



Shepherd's Tidings

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Sharing the Shepherd's love

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Sunday Divine Service: 9:00am
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Sunday 10:30am
Wednesday Divine Service: 7:00pm
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CHANGES

If you have moved, changed phone numbers or email addresses, please let the office know. There are forms on the ushers table for your use in doing so. They can be given to the secretary or placed in the box outside the office. This will ensure that any items mailed or e-mailed will reach to you. Thank you.

Pastor's Message:

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ Jesus,

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

If there is a festival the Church will not forget, it's Easter! But, there are festivals of the Church that have lost their place in our yearly meditation of Christ's life. One of these festivals arrives on May 9th, the Ascension of our Lord.

The Ascension of our Lord occurs forty days after Christ rises from the dead that first Easter morning. It's a big day for the Church!

Join your fellow brothers and sisters in Christ to sing the hymns of triumph.

Why is this day so big? Well, for one, you confess the ascension of our Lord every time you speak the Nicene or Apostles Creed. But also, the ascension of Jesus ushers in the time when all the Church begins looking to Christ's return. Hear these words of the angels as Jesus is taken up into the heavens:

"Men of Galilee, why do you stand gazing up into heaven? This same Jesus, who was taken up from you into heaven, will so come in like manner as you saw Him go into heaven."

Ascension Day turns our hearts and minds toward the day of Christ's return, when He will gather all of us into His kingdom. But until that day, He sends the Holy Spirit to create faith in us through the hearing of His Word. We are to be fed through the Sacrament of the Altar, namely the flesh and blood of Christ. In these ways, the words of Jesus are fulfilled, ***"Behold, I am with you always, even to the end of the age."*** (Matthew 28:20)

So come and join us on Ascension Day as we raise our voices in celebration and pray with the Church, ***"Amen. Come, Lord Jesus."*** (Revelation 22:20)

In Christ Jesus,
Pastor Rogness

Family Nights at Good Shepherd:

Join us for Family Nights this summer as we gather on Tuesday evenings from June through mid-July, starting June 4, 2024. We will meet from 5:30– 7:00 PM, beginning with a light dinner. The goal of Family Night is to support the families of Good Shepherd, so we ask parents and children to attend this event together! We will hear a Bible Story each week, then craft and games for the children. During this time, parents will gather with Pastor Rogness and work through a short book on strengthening our families. At the end, we will all gather to end our time with prayer. Keep an eye out for more information!



Summer Chapel:

Beginning on June 6th, we will hold a summer chapel every Thursday at 9:30 AM. This is open to everyone, but it is especially good for the church's children to grow in the faith. Please consider attending, young and old, as we continue learning together!



No Board of Directors/Church Council meeting minutes were available at the time the newsletter was prepared.
***Please note, all full meeting minutes can be located for review in the hanging dispenser outside of the Bible Study Room.**

