

1500 Sand Lake Road Holmen, WI 54636

# Worship of the Good Shepherd

November 16th, 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 <u>www.gsholmen.org</u> Scan the QR Code  $\rightarrow \rightarrow \rightarrow \rightarrow$

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

Mark Bateman Dan Peterson Ann Everson

## Worship Attendance 11/9 and 11/10

Sunday Morning: 107 Monday Night: 10

#### **Next Week Ushers & Greeter**

Aaron Larson John McDonald Heather McCarty

Pastor Gregory Pope: <a href="mailto:pastor@gsholmen.org">pastor@gsholmen.org</a> (920) 323-0848

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Early Childhood Coordinator/Preschool Director:

Mrs. Tammy Melott tmelott@asholmen.org

Little Lamb Preschool Teachers:

Mrs. Lisa Carlson <a href="mailto:littlelambs@gsholmen.org">littlelambs@gsholmen.org</a>
Mrs. Ashley Sime asime@gsholmen.org

# Good Shepherd's Weekly Calendar

Sunday, November 16<sup>th</sup> Choir Rehearsal – 8am

Worship with Holy Communion – 9am

Sunday School/Family Bible Study – 10:15am

Monday, November 17<sup>th</sup> Worship with Holy Communion – 6:30pm

Wednesday, November 19<sup>th</sup> Confirmation Class – 5pm Thursday, November 20<sup>th</sup> Church Council – 6pm Sunday, November 23<sup>rd</sup> Choir Rehearsal – 8am

Worship – 9am

Sunday School/Family Bible Study – 10:15am

Monday, November 24<sup>th</sup> Youth Group Food Drive Delivery – 5:30pm

Worship – 6:30pm

#### A GOD-LIVED LIFE: A life lived shrewdly

While stewardship of our finances isn't the only part of stewardship, it is a part of it. God's Word encourages us to use all of the financial gifts God has given us with an eye on our purpose.

Our challenge card of this month will focus on living shrewdly with the blessings and treasures that God has given us. But what did Jesus mean when he encouraged us to be shrewd? Who is someone you know that is a positive example of shrewdness? In what ways are you already shrewd? In what ways are you not shrewd? How can you honor God by managing with intention the gifts he has given you?

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.

May God bless us and strengthen us as we live a God-lived life—a life lived shrewdly!

## <u>Updated Council Member Listing</u>

- Jacob Werre: President & HR team
- Jim Pagel: Treasurer
- Ryan Radloff: Secretary, Worship and Inreach/Spiritual Care
- Dan Schams: Education
- Chad Wacker: Building & Grounds & Technology
- Chad Klein: Fellowship and Evangelism

#### Offering Envelopes 2026

Over the past few years, we have monitored the number of offering envelopes that go unused and considered the cost of purchasing them each calendar year. Several members of our congregation give online regularly, and with that, we see an opportunity to reduce both waste and expenses.

With this in mind, we are asking every member of Good Shepherd to opt in if you wish to receive offering envelopes for the 2026 calendar year. If you would like to receive them, please contact the church office, office@gsholmen.org confirming your request. If you are responding on behalf of more than one person in your household, please include a confirmation for each individual.

We kindly ask that all responses be submitted by **November 24, 2025.**Please contact Church President, Jacob Werre with any questions or concerns, jacobj\_4@hotmail.com.

#### Decorating For Advent/Christmas Season

Advent is just around the corner. That creates an opportunity for our members to help with decorating our church for the Christmas season. Without the help of volunteers, this could not be accomplished. Help is needed to set up the large Christmas tree, the fellowship hall Christmas tree, hanging the wall wreaths, displaying the large nativity set and placing the manger scene outside on the lawn. Please consider giving a couple hours of your time the morning of Saturday, November 29th at 10 a.m. to assist with this task. The more volunteers that come, the faster we can complete the project and be done before 1 p.m. Your time is greatly appreciated!

### **Christmas for Kids 2025**

The 2025 Christmas for Kids will take place on Saturday, December 13<sup>th</sup> from 8:45AM-11:00AM. This event is for kids aged 3 years old -5<sup>th</sup> grade. Any kids in 6<sup>th</sup> grade on up can volunteer to help with the various activities. We also need many volunteers for this event to cover the various stations. These include Bible storytelling, music, crafts, games, and snacks. You can register your child and register to help



with the QR code. There is also a sign-up sheet in the narthex for volunteers. Thank you in advance for your willingness to help, it is greatly appreciated! If you have any questions please direct them to Tammy Melott at tmelott@gsholmen.org or talk to Tammy at church.

#### MARK YOUR CALENDARS - November 2025 Youth Ministry Events

• FOOD DRIVE Donations drop off and eat out together, Monday 11/24/2025 5:00-7:00pm.

All students, 6th through 12th grade invited and friends are welcome to join any of the activities.

Please contact Kala McClellan for further information, suggestions for activities, or any questions at kalamcclellan27@amail.com or text/call at 612-978-3190.

#### Coulee Chorale is Back!

Join us as the Coulee Chorale is back again for a 2025 Christmas Concert in December! Any WELS member at one of the Luther High School Association churches can join. Rehearsals are held at Luther High School on November 9, 16, 23, and 30 from 6:00-8:00 pm and on December 6 from 9:00-11:00 am. This year's concert is on Sunday, December 7, 2025, at 2:00 pm. You can sign up today at <a href="https://forms.gle/zYUVdjvNiYhzacxz5">https://forms.gle/zYUVdjvNiYhzacxz5</a>. Questions? Contact Paul Adickes at <a href="mailto:adicpaul@luther.k12.wi.us">adicpaul@luther.k12.wi.us</a> or 608-783-5435, ext.1340.

<u>LIVE NATIVITY SET-UP</u> at Riverside Park will be November 1st, 8th, 15th, and 22nd. 9am-5pm. Rotary provides lunch. Many hands make light work! Please come for any amount of time you can spare on any of those Saturdays. Questions? Call George Italiano (608-317-0271).

Also, there is a **NEW WEBSITE** that should be up and running in a couple weeks! All signup links are already located there www.nativitydiorama.com.

## Live Nativity SIGN-UP: November 28,29,30 and December 6,7,13,14,20,21,25

Details: Saturday 5-10pm Sunday 5-9pm

Costume dressing starts at 4pm—NEW Early Childhood Bldg. (420 West Ave.- Old St. Paul's church) Buses depart for Riverside around 4:20pm and 4:40pm.

Be one of the characters, help behind the scenes with props (3:30pm at Riverside), or stay at Early Childhood Bldg. to help with costumes (3:30pm)

Offer to babysit so someone else can help. Children are welcome, but it can get late for the younger ones.

Sign up sheets and more information is also available in the church entryway.

Live Nativity Website: <a href="www.nativitydiorama.com">www.nativitydiorama.com</a> email: <a href="johnson.maria@live.com">johnson.maria@live.com</a> or call/text Maria 608-397-4810.