



Shepherd's Tidings

August 2024

Sharing the Shepherd's Love

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Worship Times:

Sunday Divine Service: 9:00 a.m.

Sunday Adult Bible Study and Sunday School: 10:30 a.m.

Wednesday Divine Service: 7:00 p.m.

Summer Chapel (Matins): Thursdays at 9:30 a.m.

Summer Activities:

Lutheranism 101: Wednesdays 5:30-6:45 p.m.

Pastor's Message:

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ Jesus,

In the past year, I read *Organizing for Ministry and Mission* by David J. Peter, published by Concordia Publishing House (CPH).

The book primarily focuses on the size and type of church you lead and what organizing structure makes sense for your dynamics.

Yet, beyond the structural aspects, Peter's work also delves into the human side of church leadership. He raises a poignant question: how do our leaders, who we often turn to for guidance, find nourishment in God's Word during the Divine Service each Sunday?

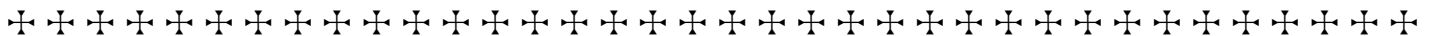
Peter recognizes that many members of a congregation's leadership often find themselves arriving at church on Sunday mornings and immediately being sought out by particular groups of the congregation that desire to host this or that event, another group of individuals to remind them the sinks in the bathroom are still dripping, or even others who have found themselves upset with an individual and want leadership to fix the matter.

For this reason, it can be difficult for members of leadership to come to church and faithfully receive God's Word and the gifts of forgiveness located in the sacraments.

Church leadership is challenging and demanding, and these individuals require our prayers. I encourage you to pray for the leaders of Good Shepherd often; they work tirelessly on your behalf.

If you should see them on a Sunday morning, ask them about their lives, ask how you might pray for them, and encourage them in their faith so that they might enter the courts of the Lord and receive the same Word and gift of forgiveness as you.

In Christ Jesus,
Pastor



Good Shepherd LWML Highlights

- + Our first meeting of the year will be on September 9th beginning with a Salad Kick off Supper at 5:00 pm. All ladies of the church are invited to attend. Bring a salad to share and find out what the LWML is all about. Hope to see you there. Point of Contact is Kathy Berg.
- + South Wisconsin District Fall Retreat "TREASURED" will be September 27 and 28 at the Radisson Hotel & Conference Center in Fond Du Lac. Rooms are available at \$139.00 per night. Registration fee is \$70.00 per person whether you attend on Friday or come just for the Saturday program. Registrations must be submitted by September 13th and are available on the bulletin board in the hallway to the Fellowship hall. If you feel you can't attend because of the cost there is a scholarship form available also, but need to be submitted by August 1 for consideration. See Kathy Berg for a copy.

Kathy Berg
President, Good Shepherd Women

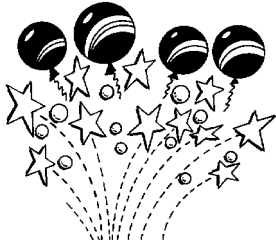


I invite all women of Good Shepherd to join us on Tuesday, August 27, 2024, at 1:00pm for our monthly Bible study. We will be using the Lutheran Woman's Quarterly, summer 2024, page 16 "Speak the truth in love. What does this mean?" The quarterly's are located in the literature rack in the front hallway. I look forward to you joining us.
Your sister in Christ, Kathleen Sumrall

SCRIP SHOPPING

SCRIP orders are due to the church office by the second Sunday of each month. August's order is due **Sunday, August 11, 2024.**

The order forms are in the magazine rack in the entryway. Just fill out your request and include your check made out to Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, then either give it to Deb in the office or Kathy Berg. If you have any questions, please feel free to ask. The office does not have cards on hand to purchase when you need them, you may want to think about this at the beginning of the month so you can order what you may need that month or the next. Thank you to those who have been using this method to support Good Shepherd.



YAH/Birthday Group

Meeting will be Thursday, August 22, 2024, at 11:30am at The 400 Club in Millston. Please be sure to sign up if you plan to attend. This way I can reserve the correct amount of seating. If you need a ride, please arrange for one or call Kathy Berg at 608-343-4366.



Next packing date for Orphan Grain Train at St. Peter's School in Reedsburg, is on Tuesday, August 6th. If interested, call Sylvia Engel @608-343-9645.



8/2 Bob Pulley
8/11 Jessica Baumgartner
8/16 Brianna Krings
8/18 Lynda Goad
8/24 Les Hackett
8/30 Lisa Church

8/3	Dave & Barb Scardino	50 years
8/9	Stan & Marilyn Schleusener	10 years
8/14	Dillin & Deb Lafferty	14 years
8/14	Steve & Lorna Mesner	20 years
8/28	Karl & Jane Eckelberg	25 years

Good Shepherd Board of Directors Meeting Hi-Lights
July 16, 2024

Board Reports:

Financial Secretary: Linda Ecker reported: June 2024 Total Monthly Offering \$13,308.22. Regular Envelope/Loose Plate Offering to YTD (June) \$79,645.13.

Treasurer: Jenny Chambers reported: Total Income for June 2024 \$13,883.22. Total expenses for June 2024 \$22,984.63. Total YTD Income 2024 \$89,433.73. Total YTD expenses 2024 \$103,519.38. Total YTD 2024 income remaining (\$14,085.65) negative.

Elders: Dillin Lafferty reported: Divided Jake's members between the Elders. Will be starting to move members who have lapsed in attendance to inactive status. Training for Altar Guild will be in September. A letter will be sent out announcing the change to Wednesday Evening Service.

