

Good Shepherd

LUTHERAN CHURCH

1500 Sand Lake Road Holmen, WI 54636

Worship of the Good Shepherd

August 23, 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

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Serving in Worship

Pastor: Jon E. Tesch

Accompanist: Beth Humann

Worship Attendance 8/16-17

Sunday Morning: 99

Monday Night: 10

Ushers & Greeter 9:00am

Jacob Werre

Kathy Werre

Richard Brockway

Next Week Ushers & Greeters

Jim Rupprecht

Sheryl Rupprecht

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Early Childhood Coordinator/Preschool Director:

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Little Lamb Preschool Teachers:

Mrs. Lisa Carlson littlelambs@gsholmen.org

Mrs. Ashley Sime asime@gsholmen.org

Good Shepherd's Weekly Calendar

Sunday, August 23rd

Choir practice – 8am

Worship– 9am

Pre-Call Congregational Open Forum -10:15am

Monday, August 24th

Worship 6:30pm

Sunday, August 30th

Choir Practice – 8am

Worship – 9am

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.

Pre-Call Congregational Open Forum

Pastor Jensen, our District President, will be leading an open forum today 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

Sunday School will start on Sunday, September 20th. Now is the time to sign up for the year 2026-2027. Children 3 years - 6th grade are welcome. You can use the QR code or reach out to Tammy Melott at tmelott@gsholmen.org to sign up. I am always looking for subs and assistants if you are interested in signing up for either of those positions as well. We look forward to seeing the children in our congregation being a part of this important program!



Anyone in 7th-12th grade are welcome to attend Youth Bible Study on Sunday mornings from 10:20am-11:00am. We understand that this age level is very busy with jobs, etc. Your child does not have to come every Sunday to be a part of this group. Besides Sunday

morning Bible Study, there will be events throughout the year to connect the teens in our congregation. For some events we will also invite area congregation youth. Please encourage your child to be a part of this ministry at Good Shepherd. If you have any questions, please reach out to Kala McClellan at kalamcclellan27@gmail.com. She is the coordinator of our Youth Ministry program.

Update on Education at Good Shepherd

Summer is winding down and the teachers are busy preparing for another school year which will begin September 8th. Our classes are nearly full with only a few spots still available. Our full-time class has two spots available, and our afternoon class has six. The week before school begins, we will be having parent meetings for all the classes on individual evenings. This is when we go over the parent handbook and other rules/information about the classes. The children attend as well, and they get a chance to meet their classmates as the teachers meet with the parents. This goes a long way in helping them be more comfortable on the first day of school. We pray for God's richest blessings on this new school year, and also for the teachers and assistants that make our preschool program the best that it can be.

Thank you to everyone who has signed up for Sunday School already. If you have not done so, there is still time. Sunday School will begin September 20th and is for children 3 years - 6th grade. It is held every Sunday from 10:20am - 11:00am. Starting in late November, we need a music person for Sunday School. This could be for the remainder of the year which ends in May. If you would be interested in helping with this, please reach out to me at tmelott@gsholmen.org or talk to me after church. There will be several events throughout the year in which parents can be involved. Please watch for those announcements in the Weekly Voice. I also send out emails to the parents. We hope to see many of the children in our congregation involved in this important program, and encourage them to invite friends and neighbors as well!

The youth in 7th-12th grade are encouraged to be a part of the Youth program which is being run by Kala McClellan. They will also meet every Sunday for a Bible study. Kala also plans events throughout the year to get the youth at Good Shepherd connected to each other. Some of these events are extended to other WELS churches as well, so that gives our youth a chance to connect with other teens in the area and establish friendships beyond Good Shepherd. Watch the Weekly Voice for more information about this program. Even if your child cannot make it every Sunday, or to every event, we would love to have them involved when they can.

Mark your calendars for Saturday, October 24th. This will be when we have our Trunk or Treat event. We would love to have at least 10 or more cars involved, more details to follow

late September. Last year we had a wonderful number of families participating, including several preschool families. We hope to have the same this year!

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!

Special Collection for Missions

In thankfulness for the many blessings that God has bestowed on Good Shepherd over the past 50 years, we would like to support a new mission that is starting out in Altoona, WI. Over the next month we will be collecting money to help them as they are in the beginning stages of establishing themselves as a congregation. This is a special way that you can thank God for being a part of Good Shepherd congregation, and also support another group of people hoping to establish their own identity as a congregation to reach out to the people in their area with the truths of God's Word.

If you would like to give a gift, you can put an envelope in the collection plate marked Altoona Mission. There is also a basket with envelopes in the narthex area where you can place your donation. We will be collecting gifts through September 20th. Thank you in advance for supporting this mission project.

Fellowship Hour

Starting September 6th, we will be having fellowship hour every Sunday after service. We would love to have more people involved in this. There is a sign-up sheet posted by the kitchen. You choose a date that works for you, provide treats of your choosing, make the coffee and put out juice. (The coffee, juice, and cups are provided.) Instructions for making the coffee are posted on the refrigerator. Once everyone is done eating, we ask that you wash the tables and clean up the kitchen. (Washing any dishes used, emptying the coffee grounds and cleaning the pots, and wiping down the counters.) This is a great way for our congregation to visit each other and get to know one another better as well.