

August 10, 2025
The Shepherd's Pen

Regular Office Hours:
Monday—Friday 8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.
Email: goodshep@gschurch.net
WORSHIP Thursday @ 6:30 PM
Sunday @ 8 or 10:30 AM



Welcome to worship at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church; Celebrating 63 years in God's Love and Service (1962-2025). We are happy you have joined us for worship. May your worship of the living Lord enrich your faith and fill your life with lively hope and everlasting joy. If you are a guest, we pray that your worship with us will be a special blessing to you and you will return again soon.

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH: *Health and Healing: Long Term: Al Kilian, Kitty Brandt, Sue Kirk, Kathy Atkins, and Judy Becker. Short Term: Dee Otto. Special Prayers: President Donald Trump, Governor Tony Evers, and all State and local leaders.*

PRAYERS FOR OUR CONGREGATIONAL FAMILIES: Each week we will be lifting up our family members in prayers. Please take your bulletin news home so you can pray for the families during the week. We will be listing every family in the congregation up in prayer during the year.

Troy & Elizabeth LaNou, Sophia, Camila
Brenda Martin
Mark & Cheryl Nessmann





This weekend's Altar Flowers are given to the glory of God by Mike & Jenny Hintz in celebration of their 24th Wedding Anniversary.

2025 Theme:
"Be Strong and Courageous." Joshua 1:9

AVAILABLE FOR YOUR USE

- Assisted Listening Devices:**
These can be used with or without hearing aids. Please ask an elder.
- Large-print Bulletins** are available in the back of the sanctuary or ask an elder and they will assist you in getting what you need.
- Restrooms** are located to the north of the sanctuary, before the gym on the right side at the end of the hallway .

IF YOU ARE NEW TO GOOD SHEPHERD

Visitor cards (bright yellow) have been placed in the racks in the back of the pews. If you are a visitor to Good Shepherd, please fill out a card and drop it in the offering plate. If you are a visitor and plan to partake in communion, please fill out the back of the card as well.

Our Church Bulletin, Newsletter & Calendar are on our website at www.goodsheplutheran.net.
Our Services are available on our YouTube Channel at <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCpvi7OsWTNOyNHngUGr1S0w>

The Lutheran Hour is aired on KAWZ 88.7 at 9 a.m. or WRVM 101.5 FM or Sirius XM 131 at 10 a.m. on Sunday mornings.

GOOD SHEPHERD LOVES CHILDREN

- Nursery is available.
- Children's coloring bulletins are provided during worship services for Ages 3+. They are available in the back of the sanctuary.



MAIN COURSES

*** These rich and fulfilling sermons are designed to deeply nourish your spirit. Services are Thursdays @ 6:30PM and Sundays 8 & 10:30 AM. This month's menu includes: ***

- August 10th:** "Strangers and Aliens" Text: Hebrews 11:1-16
- August 17th:** "Exposed" Text: Jeremiah 23:16-29
- August 24th:** "Mt. Zion" Text: Hebrews 12:4-24 (25-29)
- August 31st:** "The Guest List: Luke 14:1-14



THIS MONTH'S SPECIALS

Preschool OPEN HOUSE August 14th @ 6PM!

APPETIZERS

*** Stimulate your appetite for the word with these selections: ***

Adult Bible Class

Sunday 9:25AM in the Community Room. Join us as we study the Gospel of Mark. This study will explore the life and ministry of Jesus from its beginning to its conclusion at the empty tomb. All are welcome!

Lay Readers:

- August 10th:** Scott Breyer, Carol Lamp, Herb Mahaffey
- August 17th:** Lynn Elliott, Diane Simon, (unassigned)
- August 24th:** (unassigned), Carol Lamp, Sharon Peterson
- August 31st:** Hannah Gomez, Debbie Suchyta, Sharon Peterson

Adult Men's Bible Breakfast

Wednesday 6:30AM @ Perkins on E. College Ave. Please refer to the church calendar online for availability.



Adult Women's Bible Study

Wednesday 9AM in Room #3.

Bible Study on YouTube available each Wednesday @ noon.

DESSERTS

*** Sunday Morning Fellowship where your hosts prepare their favorites: ***

- August 10th:** Hospitality Committee
- August 17th:** LWML Lutheran Women's Missionary League
- August 24th:** Youth Group
- August 31st:** Staff

Adult Fellowship and bingo at Pizza Ranch Tuesday August 12 @ noon.
LWML Meeting Monday August 18 @ 6 PM in the Community Room.



