

Good Shepherd
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THE STAFF NEWSLETTER

OCTOBER

What's happening at Good Shepherd



Happy Autumn!

The year is just flying by, isn't it? It's getting to that time of year when we need to start making plans for next year's 'Time and Talents' and in my mind that includes what we are planning on giving back to our Lord, both with our time and our finances.

We are doing better than we were 9 months ago, but I'm hoping we can do even better. We are paying our bills on time, but we don't have much of a cushion. The Rainy Day Fund, as we build it, will hopefully help if something unexpected comes up. But if we can each stretch just a little more, it would help. I know times are not easy. But truly every little bit helps.

I pray that our Lord hears the prayers of Good Shepherd and blesses us abundantly, as always. His will be done!

Respectfully,
Enid Branham, Treasurer



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| Oct 4 | Lori Litin | Oct 18 | Michelle Boardman |
| Oct 6 | Tami Schoeller | Oct 19 | Amanda Schoeberle |
| Oct 8 | Todd Bogner | Oct 22 | Craig Edgecomb |
| Oct 10 | Bill Schnell | Oct 22 | Connie Masterson |
| Oct 11 | Todd Treder | Oct 27 | Erin Loveland |
| Oct 12 | Lacy Anderson | Oct 28 | Denny Knopes |
| Oct 12 | Vicki Langdok | Oct 29 | Carol Connors |
| Oct 16 | Jack Hendricks | Oct 29 | Naomi Nelson |
| Oct 16 | Mike Hornby | Oct 30 | Dawn Schlegel |



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| Bill & Sue Schnell |
| October 1 |
| Dean & Denise Crandall |
| October 5 |
| Jonathan & Brittany Itnyre |
| October 25 |



As we continue pondering the future of Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, I invite you to pray about the following thoughts and to ask yourself, "Where do I fit in this picture? What is my role? What am I willing and planning to do and give to influence this future?"

Traditionally a Christian church is seen to have five major responsibilities or reasons to exist. Every congregation fulfills some better than others. All are necessary and must, at least basically, exist for a church to continue.

Worship – We gather regularly to praise God and to build our relationship with God. Our Sunday gatherings are meant to inspire, instruct, uplift and renew us in our relationship with God. Is that your experience?

Education – We change, life changes, the world changes. Every living thing changes. Our faith also needs to grow as we meet these changes. How is the church doing at helping you and others with that growth?

Fellowship – We are encouraged and instructed in life and in faith by our interaction with other Christians. What opportunities for that interaction do we offer? How are they received and used?

Outreach – From the beginning Jesus said, "Go and make disciples" (Matthew 28). This is not a survival strategy. It is because the message we have is too valuable to keep to ourselves – it is meant for everyone. What are the ways we do that? Are there other ideas that should be tried?

Serve - Having spent the last year in Luke's Gospel we have been reminded over and over of Jesus' concern for the poor and the outcast, for those alone or in need. In actions and in influence, how are we doing at addressing need and injustice, at giving hope and peace?

This is just a basic introduction to the reasons a church exists. Chapter 4, "Statement of Purpose" in our congregational constitution covers this list more fully. I invite you to review it (There is a copy attached to the church directory or it is available from the church office.)

How satisfied are you with Good Shepherd's involvement in these responsibilities? What is our potential for growth in them? What would be lost to the community if Good Shepherd were not here?

I look forward to discussing these questions with you.

Pastor David Andert

ECHO collections for October will be **Canned or Dry Soup**



Coming events are: "Empty Bowls" at the Woodman's Sports & Convention Center on October 18th from 11:00 am to 2:00 pm.



The church brochure is in its final stages, and we are looking for printing options and paper choices. Also, we are discussing how the brochure should be used.

Game day on Fridays has had very few participants and will be discontinued in October. It has been fun with small groups being able to talk, share, have lunch, and work on a jigsaw puzzle.

Beginning Wednesday, October 1st at 10:00 am, and every Wednesday following, we will be watching the TV series, The Chosen. We will watch one episode per week. Everyone is welcome—bring a friend! Coffee and cookies will be provided.

We will also focus on after church coffee hour for socialization.

October 19th, after church, we will have a short informational meeting on safety in our building regarding fire extinguisher placement, exits, fuse boxes, and storm safety. We will provide information on the AED, if requested.

Ruth Demmon
Care & Concern



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



WEEKLY OFFERINGS AUGUST 2025

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| 08/03/25 | \$3,265.00 |
| 08/10/25 | \$1,650.00 |
| 08/17/25 | \$1,815.00 |
| 08/24/25 | \$670.00 |
| 08/31/25 | \$580.00 |



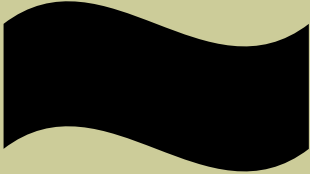
On September 21st, we gathered for a "Thank God and each other" potluck. Thank you to Kris Arneson for providing photos!





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| | | | 1 <u>10:00 am</u> Viewing of The Chosen | 2 <u>8:00 am</u> Men's Group | 3 <u>9:30 am—</u> <u>Noon</u> —Friday Fun Day | 4 |
| 5 <u>10:00 am</u> Worship Svc <u>11:00 am</u> Council Meeting | 6 Church Office Closed <u>7:00 pm</u> Boy Scouts | 7 | 8 <u>10:00 am</u> Viewing of The Chosen | 9 <u>8:00 am</u> Men's Group | 10 <u>9:30 am—</u> <u>Noon</u> —Friday Fun Day | 11 |
| 12 <u>10:00 am</u> Worship – with Pastor David Andert | 13 Church Office Closed <u>7:00 pm</u> Boy Scouts | 14 | 15 <u>10:00 am</u> Viewing of The Chosen | 16 <u>8:00 am</u> Men's Group | 17 <u>9:30 am—</u> <u>Noon</u> —Friday Fun Day | 18 |
| 19 <u>10:00 am</u> Worship – with Pastor David Andert | 20 Church Office Closed <u>10:00 am</u> Deadline for November newsletter articles <u>7:00 pm</u> Boy Scouts | 21 | 22 <u>10:00 am</u> Viewing of The Chosen | 23 <u>8:00 am</u> Men's Group | 24 <u>9:30 am—</u> <u>Noon</u> —Friday Fun Day | 25 |
| 26 <u>10:00 am</u> Worship – with Pastors David and Anne Andert— Reformation Sunday | 27 Church Office Closed <u>7:00 pm</u> Boy Scouts | 28 | 29 <u>10:00 am</u> Viewing of The Chosen | 30 <u>8:00 am</u> Men's Group | 31 <u>9:30 am—</u> <u>Noon</u> —Friday Fun Day | |



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Sunday Worship
10:00 am

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



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