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# GOOD SHEPHERD LUTHERAN CHURCH

3745 Shoreline Drive, Wayzata MN 55391

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## He is Risen! He is Risen Indeed!

Thank you for celebrating the Risen Lord with us near and far! He is Risen, He is Risen Indeed!



## Worship Schedule

### April 14th- Contemporary Service

*Worship at 10 am*

*In Person or Online*

Sermon Series: Followers

### April 17th- Wednesday Worship

*Worship at 6:30pm*

*In Person*

**LAST WEDNESDAY WORSHIP UNTIL THE FALL!**

### April 21st- Traditional Worship

*Worship at 10 am*

*In Person or Online*

Sermon Series: Followers

### April 24th- RIBFEST!

*5:30-7pm*

*In Person- no worship, Ribfest youth fundraiser!*

### April 28th- Gospel Worship

*Worship at 10 am*

*In Person or Online*

Sermon Series: Followers

### May 5th- Confirmation Sunday

*Worship at 10 am*

*In Person or Online*

### May 12th- Spring Service of Lessons and Songs

*"God Invites Us In and Out"*

*Worship at 10:00 am*

*In Person or Online*

### May 19th- Kids Choir Performance

*Worship at 10:00 am*

*In Person or Online*

### May 26th- Memorial Day Service

*Worship at 10:00 am*

*In Person or Online*

### June 2nd- Beach Service

*Worship Service at Surfside Beach at 10 am*

*In Person*

# CONFIRMATION SUNDAY

MAY 5TH AT 10 AM

We are so excited to be celebrating the Rite of Confirmation for our group of 8th grade Confirmation students. Join us for worship as they affirm their faith!



The confirmation students on a retreat at Camp Koronis this past November.



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Sunday, June 2nd, 2024

SUMMER



BEACH



SERVICE

SURFSIDE PARK - MOUND, MN

WORSHIP SERVICE AT 10AM

POTLUCK PICNIC AT 11AM

*Good Shepherd*

*Service of Lessons and Songs*

**"GOD INVITES US IN AND OUT"**

Sunday, May 12th at 10 am

The Good Shepherd Choir and Bell Choir will lead worship May 12 with the theme "God Invites Us In and Out". The choirs will present a service of hymns, poems, songs, and biblical texts to worship, meditate, and deepen our understanding of what it means to share the message of God's welcoming love in our lives and in our community. Be the hands and feet of Christ by inviting someone to come to worship with you that day!



# YOUTH OPPORTUNITIES



## *Camp Christikon* June 22nd-30th

Calling all current 5th to 7th graders! Our summer adventure awaits, and we're heading to Christikon Lutheran Bible Camp in Montana. During the week, you'll enjoy God's incredible Creation in the Rocky Mountains as you live at camp with your campers and counselors. Each day will feature great food, fun games, opportunities to grow in faith, an overnight backpack excursion in the mountains, and more!

Registration link on the homepage of our church website!



## *ELCA Youth Gathering in New Orleans* July 13th-21st

A group of 8th-12th graders from Good Shepherd will be heading to the ELCA National Youth Gathering in New Orleans, Louisiana! We will be driving down together for a week of worship, service, and fun with thousands of other Lutheran youth from across the country. We are so excited for this opportunity to explore our faith in The Big Easy!

Questions about this trip? Email  
[pastorsarah@goodshepherdmn.org](mailto:pastorsarah@goodshepherdmn.org)



## *Vacation Bible School* July 28th-31st

Meal-5:30 pm, VBS-6-8:30 pm

Students who have completed Pre-K - 4th Grade

Dive into a friendship with God! This summer, VBS will take kids deep into an amazing undersea adventure where they'll experience the ever-flowing, never ending love of God. Let's plunge beneath the waves to forge a mighty faith!

Register today on the church website!

# PASTOR'S CORNER

BY PASTOR DEREK TRONSGARD



## Join Us For Rib Fest 2024!

We're excited to announce the return of our Annual Ribfest fundraiser on **Wednesday, April 24th from 5:30-7:00pm**. This year, we're throwing a backyard party here at church with a bounce house, carnival games, a cotton candy machine, live music, and the wonderful meal that will be served between 5:30 and 7:00pm in our Fellowship Hall.

On the menu are **Pastor Derek's fresh, home-smoked ribs made right here at Good Shepherd on a giant smoker, Jill Borg's Family Recipe Baked Beans, Pastor Loren's Cheesy Potatoes, Mound Fireman's Cole Slaw, Corn Bread, and drinks.**

For just \$15 per ticket, you can enjoy this fantastic meal while supporting our Good Shepherd Youth Ministry program. We're also asking folks to consider larger sponsorships of "baby back" tickets for \$25 each, or give a larger half-rack (\$750) or full-rack (\$1,500) pledge which increases your support of our youth ministry.

