



*Good Shepherd
Lutheran Church
and Preschool*



2021 Guide Book & Directory

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Good Shepherd Lutheran Church

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Dear members and friends,

We rejoice in our life together here as the body of Christ. A union made possible by grace through faith in the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. We rejoice that you have made this your spiritual home. As a family, let us do our best to honor the victory that is ours in Jesus as St. Matthew writes, "In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven. Our light shining to those who are hurting spiritually, emotionally, and physically. In so doing, we honor our motto, "Cared for by Christ; we care for all others."

This directory contains names, addresses, and telephone numbers of our membership. It also contains information about Good Shepherd, the many ministries available, schedules, activities, and membership responsibilities as well as other items of interest. Good Shepherd offers many opportunities for members to carry out their "God-given mission" through worship, education, music, youth programs, fellowship, and community outreach.

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Good Shepherd is currently served by Reverend Timothy Seabaugh, Senior Pastor; David Stuckwisch, Director of Christian Education, and Jacob Erdman, Director of Parish Music. We are home to the Fox Cities Hmong Lutheran Church at Good Shepherd served by Reverend Chia Thao.

ESV Psalm 23:1 A Psalm of David. The LORD is my shepherd, I shall not want.

Yours in Christ,

Pastor Timothy Seabaugh

The Mission of Good Shepherd Lutheran Church

“The mission of Good Shepherd Lutheran Church is to teach and reach others through God’s Word and Love.”

Motto

“Cared for by Christ, we care for all others.”

Good Shepherd Lutheran Church Vision

The vision of Good Shepherd Lutheran Church is to flourish as a Christ-centered community that gives glory to God by using His Word and love to:

- invite and welcome others into membership;
- support and grow the ministry to all;
- and provide opportunities for spiritual growth and involvement.

Our Ministry Staff



Rev. Timothy Seabaugh, Pastor Seabaugh, is a native of Wisconsin. He graduated from Concordia Seminary in St. Louis with a Master of Divinity degree. He served Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Church, Onalaska, Wisconsin, on his vicarage year and served his field work assignment at St. Paul Lutheran Church, Columbia, Illinois. He served as an Assistant Pastor to Redeemer Lutheran Church and School, Pensacola, Florida, for almost five years, until his current call and acceptance to Good Shepherd in the spring of 2005. Pastor Tim and his wife Becky, have one son Isaiah and one daughter Mallory.



DCE David Stuckwisch, a native of Arkansas. He received his degree from Concordia University, Texas, with a degree in Director of Christian Education. His internship and first call was to St. John’s Lutheran Church, Stuttgart, Arkansas. He served at St. John’s for four years, until his current call and acceptance to Good Shepherd in the fall of 2018. David and his wife Makenzi have one daughter Joanna.



DPM Jacob Erdman is a native of Minnesota. He received his Parish Music degree from Concordia University, Wisconsin in December 2016. He accepted his first call to Good Shepherd in the fall of 2018. He sings and plays organ, piano, guitar, handbells, and other various instruments. He loves to compose and arrange music for handbells.

The History of Good Shepherd Lutheran Church Celebrating 59 years in God's Love and Service

In June of 1955, the North Wisconsin District of the Lutheran Church, Missouri Synod authorized the purchase of a 4-acre building site for \$6000. At that time, the site was a pasture east of town, and not yet annexed to the city. This was done in accordance with the practice of the district to purchase land in the area of promising mission development. In August of 1961, Faith Congregation and the district Board of Directors approved plans for a building and the start of a new mission.

Groundbreaking for the original structure of Good Shepherd Lutheran Church began on September 25, 1961, for \$150,000. On August 30, 1962, the Rev. H. P. Hilgendorf was called by the district board to organize a congregation and become the first resident pastor of the new mission. Under Pastor Hilgendorf's direction, the first worship service in the newly built facility was held on Sunday, November 18, 1962, with 150 people in attendance. On Thursday, November 29, 1962, with 35 men and women present, the congregation officially organized and incorporated, chose the name Good Shepherd, and numbered 120 baptized members, and 67 communicants from 36 families.

As the congregation grew rapidly, a building committee was organized in September of 1969 to begin planning for expanded facilities to include a new sanctuary/office and classrooms. The total cost of the new addition was \$305,000. Groundbreaking ceremonies were held on April 18, 1971, and the new facilities were dedicated on March 19, 1972.

In an effort to update facilities again, groundbreaking for new offices and a climate controlled meeting room along with additional remodeling was held in April of 1997. Dedication services were held on October 19, 1997.