Pastor: Pastor Noah Rogness reported: Membership and Attendance: Baptized Members 182 (communicant members 138), Average Divine Service Attendance: 83 (Sun 78/Wed 6), Average Bible Study Attendance: 30. Family Night went well. Received positive feedback. The Children didn't want to leave. Adult instruction Class has approximately eight attendees. Will be offering a Grief Reading Group on the first Tuesday of every month, beginning in October. Will be going to Chicago July 23rd to view items from the church closing November 2024. Starting September of 2024 the Wednesday evening services will be disseminated. There will be a Wednesday night service 1 time a month in its place. Pastor will be on vacation July 26th – August 3rd, 2024, and August 15th 2024.

New Business:

New Portable PA System: The PA system isn't working the best. A single stand alone system would be of better use for our Church. Pastor asked if he could purchase new system not to exceed \$500.00. Justina made a motion to purchase a stand alone system not to exceed \$500.00 with the funds coming out of the AV budget. Dillin 2nd the motion. The motion was approved and carried.

Add Veterans Day and Juneteenth Day to list of Federal Holidays church observes: Dillin made a motion to add Veterans Day and Juneteenth Day to the list of Federal Holidays the church observes. Linda 2nd the motion. The motion was approved and carried.

Calvary Lutheran Church (Chicago): Unfortunately, will be closing their doors and will need to get rid of many church items. Discussion with regards if we want to obtain any items. Pastor, Salz and Dillin will be traveling to Calvary Lutheran Church July 23rd, 2024, to look at the items.

Church Newsletter: Need to look at a better way of presenting the Monthly Newsletter. Cost, Postage has gone up to \$.73 per stamp. Cost of ink (colored & black) and paper. Hours spent putting a full Newsletter together. Overall better use of resources. More to come.

New Platform for Church website: Weebly (Free Non-Secure) vs Square Space (\$250.00 per year): More secure, the current platform is NOT secure, More flexibility, Potential donor from Congregation to pay for website. Motion was made by Salz to change Church platform to Square Space at \$250.00 per year with a potential donor which would be a secure website. Dillin 2nd the motion. Motion was approved and carried.

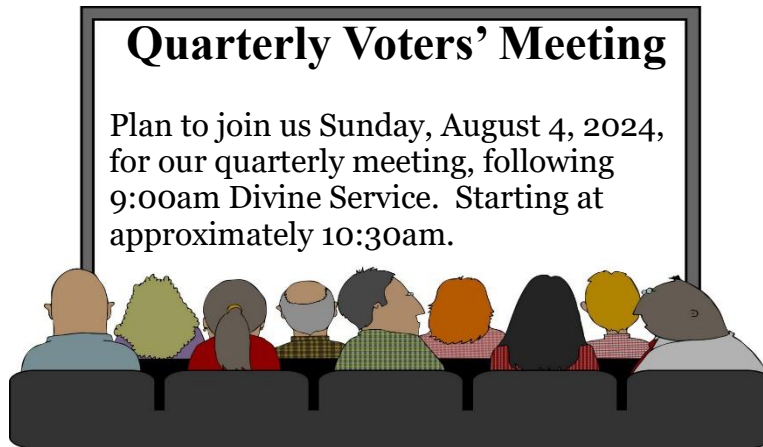
Church Softball League requested to play their Allstar Game on church field: Josh Church presented to the Church Council permission to have the Allstar Game on the church field. It is on August 27th, a Tuesday night. Dillin made a motion to allow the Allstar Game to use the church field with a Church member escorting anyone to use the bathroom, with the Church to be off limits otherwise. Scott 2nd the motion. The motion was approved and carried.

Set Date for Quarterly Congregation Meeting: August 4th, 2024, will be the Quarterly meeting at 10:30.

Other Business: Salz was informed in 2025 or 2026 LeGrange is getting redone. This will include sewers and sidewalks. The Church would be responsible for the sidewalk. More to come when more information is available.

Next Board of Directors/Church Council Meeting: August 20th, 2024 @ 6:00pm.

***Please be advised all meeting minutes are not yet voted on and approved. This takes place the month following each meeting. All full meeting minutes can be located for review in the hanging dispenser outside of the Bible Study Room.**



Monthly Offering and Attendance:

Date	Attendance	Offering		Joyful	Total
		Sunday	Mid-Week	Response**	
30-Jun	84	\$1,210.30	\$0.00	\$1,150.00	\$2,360.30
7-Jul	105	\$3,700.25	\$145.00	\$280.00	\$4,125.25
14-Jul	91	\$1,417.00	\$50.00	\$850.00	\$2,317.00
21-Jul	83	\$734.00	\$0.00	\$280.00	\$1,014.00
Totals	363	\$7,061.55	\$195.00	\$2,560.00	\$9,816.55
		Weekly Averages			
		Attendance		90.8	
		Offering		\$2,454.14	
		2024 Weekly Budget		\$4,148.97	

Joyful Response: Consider signing up for electronic giving! **Good Shepherd** relies on the financial support of the congregation and electronic giving offers an easy way to give on a recurring basis. **Joyful Response** leaflets are in the pamphlet rack in the Narthex entry way, contact Linda Ecker or the church office (608)374-2444 for details.



Return service requested.

❖ August ❖

The word "August" is written in a large, elegant, black cursive font. Above the word is a decorative floral arrangement consisting of three flowers: a purple one on the left, an orange one in the middle, and a pink one on the right, all with green leaves. Below the word is a simple line drawing of a leafy branch.