consist of: at least 2 choices of soup (remember our vegan and gluten free friends), bread/crackers, dessert, milk, and salads (optional). We estimate 1 roaster for noon and 2 for evening.

Each week's meals will offer a free-will offering basket and designation of the day's funds collected will go towards the ministry or designation selected by the sponsoring group.

Wed. 3-12-25: Property Committee contact- **Kartika Putri**: kartika@gsausau.org

Wed. 3-19-25: Music Ministry contact- **Delores Kessel**: djkessel1@gmail.com

Wed. 3-26-25: Social Concerns / Evangelism contact- **Pr. Karoline Schwantes**: pastorkaroline@gmail.com

Wed. 4-2-25: Quilt Ministry contact- **Sue Koerten**: skoerten@icloud.com

Wed. 4-9-25: Angels / Bible Studies / Faith Formation contact- **Sarah Lonsdorf**: Sarah.Lonsdorf@aspirus.org

Palm Sunday and Easter Sunday worship will happen individually at each of the three sites as scheduled.

GOOD SHEPHERD	PILGRIM	ST. STEPHEN
930 Edgewood Rd, Wausau, WI 54403	709 Weston Ave, Wausau, WI 54403	512 McClellan St, Wausau, WI 54403
PALM SUNDAY: 9:00 AM	PALM SUNDAY: 9:00 AM	PALM SUNDAY: 9:00 AM
EASTER WORSHIP: 9:00 AM	EASTER WORSHIP: 10:30 AM	EASTER WORSHIP: 8:30 AM

CONSOLIDATION: Task Forces

Good Shepherd Task Force Update...February 28, 2025

The Good Shepherd task force, partnered with the Church Council, once again met with congregation members during the town hall meeting time on February 16 to collect congregants' insights and ideas. These smaller and more intimate groups are reporting rewarding, fruitful gatherings. Thank you to those who have shared some time with the representatives of the congregation.

The GPS (Good Shepherd/Pilgrim/St Stephen) task force met on February 18; members were thrilled to learn developing details about planned shared ministry during the Lenten season, including midweek worship, special day worship (Ash Wednesday, Maundy Thursday, Good Friday), soup meals, musical offerings, Confirmation student involvement, a good steward project (think "social concerns") of collecting "40 items for 40 days". These activities fit perfectly into our Synod coach-assigned "homework" to:

share ministry * share leadership * build relationships

What does the phrase "my church," mean? The Good Shepherd building? The Good Shepherd congregation? "My church" is actually larger than that! Our church includes, at the least, all the ELCA Lutherans in our area, who can be God's hands together. In an effort to shift our thinking to a more unified understanding, we are using the term "congregation" to identify our "church families" who usually worship and work together in the same place, and "church" to indicate the ELCA in the greater Wausau area. So, Good Shepherd and St Stephen and Pilgrim are congregations, and we are all part of the same church in Wausau.

Additional shared ministry events are being planned - watch for those details, coming soon. As always, thank you for your thoughts and prayers as we navigate these complicated waters.

GPS (Good shepherd / Pilgrim / St. Stephen) Task Force PRESS RELEASE

GPS met February 18th at Pilgrim Lutheran Church to further the work of God that our Wausau area congregations do together. Discussion focused on our shared ministries such as the highlight of our all working together to offer meals, hospitality and a warm bed to some of our community's unhoused, working with Community on Call, during the recent week of bitter cold. Other examples discussed include a Lenten devotion booklet which collectively our congregants are authoring and plan to provide, and St. Stephen's Good Stewards sparked a shared collection of items needed by local non-profits titled '40 Days / 40 Items,' which is rolling out this Lenten season. GPS will also be seeking the vital and valuable insights and ideas of all of our GPS church family members. Please respond prayerfully and boldly. Our next GPS meeting will occur March 18th at St. Steven Lutheran Church.

