

August Newsletter



August 6th- Traditional Service

Worship with Communion at 10 am - In Person or Online

August 13th- Praise and Worship Service

Worship with Communion at 10 am - In Person or Online

August 20th- Service of Word- Loren's Final Sunday

Worship with Communion at 10:00 am - In-Person or Online

August 27th- Gospel Service

Worship with Communion at 10:00 am - In-Person or Online

September 3rd- Labor Day Service

Worship with Communion at 10:00 am - In-Person or Online

To join us ONLINE, you can go to our Facebook feed at: www.facebook.com/goodshepherdmn

Or you can join us ONLINE by going to the Good Shepherd website at:

www.goodshepherdmn.org and clicking on the live stream video on the home page.

Wednesday worship services and meals will resume on September 13th!

Rally Sunday!

Save the Date... Sunday, September 10th

YOUTH SPOT

Ally Klug, Director of Children, Youth and Family Ministries

Kid's Ministry

We have another great year of faith, fun, arts & crafts, games, songs, Bible lessons, and learning about God's love for us. We hope your 3-year-old through 6th graders will join us!

Sunday School for kids Pre-K through 6th grade will take place at 10:00 a.m. each Sunday during our worship service, beginning on Sunday, September 10th. During the service kids will be invited to leave for Sunday School and will return to the Sanctuary for Communion.

Kids Club for Pre-K through 4th graders begins Wednesday, September 13th, at 6:30 p.m. Like Sunday School, kids will be dismissed during the Wed. worship service & then return to the Sanctuary for Communion.

Our **5/6 Connect** Program for 5th & 6th graders also resumes on Wednesday, September 14th, and will take place after worship each Wednesday evening.

Parents and Guardians... Please take a moment to register your child online! While everyone is welcome to join in our children's ministry & registration is not required, it helps us to have updated contact information for families which helps you stay in the loop as to what is going on at Good Shepherd.

Confirmation

We're excited for another year of Confirmation here at Good Shepherd. Registration is now open for all 7th & 8th graders and their friends.

On Wednesday, September 13th we will have our new student orientation at 7:30pm in the Sanctuary. This will be for all new 7th & 8th grade Confirmation students & their parents.

Our regular classes for new & returning students will be the following Wednesday, Sep. 20th.

New and returning students - register today!

Visit www.goodshepherdmn.org/confirmation for more information and to register.

High School Ministry

Stay tuned for more information! If interested, please connect with Pastor Derek!

July Birthday Wishes to..

- 1 Melissa Carlson, Blake Smith
- 2 Jake Dallman, Kristie Harmer
- 3 Kaitlyn Elskamp, Carver Kasper
- 4 Brandon Hanson, Jeremy Stewart
- 5 Jean Mork Bredeson, Keith Olson
- 6 Rick Haefner, Ashlynn Kreutter, Kaitlin Kreutter, Axel Rosenberg
- 7 Ron Davisson, Aubry Steahl
- 9 David Bremer, Mark Smith
- 10 Dawn Hannigan, Matthew Jakubik
- 13 Jake Berkland, Megan Sterne
- 14 Mitchell Reimer, Sylvia Rioux
- 15 Tim Lembke
- 16 Deb Neve
- 17 Gavin Hanson, Bryan Peglow
- 18 Billy Hazuka, Mike O'Connor
- 19 Diane Christensen, Michelle Olson
- 20 Ted Hall, Ben Rashleger, Gunnar Smith
- 21 Haley Jordahl
- 22 Sally Anderson, Don Elskamp, Cynthia Larson, Brandon Smith
- 23 Aubrey Gable
- 24 Scott Breckheimer, Susan Hoversten, Vivian Lindgren
- 25 Dorothy Anderson, Grace Garthwait, Leah Maslowski, Libby McCue, Lexie O'Connor, Brendan Rashleger
- 26 Paul Genereux, Adeline Leger, Beth Welzin
- 27 Sonja Ruotsinoja, Doug Umbehocker
- 28 Trenton Bowe, Taylor Dallman, Sam Holmberg, Megan Stacey, Melanie Whaley
- 29 Dylan Carlson, John Hannigan, Eric Hoversten
- 30 Britta Elloitt
- 31 Emily Burton, Isaac Johnson, Joyce Jones

Prayers for...

- Rachel Reid
- Missy Poikonen's father, G.S. member Cindi Shannon, Margaret Holste's friend, Bob
- Jo/Dale Mueller's brother-in-law, Garry
- Dale Mueller's mother Lucia
- Dale Mueller's father Harlan
- Verne Hubbell
- Jean Gimmestad
- Holly Thumann's mother Karen
- Spencer Helms' sister Allison
- Westonka Community member Tim Ritchie
- Linda Kelm
- Ally's aunt Lorri
- Brad Jans' mother Karen
- Becky Morlan
- Gay Hofteig's twin grandchildren Liam and Brooks
- Sandy Salwei
- John Folin
- Jo Mueller's friend Leann
- Jo Mueller's sister-in-law Ann
- Janet Linkert's friend, Walt
- Margaret Holste's friend, Pete
- Margaret Holste's cousin, Gretchen
- Westonka area Pre-School Teacher Julie Sotak

Those grieving the death of a loved one today

- Westonka Foodshelf Director Michelle Bottenfield and her family grieving the death of her mother
- Kirby and Emily Graff and family grieving the death of Kirby's Grandfather Arland.



