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THE STAFF NEWSLETTER

SEPTEMBER

What's happening at Good Shepherd

On Saturday, October 3rd, from 6:00 am to 6:00 pm, members of First Lutheran and Good Shepherd are invited to be a part of a prayer vigil we are holding in the Good Shepherd sanctuary. It is open to all members, friends, and community.

One of the focuses this year is seeking God's direction as decisions are made for the future of both congregations.

Prayer is a two-way conversation with God; listening to Him more than talking to Him. Psalm 46:10 "Be still and know that I am God." However, we are invited to take our needs, wants, and praise to Him. There will be a door keeper for reminding us to be quiet and for safety.

A prayer vigil is a time to "STOP and SPEND time with God." How much time? At least ½ hour, but stay as long as you want. The goal is to have someone in the sanctuary continuously for the 12 hours. A sign-up poster will be in the fellowship area beginning September 6th. Can you commit to ½ hour or more of listening/talking with God?

Ruth Demmon
Care & Concern

In August, we celebrated Ruth Demmon's birthday. Thank you, Ruth, for everything you do for us!

Tough Questions

Sometimes the Sunday morning Bible readings invite us to ponder the questions that might be "stumbling blocks" to our faith. When asked, people report important and difficult questions about heaven & hell, faith & works, sin, forgiveness and reconciliation. There are questions about science & faith, about the Bible and how we are to interpret it. There are questions about politics, prayer and suffering. There are questions about what we believe and how we live as Christians. There are questions about our future and the future of the congregation.

Sometimes questions and doubts are depicted as enemies of faith. And they can be that. But often it is just the opposite. Questions and doubts can be the doors that lead to growing faith, greater commitment, and deeper understanding and trust in God and in God's love and mercy. It is not wrong to ask questions about our faith.

For years I have treasured the thought from the prophet Isaiah (55:8-9). God says, "My thoughts are not your thoughts, nor are your ways my ways… As the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts." It is not just that God and I don't always act and think the same way, but that God's ways are always more faithful than mine. Sometimes I like to put it, "When God and I disagree, God is not the one who is wrong." Then my goal is to grow to more fully understand and trust God rather than try to correct God. The difficult part can be in the listening, and being open to being changed.

We are celebrating our growing relationship with First Lutheran Church. We are also moving into the very busy Fall schedule with an increase in attendance and activity. Both congregations have been blessed by this partnership. We need to be in prayerful conversations about how the relationship will evolve and grow for the benefit of each.

It is important to remember that the starting and ending point of our questions is the unconditional love of God. "For God so loved… that he gave" (John 3:16-17.) It is easier to deal with the questions when we remember that the relationship is secure, based in God's promises and actions.

I pray we will always be growing in our understanding of our faith and in our commitment to it. Faithful worship with the community of believers – and questioners – is an important element of our growth. See you in worship.

Blessings in Christ,
Pastor David Andert

For recordkeeping purposes, please only use the offering envelopes that were assigned to you at the beginning of the year.

WEEKLY OFFERINGS
JULY 2026

		Attendance	
7/5/26	744.00	67	**1 service**
7/12/26	1813.00		**1 service**
7/19/26	1207.00	62	**1 service**
7/26/26	1069.00	71	**1 service**
	$4833.00		

You can now send your offerings electronically through our website (goodshepherdjanesville.org) by clicking on the Support Our Ministry link.

South-Central Synod of Wisconsin

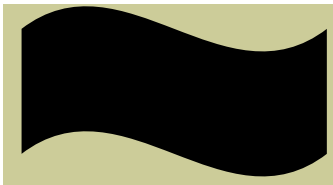
To keep current on news from the South-Central Synod of Wisconsin, visit https://scsw-elca.org/
You can also signup to have their weekly newsletter emailed to you: https://scsw-elca.org/news/

Sep 7	Reggie Hare
Sep 28	Cristina Hanada
Sep 30	Enid Branham
Sep 30	Gloria Jacobson
Sep 30	Todd Sullivan

Sep 11	Bill & Janice Hendrickson
Sep 26	Kandy & Jeffrey Kirkpatrick

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

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2	3 8:00 am Men's Group	4	5
6 10:00 am Worship Service with Holy Communion	7 **Church Office Closed** **LABOR DAY** 7:00 pm Boy Scouts	8	9	10 8:00 am Men's Group	11	12
13 10:00 am Worship Service with Holy Communion	14 **Church Office Closed** 7:00 pm Boy Scouts	15	16	17 8:00 am Men's Group	18	19
20 10:00 am Worship Service with Holy Communion—**Last Sunday of summer worship schedule** 10:00 am Deadline for October news-letter articles	21 **Church Office Closed** 7:00 pm Boy Scouts	22	23	24 8:00 am Men's Group	25	26
27 10:00 am One Church, One Table—One service in FLC parking lot. Potluck following. Good Shepherd is the rain location.	28 **Church Office Closed** 7:00 pm Boy Scouts	29	30			



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Sunday Worship
10:00 am

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