Treasurer's Report

January 2025 / Council Meeting / February 12, 2025

This is my first treasurer's report, so we'll see this goes. I reviewed prior reports from Cory and financial statements and I'm still learning but getting a much better idea of the finances of the church.

Contributions for January were \$15,485.51. Looking at the income statement that shows 'below budget' but that isn't really accurate. The budgeted amount of \$20,833.26 is the annual budgeted contributions divided by 12. Giving throughout the year fluctuates by month. I analyzed the past 3 years and looked at percent of giving by month in comparison to the whole year and January is typically about 7%. For next year's budgeted amount, it might be good to allocate the budgeted giving a little more accurately instead of just dividing by 12.

For comparison, giving in January the past 3 years were \$13,400, \$17,614 and \$17,043 so this month is fairly average it looks like.

Expenses for the month were \$19,722 showing a loss of \$3,653. After adding in the transfer of \$1511 to cover the mortgage payment the loss was \$2,142.

Paul Jauch
Treasurer

NEXT TOWN HALL MEETING:
Sunday, March 16 ~10:15 am

GATHER.
Ministries

Granite House

**March
 NOISY OFFERING**

Their Vision:

**Build a community
 residence for people
 with severe
 disorders of
 consciousness.**

**Enhance the quality
 of life for people
 with severe
 disorders of
 consciousness due
 to acquired or
 traumatic brain
 injury (TBI).**

**Be a resource to our
 community and to
 those touched by
 brain injury through
 education, support
 groups, resource
 referrals and
 volunteer
 opportunities.**



WHOLLY Experience a Lenten Journey

*Through Hearing * Sight * Scent * Taste * Touch*

40 days 40 items

In observance of the Lenten Season, many people choose to "give up" something they enjoy as they enter a period of reflection. An alternative to or perhaps in addition to this observance is to "take on" something new.

You can collect an item for each day of Lent—40 days yields 40 much-needed items in our community for many organizations. You will make a profound impact on your community while you are reflecting on your life and making personal changes.

Please consider contributing the following shelf stable food to your local food bank, clothing or hygiene items to those that need it. You can bring these items to church and place them in the appropriate donation location, and we will sort and distribute them at the end. Items collected will then be distributed amongst Neighbors Place, The Marty Bus, Women's Community and Community Clothing Closet.

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|---|--|
| 1. Peanut Butter | 2. Socks |
| 3. Canned Meal with Pop Tops | 4. Canned Chicken/Tuna |
| 5. Pasta | 6. Spaghetti Sauce |
| 7. Cereal | 8. T-Shirts |
| 9. Canned Vegetables | 10. Canned Fruit |
| 11. Oatmeal | 12. Applesauce |
| 13. Pants | 14. Spices/ Sauces |
| 15. Jelly | 16. Juice/ Juice Boxes |
| 17. Flour, Sugar or Oil | 18. Sweatshirts |
| 19. Side Dishes | 20. Soup |
| 21. Popcorn/ Snacks | 22. Hamburger Helper |
| 23. New Tarps | 24. Baked Beans |
| 25. Granola Bars/Protein Bars/Pop Tarts | 26. Water |
| 27. Laundry Soap | 28. Toilet Paper |
| 29. New Underwear/Boxers | 30. Instant Mashed Potatoes |
| 31. Microwave Meals | 32. Crackers [i.e., Saltine or "Ritz"] |
| 33. Cake Mix with Frosting | 34. Walking Shoes without holes |
| 35. Individual Drink Mixes ex. Propel | 36. Tooth brush/Toothpaste |
| 37. Paper Towel | 38. Bath Soap |
| 39. Shampoo/Conditioner | 40. Deodorant |

Please bring your donations to any of the four church locations listed below:

St. Stephens, Good Shepherd, Pilgrim, or Immanuel Lutheran Church

If you have questions feel free to reach out to Shauna Robinson 608-514-4504 nutband@gmail.com

Many thanks to the Women of GS!! The Valentine Dinner was a wonderful evening for loosely 50 guests. A free will offering of \$1,575 was collected to help offset the recent and upcoming furnace expenses. They also had a very busy month of coordinating funeral lunches. We have been told very few churches still provide this special service at a time when gathering together for a meal is not only practical but very symbolic. This effort helps families, so they do not need to worry about details. Blessings to all who helped cook, prepare, setup or cleanup.