The congregation has grown from 120 baptized members in 1962 to over 1740 baptized members today. Today the number of families that call Good Shepherd home numbers over 800, up from 36 in 1962. In 2022 we celebrate our 60th anniversary.

Church Office

Regular hours are:	Monday-Thursday - 8:30 a.m.-3:00 p.m. Friday - 8:30 a.m.-1:00 p.m.
Summer hours are:	Monday-Thursday - 8:30 a.m.-1:00 p.m. Friday - 8:30 a.m.-1:00 p.m. (June-Labor Day)
Office Phone Number:	920-734-9643
Church Email:	goodshep@gslchurch.net
Office Staff:	Business Manager:
Administrative Assistant:	Elizabeth Neumeier

Worship Service Schedule

Regular Worship Times:

8:00 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. held year round.

Thursday Evening Service: 6:30 p.m. held year round.

Thanks and Praise Services (TAPS - Contemporary Worship): Third Sunday and previous Thursday of each month as well as the fifth Sunday and previous Thursday.

Holy Communion:

Holy Communion is celebrated at each service. The Individual Cup is offered each time and the Common Cup is offered at the rail on the third Sunday of each month.

Special Services:

Lent - Six weeks before Easter (Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m.)

Advent - Three weeks before Christmas (Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m.)

Festival Services:

Holy Week:

Maundy Thursday - 6:30 p.m.

Good Friday - 1:30 p.m.

Good Friday - 6:30 p.m.

Easter Sunrise Service with

Communion - 6:00 a.m.

Easter Sunday Service with

Communion - 8:00 and 10:30 a.m.

Thanksgiving Eve:

6:30 p.m.

Christmas Eve:

1:00 p.m.

3:00 p.m.

5:00 p.m.

9:00 p.m. Candlelight Service

Christmas Day:

9:00 a.m.

New Year's Eve:

6:30 p.m.

Nursery: Nursery is available during most Sunday worship services.



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- Save and prepare for income in retirement.
- Pay for college or education expenses.
- Invest and manage your assets.
- Give to causes that matter to you.



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Fox Cities Hmong Lutheran Church

Rev. Chia Thao was ordained and installed as pastor of the Fox Cities Hmong Lutheran Church on June 24, 2007 at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church. Pastor Thao is a native of the village of Dongyen, Province of Xiengkhouang. Pastor Thao is a graduate of the EIIT program of Concordia Seminary in St. Louis, MO. He began his ministry at Good Shepherd in 2003 with Pastor Tom Part as his supervisor. He is married to Chue and has 6 children-Kia, Rita, Ronald, Joshua, Adalia, and Yuri. Keep him and his family and the Hmong ministry in your prayers.



Mission of the Fox Cities Hmong Lutheran Church...to make Christ known to all people that they may know that Jesus is the free gift from God and He is the only one that can save us from our sins and from the bond of the devil. Only He can grant us eternal life.

Sunday Schedule

Bible Class: 12:00 p.m. Worship Service: 1:00 p.m.

Summer Worship: (June-Labor Day weekend) 11:00 a.m.
(No summer Bible Study or fellowship)

Contact Information

Church: (920) 734-9643

Cell: (920) 819-3540

Email: chiathao57@gmail.com

Fox Cities Hmong Lutheran Church is located
within Good Shepherd's facility.

Good Shepherd Preschool

Mission: In partnership with parents, the purpose of Good Shepherd Lutheran Preschool is to challenge and enable students to develop and grow spiritually, academically, emotionally, socially, and physically. This education is provided in a positive, caring, Christ-centered environment.

Classes:

Three year olds

Monday-Wednesday 9:15-11:30 a.m.

Monday-Wednesday-Friday 9:15-11:30 a.m.

Our preschool is licensed by the State of Wisconsin. The director and teacher have their teaching certificates in early childhood education.

For More Information: Observation of the classrooms can be arranged by calling the church office at 920-734-9643. To obtain a copy of our brochure and/or information regarding fees, please call the church office.

2020-2021 Good Shepherd Officers

President: Steve Calder (920-540-9040)

Vice President: Vacant

Secretary: Adel Thiede (920-731-2572)

Treasurer: Vacant

Financial Secretaries: Krista Nigbor (920-470-0454)

James Wacker (920-731-5061)

Carol Radey (920-213-8134)

Ministry Boards and Contacts

Please contact the Chairperson if you would like more information about Board duties or becoming a member of their Board.

