

Good Shepherd  
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# THE STAFF NEWSLETTER

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## SEPTEMBER

*What's happening at Good Shepherd*



Wow, September already!

The year is going by so quickly!

We are doing okay with our finances. The bills are being paid on time. Pastor David has been busy trying to meet with as many members as he can. In an effort to do this and with many things his wisdom as a Pastor can help us with, we would like to increase his weekly hours. He has done so much to help us already but with only 3 hours a week, he can only do so much. With your continued help, we can hopefully add a few more hours. I know most of us are doing our best, but every little bit extra helps. God has blessed us richly! Let's all pitch in and do what we can to help our congregation to continue to get stronger. With God's help all things are possible.

As always please contact me if you have any questions or concerns. I will do my best to answer or find answers for you.

Respectfully,  
Enid Branham  
Treasurer

Pastor David Andert will be with us on September 14th and September 21st. Holy Communion will be celebrated on those two Sundays.





When I was serving as a called pastor of a congregation, I always enjoyed the new member classes. There was a sense of excitement, anticipation and energy as people made a commitment to join the church.

Near the end of the classes I would ask people why they were joining, what they expected from the congregation, and what they were committing to the congregation. I think of them as the "What is expected of me?" and "What will I get out of it?" questions. I ask the same questions any time I join any organization. In business it is called a cost-benefit analysis.

As we ponder the future of Good Shepherd Church, it is time for each of us to re-ask those questions. Why is the church here and what does it offer to me and to the community? What is my role and what is expected of me? What can I do as a member of the church? What will I do as a member of the church? What would be lost if this congregation did not exist in Janesville?

Lutheran pastor and theologian David Lose has said on numerous occasions that the decline of our churches will stop the day a critical mass of those who attend church - not even a majority, a critical mass is less than 30% - the decline of our churches will stop the day fewer than 30% of those who attend church.

1. Know why they value their participation in church, and
2. Can and do share it with others.

I invite you to think about these questions and to be prepared to talk with others about your responses. We ask for God's gracious guiding as we move into a faithful future.

Blessings,  
Pastor David Andert



Sep 4	Connor Jacob
Sep 7	Reggie Hare
Sep 8	Kaleb Isaacs
Sep 15	Denise Crandall
Sep 19	Tabitha Hornby
Sep 22	Colton Fellows
Sep 22	Emma Fellows
Sep 24	Zander Olson
Sep 28	Cristina Hanada
Sep 28	Carter Risch
Sep 30	Enid Branham
Sep 30	Gloria Jacobson
Sep 30	Todd Sullivan



Sep 4	Steve & Sarah Jacob
Sep 11	Bill & Janice Hendrickson
Sep 16	Alyse & Gary Schoeberle
Sep 26	Kandy & Jeff Kirkpatrick
Sep 29	Jerry & Robin Kuter



God is great And God in good!

And we thank Him

For...

His Word and Sacrament,

His love and presence,

His help these past 6 months,

His Spirit that has given us hope and guidance,

And Everyone who has kept Good Shepherd going!

On **Sunday, September 21** we will have a "Thank You" celebration day, because God has kept Good Shepherd going! Who are we thanking? First and foremost, God! Then, everyone who has:

been faithful in coming in regularly on Sundays;

supported Good Shepherd with prayers;

given financially;

helped keep the church functioning;

participated in Worship and Bible studies;

served on Council;

done unnoticed tasks;

stepped up and helped;

brought items for ECHO;

mowed the lawn and kept the property looking great!

Six months ago, there were many people who didn't think Good Shepherd would still be in existence another half a year. But, "Our God is the God of Possibilities," and He has helped us more than we could have predicted or asked for. So, please join us on Sunday, September 21, for a Potluck lunch following the worship service.

Please invite your family and friends to join us that day as well!

Cordy Madorin, Council President



Echo items were delivered; 70 over the past 3 months.

The position of ECHO representative is still open. It consists of attending monthly meetings, assisting with fund raising and keeping the church informed. If anyone is interested, please call Ruth Demmon.

Work is in progress on a handout (brochure, flier) for the church. Any suggestions are welcome.

Ruth Demmon,  
Care & Concern

We will be collecting the following items to donate to ECHO.

**September**—Peanut Butter

**October**—Canned or Dry Soup

**November**—Cranberries and Canned Pumpkin

**December**—Canned Fruit

We will continue to schedule games on Fridays from 12:00 to 2:00 pm through September.



Join us for worship live on our Facebook page every Sunday morning at <https://www.facebook.com/GoodShepherdJanesville>



#### WEEKLY OFFERINGS JULY 2025

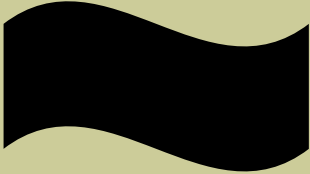
07/06/25	\$836.00
07/13/25	\$1,130.00
07/20/25	\$1,745.00
07/27/25	\$1,011.00



# SEPTEMBER



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 <b>Church Office Closed</b>  <b>LABOR DAY</b>	2	3	4 <u>8:00 am</u> Men's Group	5 <u>9:30 am—</u> <u>Noon</u> —Friday Fun Day  <u>12:00—2:00 pm</u> Games	6
7 <u>10:00 am</u> Worship Svc	8 <b>Church Office Closed</b>  <u>7:00 pm</u> Boy Scouts	9	10	11 <u>8:00 am</u> Men's Group	12 <u>9:30 am—</u> <u>Noon</u> —Friday Fun Day  <u>12:00—2:00 pm</u> Games	13
14 <u>10:00 am</u> Worship Svc-Rev. Andert with communion <u>11:00 am</u> Council Meeting	15 <b>Church Office Closed</b>  <u>7:00 pm</u> Boy Scouts	16 <u>10:00 am to 2:00 pm</u> Red Hat Picnic	17	18 <u>8:00 am</u> Men's Group	19 <u>9:30 am—</u> <u>Noon</u> —Friday Fun Day  <u>12:00—2:00 pm</u> Games	20 <u>10:00 am</u> Deadline for October news- letter articles
21 <u>10:00 am</u> Worship Svc-Rev Andert with communion <u>11:00 am</u> Potluck	22 <b>Church Office Closed</b>  <u>7:00 pm</u> Boy Scouts	23	24	25 <u>8:00 am</u> Men's Group	26 <u>9:30 am—</u> <u>Noon</u> —Friday Fun Day  <u>12:00—2:00 pm</u> Games	27
28 <u>10:00 am</u> Worship Svc	29 <b>Church Office Closed</b>  <u>7:00 pm</u> Boy Scouts	30				



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**Sunday Worship**  
10:00 am

**Office Hours**  
Tuesday—Friday  
9:30 am—3:30 pm



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of Wisconsin

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