HCE CRAFT LEARNING DAY

SATURDAY, APRIL 5, 2025/ 8:15 AM-3 PM @ GSIC
 CONTACTS: LORRAINE 715-675-9063 /LINDA 715-218-6945
 REGISTRATION FORMS: [HTTPS://WAHCEINC.ORG](https://wahceinc.org)
 JOIN IN THE FUN FOR A FULL DAY OF LEARNING &
 FELLOWSHIP



Hello Friends.

Happy March/Spring/Daylight Saving Time/Lent Season!

This coming Wednesday is Ash Wednesday. We will not be holding class at St. Stephen, but we encourage all families to attend worship at Pilgrim at 6:30 that evening. A few of the students have participation parts in the service.

Starting on Wednesday, March 12 and continuing until April 9, Confirmation moves to Good Shepherd with this schedule:

5:15 arrival for students helping in the worship service (almost everybody!)

5:30 Lenten worship with student participation

6:00 Simple meal (soup, sandwiches, etc)

6:20 Class time

6:45 Dismissal

Wausau School's spring break covers Wed, March 26. We will still be having worship and meal at Good Shepherd that night and will be happy to hang with any students who come.

Jenn will be getting kids lined up for the Lenten worship components (greeters, ushers, readers).

Also, a reminder that Confirmation Sunday at Good Shepherd will be May 18. We will be discussing plans for this with each of our 8th & 9th grade students and their families over the next few weeks, including location and/or dates for the students from St. Stephen and Immanuel.

Stay in touch!

Peace + Blessings.

Tim, Jenn, MJ and Pr. Karoline

GROW. Faith Formation

MANY THANKS TO THE
COMMUNITY ON CALL
VOLUNTEERS!

WHAT a WEEK!

There are still all the
feelings being felt!

It was a big effort that
managed to help shape a
community of caring into
a close-knit family. Thank
you to each and every
one! Whether you
donated something, spent
the night, did laundry,
cleaned or cooked,
visited and shared a
meal, or any other of the
many moments.

WE ARE CHURCH +

Corks n covers

Thur, March 27 1:30 pm

Riverlife Apartment
Community Room

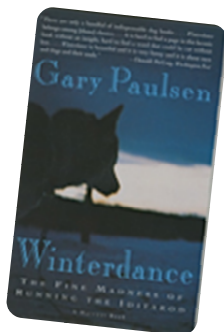
Book:

**WINTERDANCE:
The Fine Madness
of Running the
Iditarod**

by
Gary Paulsen

RSVP PLEASE
To: Bonnie Anderson
715-551-6975

bring a friend!



**YAY COMMUNITY!
Between the corks n
covers holiday
bazaar book sale
and January's noisy
offering...**

**\$650 WAS DONATED TO
THE WOMEN'S
COMMUNITY.**

**THIS WILL MAKE A
DIFFERENCE! THANK**

Let Us Celebrate!

Calling New Members!

Spring is coming and so is the time to celebrate new beginnings.

We are aware of several families interested in formalizing membership. This is great news! If you have questions or want to get onboard, contact the office so we can plan and celebrate!

Communion Instruction

If you are interested in the sacrament of Holy Communion, please let our Minister of Worship and Music, Kartika know. We would like to provide some instruction if we have interest. This is joyfully available for all ages! First Communion Milestone would be shared at Maundy Thursday worship on April 17th.

