

The Monthly Message

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Newsletter May 2025

Welcome to our New Associate Pastor!!



SEAN SHEPPARD

The call ceremony for Concordia Seminary, St. Louis on April 30th announced that our new Associate Pastor is Sean Sheppard. He is originally

from Michigan. He and his wife, Fiona, along with their two little boys will be relocating here this summer. We look forward to sharing more information and introducing you to The Sheppard family soon!

Join us in praying for Sean and his family as they make the journey to Fort Wayne and to Promise.



Pastor Scott and Zara were able to be in St. Louis for the Call Day service and meet the Sheppard family.

April Attendance

Numbers & Records Set!

April 6th: 373 total attendance

April 13th: 475 total attendance
(Palm Sunday & Easter Egg Hunt)

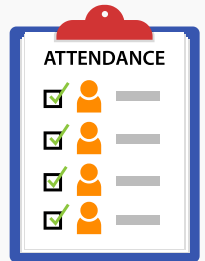
Maundy Thursday: 143

Good Friday: 181

April 20th Easter Services:

602 total attendance!!

April 27th: 493 total attendance
(Confirmation Sunday)



Confirmation Sunday

Sunday, April 27th

At the end of April we celebrated our 8 confirmands as they confirmed their faith in front of the congregation! We're so proud of each of them as they take this important step in their faith journey. God's blessings today and always!

2025 Confirmands are: Waylon Barker, Ade Gage, Glory Hedtke, Camille Hogue, Lucille Hogue, Maddux Spuller, Mitchell Trowbridge, and Brooklyn Ulmer.



May Birthdays

Jake Bailey, Theo Bartley, Harrison Beard, Lincoln Becker, Emily Bender, Oliver Berning, Winslow Blaising, Tate Boenker, Mike Boles, Tony Braun, Brent Brown, Marti Chase, Dave Deimling, Jon Dize, Blake Evans, Adeline Gage, Donald Gage Jr, Breyer Gerig, Rick Gerke, Sam Glassley, Ed Gobrogge, Joe Gudel, Annette Hamman, Brantley Hazelett, Brianna Hess, Estelle Hogge, Williams Johnson, Alyssa Koch, Riley Koenemann, Wayne Lake, Ryleigh Lough, Jean Moore, Dianne Potter, Noah Rasdorf, Jill Richman, Harrison Rizzo, Cooper Sarrazin, Adam Schaffer, Halleigh Schaffer, Jacklyn Schaffer, Tate Schaffer, Lori Schweyer, Brady Shankster, Jack Shankster, Casey Sitko, Eric Sitko, Melissa Smith, Jonathan Stauffer, Everette Stratton, Michele Werling, Christian Winzeler, Adalyn Yoder, Ava Yoder, Donna Ziegler, Mary Kay Zurbrugg

Celebrations in April: 12 Baptisms | 8 Confirmations

Ministry Moment



Children's Ministry

**Save
THE
Date**

VBS 2025
June 16-19th
9-11:30am



For ages:

3yo (potty trained) to 5th grade

Registration NOW OPEN

***See the registration link in the email.**

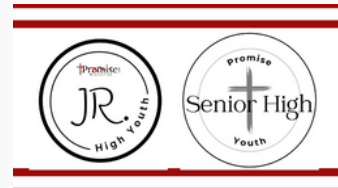


Adult Ministry

Mon. 5/8: Prayer Gathering @ 7pm

Thurs. 5/12: Community of Men @ 6am

Mon. 5/26: Community of Men @ 6pm



Youth Ministry

Sun. 5/4 | 6-7:30pm

National youth gathering team meeting

Sat. 5/10 | 6-8pm

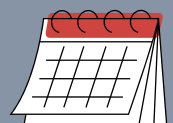
Sr high youth at skyzone

Church Calendar

Sunday Services: 9:00am & 10:30am

5/20 Board Meeting

5/27 Elder Meeting



What's Going on at Promise?

New Members Class

Coming Soon!

We are in the beginning stages of adding a New Members Class to our calendar. To start the process, we need those that are interested in joining Promise as a member to let us know of your intention. You can do so by filling out the form online. Pastor Hedtke then likes to meet with prospective members to get to know you as well as answer any questions you may have about the church. See the link in the email to fill out the form or contact Christa the church office with any questions you may have.



Volunteer & Serve at Promise



Properties Team

We are looking for current or retired construction-trades people to help out our Properties Team at Promise. Contact Brittney at brittney@promisefw.com for more information.

