

The Shepherd's Word
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Prayer Concerns...

Please keep those who are shut-in or ill in your prayers.

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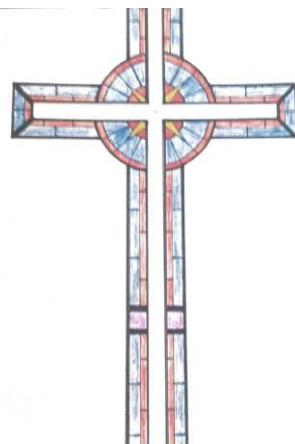
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1 9:00 Worship – (Sacraments) Outside and on Facebook 1st Anniversary Cupcakes	2	3 IN CASE OF BAD WEATHER, SERVICES WILL BE HELD INDOORS	4	5	6	7
8 9:00 Worship Outside and on Facebook	9	10	11	12	13	14
15 9:00 Worship – Outside and on Facebook Scrip Orders Due	16	17 Meal Prep for Salvation Army @12:30	18	19	20 Gospel Music Hilbert Civic 1pm-9pm Flyers @ church	21 Fest Park 10am-8pm
22 9:00 Worship - Don Shire See article in newsletter Newsletter Articles Due	23	24	25	26	27	28
29 9:00 Worship – Outside and on Facebook	30	31 Meal Prep for Salvation Army @12:30		Food Pantry Items School Supplies		

August 2021

If the weather is appropriate, worship services will be happening outside for the next couple of weeks. In the case of cooler or wet weather, we will be gathering inside our church building. So, bring your favorite chair and enjoy God's creation!



June – August

Worship Service will be held at 9:00 a.m.

Consistory

Neal Henschel –President
Roger Sheahan - Secretary
Nancy Cherney
JoAnn Gadicke
Kyle Stowers
Ruthie Hering

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Neal Henschel
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unexpected ways.**

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**"Wireless communication is nothing new.
I've been praying for 75 years!"**

Pastor's Musings

The old adage is that time flies when you are having fun. If that is indeed the case, then I must really be having a blast! As we enter into the month of August the calendar proclaims that I have been serving at Our Shepherd for a year now. Oh, what a year it has been! I truly have been having a blast and, in some ways, it feels like I just started yesterday. The pandemic has certainly caused us to reevaluate how we do much of what our church does. It has caused us to approach things in new and innovative ways. Some of our cherished activities have been put on hold and we have tried some things that we have only dreamed of before. Throughout all of this I have been really impressed at how this congregation has approached our challenges. It has been my experience that when the answers are not immediately clear this crew steps back and considers our options. We weigh our choices and then have a healthy conversation. The conclusions that we reach might not be what everyone hoped for, (who would have hoped we weren't worshipping in person?) Regardless of the outcomes, we have remained respectful and caring towards one another. That has not been the case in every community and we should not take it for granted. I am extremely thankful for the ways in which this community has navigated the pandemic.

The church 'experts' have been saying for decades that the church is on the verge of major change, at times nothing seems to ever change and at other times it seems like nothing is the same any more. I think it is safe to say that the past year has forced the church's hand on a number of things and some changes have been accelerated. Our internet presence is a good example of a change that was forced to be accelerated and I am not convinced this will ever revert back to where it used to be.



As we think about our community, our church, in a world after the pandemic I believe we have a number of exciting possibilities that we could pursue moving forward. I have a number of dreams for us over the next couple of years, but I would love to hear what your dreams and thoughts are, this is not all about me. I invite you to stop on in for a visit, or reach out and I would be happy to stop on by. What are your dreams for this congregation moving forward? As we move into a new chapter, one in which I am serving as your pastor and we are able to gather once again as a faith community, I am excited for our future and where God might be prompting us to venture.

-Pastor Nathan



Newsletter via E-mail?



An easy way to help save Our Shepherd a little money and reduce some clutter in your house is to have your email address added to our newsletter emailing list. This will save the cost of postage and printing. Simply let Pastor Nathan or Shari know if you would like to receive our newsletter view email instead of having it sent in the mail.



The Upper Room



The July/August issue of the daily devotional "The Upper Room" is available in the Literature Rack.

YOGA



Yoga is planning to resume this fall.

Questions, please contact
Renae
at 565-2785 or
rwunsch@hgsd.k12.wi.us

Thank you to the yoga program for the \$500 donation towards the purchase of stained-glass windows for the church.

Church School News

Items for the Food Pantry

The month of **August** donations may be

placed in the basket, located in the office area: **School Supplies**
Change for Change Jar – Money used to purchase items for food pantry
Prayer Shawl/Blankets – For those in our prayers, items can be found in the office area. If you know of someone in need of a shawl/blanket, please select an item to present to them.

Beverage Tabs for the Ronald McDonald House

Birthday Bags – Consider bringing in a birthday bag and add it to the basket in the office. (In a bag: box of cake mix, small bottle of oil, can of frosting, candles – eggs supplied by food pantry) Thank you to those that continue to supply items for birthday bags.

