

Good Shepherd
Lutheran Church
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THE STAFF NEWSLETTER

APRIL

What's happening at Good Shepherd



We will have Holy Communion during our
worship services on
April 5 & 19.



Maundy Thursday Service
With Holy Communion
April 2nd—12:00 pm

Good Friday Service
April 3rd—12:00 pm

Easter Sunday Service
With Holy Communion
April 5th—10:00 am

**JANESVILLE
AREA**
**CROP
HUNGER WALK** 
ENDING HUNGER ONE STEP AT A TIME

The 2026 CROP Hunger Walk is Sunday, April 26th. It starts and ends at Cargill United Methodist Church, 2000 Wesley Avenue, Janesville. Registration is from 1:00 pm through 1:30 pm. The Prayer/Walk kicks off at 1:30 pm. Proceeds will benefit ECHO and CWS. Please contact Kris Arneson at 608-754-8739 for more information.



Lent has been a wonderful experience. On Sundays we've once again heard those marvelous stories from John's Gospel, stories of Jesus' working – healing, teaching, making whole, and bringing life. On Wednesdays we've gathered under the theme, "I Love to tell the Story." Thank you to Syd Rauworth for telling of his experiences with jail chaplaincy, Karen Seltz for sharing about Christ's work in and through her as a hospice social worker, Tami Schoeller for testifying about Christ's presence in her health journey, and to Ruth Demmon for taking us on a historical and ecumenical journey to England. We have been blessed with encouraging and inspiring reflections to help guide our faith journeys.

We continue our Lenten journey with worship at 10:00 am on Palm Sunday, noon worship on Maundy Thursday and Good Friday, and celebrating the Resurrection of Jesus at 10:00 on Easter Sunday. I hope you can join Good Shepherd for worship and for the wonderful fellowship times after worship.

We are moving into Spring. Birds, and snowbirds, are returning. Green is starting to show up on our plants. Gardens are being planned and prepared. New ideas are being proposed and tried to renew and strengthen the congregation. (Remember there is now a potluck following worship on the third Sunday each month.) Bring your ideas and enthusiasm. Talk with other about your thoughts. There is a positive and hope-filled spirit about. Join in. Celebrate the New-Life-Victory of Easter in our daily activities.

Have a blessed Easter Season,
Pastor David Andert

He is Risen! He is Risen indeed!!

I hope you have a wonderful Easter!

The bank accounts are doing ok, thanks to you all stepping up and doing the best you can. We can't let up though, so please keep doing what you are doing. I truly appreciate being able to pay all of our bills on time. I'm hoping that if our offerings can keep going and maybe even kick up a bit, we can build a bit of a cushion, in case something big comes up.

The next step in moving forward is that we need people to step up into leadership positions. We need a Worship and Music council representative. Mike Hornby and I are trying to cover the position but we each have responsibilities for the positions we actually hold. If you are interested in serving in this way, please contact anyone of our council members.

As always if you have any questions, please contact me!

Respectfully,
Enid Branham
Treasurer





Church News

Happy Easter! As Paul would say "Grace and Peace to You." I am a terrible newsletter writer. So, if this looks like a list to you, know that I'm trying to keep you as informed as I can.

Easter is the time we remember Jesus' resurrection or rebirth. It's also the time where here in Wisconsin the snow is leaving and when the weather becomes more bearable to be outside to watch as our plants spring forth in their rebirth. We at Good Shepherd are trying to resurrect our community of church worship. We are averaging 20 participants in Sunday worship. Our participants watching our videos seems to be growing, but the stats are hard to interpret from Facebook, so if you're watching the video, please leave a comment, even if all you say is 'Hi'. That will give us a better count on who is watching. Also, if you are watching and want to celebrate communion, we will soon be implementing a way for you to do that at home while watching. We hope to announce the procedure soon.

We have one new sign/banner up and it looks good. Have you noticed it yet?

We our first Monthly Pot Luck in March with a good turn out and great food. Our next one is on April 19th. Think about joining us after the worship service. We'll probably eat at about noon +/- . All the other Potlucks will be held the 3rd Sunday of every month. I hope I am able to see faces I haven't seen in a while. All are welcome.

We have a mowing schedule set up so that our lawn always looks nice. We could always use help with our weeding, if anyone has any spare moments. Call Dick McWilliams or the church office if you're able to help in that capacity.

