

Good Shepherd

LUTHERAN CHURCH

1500 Sand Lake Road Holmen, WI 54636

Worship of the Good Shepherd

December 21st, 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: Michelle Wachal

Ushers & Greeter 9:00 am

Dan Peterson Julie Peterson

Mark Bateman

Worship Attendance 12/14 and 12/15

Sunday Morning: 154

Monday Night: 11

Next Week Ushers & Greeters

Gary Priem Denise Priem

Jim Rupprecht Sheryl Rupprecht

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 21 st	Worship with Holy Communion – 9am Sunday School/Family Bible Study – 10:15am Youth Ministry Christmas Party – 6pm to 8pm
Monday, December 22 nd	Worship with Holy Communion – 6:30pm
Wednesday, December 24 th	Christmas Eve Service – 6:30pm
Thursday, December 25 th	Christmas Day Service – 9am
Sunday, December 28 th	Worship – 9am Family Bible Study – 10:15am
Monday, December 29 th	Worship – 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 😊

Christmas Service Schedule

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

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.

Attend the Men of His Word Conference this February!

Good Shepherd is organizing a group of men and boys who would like to attend the 17th Annual Men of His Word Conference on Saturday, February 21 in Oshkosh, WI. We can carpool together and if we register as a group and before January 31st, we can get a discount.

Are you brave? Even in today's world most people expect men to be brave, to have courage. Courage is especially needed when under fire. Marriage is hard. Parenting is hard. Work is hard. Life is hard, even - perhaps especially for men. Where will we find strength? How will we gather the courage needed to live as godly men? In Isaiah 43:1-2 God promises strength, even and especially when passing through the fire. Join us this year so that God can provide Courage Under Fire.

This year's keynote is presented by Pastor Jared Oldenburg from 922 Ministries in Appleton, WI. He is joined by 14 Brothers in faith to help bring sessions on a wide variety of topics relevant to our lives as Men of His Word.

With worship led by Koine, there are no shortage of options to help you along your faith journey. Join us on Saturday, February 21, 2026, at the Oshkosh Waterfront Hotel and Convention Center in Oshkosh, WI to learn more about how God gives you Courage Under Fire.

Don't miss out on this opportunity for early bird pricing. Find out more at <https://www.menofhisword.org/oshkosh.html>. If you are interested in attending, please reach out to Jacob Werre, jacobj_4@hotmail.com, 608-606-4426.

CHRISTMAS DAY

Volunteers are needed to participate in the Live Nativity on Christmas Day. If you are interested, please sign up online at <https://nativitydiorama.com/volunteer-signup/>

HELP NEEDED FOR LIVE NATIVITY TAKEDOWN January 1st 9am-5pm down at Riverside we will be taking down the Live Nativity scene. Any amount of time you can lend to help with this is greatly appreciated. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!