

Good Shepherd

LUTHERAN CHURCH

1500 Sand Lake Road Holmen, WI 54636

Worship of the Good Shepherd

November 9th, 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 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: Michelle Wachal - Sunday

Emily Schmidt – Monday

Ushers & Greeter 9:00 am

Erik Sjolander Amy Sjolander

Karsen/Dawson Sjolander Richard Brockway

Worship Attendance 11/2 and 11/3

Sunday Morning: 157

Monday Night: 15

Next Week Ushers & Greeter

Mark Bateman Dan Peterson

Ann Everson

Pastor Gregory Pope: pastor@gsholmen.org (920) 323-0848

Church Office: (608) 526-4829 office@gsholmen.org

Early Childhood Coordinator/Preschool Director:

Mrs. Tammy Melott tmelott@gsholmen.org

Little Lamb Preschool Teachers:

Mrs. Lisa Carlson littlelambs@gsholmen.org

Mrs. Ashley Sime asime@gsholmen.org

Good Shepherd's **Weekly Calendar**

Sunday, November 9 th	Choir Rehearsal – 8am Worship – 9am Mission Enhancement Meeting/Sunday School – 10:15am
Monday, November 10 th	Worship – 6:30pm
Tuesday, November 11 th	Veterans Day Event at Luther High – 10am
Wednesday, November 12 th	Confirmation Class – 5pm
Thursday, November 13 th	Sowers of Good Shepherd – 5:30pm
Sunday, November 16 th	Choir Rehearsal – 8am Worship with Holy Communion – 9am Sunday School/Family Bible Study – 10:15am
Monday, November 17 th	Worship with Holy Communion – 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 starting on November 9th 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!

Updated Council Member Listing

- 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

Mission Enhancement Application Voters' Meeting on November 9th

All are welcome to attend an upcoming Voters' Meeting where we will share our Mission Enhancement Application plan and vote to move forward with it. As a reminder, Mission Enhancement is part of a 10-year initiative (2023–2033) to plant 100 new churches and enhance 75 existing ministries within the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod (WELS). The enhancement grants provide financial support to help existing congregations expand their reach. Please contact Jacob Werre with any questions, jacobj_4@hotmail.com.

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 12, 2025**.

Please contact Church President, Jacob Werre with any questions or concerns, jacobj_4@hotmail.com.

After School Care to be Offered Next Year

After much discussion, the council and preschool leadership have decided to offer after school care for our preschool in the 2026-2027 school year. With the addition of the full-time classroom, there is a much stronger need for this and we know that we lost several families who wanted to attend our full-time preschool, but weren't able to make it work without after school care. We will be able to cover these additional hours of care with our current staffing. Details are still being ironed out, but if you have any questions please attend the November 9th Voters' Meeting where we will discuss this update along with the main topic of the Mission Enhancement Application. You can also reach out to Jacob Werre at 608-606-4426 or jacobj_4@hotmail.com.

New Online Reimbursement Form

We now have an electronic expense reimbursement form that you can fill out online if you purchase anything for the church. The link to it is now on the contact page of the Good Shepherd website. If you have any questions, contact our treasurer Jim Pagel at jpagel1480@charter.net.

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@gmail.com or text/call at 612-978-3190.

LIVE NATIVITY SET-UP 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.

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 <https://forms.gle/zYUVdjvNiYhzacxz5>. Questions? Contact Paul Adickes at adicpaul@luther.k12.wi.us or 608-783-5435, ext.1340.

Jinglefest

Jinglefest 2025 will be held in Saturday, December 6 from 10:00 AM-4:00 PM in downtown Holmen. Good Shepherd is planning to have a booth at the event once again this year. If we move forward with a booth, it will be outside Holmen Village Hall, the Holmen Library, or the Holmen American Legion. We would need at least two volunteers per shift. There are three shifts: 9:00 AM - 11:30 AM (includes set up time), 11:30 AM-2:00 PM and 2:00 PM - 4:30 PM (includes tear down time). We will have information on Good Shepherd, a game for children to win prizes, and a drawing for adults to win a gift card.

The deadline to sign up for volunteer shift is Sunday, November 9 to meet the booth registration deadline of Monday, November 10.

There is a sign-up sheet in the back of church if you are interested in helping with this event. Please contact Erik Sjolander (erik.d.sjolander@gmail.com) with any questions.