

Good Shepherd

LUTHERAN CHURCH

1500 Sand Lake Road Holmen, WI 54636

Worship of the Good Shepherd

August 16, 2026

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: Jon E. Tesch

Accompanist: Karin Stellick

Worship Attendance 8/9-10

Sunday Morning: 76

Monday Night: 13

Ushers & Greeter 9:00am

Mark Bateman

Julie Peterson

Mike Melott

Tammy Melott

Next Week Ushers & Greeters

Jacob Werre

Kathy Werre

Richard Brockway

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, August 16th	Worship with Holy Communion – 9am Bible Study – 10:15am
Monday, August 17th	Worship 6:30pm
Sunday, August 23rd	Choir practice – 8:00am Worship – 9am Bible Study – 10:15am

Meet Your Vacancy Pastor

Pastor Tesch and his wife Barb were called into ministry in a dual parish, St. Peter's in rural Marshfield and Emmanuel in rural Stratford, WI in 1986. After serving there for 10 years they were called to Peace, Hartford for 5 years. In 2001 they were called to Trinity, Marinette where they served until 2022, when Pastor Tesch retired. After retirement, he served the vacancy at Shepherd of the Hills, Inver Grove Heights from 2022-2024, and the vacancy at St. Peter's, Hamburg, and St. Peter's, Chaseburg, from 2024-2025. They are now happily serving our Lord as members of St. Paul's, Onalaska. God has blessed them with 7 children and 6 grandchildren, all of whom live in the La Crosse and Cottage Grove, MN areas. We look forward to serving our Lord among his people at Good Shepherd and we pray that the Chief Shepherd will provide a permanent pastor soon.

Thank You!!

Thank you to the Fellowship Team for organizing the Good-Bye event for Pastor Pope. Also, thank you to all who attended the event letting Pastor Pope see the appreciation that Good Shepherd has for all he has done for our ministry.

Another Thank you to everyone that was able to help with packing and moving last Saturday.

Pre-Call Congregational Open Forum

Pastor Jensen, our District President, has confirmed that he would be able to lead an open forum on Sunday, August 23rd after church. This is not a voters' meeting, but an opportunity for Pastor Jensen to listen to our congregation and determine the congregation's needs, desires, mission focus, and more as we prepare to call our next pastor.

Sunday School Registration

It is time to start thinking about Sunday School for the 2026-2027 session. The sign-up is ready to go, children 3 years - 5th grade are welcome. Anyone 6th - 12th grade can sign up for Youth Bible Study as well. I am also looking for subs and volunteer assistants for all the levels. If this is something that interests you, you can sign up using the QR code or reach out to me if you have any questions. We look forward to seeing the kids in our congregation being a part of this important program!



50th Anniversary Celebration

Mark your calendars for September 13th to celebrate how good God has blessed Good Shepherd these past 50 years. Pastor Arndt, who previously served here, will be the guest preacher. After the service, we will have a program in the church focusing on the 50 years and how God has and continues to bless Good Shepherd. That will be followed by a lunch in the fellowship area where articles from the past 50 years will also be displayed.

Good Shepherd will provide the meat and beverages for the luncheon, and we are asking congregation members to provide the rest. There is a sign-up sheet in the narthex. Please see the sheet for the items that you can sign up for. If you plan to attend and bring an item, please sign up by September 6th. Don't feel obligated to bring something, you can just sign up for the meal as well. We hope to see many of you there!

Luther Junior Knights Band

Registration is NOW OPEN for the Luther Junior Knights Band Program for the 2026-2027 school year! Any students in grades 5-8 are able to participate - secure your child's spot today! More information can be found on the website at <https://www.lutherhigh.org/arts/junior-knights-band-jkb>. Contact the program director, Emily Schmidt, at schmemil@luther.k12.wi.us or 608-783-5435 ext. 1322 if you have any questions!

St. Paul's Lutheran School in Onalaska is Hiring!

St. Paul's is seeking part-time team members for three positions: Educational Assistant (Lower Grades), Food Service Worker, and Custodian. To learn more or request an application, call (608) 783-2552. Questions? Contact Principal Benjamin Bain (bbain@stpaulsonalaska.org) or Greg Walter (gwalter@stpaulsonalaska.org).

Weekly Voice Deadline

If you have items that you would like included in the Weekly Voice, you can email them to office@gsholmen.org. Items need to be submitted by noon on Thursday to be included. Please indicate how long you would like the item to run (number of weeks). Thank you.

Newsletter Items

The newsletter will be sent out during the first week of each month. If you have information that you would like included, it needs to be submitted by the 25th of the previous month. These items may be emailed to office@gsholmen.org. Please note in the subject of the email that it is for the newsletter. Thank you.

Looking for Volunteers

Are you looking for a way to be more involved at Good Shepherd? We can always use more Ushers, Greeters, Cleaners, and Counters. All of these jobs are done by volunteers from the congregation. Volunteers work on a rotation, and can be scheduled around other events you have. Please reach out to a member of the Church Council or email the office at office@gsholmen.org if you have any questions or would like to volunteer. Thank You!

Coulee Region Jesus Cares Ministry

Come join our Jesus Cares group for adapted worship services, Bible study, fellowship and fun! Jesus Cares is a ministry that provides Bible instruction and Christian friendship to people of all ages who have intellectual and developmental disabilities. We are kicking off the 2026-27 school year with our Welcome Back to Jesus Cares meal and fellowship on Monday, September 14th. On Monday, September 21st we will begin our regularly scheduled adapted worship services and Bible classes. All Jesus Cares activities are held on Mondays from 4:30pm-5:45pm at First Lutheran Church, 400 West Ave S. in La Crosse. We are always welcoming new students, families, and volunteers! Please join us on September 14th or stop by on another Monday night to see what our group is all about. Feel free to contact us for more details by emailing couleeregionjesuscares@gmail.com or text/call Lisa Loersch at (920) 944-8759 or Kris Schwartz at (608) 797-5194 for more information and a 2026-27 school year schedule.