



Joyfully His ~ Pastor Jahnke

God really has blessed us at Good Shepherd. For many years in its 43-year history God has saved many lives, redeemed many people from darkness, terrible situations, and I wish I could document all the stories of God's goodness. Many people have shared over the past 3 years how their faith has been reinvigorated, praise God! It's clear that the love of God has given faith to all these stories so that more love would be poured out and trust in God's promises would be held onto.

As we continue in my newsletter articles looking at what the Bible teaches us about our faith and what we hold to in our confession of faith, we come to Article VI of the Augsburg Confession.

Article V and VI go hand in hand. Where Article V helps us see the necessity of the preaching office to obtain faith through hearing the gospel and receiving the sacrament, Article VI expands on the impact of faith. It should bring about a new obedience to God. The core of this article of faith comes from Luke 17:10. So many Christians think that once they follow Jesus, they need to earn their keep and prove their worth. But as Article VI puts it, "such faith should yield good fruit and good works that a person must do such good works as God has commanded for God's sake but not place trust in them as if thereby to earn grace before God."

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ARTICLE VI AUGSBURG CONFESSION



The faith you and I have in Jesus Christ through the Holy Spirit from God cannot and should not be dormant, lifeless, unhelpful. In the “Apology of the Augsburg Confession”, apology is another word for defense, we find this,

“our opponets object to [righteousness] on account of Christ alone [based on] 1 Corinthians 13:2 ‘If I have all faith...but do not have love, I am nothing.’ This passage of Paul requires love. We also require it. Whoever throws away love will not retain faith, however strong it may be, for that person does not retain the Holy Spirit.”

This is incredibly important we realize how much over the past 43 ther is to be thankful for to God. Recently we talked in Bible study about what to do when people accuse Christians of being judgmental or mean, and Article VI of the Augsburg Confession clarifies that dilemma for us. We are beholden only to Christ who served all people in love and truth. So we too should love from faith in Jesus! Not to earn God’s grace or favor, but because if we do not love, how soon will our faith be at risk! And all those who stand on their own love to please God wihtout faith in his son Jesus, how at risk are they. Let love fill our hearts and rekindle our faith.

I want to close with some advice to hone where the new obedience can begin to shape for all of us. When Jesus summarizes the commandments for us, “Love the Lord your God and love your neighbor as yourself.” Love starts with those immediately around us. In the 43 years that Good Shepherd has existed God has fed faith so that it pour our good works that God has commanded. Start with one another at church. Love one another from the faith God has given you. Be obedient to him in all that you do. 1 Corinthians 10:31, “whatever you do do it all to the glory of God.” And perhaps then we will start to see more love pour out beyond our walls into our friends lives, strangers lives, and yes even those who persecute God’s name and his gospel.

We have a strong confession of faith founded on Jesus, taught from scripture, expressed in the Augsburg Confession and the Book of Concord let us ask God to use it to pour out love out of obedience to him. Amen.

Joyfully His,

Pastor Jon Jahnke



ELDER'S CORNER

Meet your Elders!!!

Pastor Jahnke

Gary Christianson

Greg Armbruster

David Erickson

Loren Boysen

Jason Norheim

Brandon Luedeke

Paul Luedeke

Keith Ramsay

How do Elders serve the church?

The Elders assist the Pastor with the spiritual care of our members, and also with the spiritual care of the Pastor. They may visit shut-ins, visit members, pray with and for members, and provide other spiritual care needs of our congregation.

On Communion Sundays, they assist with communion distribution alongside Pastor.

For more info, or visit an Elder meeting – See Pastor Jahnke or one of the Elders.



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EXECUTIVE COUNCIL

Highlights from the October Executive Council

At our October Executive Council Meeting on October 14th, we had one business item-2025 Annual Voter's Meeting. The Date of Meeting- DECEMBER 7TH after Worship Service.

Here are some of the items the council plans to bring before the Voter's.

- a) Approval of minutes
- b) 2026 Budget
- c) Election of 3 Executive Council Members: Treasurer, Secretary and 1 Member at large
- d) Flooring in the Fellowship Hall
- e) 2 Additional Staff Opportunities

Stay tuned for additional information regarding the Voter's Meeting arriving in November.

Thank you everyone that was able to participate in the Missions/Ministry Meeting on October 19th. Please prayerfully consider joining one or more of the Ministries of Good Shepherd.

