

Good Shepherd

LUTHERAN CHURCH

1500 Sand Lake Road Holmen, WI 54636

Worship of the Good Shepherd

December 14th, 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 →→→→

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Serving in Worship

Pastor: Gregory Pope

Accompanist: Rachel Sting - Sunday

Emily Schmidt – Monday

Worship Attendance 12/7 and 12/8

Sunday Morning: 129

Monday Night: 12

Ushers & Greeter 9:00 am

Mike Melott Tammy Melott

Mark Helmrich Bennett King

Next Week Ushers & Greeter

Dan Peterson Julie Peterson

Mark Bateman

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, December 14 th	Choir Rehearsal – 8am Children's Christmas Service – 9am Sunday School/Family Bible Study – 10:15am
Monday, December 15 th	Worship – 6:30pm
Tuesday, December 16 th	T/W/Thurs PM Preschool Christmas Program – 6:30pm
Wednesday, December 17 th	Catechism Class – 5pm M/W/F Preschool Christmas Program – 6pm
Thursday, December 18 th	Church Council Meeting – 6pm Tues/Thurs AM Preschool Christmas Program – 6:30pm
Saturday, December 20 th	Youth Ministry Christmas Party – 6pm
Sunday, December 21 st	Worship with Holy Communion – 9am Sunday School/Family Bible Study – 10:15am
Monday, December 22 nd	Worship with Holy Communion – 6:30pm

A GOD-LIVED LIFE: A life of hospitality

This month, we look at the God-lived life as one that opens our lives to others. As we invite people into our lives and our homes, God gives us opportunities to share Jesus as we build relationships with them.

Our challenge card this month will focus on living a life of hospitality—opening our hearts and homes to others. How did Jesus show “radical” hospitality? Think of a time someone showed you radical hospitality. How did that make you feel? How can you reflect the love of Jesus by showing that level of hospitality to someone? How can you be different, like Jesus was different?

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 as we live a God-lived life, loving others!

Preschool Registration

Registration for the 2026-2027 school year will be open to the congregation and current preschool families starting Sunday, January 4th. The registration form and prices are listed on our website. If you do not have access to a printer, I can provide you with a copy of the registration. There is a \$62 per family registration fee as well. New this year is the after-school care which will be M-F, 3:00PM-5:30PM. This will be staffed by the current staff.

Registration for the public begins on February 15th when we have our Open House from 3:30PM-4:30PM. Please spread the word to family and friends that are looking for a preschool option for next year. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at tmelott@gsholmen.org.

Updated Church 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

Book Club

Hello fellow readers, with the weather turning colder, there is nothing better than curling up with a good book. The book I have chosen for January is If It Rains by Jennifer L. Wright. There are 2 at the library and it is on Hoopla as an audiobook. We will meet Thursday, January 15th at 6:15 at Features in Holmen. Signup sheet is in the church entryway.

Happy Reading 😊

Good Shepherd Youth Food Drive

A big Thank You to all who donated food and supplies for The Food Basket in Onalaska! Thanks to all the youth and their families who helped organize, promote, and deliver the food! The Food Basket volunteers were very appreciative of the almost 3 grocery carts of items we donated, as they have had many customers lately and needing to restock. The Food Basket team wanted our members to know that they welcome anyone who has needs to shop there and it is a comfortable, quiet and inviting place to shop.

Christmas Service Schedule

There will be Monday services throughout the month of December at 6:30pm as usual.

Reminder that Holy Communion will be on Sunday, December 21st this month due to the Children's Christmas service.

Christmas Eve Service – Wednesday, December 24th at 6:30pm

Christmas Day Service – Thursday, December 25th at 9am

New Year's Eve Service - Wednesday, December 31st at 6:30pm

Catechism Mentorship Program

We are looking for one more male mentor and two more female mentors for the new catechism mentorship program we are attempting to start at Good Shepherd.

This program will pair each catechism student with an adult member who can be a role model, answer questions they may have and also invite them to participate in church activities such as ushering, greeting, volunteering at an event, etc. The mentor would touch base with a student on a monthly basis so the time commitment is minimal.

If you feel like you'd be interested in helping with this or would like to "nominate" someone who you feel would be a good candidate, please reach out to Jacob Werre at jacobj_4@hotmail.com or 608-606-4426 to get more information.

Live Nativity SIGN-UP: December 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: www.nativitydiorama.com email: johnson.maria@live.com
or call/text Maria 608-397-4810.