We have other volunteer needs with the Praise Band, handing out bulletins, and greeting if there are other ways you would like to serve.

New Online Church Directory!

Update for our New Pastor & Switch to Breeze

Our church management software with Breeze has been able to help Promise update and streamline so many things, including: our new online giving, volunteer calendar, and new website. The next step is using it to update and replace our online church directory! Stay tuned for more information. We are looking forward to rolling this out in time for our new pastor to join us and be able to help him learn our names and faces.

Be a VBS Volunteer!

Summer help needed!



We're looking for volunteers (grade 6 and up) to help bring VBS to life! If you're excited to serve and make lasting memories, we'd love to have you on our team. Sign up by the link in the email. If you have any questions please contact Megan or Hannah.

***See the VBS Amazon wishlist link in the email.**

GIVE

ANYWHERE. FROM ANY DEVICE.

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Promise Ministries Budget Snapshot

Giving is an act of Worship

"Each one must give as he has decided in his heart, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver." 2 Corinthians 9:7

As of April 28, 2025

YTD Income	\$215,390.93
YTD Expenses	\$218,808.73
Surplus (Deficit)	(\$3,417.80)

What's Going on at Promise?

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Promise Lutheran Preschool

Prayer for Our Preschool

Heavenly Father, we come before you today with hearts filled with hope and a desire to see your preschool flourish. We pray that you would guide us in our efforts to reach out to families in our community and share the blessings of a nurturing and educational environment for their children.

We ask for your divine intervention in attracting families who are seeking a place where their children can learn, grow, and develop a love for learning. We pray that you would open doors for us, and that our message of quality education and a caring community would resonate with those who are seeking a preschool for their children.

We ask for your wisdom and guidance in our outreach efforts, that we may effectively communicate the unique value of our preschool to prospective families. We pray that you would lead us to the right people, and that we may build strong relationships with those who choose to entrust their children to our care.

We also pray for the financial resources necessary to support our mission and to provide the best possible learning environment for our students. We ask that you would bless our efforts to raise funds, and that you would provide us with the means to meet the needs of our growing preschool.

Finally, we thank you for the opportunity to serve these young children and to be a part of their formative years. We pray that we may be a positive influence in their lives, and that we may help them to grow into well-rounded and compassionate individuals.

We ask all of this in your name. AMEN



REGISTER NOW

See the link in the email to register for our preschool or contact Tonja at preschooldirector@promisefw.com

Save the Date

Saturday September 6, 2025



Please join us for the 2nd annual Promise Golf outing on Saturday September 6, 2025 from 8-12 am at Whispering Creek Golf Course in New Haven. More information will be available as we get close to the date. Questions, feel free to contact Denny Stuerzenberger 260-557-3477 dstuerzenberger@gmail.com



In Our Prayers

For Healing Needs: Adeline, Beth, Brad, Chris, Dan, David, Emma, Erin, Gabe, Grace F., Jaiden, Jason, Jerry H., Jerry T., Kylie, Larry M., Lavonne, Marcie, Markus, Mike B., Mike M., Mona, M.T., Nasim, Peggy, Reid, Ron, Ryan, Sandi, Sara, Sarah, Shannon.

For Thanksgiving: The Baptisms of Claire, Olivia & Everette Stratton, for the Confirmation of our 8 students

For Those That Mourn: John Elmer & family at the death of his father

Announcements & Missions We Support



Promise
Ministries
LCMS

**Join our
Praise Team!**

See the link in the email
to sign up on the
volunteer form.

Volunteers Needed!
Singers, Tech, etc.



At Promise
OUR MISSION IS TO
*deliberately disciple people into
fully devoted followers of Christ.*

**THE SHEPHERD'S HAND
COMMUNITY OUTREACH CENTER**



5K RUN & WALK REGISTRATION

Join the fun and take on the
challenge. Lace-up for our
5K Run & Walk!

► Date & Time:
3rd May, 2025
At 09:00AM

► Location:
The Shepherd's Hand
1231 S Anthony Blvd.
Fort Wayne, IN 46803 ☎ 260-424-2224

<https://runsignup.com/Race/IN/FortWayne/TheShepherdsHandCommunity5k>

JOIN US

Lutheran Schools: Job Opportunities

Teachers needed for 2025-2026 school year.

Emmaus (<https://www.emmauslutheranfw.org/>) is looking for a 5th grade teacher and a middle school teacher. If you are interested or know someone who might be, please call the school office at 260-459-7722 and ask for Esther Spanos or email principal@emmauslutheranfw.org for more information.



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