Speaking of calling the church, it has come to my attention that many of us wait until Thursdays to talk to Lori about things that could be handled by a quick phone call. Her Office Hours are Tuesdays through Fridays from 9:30 to 3:30 with a 1-hour unpaid lunch break. Please use these times to talk with her, or you could just send an e-mail. She will answer all calls and e-mails. The church number, if you've misplaced it, is: **608-754-0067**. You can also send her a text to the church mobile phone at **608-607-1497** if you prefer that to emailing.

We have a couple of great counters for our offerings, but they have been doing it non-stop for a couple of years. If anyone could spend a 1/2 hour or less after church to count our offerings, I'm sure the current counters would welcome a respite. Again, call the church to 'offer' your services (or talent).

Like our services lately? How about thinking about being a co-chairman of our Worship and Music Committee? Call the church with any ideas or offers to help.

I know this was a lot, but as Uncle Sam always says, "We Need YOU!"

Sincerely Yours in Christ, Mike Hornby (608-295-7258)



Good Shepherd Council Minutes for February 8, 2026

Meeting called to order by President Mike Hornby at 11:24 am. She “wants us to be a team.” Mike led the meeting by leading with The Apostle’s Creed and a short prayer.

Present was (President) Mike Hornby, Terry Seltz (Stewardship), Ruth Demmon (care/concern), Enid Branham (Treasurer), Syd Rauworth (Parish Education), Juanita Habeck (Secretary), and Pastor David Andert. Absent was Dick McWilliams (Property/Grounds)

Minutes from 1/4/26 and 1/18/2026 (Annual Meeting) were read by each. Enid made a motion to accept both minutes as typed, Syd seconded the motion, 6 yes, 1 abstain.

Reports

Ruth told us that the warming tree would remain up as long as the weather continued to stay cold. Some items have been taken to the Gifts Shelter and Mercy Care. There was a good response for our ECHO collection in January. Karen & Terry would be delivering the items to ECHO on 2/9. The sign-up for Lenten Soup & Bread is full.

Syd: They would be finishing the study of the prophets and would be starting the book of Job 2622

Terry: Nothing to report for Stewardship

Enid: For worship/music, she has redone the preaching schedule. If there are any issues, please let her know. She is working on the organist scheduling, as there are many open times to fill. She will be checking with other Lutheran churches to see if they may have or know someone who could help. Sylvia has an unknown return date due to family concerns.

Charlotte is still not ready to return but will check with her to see if she has ideas of who can help. Mike will also check with Knapton Music for suggestions. Possible use of Hymns on CD's or tapes may be an option. Mike is also checking the altar candles, the sound system and adjusting the heat as needed. Possibly try "Hymn of the Month" or new versions of songs. Also, it was suggested that maybe this should be co-chairs, instead of 1 person.

Enid: Treasurer Report - Regular account has \$3505.82, Special Account has \$1480.60, Rainy Day Account has \$857.64, for a total of \$5843.62. Our 30-year loan taken out by Dan Milbrandt has a balance of \$97,494.90. We pay \$422 monthly (principal/2.75% interest) and has a maturity date of 6/28/2050. The loan was transferred from Dan to Enid. 1099's were sent out to Tami Schoeller, Pastor Anne, Pastor David and Pastor Janice. Have not received a bill from K&W for snow removal, so she will be checking with them to see if we have a balance.

Pastor David: Pastor Report - the Synod Assembly needs hosts for the May event and he would like to have 5 volunteers from the congregation. The Lenten schedule has been set and he would like to do a more informal service and put chairs into a circle. Being spread out looks unwelcoming; a circle promotes togetherness.

The books need to be audited, so the council needs to get a committee, but no one on council can be on the committee. It must be done by 3/31/2026.



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Budget Committee needs to be assigned. Mike and Enid will select 3 people.

Would like to renew subscription for Living Lutheran Magazine for another year (10 copies).

Would like his contract to be a short term rather than open ended, with responsibilities listed -put on the agenda for March.

He has talked with other churches on the downsizing and sharing (ideas, buildings, etc.). We need to know our target audience! Pastor and Terry will talk about our outside sign - "catchy phrases" to draw attention to us.

Enid made a motion to accept reports as given, Ruth seconded the motion, 6 yes, 1 abstention.

New Business

Ruth made a motion (starting 3/15) that every 3rd Sunday we have a potluck instead of coffee hour, Enid seconded, 6 yes, 1 abstention.

We need to choose a theme & mission, brainstorm ideas for short-term.

There will be no meeting in August. Months were chosen to open/close the church.

Terms of Office (committee) were discussed. Every 3 years the Constitution needs to be revised, President -Elect should head this.

Need to have written record of who actually has keys to the church. Check with Dick.