MARCH CALENDAR

GO. Work Of The Church

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SAT
23	24 NOTE: Angie on vacation March 3-7 and out Mar 18-21 for foot procedure.	25	26	27	28	1 10:00 am Phyllis Baumer Funeral
2 9:00 am Worship Pr. Natalie Bassett presiding 10:15 am Fellowship Hour Sunday School/ Adult Forum/ Bible Study	3 5:30 pm Shepherd Strummers 6:30 pm Shepherd Strings 7:00 PM Dartball: St. Matthew Rangers @ GSLC	4 9:00 am LWR Quilters 5:30 pm GSLC Taskforce @ Grewe's	5 ASH WEDNESDAY SHARED MINISTRY WORSHIP @ PILGRIM 6:00 pm Call Time (Musicians) 6:30 pm Worship (note: no worship @ GSLC)	6	7	8
9 9:00 am Worship Pr. Nicole B Welke presiding 10:15 am Fellowship Hour Sunday School/ Adult Forum/ Bible Study	10 5:30 pm Shepherd Strummers 6:30 pm Shepherd Strings 7:00 PM Dartball: St. Paul Packers @ GSLC	11 9:00 am LWR Quilters 6:30 pm GSLC Church Council Meeting	12 LENT 1 12:00 pm Lunch Worship @ GSLC 5:30 pm Worship @ GSLC/ Confirmation/ Supper to follow 6:10 pm Shepherd Ringers 7:00 pm Shepherd Choir OFFERING COUNT	13 10:00 am Shared Ministry Worship Meeting @ GSLC	14	15
16 9:00 am Worship Pr. Leslie O'Callaghan presiding 10:15 am Fellowship Hour Sunday School/ 10:15 am Town Hall Meeting	17 5:30 pm Shepherd Strummers 6:30 pm Shepherd Strings 7:00 PM Dartball: St Stephen Saints @ GSLC	18 9:00 am LWR Quilters 5:00 pm GPS Meeting @ St Stephen	19 LENT 2 12:00 pm Lunch Worship @ GSLC 5:30 pm Worship @ GSLC/ Confirmation/ Supper to follow 6:10 pm Shepherd Ringers 7:00 pm Shepherd Choir	20	21	22
23 PALM SAUNDAY 9:00 am Worship Nicole B Welke presiding 10:15 am Fellowship Hour Sunday School/ Adult Forum	24 5:30 pm Shepherd Strummers 6:00 pm Forest Park Neighborhood Mtg 6:30 pm Shepherd Strings 7:00 PM Dartball: MAKE UP NIGHT	25 9:00 am LWR Quilters	26 LENT 3 12:00 pm Lunch Worship @ GSLC 5:30 pm Worship @ GSLC/ Confirmation/ Supper to follow 6:10 pm Shepherd Ringers 7:00 pm Shepherd Choir OFFERING COUNT	27 1:30 pm Corks n Covers 6:30 pm Riverview Neighborhood Mtg	28	29
30 9:00 am Worship Lay Led 10:15 am Fellowship Hour Sunday School/ Adult Forum	31 Endowment Fund Grant Application Deadline Thrivent Choice Dollar Designation Deadline 5:30 pm Shepherd Strummers 6:30 pm Shepherd Strings					

MARCH Birthdays

- 1 Laurel Schmieder
- 2 Nicholas Baumann
Ally Kane
- 5 Joshua Stumpner
- 9 Virgine Mattice
Katherine Ramthun
- 10 John Gwidt
John Meachen
- 11 Paulette Keough
- 13 Donna Guldán
- 14 Ember Elmergreen
- 15 Jean Korpela
- 16 David Blaubach
Samson Hafner
Tanner Kostroski
Laura Petterson
Rocky Rybarczyk



- 17 Mark Salzmann
Jill Stumpner
- 18 Kevin Yoltz
- 19 Patricia Barofsky
- 21 Mary Jane Horvat
- 22 Dorie Madden
- 25 Bertram Koehler
Thea Kordus
- 27 Gus Johnson
Jack Johnson
- 29 Elijah Grubb