Thanks

Loren Boysen



Pastor
Jonathan Jahnke



Loren Boysen
Chairman



Dave Bertek
Vice Chair



Stephanie Bertek
Secretary



Evelyn Buelke
Treasure



Carol Barenz
Council Member



Gary Lips
Council Member



Kevin Mork
Financial Secretary



Denise Norheim
Council Member



Bill Teschendorf
Council Member

GIVING YTD

Good Shepherd Lutheran Church Fund Balance September 2025

		FUNDS	EXPENSES
Current Month's Offerings		\$29,526.30	
Year To Date Total Offerings		\$303,339.26	
Thrivent Choice Dollars-YTD		\$3,586.00	
Miscellaneous Income-YTD		\$1,465.40	
LCEF Account Transfer-YTD		\$0.00	
Current Month's General Expense			\$30,428.72
Year to Date Total Expense			\$284,043.16
Current Month Net Less Expense	(\$787.42)		
Year to Date Net Less Expense	\$24,347.50		

Stay up to date on the weekly giving and attendance. Informational email is sent every Thursday around 12:30pm. If you are not receiving this email and would like to please inform the church office to be added to the list.

Did you know? The Executive Council Monthly minutes and Treasure reports are posted on the Bulletin Board in the Fellowship Hallway. Check it out- also posted there are the T.I.M. Missions Newsletters see how our Missionaries are sharing God's Word.

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Then, select our church

3) *Select Your Fund and Amount*

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select your payment method.

4) *Enter Payment Method*

You can save this payment method for future
donations.

5) *Choose to Cover Processing Fees*

You can choose to cover the donation
processing fees by adding a small amount on
top of your gift. Click the button to opt in.

6) *Complete Your Donation*

Review and complete your gift by clicking
Submit.

*Pick up a flyer in the Narthex on the CHURCH communication wall
for step-by-step instructions!*

ALTAR GUILD



We have had our organizational meeting and are pleased to share that we have our 2026 calendar

nearly full of people who have volunteered to be caregivers for the year.

If you would like to volunteer, but are unsure of what to do, we will gladly add you to a group that have done it before so you can learn. Please consider!

Did you know?????

The linens that are used to cover the top (Mensa) of the Altar and other cloth coverings are made from real linen. (These linens are to be laundered and NOT dry cleaned, which may cause shrinkage). Unlike the paraments, these linens are mostly white in color and are not changed according to the color of the Church Year. The linen that is placed directly on top of the Mensa (altar) is the cerecloth. Traditionally this cloth was a heavy white fabric that had been treated with wax. Its purpose was to keep the dampness of the stone Mensa, of old, from ruining the fair linens. On our altars today, made of wood, this protection is no longer necessary, but may still be used to protect the wood.

It can also be used as a cushion or padding to eliminate clanging when the vessels are put on the altar. This cerecloth is the exact size of the Mensa and should never hangover the edges. The second linen is placed over the cerecloth, it is called the frontal linen when it is attached to the frontal or superfrontal to hold either of those paraments in place, or protector linen when it's not. The purpose of this cloth is to protect the fair linen from the wax in the cerecloth. This linen is also the exact size of the Mensa.

Please Thank the caregivers for October, Audrey Robacek and Kay Nibbe. Caregivers for November will be Marilyn Groth and Marian Brelje. The flowers that beautified the Altar in October were provided by The Rasmussen's and Kay Nibbe. Reminder: Anyone can provide flowers for the Altar, there is a sign-up calendar on the LWML bulletin board and in the sacristy. There are extra plant stands in the banner room for displaying.



Submitted by,
Amory Anderson



You're Invited to an Epic Youth Gathering!

Join us for an unforgettable weekend of faith, fun, and fellowship at the MN North District Youth Gathering. Connect with God, meet new friends, and make memories that will last a lifetime!



When
April 10-12, 2026



Where
Redeemer Lutheran Church, 1401 6th St. SW,
Willmar, MN



Theme
"I Believe" - Based on the Apostles Creed

\$50

Early Bird

Postmarked by December 1, 2025

\$70

Regular

Postmarked by February 2, 2026

Good Shepherd will mail one check in for everyone for the Early Bird Registration

Interested? Contact Pastor Jon at 701-306-2072 or goodshepherdpastor@gmail.com

What to Expect

This isn't just another weekend—it's a transformative experience designed for youth of all backgrounds. Whether you're new to church or a lifelong member, there's a place for you here!



Divine Worship

Experience Matins, Vespers, and Evening Prayer in meaningful liturgical worship that connects you to centuries of Christian tradition.



Dynamic Speakers

Pastor Donovan Riley - Author, podcast host, martial arts instructor, and storyteller from St. Johns Lutheran, Webster, MN.

