

ASH WEDNESDAY

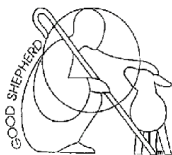
FEBRUARY 14 IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD 2024



Good Shepherd Evangelical Lutheran Church & School [WELS]

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W W W . I G O O D S H E P H E R D . O R G



Welcome to Good Shepherd! We welcome our guests joining us as well today. Thanks for being here! We belong to a family of faith whom God gathers to hear the message of His grace in Jesus. We'd love to have you be with us again soon.

A lounge for parents needing to quiet small children is located at the rear of church. The room has a clear window for viewing and is equipped with a speaker system.

TODAY'S FOCUS

Today is *Valentine's Day*, a hearts day. Today is *Ash Wednesday*, an ashes day. This is the start of the church season of Lent. How fitting that Ash Wednesday falls on this day. Over these next few weeks before Easter we see God's passionate love in giving His Son Jesus Christ. We see the ashes of our sin and guilt washed away from us as adopted children of God. We hear compassionate words of the living Savior Jesus. He sought, found, gathered, rescued us. Every day God fully and freely forgives us for His sake.

To Prepare Our Hearts for Worship

When you've found a place to sit, take a few minutes before the start of worship to quietly meditate and prepare to worship. A prayer like this may help focus your mind: *Heavenly Father, I'm here to worship You. You gathered Your flock to hear You and to encourage our hearts. Please give us hearts a ready and eager to hear and follow Your Word.*

When I see the ashes of my guilty sin, keep me thankful that You washed me clean. Restore my heart so that I respond with hearty praise and thanks. Amen.

WELCOMING SONG

NOT ALL THE BLOOD OF BEASTS

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LEADER: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.
O LORD, open my lips.

PEOPLE: And my mouth shall declare Your praise.

As it is written, Behold, we are going up to Jerusalem. O Jerusalem, Jerusalem,
you kill the prophets and stone those sent to you.

And everything that is written by the prophets about the Son of Man will be fulfilled. (Matthew 23:37)

Just as Moses lifted up the snake in the desert, so the Son of Man must be lifted up, that everyone who believes in Him may have eternal life.
(John 3:14,15)

He will be handed over to the Gentiles who will mock Him and insult Him,

All who see Me mock Me; they hurl insults, shaking their heads: "He trusted in the LORD; let the LORD rescue Him. Let him deliver Him, since He delights in Him. (Psalm 22:7,8)

They will spit on Him, flog Him and kill Him,

If anyone would come after Me, he must deny himself and take up his cross and follow Me.
(Matthew 16:24)



MATTHEW 16:24

And on the third day He will rise again.

PRAYER Almighty and eternal God, You hate nothing You have made; You forgive the sins of those who are penitent. Create in us new and contrite hearts that we truly repent of our sins, acknowledge our wretchedness, and by faith in Christ alone obtain perfect forgiveness from You, the God of all mercy. We ask this through Your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. He lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Thomas Cranmer, 1549

OLD TESTAMENT RESPONSORY FROM PSALM 51

Have mercy on me, O God, according to Your steadfast love. According to Your abundant mercy, blot out my transgressions. Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity. Cleanse me from my sin.

Create in me a clean heart, O God. Put a new and right spirit within me.

Against You, You alone, have I sinned and done what is evil in Your sight. You are justified in Your sentence and blameless when You pass judgment. Indeed, I was born guilty. I was a sinner when my mother conceived me.

Create in me a clean heart, O God. Put a new and right spirit within me.

Therefore, teach me wisdom in my secret heart. Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean. Wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow. Let me hear joy and gladness. Let the bones that You have crushed rejoice. Hide Your face from my sins.

Create in me a clean heart, O God. Put a new and right spirit within me.

Blot out all my iniquities. Do not cast me away from Your presence. Do not take Your Holy Spirit from me. Restore to me the joy of your salvation. Sustain in me a willing spirit. O LORD. Open my lips, and my mouth will declare Your praise.

Create in me a clean heart, O God. Put a new and right spirit within me.

“Return to the LORD your God, for He is gracious and compassionate!” Joel 2

NEW TESTAMENT READINGS:

LUKE 12:13-21, REVELATION 3:1-3

ADULT CHOIR: *Once Upon A Tree*

Pepper Choplin

INSTRUCTION IN THE WORD

JOEL 2:12-19

Hearts & Ashes

GATHERING OF THANK-OFFERINGS

INTERCESSORY PRAYERS

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be Thy name,
Thy kingdom come,
Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For Thine is the kingdom
and the power
and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

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THE LORD’S SUPPER

Dear friends gathered by our Father,

At Good Shepherd we still follow the Scripture's teaching and tested practice of close communion. We believe God gathers His believers together and publicly unites us in the same Christian faith.

We believe and hold to all God's teachings as He has revealed them in His Word. We can hardly wait for the time when all Christians are united in His Word and be blessed by His sacrament.

Please let us introduce you to our pastors. We readily provide Bible information courses for any questions you may have. Thank you.

For whom is the Lord’s Supper?



Matthew 26:26

Jesus took bread, gave thanks and broke it, and gave it to **His disciples**, saying, “Take and eat; this is **My** body.”



1 Corinthians 11:24

and when He had given thanks, He broke it and said, “This is **My** body, which is **for you**; do this **in remembrance of Me**.”

1 Corinthians 11:28

A man ought to **examine** himself **before** he **eats** of the bread and **drinks** of the cup.