Good Shepherd LWML Highlights

- † Next Meeting is May 6 at 4:45pm for fellowship with meeting starting at 5:00pm. All Ladies are invited to attend. This will be our last meeting for the summer. We will start up once again in September with our annual kick off salad supper. We will need to set up a the committee for this event to invite members and make the necessary plans.
- † Hope you are enjoying your secret sister. If you have questions or are not having an active sister let Shawn Zabinski or Kathy Berg know and they will give a reminder.
- † Committees: Even if you can't attend LWML meetings you can still serve on one of the followings committees. If interested please let Kathy Berg know.
Cards: Shawn Z. Chair, Linda S., OPEN
Rummage Sale: Lorna R. Chair, Marilyn S, OPEN
Craft Sale: Lorna R. Chair, OPEN, OPEN
Events: Chair: OPEN, Joan A., OPEN
Decorations: 3 OPENINGS
Food:3 OPENINGS
Secret Sister: Shawn Z. Chair, OPEN, OPEN
- † Zone 14 Spring Rally was April 20th at Prince of Peace Lutheran Church, West Salem. Kathy B, Marilyn S. Tracy T. and Doreen W. were in attendance from Good Shepherd. There was a very good presentation from St. Clare Mission in LaCrosse explaining how they are run and who they service. Right now they are servicing Latinos and the homeless in the LaCrosse areas. It was good to hear that Gunderson and Mayo Clinics are in partnership with them for their free clinic which is open on Tuesdays and Thursdays. The remainder of the week they are in their Mobile unit visiting farms and businesses that employ large numbers of Latinos and the parks where homeless can be found to reside. They are always in need of items like shampoo, tooth brushes and other hygiene items as well as socks and underwear. They are located at 916 Ferry St., LaCrosse WI. Bible study for the day was on "The Armor of God" presented by Pastor Pete Adelsen from Prince of Peace.
- † The Annual Rummage Sale was held on April 26 & 27th. Thank you to all who assisted with this sale in any way.
- † South Wisconsin District LWML convention will be held June 14 & 15 at Bethlehem Lutheran Church in Sun Prairie. Registration forms will be available on-line starting March 1st. There are copies available on the LWML board in the hall to the fellowship hall. A schedule of events will also be there. Registration is \$35 and this includes the Saturday box lunch. If you prefer to not attend both days you can just come on Saturday but still need to register. Hope that you can attend.
- † Fall Retreat will be September 27 & 28th, 2024. This will be held in Fond du Lac at the Radisson Hotel & Conference Center. Topic for the weekend is "TREASURED." Check the LWML/SWD.org for more information at this time. I will have registration forms available soon.
- † Zone 14 Fall Retreat will be held October 12 at Immanuel Lutheran in Adams, WI. More information to follow as the time approaches.
- † Marilyn S. has graciously volunteered to assist Shawn with the Sunshine Club who sends out cards to our Flock for special events. Thanks Marilyn for stepping in.

Respectfully, Kathy Berg, LWML President

Good Shepherd Women's Bible Study will be held on May 28th, at 1:00 p.m. We are doing the second Bible study in LWML Spring quarterly, "Take My Life." That is found on page 17 of the magazine. We pray you will join us. Even if you can only stay for an hour. We grow stronger when we work together, please come.

Kathleen Sumrall



Happy Birthday!

The following members celebrate their birthday this month. We thank our Lord for His blessings, and wish each a happy birthday!

5/4 Leah Oakes
5/7 Mitchell Preuss
5/11 Allison Preuss
5/12 Tatiana Adler-Lugones
5/12 Sharon Herried
5/13 Steven Mesner
5/19 Matthew Gole
5/23 Dillin Lafferty
5/24 Hannah Dupree
5/24 Nevaeh Mallmann
5/26 Joe Engel
5/27 Allen Gutknecht
5/28 Brenda Preuss
5/29 Ruth Murray

YAH/Birthday Group

Meeting will be May 23, at 11:30am at Smitty's in Valley Junction. Please be sure to sign up if you plan to attend. This way I can reserve the correct amount of seating.

If you need to have a ride please arrange for one or call Kathy Berg at 608-343-4366.

Happy Anniversary!

We congratulate the following couples who are celebrating their wedding anniversaries this month. We wish them our Lord's grace that their marriage continues to be blessed.

5/15 Derek & Katelyn Belcher 7 yrs
5/21 Jerry & Linda Ecker 36 yrs
5/28 Matthew & Jessica Baumgartner 18 yrs



SCRIP SHOPPING

SCRIP orders are due to the church office by the second Sunday of each month. May's order is due **Sunday, May 12, 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.

Monthly Offering and Attendance

TOGETHER WE SERVE OUR LORD

I have held many things in my hands, and I have lost them all.
But whatever I have placed in God's hands, that I still possess. ~ Martin Luther

Date	Attendance	Offering		Joyful	Total
		Sunday	Mid-Week	Response	Offering
7-Apr	78	\$2,884.01	\$75.00	\$280.00	\$3,239.01
14-Apr	78	\$1,750.32	\$180.00	\$850.00	\$2,780.32
21-Apr	86	\$2,164.77		\$280.00	\$2,444.77
Totals	242	\$6,799.10	\$255.00	\$1,410.00	\$8,464.10
Weekly Averages					
Debt	\$0.00	Attendance		80.7	
Missions	\$0.00	Offering		\$2,821.37	
		2024 Weekly Budget		\$4,148.97	

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