MARCH Anniversaries

- 7 Leonard & Dawn Thorwaldson
- 19 Ronald & Barbara Budimlija



Funerals:

Frank Lewitzke

February 15, 2025-Pr. Rich Block officiating

Roger Juedes

February 17, 2025-Pr. Gail Sowell officiating

Sue Domka

February 28, 2025-Pr. Leslie O'Callaghan officiating

Holy Baptism:

Joseph James Klinger

February 16, 2025-Pr. Leslie O'Callaghan officiating

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office hours:

9:30 AM-4:00 PM

Monday-Friday

Sunday Worship

@ 9 am

**Online worship available
Sundays
&
Wednesdays thru Lent
See front cover for
Lent Schedule**

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

THRIVENT CHOICE DOLLARS: MISSIONS PURSUED!

Good Shepherd wants to express appreciation to all Thrivent members who have and or are considering directing their choice dollars towards Good Shepherd. These designated funds have assisted us in the missions that we are called to carry out. If you are considering GSLC this time around, the deadline is March 31st, and THANK YOU for joining the mission!

ENDOWMENT FUND: Grants still being accepted through March 31, 2025

See page 10 in your February newsletter OR...get a form in the office. This can be great financial seed money to start a ministry or further it along when it hasn't been specifically budgeted.

Good Shepherd Lutheran Church

2025 EASTER FLOWER Order Form

Lilies and spring flowers will be used to beautify the sanctuary and honor loved ones for the Christmas worship services.

DUE DATE: Monday, March 31, 2025

Checks can be made out to Good Shepherd Lutheran Church

NAME _____

PHONE _____

____: Given **in memory / honor of**

Please indicate your choices below.

____: Given to the Glory of God...

____: Will take plant home

____: Would like plant donated to home bound member.



CIRCLE YOUR OPTION

Easter Lilies & Flowers

For

Easter Sunday

March 31, 2024

BLOOMING PLANTS:

6" Single Easter Lily \$12

6" Mum \$16

6" Calen diva \$20

6" Cyclamen \$16

6" Azalea \$31

6" Hydrangea \$31

6" Daffodil \$13

6" Tulip \$13

6" Hyacinth \$13

OFFICE USE ONLY: PAID

AMOUNT : _____

CIRCLE ONE: CASH / CHECK

CHECK #: _____

Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, Wausau WI
Church Council Meeting Minutes
February 11, 2025

Call to Order & Attendance

6:33 pm - Present: Lorraine Beyersdorf, Jennifer Holcomb, Marty Krahn, Stephanie Martell, Craig Netzer, Josh Stumpner, Laurie Sturzenegger, Mike Sturzenegger, Marjorie Viergutz, Andy Walters. Also present for Treasurer/Financial Reports: Treasurer Paul Jauch (pronounced "YOW"). **Not Present:** Emily Jauch

Gathering Litany

God's Word

Devotional Time - Mike Sturzenegger (from Sarah Young's "Jesus Always - Embracing Joy in His Presence") - Make a fresh start; leave the past behind; live in the present; trust Him!

Where have you seen God's work lately? - All

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

- Agenda Review/Approval
- Add: Task Force Update/Letter From local Sister Congregation **(MSC: Walters/Netzer)**

January Treasurer/Financial Report

Group reviewed financials - Contributions for January were \$15,485.51. Expenses for the month were \$19,722 showing a loss of \$3,653. After adding in the transfer of \$1511 to cover the mortgage payment the loss was \$2,142. Please see the Financial Report provided.

Paul is getting his footing on the status of financials and discussion occurred around updating future budget structure to ebb and flow with the reality of how our finances work (rather than dividing the totals per line item by 12).

