

ANNOUNCEMENTS 4-4-2021

Easter Garden~This year we will again adorn our altar with Easter lilies, tulips, and daffodils. If you choose to participate, we are asking you to purchase the flowers yourselves perhaps in memory of someone and remembering the promise of the resurrection. You are welcome to drop them off at Good Shepherd on Maundy Thursday or Good Friday. We will hold them in storage until Saturday and put them in place for you. Please be sure to clearly identify your flowers with a piece of masking tape or slip of paper taped to the bottom. You may take your flowers home any time after the 10:30 am service on Easter Sunday. Thank you for your participation!

“Do you have your seeds yet? After the extended winter, everyone is anxious to see some warmer weather which then turns to thoughts of green, growing plants. Whether you are into seeds or seedlings you may be wondering about garden space. The Good Shepherd Gardens will have plots available at \$20 deposit per plot with a \$15 rebate at the end of the season after the plot has been cleared. There is a maximum of 2 plots per person. Call Dee at the office 261-2570 for an application. Happy gardening!"

Our Good Shepherd Church family is phenomenal! From the time my husband and I were transported to Watertown’s hospital, Jim’s death, and my extensive recovery from COVID 19, the support we received from Pastor Groth and the congregation was unbelievable. Sharon Pederson set up delivered meals for our son, Brett, and me. Cards poured in nonstop. The all-time contributor was Karen Beckman on behalf of The Women of Good Shepherd. Our thanks to all of you who sent prayers to get us through this horrible pandemic. We miss Jim so much! Diane and Brett Strege.

All Voters’ Meeting Notice~An All-Voters’ Meeting will be held at 6:30 pm on Tuesday, April 27, at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church and School. Members are encouraged to attend as we approve the 2021-2022 budget and review other important topics related to the church. Thank you. Tim Raether – Chairman GSLCS

Next BOD meeting will be held on Monday, April 12, 7 pm, in the sanctuary, including a decision to go forward with Phase 2 of the Sanctuary Project. No all boards meeting due to the pandemic. Please wear masks and park in the top parking lot. Thank you.

Watertown Shared Community Mission Group is back packing bags of food for Weekend Food to Go and Grow. Things are a different this year that we have asked families to pick up their bags at Christ United Methodist Church on Thursday afternoon between 4 and 5 pm. Those that can't are being delivered. Watertown Food Pantry has donated most of the canned vegetables that Good Shepherd had been providing. Good Shepherd is the host church on Thursday April 29, 2021. There are bins to put them in inside the front door and in the fellowship hall next to the food pantry bin. Thank you for your help! Human Care Board

Youth group will not meet on Sunday April 4th. Enjoy your Easter!!!! Youth group will resume on Sunday April 11 – 6pm – 7:30pm.

Good Shepherd Youth Group will be staffing the Brat Haus on Saturday, July 17. Sneak peek - Brat of the week will be Jalapeno with Cheese. Please mark your calendar so you can support our youth group.

Stephen Ministry~Feeling depressed or anxious during these difficult times? Our Stephen Ministers can help! If you would like to set up a phone call or facetime appointment with a Stephen Minister, please call Kathy Wagner at (920) 285-0002.

Please pray for Edith Block, Dorothy Wegner, Burl Bely, Allison Knoll, Malachi Kurtz, Derek McKinnon, Tanya Demetropoulos, Eunice Huelse, Roberta Roser, and Al Dede now in hospice care.

Memory Verse: *This week's memory verse is from Romans 6:8-9 "Now if we have died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. We know that Christ, being raised from the dead, will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him."*

SWD Student Financial Aid~Students attending a Concordia University or Seminary, preparing for full-time church work in the LCMS (pastor, teacher, DCE, DCO, DCM, deaconess, DFLM, DPM) and are a member of a congregation in the South Wisconsin District - LCMS are eligible to apply for financial assistance from SWD. For more information and the two applications required to be considered for Financial Aid, visit the SWD website – swd.lcms.org – under Resources. The deadline is May 15.

Family Life – Michelle Gerlach

In the past year we have been forced to slow down and spend a lot more time at home. Many things that have previously kept us busy have been cancelled and we have had to look at how to fill that time gap. As things are starting to open up and activities are beginning to ramp up, I want to encourage you to take the time to invest in your child's spiritual development. Don't outsource your children's spiritual development to school, friends or even the church. YOU are the number one influence in your child's life. Here are some tips for family devotions.

1. Keep it simple and sustainable. Reading the Bible for 5 min and saying a prayer is a great way to invest in your child's spiritual development.
2. Be consistent. This will communicate to your family that their growth in Christ is a high priority.
3. Screens down and eyes up. Be proactive in removing every possible distraction.
4. Include everyone. If they're under your roof, they're under your care.
5. Read the Bible.
6. Pray
7. Don't talk yourself out of it.

Blessings on your week as you nurture your family's spiritual life. Michelle Gerlach, Family Life Coordinator