Board of Elders..... Chairperson: Joel Railling, 920-450-6578

The Elders assist the pastors in all matters pertaining to the spiritual welfare of the congregation. They are primarily concerned with making worship services conducive for worship, assuring that each service is adequately staffed. An Elder is assigned to each worship service. Elders consider member complaints and grievances. They provide guidance to the church call process. Members of the Board of Elders are listed below. Each Elder is responsible for a zone (subset of the membership-last name) based on the alphabet. Elder zones and their telephone numbers/emails are listed below. Members should contact their Elder with issues regarding Good Shepherd.

<u>Elder</u>	<u>Phone</u>	<u>Email Address</u>	<u>Ministry Zone (last name)</u>
Matthew Halada	257-4960	halada24@sbcglobal.net	(1) Adomavich - Brandt, K.
Hal Neitzel	734-0338	hbneit@sbcglobal.net	(2) Brandt-Hurley - DeBruin, P.
Steve Calder	733-9231	stevecalder76@yahoo.com	(3) Dejk - Gilbert
Jon Podvin	284-6482	jonp@kenspports.com	(4) Goerl - Hopfensperger, M.
Ryan Neumeier	558-4114	ryanneumeier1@gmail.com	(5) Hornig, M - Koeller, R.
Vacant			(6) Kopitske - Malliet, M.
Ron Blom	470-7816	ronhio67@yahoo.com	(7) Maloney - Norberg
Pat Leigl	830-0037	mccainepl@aol.com	(8) Obry - Radey
Vacant			(9) Radies - Schmidt, R.
Joel Railling	450-6578	JoelRailling@gmail.com	(10) Schmitzer - Steinke
Vacant			(11) Steinwehr - Vandehy, K.
Mike Hintz	993-5560	michael.hintz@sbcglobal.net	(12) Vanden Heuvel - Zwirschitz

Board of Human Care Chairpersons: Bonnie Ebbesen, 836-2153

The Board of Human Care encourages Good Shepherd members to live our congregational motto, “Cared for by Christ, we care for all others,” by seeking and promoting opportunities to serve individuals and service organizations in our community. Our mission is to provide short-term assistance to members of our church and community when they are faced with an unexpected (emergency) need. Our Friendship Club stays in touch with shut-ins from the congregation and the prayer shawl ministry makes shawls and baptismal blankets. We provide COTS with 2 meals each month and we sponsor monthly Care Sundays which supports local organizations with needed items.

Board of Trustees.....Chairperson: Terry Stillman, 815-3003

This Board acts as the legal representative of the congregation and custodians of all of its property. The “trustees” meet every Tuesday night and take care of all the odds and ends that need repair and fixing. They volunteer their time and efforts for the church and take on many tasks that otherwise we would have to pay someone to do.

Board of Finance.....Chairperson: Vacant

The Board of Finance is responsible for all facets of finance at Good Shepherd including receiving, counting, depositing and recording contributions, disbursing funds, developing and analyzing monthly financial reports and reporting financial status and results to the congregation. The Board of Finance is also responsible for facilitating financial audits, reviews, developing the annual expense budget and performing other financial-related duties that come before the Council and board.

Board of Outreach Chairperson: Marsha Mahan, 920-734-6539

The Goal and Mission of The Outreach Board comes directly to us from God’s command in Matthew 28:19-20, “Go therefore and make disciples....” In our outreach efforts we strive to keep in touch with visitors who have worshiped with us here at Good Shepherd, especially those without a church home. We assist the pastors in welcoming new members as well as assist in training the laity to bring the message of salvation to the congregation and the community. We also strive to inform the congregation of outreach opportunities and activities.

Board of Stewardship Chairperson: Debby Suchyta, 734-771-1140

The Lutheran Church Missouri Synod defines Christian stewardship as “the free and joyous activity of the child of God and God’s family, the church, in managing all of life and life’s resources for God’s purposes.” The Board of Stewardship seeks to inspire the members of Good Shepherd to the generous and wise use of our time, talents, and financial resources for the benefit of all of God’s people. We organize Consecration Days, distribute time and talent forms, and fund mission projects for the Hmong ministry and the North Wisconsin District. “For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also.” Luke 12:34



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Board of Family Education Chairperson: Jenniffer Hintz, 993-5560

The Board of Family Education offers many Christian learning opportunities. Some of the opportunities include Vacation Bible School, Sunday School classes for two-year-olds through adults, small group Bible studies, presentations of Bibles to third graders, a graduation service where quilts are given to high school graduates to keep them “wrapped in God’s love,” activities for families and youth activities.

Endowment Board Chairperson: Vacant

The Endowment Board supports and educates good Christian stewardship principles. This involves faithful management of all of God’s gifts to His people, such as time, talent and treasures not only for today but also for the future. The board will build awareness of the “Enduring Spirit Endowment Fund” to encourage contributions and pledges. They manage and oversee the fund.