Church School News



B: Be with God **L:** Love God & neighbor **U:** Understand yourself as a child of God **E:** Explore the Bible

**Church school is offered to children age 3 to confirmation.
Church school will resume in late September.**

SHOP WITH SCRIP

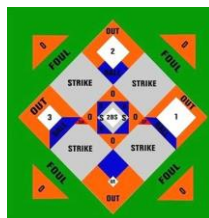
Continuing in 2021, card orders will be due the 3rd Sunday of every month. Don't worry; we will have a stockpile of the cards purchased most often that you can buy any Sunday. It's best to get that order in on a monthly basis so you can plan for it in your budget.

Any questions, talk to Shari Ver Straate, Renae Wunsch, Nancy Cherney or Char Gumm.
Thanks for supporting this program.

Consistory Meeting

There was no Consistory meeting in the month of July. If something comes up that needs discussion a meeting will be called.

Need something to do on Tuesday evenings this Fall?
Consider playing dartball with Our Shepherd UCC.
We are always looking for new players.
Contact Hoyt Heinemann or Shari Ver Straate



God's Blessings on your Birthday – August



11 Victoria Eisentraut
16 Richard Wixon
21 Amanda Vasconi
26 Nancy Henschel

13 Ava Ver Straate
18 Todd Stoffregen
21 Audrey Aardappel
26 David Aardappel

The Falls Food Pantry serves the needy of Howards Grove, Kohler, Sheboygan Falls and Waldo. All donations are very much appreciated.



Facebook



A really simple and easy way to promote our church is through Facebook. When you are watching our service on Facebook it is really easy to first of all Like and comment on the post, but it is even better if you could share the service on your personal Facebook page. What an easy way to share with your Facebook friends what is happening in your church. The most effective way to have a church grow is for people to extend a personal invitation to others. Facebook is a really simple way to invite all of your friends to check out what your church is doing.

FAITH IN THE FALL

RAFFLE ITEM AND BASKET DONATIONS

- "Faith in the Fall" is Sunday, September 19 and we are in need of raffle items and raffle baskets for the music festival. Thank you for all of the generous raffles you have donated in the past!
- Please see Renae Wunsch or Kay Sheahan if you would like your items put together in a basket and/or need a basket.
- Items need to be to Renae by Sunday, September 5, if you would like her to arrange them beautifully in a basket. Thank you Renae! Contact Renae at: rwunsch@hgtigers.com, or (920)565-2785.
- Some basket examples are: Packers, Wine/Cheese, Date Night, Golf, Lego, We Love Wisconsin, Baking Basket, Pamper Yourself, Gardening Basket, Gift Cards, Disney, BBQ, Family Game Night, etc.....
- QUESTIONS – Please contact Kay Sheahan (920)889-0519, or ksheahan@hgtigers.com.



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Meals for Salvation Army

The Women's Fellowship will be making meals for Salvation Army on August 17 and August 31. We are asking for help in providing supplies for these meals. Below is a list of items that we will need. We will be serving 30 people. If you are able to make a dessert for one of the days, we would appreciate that. Thank you.



Meatloaf and Parsley Potatoes

Items Needed for August 17

1 bunch celery	1 doz. eggs	1 large bottle ketchup
1/2 gal. milk	1 container bread crumbs	1 bunch parsley,
2# carrots,	4 bags of frozen green beans	4 loaves of bread.

Dessert is being provided by JoAnn G.



BLT and Chicken Salad

Items Needed for August 31

1 quart of Mayo	1 bottle BBQ Sauce	1 large onion
1 small bottle of lemon juice	2 bags of Romaine Lettuce	1 bag spinach
6 Roma tomatoes 2	# bacon	1 dozen eggs
3 doz. crusty dinner rolls		

Dessert will be provided by Pam K.

Please let Char Gumm know what you are able to donate to this meal by Sunday July 25, her number is 467-6670 .

Thank you for your help.

The Salvation Army Volunteers look forward to our meals. Anyone can also volunteer to make a meal and donate it. Every month they provide a calendar with a list of people or organizations that volunteer food for the homeless.

