

# Good Shepherd

LUTHERAN CHURCH

1500 Sand Lake Road Holmen, WI 54636

## Worship of the Good Shepherd

July 13th, 2025

### Offering

*Our congregation has joined together to proclaim Jesus and his love in this community and around the world. This offering is a joyful response of our faith. If you are a visitor with us, please do not feel obligated to give an offering unless you desire to do so.*

### Electronic Offering Options

† **VancoFaith** church app on Apple or Android device

† **Online** giving at [www.gsholmen.org](http://www.gsholmen.org) Scan the QR Code →→→→

*Credit card transactions have a 3% processing fee deducted from the offering while only 1% is deducted from an ACH bank transaction.*



### Serving in Worship

Pastor: Gregory Pope

Accompanist: Emily Schmidt

### Ushers & Greeter 9:00 am

Jacob Werre      Kathy Werre

Karsen Sjolander

### Worship Attendance 7/6 and 7/7

Sunday Morning: 115

Monday Night: 15

### Next Week Ushers & Greeter

Tim Beckendorf      Kim Beckendorf

Dan Peterson

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Early Childhood Coordinator/Preschool Director:

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Little Lamb Preschool Teachers:

**Mrs. Lisa Carlson** [littlelambs@gsholmen.org](mailto:littlelambs@gsholmen.org)

**Mrs. Ashley Sime** [asime@gsholmen.org](mailto:asime@gsholmen.org)

# Good Shepherd's **Weekly Calendar**

Sunday, July 13 <sup>th</sup>	Worship – 9am
Monday, July 14 <sup>th</sup>	Worship – 6:30pm
Thursday, July 17 <sup>th</sup>	La Crosse Interstate Fair – 5pm
Sunday, July 20 <sup>th</sup>	Worship with Holy Communion – 9am
Monday, July 21 <sup>st</sup>	Worship with Holy Communion – 6:30pm

## **Who Can You Invite to Church This Week?**

Around us everywhere are people with whom Jesus wants us to share his message of love and salvation. Sometimes, we don't realize who we can invite to church or talk to about our faith with. That's why we are encouraging all our members to think about who they can invite to church this week. They could be:

- Friends
- Relatives
- Acquaintances (work colleagues, dentists/doctors, coaches, etc.)
- Neighbors

Take five minutes and think about these lost souls, pray for them and consider inviting them to church this week.

## **Sunday School Music Teachers Needed**

After many years of service to our Sunday School music program, Kami Jo Lipps and Rachel Sting are stepping down. We would like to thank them on behalf of the church for serving Good Shepherd in this way. We will be looking for a new leader for the Sunday School music. If this is something that interests you, please talk to Tammy at church or email Tammy at [tmelott@gsholmen.org](mailto:tmelott@gsholmen.org) to get the details of the position.

## **Vacation Bible School**

Registration for VBS will be open until July 21<sup>st</sup>. You may register by scanning the QR code.

There is a sign-up sheet on the window in the narthex for snack donations and also a basket if you would wish to donate money toward ice cream treats and craft items. We look forward to another wonderful VBS event here at Good Shepherd because of supporters like you!



**Book Club** will meet at Connie Bader's house on Monday, July 14 at 6 PM. Local author Cate Michaels will be the guest presenter. Her first book "All That We Have" is the assigned reading. Even if you haven't read the book, come to hear about Cate's passion for writing and how she brings her creative thoughts through the publishing process.

Please sign up in the lobby or contact Connie if you plan to attend.

Connie Bader

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**Registration for the 2025-2026 Sunday School year is open.**

Sunday School is for children ages 3 years old - 6th grade. New this year is also a youth Bible Time for anyone in 7<sup>th</sup> - 12<sup>th</sup> grade. This will take place at the same time, 10:15AM - 11:00AM. This group will focus more on topics that kids at this age are faced with. If you have questions about this new group, please don't hesitate to reach out to me. Please register your 7th-12th graders as well, thank you. You can use the QR code to register your children. Any questions can be directed to [tmelott@gsholmen.org](mailto:tmelott@gsholmen.org). We look forward to having your children attend Sunday School this year!



**Guest Preacher Scheduled for July**

Pastor Makisimu Musa (Moses) will be the guest preacher on Sunday, July 20<sup>th</sup> and we will have the video of his sermon for the Monday night service on July 21<sup>st</sup>.

**Raising Funds for New Playground**

We have so much to be thankful for at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church—especially the joy and laughter of children who fill our halls, classrooms, and worship spaces. As we look ahead with thankful hearts, we're excited to share a new opportunity to bless the youngest members of our church family: a brand-new playground for our preschool and the children of the congregation.

A new playground will provide a safe, welcoming, and engaging space where children can learn, grow, and build friendships through active play. It will serve not only our preschool students, but also the many families who attend church events, worship services, and community gatherings.

This is a significant project, and we are prayerfully inviting the entire Good Shepherd community to come together to help bring it to life. We are thrilled to announce that we've

already received a generous lead gift! Now, we are seeking to raise an additional \$16,529 to meet our full goal.

We invite you to give in honor of the children in your life, in memory of someone who loved kids, or simply out of gratitude for the blessings of family, faith, and fellowship. You can partner with others to sponsor together or offer your support anonymously. If you are not able to give financially at this time, we welcome your prayers and encouragement—and invite you to share this opportunity with others who may feel called to support it.

**Ways to donate:**

- Online through the Vanco App – please select the “Special Projects” category: <https://secure.myvanco.com/L-Z7KV/home>.
- In person via offering envelopes – write “playground fund” on the “Other” line.

**Let's build something together—for the children of Good Shepherd.**

**Removal of Pea Gravel**

As we are preparing for the new playground to be installed, some existing materials need to be removed. The playground has been removed, and now we need the pea gravel gone as well. We are offering it to congregational members to haul as much or as little as you need, and we would appreciate it if you could get it within the next two weeks, by Sunday, July 20th. If you would like to give a donation to the new playground for what you take it would be appreciated but not necessary.

**Travel With WELS Groups**

Interested in traveling with members of our faith family where WELS worship and Christian fellowship are integral parts of the itinerary? The OWLS (WELS Seniors) is partnering with Father's World Tours to offer trips every which way across the USA. Upcoming options include a Labor Day weekend show trip to the Ozarks (8/29-9/1), wildlife and waterfall viewing on Minnesota's North Shore (9/2-5), a comprehensive New England autumn immersion (9/22-10/4), or a Southern California/Mexican coastal cruise combo (12/31-1/13). Trips are open to W/ELS members of all ages. Visit [www.fathersworldtours.com](http://www.fathersworldtours.com) or contact Steve Balza ([steve@fathersworldtours.com](mailto:steve@fathersworldtours.com) or 507-217-1731) to learn more.