Pastor Christopher Hull - Higher Things speaker and podcast co-host from Immanuel Lutheran, Macomb, IL.



Fun & Fellowship

Games, activities, delicious food, and plenty of surprises await! Bring your friends for an action-packed weekend.

LIBRARY

Want help finding a book that interests you? Check the synopsis of all the books that have been shared in the Newsletter, located by the sign out book!

Until We Reach Home:

Is a story by Lynn Austin about three young girls from Sweden who leave their homeland after their parents die. Elin writes to an uncle in Chicago to see if they could come to their place. Dreaming of a better life they leave on a ship to America. They undergo lots of challenges on the ship including Elin taking care of a sick family that has typhoid. When they finally see America, Elin and Kristen are both taken to a hospital and Sofia is left by herself with others in quarantine unable to talk to anyone because she didn't know English. Finally, an interpreter talked to her and told her she would need to stay in quarantine until her sisters were released. Elin had typhoid fever and Kristen was weak and possibly facing deportation back to Sweden. A German man becomes friends with Sofia. They didn't speak the same language but he found verses in the Bible that they could look at in their own Bibles and communicate a little. When Elin and Kristin were released, they were able to take the train to Chicago.

Sofia's friend ends up sending his violin and Bible with Sofia hoping he would be able to see her again. Their uncle and aunt were not what they expected and didn't want them to stay long with them. They found a job as servants hired to clean a mansion. Though it was hard work they did the best job they could and eventually the woman they were working for began to care deeply for them. Through the grace of God, they all

eventually found the homes they were dreaming of.

While We're Far Apart: by Lynn Austin, a story that shows how everyone suffers during WWII. Jews that are American citizens worry about the family they have left in Europe and wonder if they will ever see them again. Families of servicemen worry constantly about their loved ones and pray they will never get the dreaded telegram. HAPPY READING!!



Marian Brelje

LOVE PATCHES

It has been great getting back with the Love Patches Quilting Group. We were blessed with a Thrivent gift card that was used for getting batting for the Quilts. We have given out several quilts over the last months. If you know of anyone who could use a little cheering up, please let one of the quilters know. Anyone interested in joining the group we meet Thursday mornings from 9am-12pm. It is wonderful time for fellowshiping and creating/finishing quilts.



Marian Brelje



LWML

Lutheran Women in Mission met on Monday, October 20, 2025. Rhonda Fassett opened with a devotion she wrote. Amanda Thurk enlightened us on the situations, the young people who attended the Nation Youth Gathering in New Orleans encountered. Amanda also explained some of the situations the youth saw in New Orleans. She shared some of the need of our youth in for their basement area. We are truly blessed having Amand and Jeremy lead our youth.

Elections we held with the following elect to serve; Tracy Boysen, President; Jennifer Adamek (1yr) Vice President; Brenda Wysoski, Treasurer; Kare Kremer, Human Care; Marcia Lips, Christian Life (1yr). A special thanks to Kay Nibbe, Marian Brelje, Jennifer Adamek and Gloria Lehnertz for chairing the rummage/bake/coffee shop sale which netted \$1800.00. Thank you to those who helped set up and/or take down. Good Shepherd congregation is truly blessed with willing workers! Our LWML is adapting the Eunice Cabin for young girls at Lutheran Island Camp. Kay Nibbe will be sewing the curtains for the cabin with material the LWML is purchasing. Another need in the Fellowship Hall of Good Shepherd is a small vacuum. LWML will be purchasing one for that area.

Sunday, November 2, 2025 is the Regional Fall Rally at Zion Lutheran Church in Sauk Centre, MN. Our ladies will meet at 1:00pm at Good Shepherd to carpool to the rally, we will be leaving at 1:15pm Please add your name to the sign up on the LWML table in the hallway by the LWML bulletin board. The rally is from 2:00pm-6:00pm. Registration is \$8.00.

November 17, 2025 is our next meeting with Pastor Jahnke as our speaker. He will install our new officers.

December 6, 2025 is our Christmas Social at Grand Arbor. All ladies of Good Shepherd and any guest are invited. We meet at 12 noon at Grand Arbor to eat and socialize, please add your name to the list on the LWML table so we can provide a # to Grand Arbor.



Respectfully Submitted,
Barb Schuneman, President,
"Serve the Lord with gladness!"
Psalm 100:2



SUNDAY SCHOOL

Sunday School is gearing up and planning our Sunday School Program for 2025!

Our program date is **December 14th @ 10:30am** after worship service.

Please let us know if your child(ren) will be here for the program by placing a star by their name(s) on the bulletin board in the Education Hallway.