The funds raised this year will help support our high school youth trip to New Orleans for the ELCA Youth Gathering featuring a week of fun, worship, and service, our Confirmation youth as they go to Camp Christikon in the rocky mountains of Montana, our brand new High School ski trip to Lutsen, youth scholarships, our confirmation ministry, our Vacation Bible School ministry, and much, much more!

These life changing experiences happen because of your generosity, and we are so grateful for your support towards our youth.

To reserve & purchase your tickets, please visit [www.goodshepherdmn.org/ribfest](http://www.goodshepherdmn.org/ribfest). Tickets will also be available for sale after our Sunday morning worship services.

Thanks so much & we hope to see you at Rib Fest!

Pastor Derek

## FINANCIAL UPDATE

Our 2024 church budget for income and expenses is \$512,000.

At the end of February our projected income was \$85,333.33. Our total income at that time was \$46,880.22 (54.94% of budget).

At the end of January our projected expenses were also \$85,333.33. Our total expenses were \$78,518.26 (91.21% of budget).

Typically the beginning of the year is slower on the income side, but as always we humbly ask our members to remain faithful in their giving as it makes our ministry possible. Thank you for your generosity!

## *Giving Statements*

Giving statements for 2023 were e-mailed in early February.

If you would like a printed copy mailed to you, or if you did not receive an email, please contact the office.

Thank you!

## *April Birthday Wishes to...*

- 1 Logan Johnson, Ava Larkin, Michael Bruckner
- 2 LouAnn Powell
- 3 Erik Hannigan
- 4 Brady Aufderheide, Sienna Henriksen
- 5 Peter Jans
- 6 Taryn Peglow
- 7 Tristan Umbehocker, Jon Gulbrandson, Blake Harmer
- 8 Noah Byers, Jeff Olson, Katy Flom, Ryan Flom
- 9 Luke Poikonen, Anders Mjelstad, Samuel Rioux
- 10 Christian Christensen, Stephanie O'Halloran, Ella Carlson, Hope Headrick
- 11 Kent Christensen
- 12 Aaron Larkin, Tera White, Anna Elliott
- 13 Becky Moen
- 14 Derek Jordahl, Mac McCollum
- 15 Dale Mueller
- 16 Jacob Bowe, Hannah Hall, Andrew Anderson
- 17 Robbie Davis, Claire White, Erik Flom
- 18 Sherry Anderly, Merle Johnson
- 19 Karen O'Brien, Josephine Moen
- 20 Derek Tronsgard, Danyely Christensen, Sarah Johanson
- 21 Jack Hall, Steve Nielsen, Macy Heath
- 22 Annika Mohn, Soren Mohn
- 23 Tom Dreyer, Margaret Krueger, Ryder Foley
- 24 Nick Johnson, Bjorn Stark
- 25 Connor Anderson, Owen Merz, Taylor Merz
- 27 Simon Larson, Gabrielle Callahan
- 28 Dillon Peterson
- 29 Luke Burton, Sabrina Larson, Emma Halonen
- 30 Janet Linkert

## *May Birthday Wishes to...*

- 1 Angela Peglow, Craig O'Halloran, Carsyn Hargreaves
- 2 Natalie Larson, Kevin Nash
- 4 Lance Grimm, Mallery Anderson
- 5 Ross Brown, Kieth Cook, Kyle Hoogeveen, Laura Sunnarborg
- 6 Noah Alvig, Tucker Anderly, Julia Jakubik, Wes LaFortune, Danielle Schrupp, Mayce Wagner
- 7 Shanna Askerud, Max Cameron, Matilda Epsky, Rick Rutz
- 8 David Owen, Mike Jensen
- 9 Alicia Sunnarborg
- 10 Emma Jordahl, Steve Nerheim
- 11 Pam Carlson
- 12 Brandon Falness, Mason Reynolds
- 13 Mike Erickson, Ryan Foss, Jaden LaJoy, John Kasper
- 15 Kyle Umbehocker
- 16 Ryan Hanratty, Emma Gunlock, Angela O'Flanagan, Addison Nash
- 17 Kristine Falness, Mike Falness, Spencer Helms, Eli Cegla
- 18 Max Menzemer, Kelly Rioux, David Larson, Lauren Noess
- 19 Chip Grey, Cheryl Dahl
- 20 Fletcher Adair, Montana Courneya, Ryan Johnson, Parker Rowe, Caitlyn Hargreaves
- 21 Braeden Blanchard
- 22 Anna Borg, Jennifer Cameron, Rachel Gunlock, Scotty Smith
- 23 Don Gulbrandson
- 24 Ingrid Aufderheide, Noah Coley, Nicole Johnson
- 25 Laurie Foerster, Selmer Moen, Avery Robbins, Joesph Puskarich
- 26 Amy Eidsness, Andrew Wood
- 27 Karen Boser
- 28 Max Aufderheide, Sawyer Foss, Sherri Miller, Jameson Wetternach
- 29 Luke Rodelius, Colton Elliot
- 30 Andy Kelm, Barb Zimmerman, Kim Mjelstad, Jillian Cameron
- 31 Cody Rolighed, Linda Snyder, Kelly Knutson, Ally Reitz, Michael Desino