Bible Study Opportunities

Sunday Mornings - 9:15 a.m. to 10:15 a.m.

On average, 2-4 different study opportunities are available each Sunday morning between worship services, except during the summer.

Weekly Bible Studies:

Sunday and Wednesday evenings,
Wednesday mornings-Women’s Bible study,
Saturday mornings-Men’s Breakfast Bible study.

Bi-weekly small group studies in homes and at Good Shepherd.

Sunday School

The purpose of the Sunday School at Good Shepherd is to nurture children and support parents in the Christian education of their children through a Christ-centered educational experience.

Sunday School is offered from 9:15 a.m.-10:15 a.m., for ages two through adult. Parent and child classes are offered at various times throughout the year to assist parents in their role as the primary influence in their child’s faith life.

Confirmation Program

Confirmation classes are offered for all students 6th grade or older. Classes are held during the school year. If your child is interested in being confirmed please contact the church office at 920-734-9643.

Ministry and Fellowship Opportunities

- Lutheran Women's Missionary League (LWML)
- Afternoon LWML Mission Circle
- Lutheran Men's Fellowship (LMF)
- Prayer Shawl Ministry
- Friendship Club
- Senior Adult Club
- Church Leadership
- Mixed Choir
- Bell Choir
- Joyful Noise (Grades 1-4 Choir) (Grade 5-8 Bells)
- TAPS Worship Team
- Prayer Chains
- Prayer Partners
- Altar Guild
- Ushers, Readers, Elders, Worship Assistants, Acolytes, Nursery
- Youth Groups (6th-8th, 9th-12th Grades)
- Outreach-COTS, Habitat for Humanity, Mission Trips, St. Joe's Pantry, etc.
- Cabin Fever
- Funeral/Event Meals Committee
- Book Club
- Scrap-n-Craft
- Scrip
- Various Other Boards and Committees
- Projector Screens/Video

Statistics

(Membership changes in 2020)

The following changes were made in membership records during the year:

Received into membership

Baptisms (Infant and adult)	08
Affirmation of Faith	05
Transfers	<u>10</u>
TOTAL INCREASE	23

23 Youth were confirmed in 2020

3 Adult Confirmation in 2020

Decreases in membership

Transfers	12
Releases	16
Deaths	<u>09</u>
TOTAL DECREASE	37

Membership Classes

We receive new members through membership classes designed around Luther's Catechism and to acquaint prospective members with Good Shepherd's family. Membership classes are held as needed.

Membership Responsibilities Worship

How often shall I come? Many ask this question. As children of God through faith in Christ Jesus, we will always want to consider our church-going a privilege rather than an obligation. We will want to go as often as possible so that God's Word may strengthen our faith in Christ Jesus.

Moving/Telephone Changes/ Email Updates/Household Changes

Address Changes - please report your new address to the church office as soon as you notify the postal service. Your help is greatly needed to keep our mailing system in good order.

If you move away - if you plan to move away, first notify our pastor. He will be a valuable assistance in directing you to a church near your new home. Members who go into military service or away to college should also contact the pastor or church office.

Telephone and Email changes - if your telephone number and/or email changes or you get rid of your land line, please contact the church office to let them know.

Household changes - if you have a change in your household, you are recently divorced, your children move away, etc. Please notify one of our pastors or contact the church office to let them know, so the church always has your current information.

Congregational Meetings

Voters' Assembly Meetings - Regular meetings are held two times during each calendar year, in April and October. The April meeting includes the election of new officers. The October meeting includes the consideration and acceptance of the budget for the following year.

Special Meetings of the Voters' Assembly may be called by the pastor(s), president, and the chair of the Board of Elders in consultation.

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Birth and Baptism of a Child

Parents are asked to notify the pastors of the birth of a child. The practice of conducting hospital devotions and asking the church to offer thanksgiving and prayers for the parents and child should gratefully be used. When you have decided on a date for the baptism of your child, contact the church office, and it will be put on the calendar. A form then needs to be filled out with the full names of the child, parents (including mother's maiden name), and sponsors.

Wedding Arrangements

If you are planning a wedding, make arrangements well in advance with the pastor. Pre-marital counseling is held for those couples married at Good Shepherd.

Sickness/Hospitalization

If you desire to have a pastor serve you while you are in the hospital, please call the pastor or the church office. Pastor does weekly visits to area hospitals to visit Good Shepherd members providing prayer, counsel, and communion.

Death

Your pastor will assist at your request in death-threatening situations or at the death of a loved one. The comfort of God's Word is especially needed at such a time.