

Good Shepherd

LUTHERAN CHURCH

1500 Sand Lake Road Holmen, WI 54636

Worship of the Good Shepherd

September 20, 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 →→→→

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: Jon Tesch

Accompanist: Karin Stellick

Worship Attendance 9/13

Sunday Morning: 150

Monday Night: No worship

Ushers & Greeter 9:00am

Mike Melott

Tammy Melott

Dylan Huiss

Cassie Huiss

Next Week Ushers & Greeters

Jacob Werre

Kathy Werre

Bennett King

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Mrs. Lisa Carlson littlelambs@gsholmen.org

Mrs. Ashley Sime asime@gsholmen.org

Good Shepherd's **Weekly Calendar**

Sunday, September 20th	Worship with Holy Communion– 9am Bible Study – 10:15 am Sunday School – 10:15 am Youth Bible Study – 10:15 am Youth Ministry Bike Ride – 4-6 pm
Monday, September 21 st	Worship with Holy Communion – 6:30 pm
Tuesday, September 22 nd	Women's Bible Study – 9:15 am
Wednesday, September 24 th	Catechism Class – 5:00pm
Sunday, September 27th	Worship – 9am Bible Study – 10:15 am Sunday School – 10:15 am Youth Bible Study – 10:15 am

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.

Call Extended to Pastor Daniel Lindner

At our Call Meeting on September 9, Good Shepherd extended a Divine Call to **Pastor Daniel Lindner** to serve as our pastor. Pastor Lindner, 48, is married to Heidi and currently serves as the **WELS Campus Ministry Mission Counselor**. He and Heidi live in Minneapolis, though his current ministry has him traveling frequently.

Pastor Lindner has acknowledged the call and will be prayerfully considering where the Lord would have him serve over the coming weeks. He welcomes conversations with

members of Good Shepherd during his deliberation. Email is the best way to arrange a time to talk, though he can also be reached by phone or text.

Email: daniel.lindner@wels.net

Cell: 920-344-9585

Please keep Pastor Lindner, Heidi, and both Good Shepherd and WELS Campus Ministry in your prayers as he deliberates this call.

Book Club News

Hello Readers we will be reading A Winters Dream by Richard Paul Evans. Copies are available at the library. This story parallels the story of Joseph which will be fun to discuss. We will meet the last Tuesday, September 29th at 6:00 at Features. If you have any questions, please contact Lisa Carlson (608-797-5521). Lisa will put a signup sheet in the narthex, so we can make a reservation at Features.

Calling all women to come to a Bible Study/Book Study

"Designed on Purpose for a Purpose" by Dr. Rhoda Wolle and Amber Albee Swensen. Do you ever wonder if you are doing what you were truly meant to do in this life? Or maybe you are entering a new season and wondering what is next. You may be feeling like you are stuck in a rut and wondering how you got here. No matter what age or stage of life you are in, it's important to know you have options. If you don't like your current circumstances, you *can* do something about it. A feeling of discontent is often the nudge we need to be motivated to change. Dr. Rhoda Wolle and Amber Albee Swenson take you through this journaling journey to help you discover how you can live your purpose to honor and glorify God, no matter what season you are in.

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****Starting, Tuesday, September 22nd at 9:15.** Led by Barb Weinberger. Please email bweinberger926@yahoo.com or Text 608/790-1575 if you plan on coming.

Bible Study Beginning in September

We're going to be looking at Rev. Dr. Mike Novotny's book, Taboo, from Northwestern Publishing House.

Hot-button issues dominating our culture can make speaking out taboo. Hiding from hard conversations won't work. We need to know what God actually says about these issues, and by looking to Scripture, we can find the answers.

In Taboo, author Pastor Novotny covers deeply personal, vulnerable, and emotional topics, handling them with grace and respect.

God's Word gives us clarity, healing, and hope. Not talking is not helping! It's time for believers to step gracefully into the Taboo and share God's truth with a world in need.

Church Youth Group Bike Ride

The church youth group would like to invite all Good Shepherd families to a bike ride on September 20th from 4:00pm-6:00pm. The bike ride will start at Midway and go to Dairy Queen in Onalaska using the bike trail. After enjoying an ice cream treat, (make sure you have cash) you will bike back to Midway. The round trip is about 6 miles. You can come as a family, or if you have older kids that would just like to join us, that is okay too.

LWMS Rally

The LWMS Fall Rally will be held on October 17, 2026. It is being hosted by First Lutheran Church in La Crescent. The Guest Speaker will be Rev. Larry Schlomer who is on the board for World Missions. Doors open at 8:00am for the event which begins at 9:00am. Childcare will be provided.

There will be a door offering on Sunday, September 27 to support LWMS Mission Projects chosen by the local Winona Circuit of which Good Shepherd is a member.

Youth Ministry Upcoming Events

Youth Bible study starts with a video presentation from the 2026 WELS Youth Rally: "Before You Were Ready" presented by Rev. Jonathan Hein. We will view this Bible study series in 3 Parts on Sunday Mornings 10:15 to 11:00 am, 9/20/2026, 9/27/2026, and 10/4/2026

Sunday Evening 9/27/2026, meet at church in the fellowship hall to join as a group (snacks provided) or register and log on from home (no fees) to join the **WELS National Online Teen Bible Study, "My Self-Worth" (2 Samuel 9)** Date & Time: September 27, 2026, 06:00 PM central time

For Youth Parents - On Wednesday Evening 10/14/2026, meet at church for a Youth Parent Information meeting. Ping Pong and games available for youth who are there for the evening, while Parents get information from the youth leaders about the value of engagement in youth ministry activities

Good Shepherd History Binder

If you are interested in reading a little deeper about the beginnings of Good Shepherd, you may check out the 3-ring binder titled "Good Shepherd Evangelical Lutheran Church, The First 50 Years, 1976-2026." The binder is located in the narthex with a sign-out sheet. Check it out for a week and return for others.