

Good Shepherd

LUTHERAN CHURCH

1500 Sand Lake Road Holmen, WI 54636

Worship of the Good Shepherd

September 7th, 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.

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Serving in Worship

Pastor: Gregory Pope

Accompanist: Emily Schmidt

Worship Attendance 8/31

Sunday Morning: 114

Ushers & Greeters 9:00 am

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Good Shepherd's **Weekly Calendar**

Sunday, September 7 th	Worship with Holy Communion – 9am Kick Off Sunday/New Member Breakfast – 10:15am Sunday School – 10:15am
Monday, September 8 th	Worship with Holy Communion – 6:30pm
Wednesday, September 10 th	Confirmation Class – 5pm
Thursday, September 11 th	Sowers of Good Shepherd
Sunday, September 14 th	Worship – 9am Brat Barn Fundraiser for Playground – 10am to 6pm Family Bible Study/Sunday School – 10:15am
Monday, September 15 th	Worship – 6:30pm

Kickoff Sunday and New Member Welcome

The Kickoff Sunday and New Member Breakfast will be held today, Sunday, Sep 7th after the 9am worship service. Please plan to attend! Pancakes, sausage, and beverages will be provided.

Brat Barn Fundraiser

On Sunday, September 14th, Good Shepherd Lutheran will be doing a fundraiser at the Brat Barn which is located at Festival Foods in Holmen. The money raised will go towards the new preschool playground. Many volunteers are needed to run this throughout the day. We will need one griller per shift. The shifts start at 8 AM and go until 7:30 PM. The 8AM to 10AM shift is set up for the day. And the 6PM to 7:30PM shift is clean up and take down. Volunteers can be anyone in 7th grade on up, and you can sign up for as many shifts as you would like. There will be a leader there throughout the day to help with questions etc. We will have the sign-up available until September 10th. Thank you in advance for helping Good Shepherd in this way, it is very much appreciated!



A God-Lived Life Stewardship Challenge

For the next four months at Good Shepherd Lutheran, God's Word will be challenging us, and we'll be challenging one another to live a God-lived life. And that encompasses everything. We will be talking about a life of being a disciple, a life lived for others, a life lived shrewdly, and a life of hospitality.

Each month, we will be introduced to a challenge that we then prayerfully commit to carrying out the rest of the month. These challenges ask us—people who are moved by the grace of God and Jesus' life and death in our place—to commit to acting on the encouragements to put the Word into practice.

How will we commit to the challenges? As individual members, we are going to fill out a different challenge card each month. This will help to involve our entire family of faith in the challenges and help us encourage each other in the challenges.

At the end of one of the worship services in each of the months of September through December, we'll hand out the challenge cards for that month and then allow confirmed members to fill out the card on the spot and bring it home. The service will be shortened to allow for this time at the end. May God bless us as we grow in his Word and in our lives of living it!

Sowers of Good Shepherd

Sowers of Good Shepherd is an offshoot of our Evangelism Team and is a monthly gathering on the second Thursday of each month at 5:30 pm at church. It is open to the whole congregation. So you are invited to the next one — Thursday, September 11th.

The purpose of this group is to get the conversation going about how can "cast the seed" of God's Word with people we know and pray that faith will grow in their heart. In the last few months, participants have mentioned prospects to the faith in their neighborhood, workplace, etc., and we've discussed ways to invite these people to church or be a witness to them in the best way. We also pray about these opportunities. Please join us and give it a try!

Winona Circuit LWMS Fall Rally

The event is on Saturday, October 18th at St. Matthew's Lutheran Church in Winona, MN. It begins with registration and refreshments from 8:00 to 9:00 am, followed by a devotion, business meeting, and a presentation by guest speaker, Gwen Schroeder, Director of Member Care for Friends Network. Lunch will be served at noon.

We look forward to gathering with you there to learn more about Networking for Jesus. Everyone is invited!

Coulee Region OWLS Meeting

The Coulee Region OWLS will be holding their monthly meeting on Thursday, September 11, 2025, at First Ev. Lutheran Church, 400 West Ave., La Crosse with a Potluck Luncheon at 12:00 Noon. Please bring a dish to pass and your own table service. Coffee will be provided. All church members – men and women age 55 or older – are welcome. The program will be “Outreach to China – 316 NOW”. This is an organization of WELS to reach missionaries in China. Please come to a visit, enjoy the friends you meet, a good lunch, and an excellent program. There will be a free will offering.

Men's Retreat — September 19–21

Join us at Camp Croix for the 17th Annual Men's Retreat! Our featured speaker, Prof. Keith Wessel, will lead our study sessions this year. There will be plenty of time for deep study, fun, fishing, great food, and more. Don't miss this opportunity for fellowship. Learn more and sign up before we run out of spots at mensretreat.org.

Cleanup Day — October 18

Save the date for our Fall Cleanup Day—an easy way to help out at Camp Croix! Lunch will be provided on Saturday, and as a thank-you to everyone who helps, you can stay the weekend for free if you'd like. RSVP at campcroix.org/cleanup.

Flourish Women's Retreat - St. John's, Lewiston, MN

Price is \$35 September 1-27.

Flourish 2025 is on Saturday, October 4th at St. John's in Lewiston from 8:30am -3pm! The retreat's six sessions will look into six doors- Closed Doors, Door of Suffering, Door of Waiting, Door of Hope, Door of Kindness, and Door of Joy. When you are not studying, you will have time to converse, share in activities, eat, and worship together. Register online at flourishretreat.lewistonlutherans.org or by calling the church office at 507-523-2508.

Find updates on Facebook at [Flourish Women's Retreat - WELS](https://www.facebook.com/FlourishWomen'sRetreat-WELS).