Also discussed preferred method for paying our combined insurance premiums to Church Mutual (monthly, quarterly, annually) - **motion to pay monthly (MSC: Walters/Krahn)**

Motion to Accept Treasurer Report (Netzer/Beyersdorf)

Our Response to the Word

Officer Elections: President: Laurie Sturzenegger; Vice President: Mike Sturzenegger **(MSC: Netzer/Walters)** ; Secretary: Jennifer Holcomb **(MSC: L Sturzenegger/Viergutz)**. Confirmed!

Confirm Paul J as Treasurer: **(MSC: L Sturzenegger/Viergutz)**

Prospective New Member Update: updated covenant shared and discussed; Laurie will share the updated version with the prospective members as well as with Council members; Stephanie requested that the original covenant document also be shared with Council members.

Furnace Update: we are able to fix the failing unit we have currently, for an estimated \$2,500; regardless, both units are nearing the end of their useful lives, so we will need to begin looking ahead. In talking with the heating company with whom we have been working for a number of years, furnace replacement would run in the vicinity of \$32,000 each (we have two); this price estimate does NOT include updating zoning systems. Property Committee recommendation is to implement the short-term fix for the estimated \$2,500 and begin gathering competitive quotes in anticipation of needing to replace in the future. **Motion to accept and implement Property Committee recommendation (MSC: Walters/Martell)**

Kartika's Korner: Lenten plans shared for St. Stephen/Pilgrim/Good Shepherd - more collaboration to help us meet and work with our neighbors! Also discussed potential summer worship experiences/ideas. More to come!

Annual Meeting Minutes Draft Approval for Distribution: minutes were draft-approved by Council for distribution in the March newsletter. Note that this is a draft version only, as the minutes must be approved at the 2026 annual meeting.

Task Force Update/Letter from Sister Congregation: Laurie shared a letter that GSLC (and four other local congregations) received from Immanuel Lutheran Church regarding their future; based on feedback from the GPS (Good Shepherd/Pilgrim/St Stephen) task force, Laurie presented a joint response letter and that was approved by Council. Laurie will send both letters to all Council members.

Lord's Prayer

Sending/Motion to Adjourn

- Meeting Adjourned at 8:26pm **(MSC: Walters/Krahn)**

Respectfully Submitted,
Jennifer Holcomb
Good Shepherd Lutheran Church Council Secretary

Good Shepherd Lutheran Church

Annual Meeting Minutes

January 26, 2025

[Minutes draft-approved by Council on 2/11/2025; formal approval will occur at 2026 Annual Meeting]

Attendance was 51 in person plus 1 who joined virtually, for a total of 52. Quorum was met.

CALL TO ORDER at 10:25 am.

OPENING PRAYER/DEVOTION: Laurie Sturzenegger (From Sarah Young's "Jesus Always, Embracing Joy in His Presence". *Jesus is in control and WE ARE LOVED!*)

APPROVAL of MEETING AGENDA - motion to move the budget adoption to immediately follow budget presentation. 1. Tim Holcomb 2. Paul Grewe/PASSED

AGENDA approved as amended. 1. Tim Holcomb 2. Andy Walters/PASSED

APPROVAL OF 2024 ANNUAL MEETING MINUTES

Motion made to approve as presented: 1. Stephanie Martell 2. Paul Grewe/PASSED

REPORTS

Note from Tim Holcomb regarding **Endowment Fund** - the number of applications for funding was extremely limited in 2024; encouraged all to consider submitting an application for projects with value and outreach that help spread the love of Christ. Application is attached to the meeting packet materials or can be requested from the church office or from Tim Holcomb.

Pastoral Acts/Milestones - correct year under First Communion to 2024 (rather than 2025).