Our practices will be on **December 6th and 13th** from @ 9:30am-11: 00am.

If you are interested in helping with this ministry in any way please talk to Pastor or me!

Thank you all so much for all the support!



Myah Kremer

Mom's Group

Grow in God's Word with other mom's and a play time for our children

We would love to have you!



November
10 • 24

December
8

January
12 • 26

February
9 • 23

March
9 • 23

April
13 • 27

May
11

If you have any questions please
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JOIN US FOR

WOMENS-GIVING *Dinner*



A NIGHT OF FELLOWSHIP, GOOD FOOD,
AND CRAFTS!

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 20TH
5:30-8:00 PM

GOOD SHEPHERD LUTHERAN CHURCH

Potluck style meal:
Please bring your favorite dish to share!

"Give thanks to the LORD, for He is good; His love endures forever."
Psalms 107:1

FELLOWSHIP

October fellowship luncheon was held at Fired up Restaurant and we had great conversation and fellowship.

Our next event is the

Good “Chef” herd Hotdish Cookoff on November 22, 2025; 5:00pm-7:00pm.

Get signed up **by the library window* to bring your best Hotdish to the cookoff for your opportunity to become the 2025

“Good ‘Chef’herd” Hotdish Champion!

Not competing? Come and enjoy the great dishes and fellowship!

Our Fellowship group meets on the second Tuesday of each month at 5pm.

Come join us and help the Good Shepherd events fellowship.



Kay Nibbe

**GOOD ‘CHEF’ HERD HOTDISH COOK-OFF
SATURDAY, NOVEMBER. 22, 2025
5 PM - 7 PM**

**PLEASE BRING 1 CROCKPOT OF YOUR
BEST HOTDISH**

**THE HOTDISH WITH THE MOST VOTES
WILL BE NAMED
TOP ‘CHEF’ FERD FOR 2025**

**FREE WILL OFFERING PROCEEDS WILL
BE SPLIT BETWEEN YOUTH AND
FELLOWSHIP IMPROVEMENT FUNDS**

**EATING, JUDGING AND FELLOWSHIP
FROM 5-630PM. BALLOTS WILL
BE COUNTED AT 6:30 AND WINNER
ANNOUNCED.**



NOVEMBER CELEBRATIONS



Vern and Cheryl Corson
Ray and Deb Bohn

Nov 6
Nov 21



Nov-01 Bailey Teschendorf
Nov-04 Kaden Bolstad
Nov-04 Mariah Gerard
Nov-04 Ryan Jonas
Nov-05 Joseph Hull
Nov-05 Brenda Schoenrock
Nov-05 Quinn Johnson
Nov-10 Sarah Sprengeler
Nov-11 Dawson Meinert
Nov-13 Mike Carlsrud
Nov-13 Harlan Roth
Nov-13 Joanne Wilke
Nov-14 Charlotte Tintes

Nov-16 Owyn Oscarson
Nov-16 Rachel Wenz
Nov-20 Denise Johnson
Nov-21 Amanda Bagan
Nov-22 Virginia Hodgson
Nov-23 Norma Olson
Nov-23 Jase Johnson
Nov-24 LaVonne Schimmelpfennig
Nov-25 Chad Ramsay
Nov-26 Carla Setterstrom
Nov-27 Wendy Simonson
Nov-28 Todd Johnson
Nov-28 Avery Wenz

Holiday Worship Schedule

Thanksgiving Worship

November 27th

7:00pm

Advent Worship

December 3rd,

Supper @ 6:00pm Worship @ 7:00pm

December 10th

Supper @ 6:00pm Worship @ 7:00pm

December 17th

Supper @ 6:00pm Worship @ 7:00pm

Christmas Eve Candlelight Worship

December 24th

7:00pm

Sunday Worship

November 2nd:

9:00am Worship with

Holy Communion-

All Saints Day and New Member Sunday

November 9th:

9:00am Worship with

Holy Communion

November 16th:

9:00am Worship

November 23rd:

9:00am Worship

Connect with us:



NOVEMBER

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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2 9:00am Worship with Communion 10:15am Education Hour 2:00pm LWML Regional Rally 6:00pm "The Chosen" Study	3 6:30pm DARTBALL @ HOME vs UCC	4 ELECTION Special District #206 4:30pm Worship Team practice	5 7:30am MC Home School Co-op 10:00am Bible Study	6 Valley Counseling/Library 9:00am Love Patches 6:30pm Uplifters Alexandria	7 10:00am LIFE CO-OP	8
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UPCOMING EVENTS