If anyone is interested their website is:

<https://centralusa.salvationarmy.org/sheboygan/el-volunteer-calendar> or you can contact CarryJo Cony at 920-694-1271

Cherry Bread Pudding

1 loaf French bread cut into cubes, sprinkle with 1 T cinnamon, 1/4 cup brown sugar and 1/4 tsp nutmeg. Grease 9 x 13 pan and layer 1/2 of bread cubes in pan. 1 can cherry pie filling and spoon 1/2 of can onto bread cubes, repeat layers. Mix together 5 eggs, 2 Cups milk, 1 tsp. cinnamon, 1/2 Cup sugar, 1 tsp. vanilla, 1/2 cup melted butter. Pour over bread cubes. Top with 3/4 Cup Chocolate Chips. Make sure all bread cubes are in the liquid. Bake 350 degrees for 1 hour. Cool and top with a 3oz box of vanilla pudding mixed with 2 1/2 Cups milk to make a soft custard, pour over the top of bread pudding and serve with cool whip. Very Delicious

-Recipe from Char Gumm-



VBS 2021



Everywhere Fun Fair

The tent is packed up and left town, Godwin moved out of Telly's ticket booth and into a tree, and the campers learned about being Neighbors that are: friendly, giving, bold, forgiving and welcoming. A successful outdoor VBS event was enjoyed by 33 campers, 8 support staff, 10 sight leaders, and several behind the scenes helpers.

Thank you for sharing your time and talents at the Fun Fair.

Sight leaders were: Jody Johnson, Tracy Sommer, Sara Athorp, Kara Thiel, Kay Sheahan, Mariah Kirsch, Carla Hemb, Ann VanWyk, and Pastor Nathan.

Support staff: Jeff Wunsch, Amanda Johnson Deval, Cindy Mair, Pam Knuth Aiden Pahl, Emma Pahl, Victoria Eisentraut, and Ruthie Herring.

Some jobs get done without people being seen and their help is so appreciated: Char Gumm, James Kalk, Carol Mae Milbrath, and Roger Sheahan.

Our Shepherd Family your continued support of the VBS program by providing supplies, and supporting the mission projects encompasses this year's **theme: "Love the Lord your God ...Love Your Neighbor as Yourself"**
Luke 10:27

God's Blessing, Telly

(We will continue to collect toys for Habitat for Humanity until August 8th and bags is ongoing.)



**PLEASE JOIN US –
SUNDAY, AUGUST 22,
2021
9:00 a.m. Worship Service
DON SHIRE – IN CONCERT**



Internationally known Trumpeter/Recording Artist/Missionary Don Shire offers his unique trumpet styling in concerts and meetings worldwide. His ministry supports several orphanages and homes for widows in India, Haiti, and Honduras.

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Let's have a party



(or at least a lowkey celebration)! On Sunday August 1st we will be celebrating Pastor Nathan's first year as our pastor. Directly after worship we will celebrate this occasion with cupcakes and ice cream treats! If you are able to join us that would be great!



On Sunday, July 11th Our Shepherd held a special congregational meeting with the purpose of discussing the replacement of the windows that were not replaced in 2020. Those who were gathered looked at one proposal for a total cost of \$39,410.00. During the discussion it was agreed that at least two more bids should be solicited before making a final decision. Those who were gathered did pass a formal motion agreeing that the 4 windows on the north wall behind the chancel area should be removed rather than replaced. The project was referred back to building and grounds for further review.

Please join us for

The 11th Annual

"FAITH IN THE FALL"

Music Festival

Sunday, September 19, 2021

10:00 - 2:00

OUR SHEPHERD UCC, Howards Grove



Dear Our Shepherd Friends,

I am so excited that we will be able to come together this year for our 11th annual "Faith in the Fall" music festival. Along with adding mac & cheese to the menu, we have a few additional changes. Faith in the Fall will run from 10:00 – 2:00 and the proceeds from the 50/50 raffle will be donated to the Sheboygan County Food Bank. Canned goods for the food bank are also welcome. I am also super thrilled about the talented groups that we have lined up. We hope that you will kick off the fall season with us by spending the day listening to music, catching up with old and new friends, and taking in all of the beauty that God has provided us. We look forward to seeing you!

Kay & the FITF Committee

MUSIC SCHEDULE

10:00 Worship Service with **Bella Music** from Wisconsin

11:00 **Praiseworthy** from Howards Grove

11:45 **THE STILL SPEAKING Band** from Sheboygan, WI

12:45 **VOX** from Sheboygan, WI

FUN FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY

**MUSIC, 50/50 RAFFLE, RAFFLE BASKETS,
CHILDREN'S ACTIVITY & GAME AREA**

**PULLED PORK AND TURKEY SANDWICHES, HOT
DOGS, HOMEMADE BEANS, MACARONI AND
CHEESE, POTATO SALAD AND TORTES**

PLEASE BRING LAWN CHAIRS

EVENT WILL BE HELD RAIN OR SHINE

***For more information, please go to
www.ourshepherducc.com**

**Proceeds from the 50/50 raffle will be donated to the Sheboygan County Food Bank. Canned Goods for the Food Bank will also be collected. Thank you.*

MENU

***Hot Dog Sandwich or Plate \$3/\$5**

***Turkey Sandwich or Plate \$4/\$6**

***Pulled Pork Sandwich or Plate**

\$4/\$6

***Plate = beans, chips, potato
salad or macaroni and cheese
(NEW this year) and pickle
spear**

Torte - Donation

Soda - \$1.00

FREE COFFEE