## *Happy Anniversary!*

- 8 Rod & Cathy Burriss
- 10 Mark and Karen Victor
- 25 Grant & Julie Johnson
- 27 Greg & Cheryl Dahl
- 27 Robert & Terri Lillard
- 29 Mike & Roberta Schermerhorn
- 29 Jay & Tera White
- 29 Wade & Amy Clarke
- 29 Bryan & Katelyn Gorman

## *Happy Anniversary!*

- 2 Randy & Karen O'Brien
- 3 Spencer & Jen Arne
- 8 Jim & Sandy Salwei
- 11 Jerry & Vicki Klitzka, John & Krissy Mohn,
- 14 Darren & Missy Poikonen
- 22 Dave & Kay Owen, Spencer & Jen Arne
- 24 Doug & Paula Umbehocker
- 25 Gale & Fred Menger
- 28 Shaun & Kelly Rioux



## NEIGHBORHOOD FOOD PROJECT INFORMATION

We are so excited to be partnering with WeCAN (Western Communities Action Network) with their new initiative 'The Neighborhood Food Project'. The Neighborhood Food Project started in Ashland Oregon as a way to better support people in the community who are in need of non-perishable food and personal care items. As partners in the project, we are asked to fill tote bags with food and personal care items each month. Once a month, we will bring in our full bags to WeCAN and exchange them for empty bags to fill for the next month. This system allows organizations like WeCAN to receive consistent support from area churches and organizations and help stock their shelves with some of their most needed items. Thank you to Service Committee leader Katy Flom for all of her hard work in making this new partnership possible. Let's fill some bags!

# THANK *you!*

**WE WERE ABLE TO DONATE A TOTAL OF \$7100 TO THE WESTONKA FOOD SHELF DURING OUR SOUPER BOWL OF CARING DRIVE AND MARCH FOOD SHARE MONTH. THE DIFFERENCE THIS WILL MAKE IN OUR COMMUNITY IS INCREDIBLE. THANK YOU TO ALL WHO DONATED FINANCIAL GIFTS, FOOD, PLAYED BINGO AND FAITHFULLY PRAYED FOR THIS MISSION. THIS IS HOW WE ARE LED BY GOD TO LOVE OUR COMMUNITY!**

### DONATIONS NEEDED

our quilter group, who faithfully make warm quilts for congregation members and to be donated to wecan, need our help! They are looking for full or queen size mattress pads and sheets to use for their quilts. If you have some at home that you are not using, please consider donating them here. Donations can be brought to the church office.



# MARCH CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING RECAP

Thursday, March 21st, 2024

Pastor Derek led opening prayer

## Strategy Session

Pastor Derek led discussion on congregational donation to Westonka Food Shelf

- Proposal to give \$1500 to WFS rather than the \$1000 we have done previously
- Special Projects and gifts fund with around \$10,000
- Present members expressed agreement
- Amy Velsor moved, Cheryl Morrissey seconded, no further discussion
- Unanimous approval 5-0

Pastor Derek led discussion on Pastor Sarah insurance conversation

- Pastor Sarah moving to husband Broderick's insurance
- Precedent that savings is split 50/50 between family and church
- Reimbursement for family insurance
- Amy Velsor moved, Maggie Stewart seconded, no further discussion
- Unanimous approval 5-0

## Committee Reports

Financial Report from Pastor Derek: February off to a slow start, but March has been more plentiful. Saved money on snow plowing this year and on copy machine contract in May.

Addition to property report: Hopeful to finish Peace Garden steps project this summer

Discussion about Wednesday night meals and how we approach volunteer duties

- Having teams switching in and out?
  - Council, adult "youth group," etc.
- Sign-up genius?
- Avoiding burnout for consistent volunteers

## Other Information

Council retreat at Cynthia's house- date TBD at next council meeting

Maggie Stewart brought up discussion about what the future of Chris. Ed. position looks like after the summer is over.

- Pastor Derek brought up the idea of splitting VBS director and children's minister
- Need for additional meeting with Christian Education committee

Respectively submitted by Pastor Sarah Johanson

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