ELECTIONS

ON THE BALLOT:

1. **Council Members** – six nominees on ballot (Laurie Sturzenegger, Mike Sturzenegger, Jillian Jensen, Emily Jauch, Stephanie Martell, Marty Krahn). If all accept and serve, we will have a full panel of Council members - thank you!
2. **Synod Assembly** – two nominees were added to the ballot (Mike and Laurie Sturzenegger).
3. **Endowment Committee** – three-year terms; two nominees on the ballot (Brian Denfeld and JoAnn Grewe are both willing to serve a second term); Stephanie Martell volunteered and was added to the ballot.

4. **Homme Home Representative** - one nominee on the ballot (Ruth Henkelman).
5. **Nominating Committee** – none on ballot, Tim Holcomb volunteered and was added to the ballot; Council will appoint other representatives as needed.
6. **Crossways Representative** – Meeting time: TBD; will be held at St. Mark's Lutheran Church, Neenah, WI. Leslie O'Callaghan volunteered and was added to the ballot.

Motion was made to accept the updated ballot and approve [vote in] all those named: 1. Paul Grewe 2. JoAnn Grewe/PASSED

THANK YOU ALL FOR YOUR WILLINGNESS TO SERVE and FOR THOSE WHO HAVE ALREADY SERVED!

BUDGET PRESENTATION

Cory Toth-LaPointe, outgoing Treasurer, presented the 2025 proposed budget and answered questions from the floor.

Question was raised (planned for New Business discussion, but moved up in agenda) around the continued need for separate Building and General funds. Laurie Sturzenegger shared that with our new Treasurer, Paul Jauch, about to start, we will let him get his bearings for the job and then evaluate and make a recommendation for this question. Paul was introduced to those in attendance, and Cory Toth-LaPointe was thanked for her many years of service in the role of Treasurer!

Recent furnace failure situation was brought up by Angie Huckbody (also planned for New Business discussion). More to come on the status of this potential large-scale expense as the experts evaluate.

Recommendation to remove increase for payroll taxes due to having not spent all of what was budgeted in 2024. Also question of convention/seminar expense not budgeted for. \$975 was spent in 2024. The Synod Assembly for this year will not require overnight accommodations, which will reduce that overall cost. There is a planned Administrative personnel retreat/learning opportunity that Angie Huckbody will attend this year, adding to seminar expenses. Both recommendations were accepted and adopted into the proposed 2025 budget.

Question raised about earmarked funds for Damgaard Room. As was noted in 2024, work to make improvements in the Damgaard Room continues. Those funds shall remain restricted for future needs in that worship space; the most recent conversation has been around purchasing chairs for this intimate worship space.

Motion made to ACCEPT the presentation AND ADOPT the 2025 budget as amended: 1. Tim Holcomb 2. JoAnn Grewe/PASSED

OLD BUSINESS

1. GPS Task Force (Good Shepherd/Pilgrim/St Stephen Lutheran Churches) - has been meeting for about a year and the work to consider the future of ELCA church work in the greater Wausau area continues. A new survey is on the horizon! All were invited to share/participate.
2. Roster numbers - reported by Angie Huckbody; this work continues; the project is immense and reconciling between various databases has been tedious. Every year, the reported numbers refine. Thank you for your work, Angie!
3. Thank you from Kay Walters to all who have offered post-worship refreshments! All are welcome to become a part of this important ministry. We do have some funds available if financing the feeding is a barrier for an individual. Several people have successfully partnered with another member to jointly offer their gifts of nourishing others through snacks. Contact Kay or the office for further direction, to answer questions, or to get you signed up!

NEW BUSINESS

1. Estimate of Giving (formerly known as a stewardship drive) was not done in 2024; discussion as to whether or not we should run this process this year. Overall pulse was in favor of, potentially in the fall, rather than now, since the budget is already set for 2025. Council will discuss and make a decision as well as create/implement a plan. Several very good ideas were shared. Thank you for your thoughts!

CLOSING PRAYER - Mike Sturzenegger

MOTION TO ADJOURN at 11:39AM 1. Andy Walters 2. Tim Holcomb/PASSED

[Respectfully Submitted by Jennifer Holcomb]