Membership: If you are interested in learning more about Good Shepherd and joining our family please contact tseabough@gschurch.net or call the office at 920-734-9643.



Music:

This Sunday, August 10th there will be a small band accompanying the hymns for worship, including clarinet, viola, bassoon, and double bass.

Please talk to Jacob if you are interested in joining any choirs or participating in the music program. Handbells and choir are done for the season, but they will both resume on September 9th. The handbell choir meets on Tuesdays at 5:30 - 6:30 p.m. Choir meets on Tuesdays at 6:45 - 7:45 p.m. Our TAPS Worship Team usually sings on the 3rd Sunday (and prior Thursday) of the month. We could use a few more singers and instrumentalists. Please contact Jacob if you are interested in participating musically in any way!

Jacob Erdman - Director of Parish Music jerdman@gschurch.net (920) 734-9643 Ext. 112

Preschool Family night is Thursday, August 14 at 6:00 p.m. Enrolled children will drop off their supplies and paperwork. There are open spots for preschool on Mondays and Wednesday mornings. Contact Tanya Johnson if interested. www.goodsheplutheran.net/preschool-about-us



Join us on August 17 between services in the Community room to learn more about the Youth Gathering and allow the youth to share about their experience.

Good Shepherd LCMS School scholarships are available for any member attending an LCMS day school, high school, or a Concordia University or Seminary. Applications are available online or on the education table in the hallway. Deadline is August 15, 2025.



Women's Bible study meets in Room 3 on Wednesdays at 9:00 a.m. Journey through the upcoming Bible readings with Tanya Johnson. All are welcome!

Preschool Volunteers - Are you interested in volunteering with our preschool? We will be looking for helpers on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9:00 - 11:30 a.m. Contact Tanya Johnson or Michelle Miller if you'd like to know more.

Small group Bible study with Ryan Neumeier is studying the book of Ezekiel. Now is a great time to join! Contact Ryan Neumeier or DCM Tanya Johnson if you'd like to join.

Confirmation Orientation is on Wednesday, August 27 at 6:00 p.m. We will meet in the community room.

Acolyte training for all those in 4th grade or older will be on Wednesday, September 3 at 6:00 p.m. or Sunday, September 7 at 10:15 a.m.



FELLOWSHIP AT PIZZA RANCH

Join us on the **2nd Tuesday of the Month** at the Pizza Ranch located at **139 Eisenhower Drive N. Appleton**. Meet at **11:45 am**.

LWML fellowship and meeting: Monday **August 18th @ 6 PM** in the Community Room. All women are invited.



Contact the office if you are interested in reading for Thursday or Sunday worship.



Good Shepherd is looking to hire a person to work part-time (12 to 16 hours per week) as an office assistant. Duties would include clerical and administrative support while working with the office staff. If interested or have questions please email Greg Suchyta at gsuchyta0477@sbcglobal.net



Quote of the Week: God has given us two hands, one to receive with and the other to give with. – Billy Graham



Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23: In our Old Testament and Gospel lessons for today, God is revealing His amazing grace for our lives in earthy language. When God speaks, wonderful things happen, but when we speak for ourselves, not so much. He gives us every reason to speak His Word to the world, knowing that we have a 100% guarantee that His Word will produce an effect and not return to Him empty. But, just like the hardened path, the shallow rocky soil and the thorny weedy soil, we fail to listen and produce the harvest the Lord intends. In worship, we rejoice in God's saving Word and we pray that we will be faithful to use this Word and spread this seed that bears the miracle of an abundant harvest with every Word we share with others. Pray for God's saving purpose to be made known through your daily encounters with people. When someone asks you, "What's the good word today?" Why not share one - a Word from God knowing that when it is spoken - things happen!

Daily Bible Readings:

- Week 77**
- ☐ Mon • Mt 26:1–27:66
 - ☐ Tues • Mt 28:1–20
 - ☐ Wed • Mk 1:1–2:28
 - ☐ Thurs • Mk 3:1–4:41
 - ☐ Fri • Mk 5:1–6:56
 - ☐ Sat • Mk 7:1–8:38



Come enjoy playing pickleball **Tuesdays & Thursdays from 1:30–3:30 PM** in the gym. All skill levels welcome.

Calendar This Week:

10	11	12	13	14	15	16
8a Worship & Comm	5:30p Vida Commun	12p Adult Club Fellow	6:30a Men's Bible an	1:30p Pickleball		3p Zion Lutheran Inte
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