Good Shepherd
LUTHERAN CHURCH

1500 Sand Lake Road Holmen, WI 54636

Worship of the Good Shepherd

November 8, 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 Tesch

Accompanist:

Worship Attendance 11/1-2

Sunday Morning:

Monday Night:

Ushers & Greeter 9:00am

Erik Sjolander
Amy Sjolander
Richard Brockway
Karsen/Dawson Sjolander

Next Week Ushers & Greeters

Mark Bateman
Ann Everson
Dan Peterson

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, November 8th	Worship – 9 am
	Bible Study - 10:15 am
	Sunday School – 10:15 am
	Youth Bible Study – 10:15 am
Monday, November 9th	No Worship (suspended until call filled)
Tuesday, November 10th	Women's Bible Study – 9:30 am
	Book Club – 6:00 pm
Wednesday, November 11th	Catechism Class - 5 pm
Sunday, November 15th	Worship – 9 am
	Bible Study – 10:15 am
	Sunday School – 10:15 am
	Youth Bible Study – 10:15 am

Live Nativity Update

LIVE NATIVITY SET-UP at Riverside Park starts Saturday, October 31st from 9am-5pm. Rotary provides lunch. Many hands make light work! Please come for any amount of time you can spare. Can't help this Saturday? Come down any of the following Saturdays. (Nov. 7th & 14th and 21st.) Questions? Call Pat McGuire (608-385-0178)

Veterans Day Program at Luther High School

Then on Wednesday, November 11, we will be honoring those that have served our country with a Veterans Day Program (breakfast will be offered prior to the program). We are asking all alumni from Luther High School who served in the military to share their name, year of graduation, military branch, rank, years of service, and a picture for our slideshow. This information can be shared with Matt Schiebel at schimatt@luther.k12.wi.us by Friday, November 6.

Breakfast – 8:30 - 9:45
Program – 10:00 - 11:10

November Book Club

Hello Readers we will be reading Cape Refuge by Terri Blackstone. We will meet Tuesday, November 10th at Features in Holmen. This book is a Christian mystery book which is a little different than we have read. Hope you consider joining us!

Fruit & More Sale

This year's Fruit & More Sale is officially underway! You can order from any Luther High School student, in the front office, or online at https://lutherk12.revtrak.net/. Orders are due November 11, 2026, with fruit being delivered in early December. Questions? Contact Paul Adickes at adicpaul@luther.k12.wi.us or 608-783-5435, ext.1340.

Coulee Chorale is Back!

Join us as the Coulee Chorale is back again for a 2026 Christmas Concert in December! Any WELS member at one of the Luther High School Association churches can join. Rehearsals are held at Luther High School on November 8, 15, 22, and 29 from 6:00-8:00 pm and on December 5 from 9:00-11:00 am. This year's concert is on Sunday, December 6, 2026, at 2:00 pm. You can sign up today at https://forms.gle/8Jq1z7zPgyHwNu9W7. Questions? Contact Paul Adickes at adicpaul@luther.k12.wi.us or 608-783-5435, ext.1340.

Help us welcome our community at Jinglefest!

We're looking for volunteers to help at our church booth inside the American Legion on Saturday, December 5. Volunteers will help children play Plinko, hand out prizes, and share information about our church and preschool with visitors.

We plan to have two volunteers per shift, with most shifts lasting two hours. Shifts start at 10AM and will go to approximately 5pm. A sign-up sheet is available at the back of church. Please contact Steven Blankenship with questions or to volunteer. We'd love to have you join us!

Call Extended to Pastor David Barkow

During our call meeting on Sunday, October 25, our congregation extended a divine call to Pastor David Barkow to serve as our next pastor.

Pastor Barkow currently serves at Christ the Lord Lutheran Church in Cottage Grove, Minnesota. He and his wife, Rachel, have three children, ages 15, 13, and 10.

Please keep Pastor Barkow and his family in your prayers as he prayerfully considers where the Lord would have him serve. We trust that God will guide his decision according to His will. Pastor Barkow's email is pastor@christthelord.net and his cell number is 651-323-3814.

Monday Night Services Suspended beginning November 9

Beginning Monday, November 9, we will be suspending Monday evening worship services until we are blessed with a full-time pastor.

This decision was made to help reduce the workload and responsibilities of our vacancy pastor, Pastor Jon Tesch. By making this adjustment, we hope to ease the demands on Pastor Tesch and allow him to continue serving our congregation in this role for as long as he is able.

We recognize that this change will be inconvenient, particularly for those who regularly attend Monday evening services. We sincerely appreciate your understanding and encourage you to join us for Sunday morning worship whenever possible.

For those who need a weekday worship option, we encourage you to consider services at other nearby WELS congregations. The following churches currently offer Monday evening services:

- **Christ Lutheran Church** – West Salem, WI
- **Bethel Lutheran Church** – Arcadia, WI

We are grateful for Pastor Tesch's willingness to serve Good Shepherd during this time of vacancy and for the continued patience, support, and prayers of our congregation.

May God continue to bless and guide Good Shepherd as we move forward together in faith.

Volunteers Needed at Luther

We have the privilege of hosting the 2026-2027 WELS Middle School Honors Band on Saturday, November 21, with more than 70 students and 12 directors from 4 different states. We are looking for volunteers to help make the day run as smoothly as possible - preparing and serving meals, greeting people, ushering, and more. This is an exciting event, and we would love to have many in our Luther Family to help make our guests feel welcome! Please contact Miss Emily Schmidt at **schmemil@luther.k12.wi.us** for more information.

Christmas Decorating

On Saturday, November 28th, we will be getting the church decorated for Christmas. We would like to start around 10AM. Many hands make light work, so anyone willing to help would be greatly appreciated. We could especially use a few men to hang wreaths and get a nativity scene set up. Again, any and all help is very much appreciated, thank you!