No other New Business.

Old Business

Membership needs to be straightened out, set up a committee with 1 council member. Enid will work with Lori and ask others for help.

Enid made a motion do adjourn the meeting at 1:15 pm, seconded by Terry, 6 yes, 1 abstention.

Submitted by Juanita Habeck



Bob Hornby was awarded the Outstanding Eagle Scout Award upon nomination by the Glacier's Edge Council and Scouting America at the recent Glacier's Edge Council Recognition dinner. This award is granted to Eagle Scouts who distinguish themselves in their life work and who share their talents with their communities on a voluntary basis. Bob has distinguished himself through his career as a Mechanical Engineer and through continued service to God, country, and other people by following the principles of the Scout Oath and Scout Law. Bob has met community service needs through voluntary actions in Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, Wisconsin Hunter Safety, Ducks Unlimited, and others. Bob has been Scoutmaster of Troop 516 for 40 years and Advisor for Crew 516 for 25 years which are sponsored by Good Shepherd Lutheran church. The Outstanding Eagle Scout Award is a National award that has not been presented to anyone in Wisconsin for over 20 years.

Thank you Good Shepherd Lutheran church for sponsoring the scouting units and helping make a difference in our youths' lives.



**WEEKLY OFFERINGS
FEBRUARY 2026**

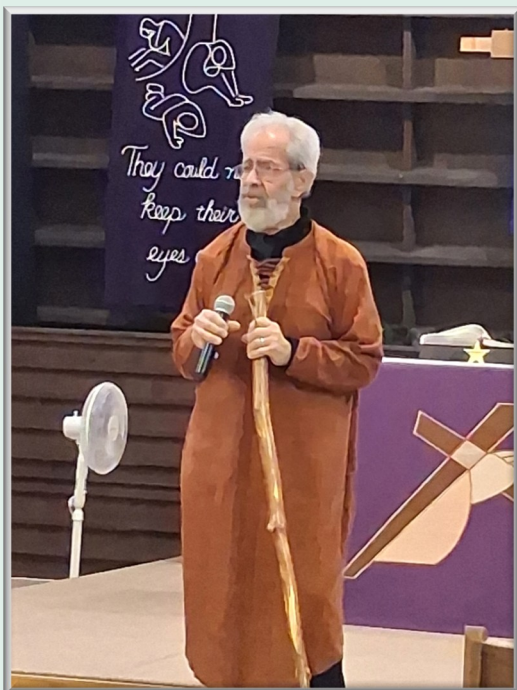
		Attendance
2/1/26	\$1330.00	18
2/8/26	\$5558.00	25
2/15/26	\$1110.00	20
2/22/26	\$2220.00	18
Total	\$10,218.00	



You can now send your offerings electronically through our website (goodshepherdjanesville.org) via PayPal.



- Apr 1 Eli Boll
- Apr 4 Zach Michaels
- Apr 6 Jordan Isaacs
- Apr 14 Cora Scheidegger-Henry
- Apr 20 Karie Andrews
- Apr 21 Dorothy Salzman
- Apr 23 Sharon Blanchard
- Apr 25 Jodi Berberich
- Apr 28 Colton Waltz
- Apr 28 Haley Waltz
- Apr 30 Pamela Frye
- Apr 30 Belinda Hornby

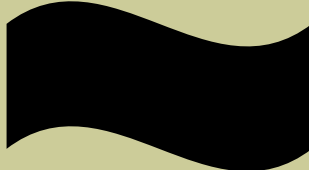


A few photos from our worship service and St. Patrick's Day potluck on March 15th. Thank you to Kris Arneson for the photos!



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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2 8:00 am Men's Group 12:00 pm Maundy Thursday Service	3 12:00 pm Good Friday Service	4
5 10:00 am Easter Sunday Worship Service with Holy Communion	6 Church Office Closed 7:00 pm Boy Scouts	7	8	9 8:00 am Men's Group	10	11
12 10:00 am Worship Service	13 Church Office Closed 7:00 pm Boy Scouts	14	15	16 8:00 am Men's Group	17	18
19 10:00 am Worship Service with Holy Communion 11:00 am Council Meeting	20 Church Office Closed 10:00 am Deadline for May newsletter articles 7:00 pm Boy Scouts	21	22	23 8:00 am Men's Group	24	25
26 10:00 am Worship Service 1:30 pm CROP Walk	27 Church Office Closed 7:00 pm Boy Scouts	28	29	30 8:00 am Men's Group		



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Sunday Worship
10:00 am

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



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