Romans 16:17

....watch out for those who **cause divisions** and **put obstacles** in your way that are contrary to the teaching you have learned. **Keep away** from them.



1 Corinthians 10:16

The **cup of blessing** that we give thanks for, is it not a **sharing** in the **blood of Christ**?

1 Corinthians 10:16

The **bread** that we break, is it not a sharing in the **body of Christ**?



CONSECRATION AND DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

WHAT GRACE IS THIS 395

SWEET THE MOMENTS 400

JESUS COMES TODAY 668



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BLESSING

PARTING SONG “*MY FEELINGS*” Dr. Martin Luther TUNE: 552 “THE KING OF LOVE”

My feelings come; my feelings go;
my feelings are deceiving;
my warrant is the Word of God-
-naught else is worth believing.

Though all my heart should feel condemned
for want of some sweet token,
There is One greater than my heart
Whose Word cannot be broken.

I trust in God's unchanging Word
‘till soul and body sever,
for, though all things shall pass away,
HIS WORD SHALL STAND FOREVER!”



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INTO
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MY SELF-ASSESSMENT CHRISTIAN FAMILY LOVE REPORT CARD

A = Almost Always; Amazing progress

B = Best effort; Better than before

C = Could Care more; Coming along

D = Doesn't usually try

F = Forgets Frequently



	Week 1	Week 2	Week 3	Week 4	Week 5	Week 6
AFFECTION: words, actions, hugs						
APPRECIATION: gratitude, attention						
RESPECT: opinions, ideas, decisions						
UNDERSTANDING: patience, forgiveness						
OPENNESS: honesty, truthfulness, sharing						
FUN: playfulness, enjoyment, time together						
DIRECTION: guidance, correction, challenge						
LISTENING: attentiveness, consideration						
RESPONSIBILITY: helpfulness, reliability						
PRAYERFULNESS: prayer for, prayer with						

Commitment: I ask Jesus Christ to work in me to be and show my love more by:

Week 1:

Week 2:

Week 3:

Week 4:

Week 5:

Week 6:

WELCOME TO GOOD SHEPHERD



Our mission is simple and bold:

We seek to *grow in faith and knowledge* of our Savior Jesus. We want to *make Him known to others* so they, too, might share in the joy Jesus won for them.

OUR WEEK WITH JESUS

Sunday 18

9:00 am

Worship

2:00 pm

10:15 am

Sunday School and Bible Study

Monday 19

Cable TV of **Last week's service** Solarus Ch 3 & Spectrum Ch 985

11:00 am

Coffee w/ Christ @ Grace's

2:00 pm

Ladies Group

6:30 pm

Choir

Wednesday 21

6:30 pm

Confirmation Class

Thursday 22

5:30 pm

Fellowship meal

6:30 pm

Worship

Sunday 25

9:00 am

Worship

10:15 am

Sunday School and Bible Study

Worship Online 24/7 at live.1goodshepherd.org

Birthdays this week: (18) Wendy Goerke (19) Stephen Huber (20) Alan Shepard, Everest Skibba, (21) Rusty Roe (22) Amanda Henriksen (23) Kaelyn Green, David Hoppe (24) Ellie Timm, Joslyn Timm

Usher Teams

02/18

Chris Rhein & Bruce Mohns

02/25

David Hoppe & Andy Hogan

03/03

Dwight Gilbert & Ron Fregein

Sympathy Cards for Jeff & Christi Weingart & family as they mourn the death of their son, Emerson and his wife, Gina may be sent to their home address:

245 County Road Z Nekoosa, WI 54457

Jesus said, "I am the resurrection and the life. Whoever believes in Me will live, even if he dies. And whoever lives and believes in Me will never perish." (John 11:25)



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**Our Extended & Growing
Family of Faith remains in our prayers to God our Father**



Andy Hogan Dr. Kevin & Therese Miller
Pat Tesch Emily Erwin Becky Thorpe
Connie Heitl Chris Ryun Pat & Al Rozelle
Diane Bannerman Elmer Loechler Alberta Schroeder
Lynn & Deb Ives Family of Curtis Schultz
Bill & Elaine Harrington Betty Havlik Brad Roberts
Lauren Thomas Sam & Becky Piper Jon Mittelsteadt
Gloria Kraus, Kim Mittelsteadt's mom
Jerry & Donna Marks Troy Marks Jerry & Marcie Wiessinger
Jeff Mohns Kaden Kreutzer Judy Melke (Pastor John's mom)
Dr. Rev. Karl and Karen Kuenzel in Ecuador
Sonia in India Melissa in England, Syed Gul in Pakistan
Junita in Hong Kong Forrest & Dyde -France
Mandy Ehlke & Family Pastor Mike Wolff
Dr. Cheli & DeeDee Marichal family
Gloria Walters in NY Pat Hunziker in IN
Elizabeth in CA Janet in CA Kristin in USA Sean Jenkins in TN



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Easter Outreach

On Saturday, March 16, at 9:00 AM we are meeting at church to go out into our community and distribute Easter flyers inviting our neighbors to our Easter Sunday worship services, breakfast and egg hunt. You don't need to sign-up. Speak with Pastor John if you have any questions. Thank you for supporting our evangelism efforts!

EASTER MATTERS BECAUSE HE LIVES!

**Our Parish Nurse, Kathy Lee
will be doing blood pressure
screenings before church,
on the 2nd Sunday of each
month.**