Happy August Anniversary!

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| 3 John and Sarah Kasper | 12 John and Dawn Hannigan | 21 Betty and Chuck Downey |
| 3 Randy and Kristin Lee | 13 Cynthia and Donald Landon | 23 Beth and Shane Weltzin |
| 4 Skip and Betsy Lindgren | 14 Becky and Ted Hall | 24 Tom and Michelle Frahm |
| 5 Kelle and Kurt Bowe | 14 Diane and Chuck Hilbelink | 28 Sid and Joy Blanchard |
| 7 Craig Holtz and Kay Nguyen | 15 Matt and Angela LaJoy | 28 Paul and Laurie Genereux |
| 9 Keith and Laurie Foerster | 15 Bobbie Jo and Derek Tronsgard | 28 Ellie and Jim Wagner |
| 11 Russell and Emily Burton | 17 Steph and Tim Olson | |

Pastoral Call & Special Congregational Meeting Update

We have some very exciting news about our call for a new associate pastor!

On Sunday, July 23rd at a special congregational meeting, our congregation unanimously voted to extend a letter of call to Sarah Johanson to be the new Associate Pastor here at Good Shepherd. Our congregation is thrilled to have Sarah joining our ministry team, and our call committee, church council, and church staff can't wait for you all to meet her!

Sarah grew up in the north metro near Andover and attended Cross of Hope Lutheran in Ramsey. After graduating high school, Sarah attended Augsburg College in Minneapolis where she majored in religion and political science. Following college, Sarah attended Luther Seminary in St. Paul to get her Master of Divinity degree. Sarah is currently finishing up a chaplain residency at a local hospital and we're excited for her to join our ministry team in the fall.

Sarah is also a wonderful musician and lives in the metro area with her husband who works for the National Park Service.

This fall Sarah will share in the pastoral duties of preaching, teaching, worship leadership, visiting our members, working with the Church Council, and more. She will also be working closely with our youth - especially those in Confirmation and High School.

We're also excited to have Ally Klug, our current director of Youth & Family Ministry, move into her new role as full-time Children's Minister where she will work closely with our youngest children focusing on the areas of Sunday School, Wednesday Kid's Club, Middle School Ministry, Vacation Bible School, and more.

I want to say a huge thank-you to our call committee - Cynthia Bremer, Paula Umbehoeker, Jill Borg, Betsy Lindgren, Spencer Helms, Andrew Vechart, Janet Jans, and Emily Graff - for all of their hard work over the course of this year. We're thrilled for the new ministry opportunities & thankful to God for guiding our congregation through this transition process. As always, please reach out with any questions you have, and join me in welcoming Pastor Sarah this fall!



Financial Update

Our budgeted expenses at Good Shepherd for 2023 are \$521,651. Good Shepherd's budgeted expenses through the end of June was \$260,825.76 with actual expenses of \$246,861.65 or 94.65% of actual expenses.

Our budgeted income for 2023 is also \$521,651. Budgeted income through June was \$260,825.76. Actual income through May was \$172,228.47 (66.5% of budgeted income).

This gap between income and expenses is typical in summer months, and as always we're thankful for your faithful and regular giving which makes the ministry here at Good Shepherd possible.

Financial Giving

We appreciate your continuous financial gifts! Gifts can be given online using the below QR code or be mailed to the church office



July Church Council Meeting Recap

GOOD SHEPHERD COUNCIL MEETING - THURSDAY, July 20th, 2023

PRESENT: Cynthia Bremer, Jo Mueller, Blake Smith, Maggie Stewart, Cheryl Morrissey, Emily Graff, Pastor Derek Tronsgard

President Cynthia Bremer called the meeting to order at 7:02pm.

Pastor Derek led the group in an opening prayer.

Strategy Session: We discussed in detail Pastor Loren's retirement party. A sign-up genius will be going out for volunteers- the celebration will be the weekend of August 19th-20th. The party will be Saturday night and open house style. We will be serving ribs. It's going to be an incredible weekend celebrating Loren and his family and their incredible service to Good Shepherd.

SECRETARY'S REPORT: Blake Smith made a motion to accept the Secretary's report and Maggie Stewart seconded. Motion carried.

SHORELINE REPORT: Pastor Derek reported for Shoreline. They are continuing their elementary-aged school program this summer which has been a nice addition.

FINANCIAL REPORT: James was unable to attend, Pastor Derek reported. Our finances are healthy. Blake Smith made a motion to accept the financial reports, Cheryl Morissey seconded. Motion carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

WORSHIP AND MUSIC – Janet Linkert, Janet Jans. We completed our summer sermon series "Rest Assured" on Sabbath and have now moved to a new summer sermon series called "Amazing Grace" The worship team met and mapped out themes and dates for this upcoming Fall/Winter

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION – Megan Cegla, Maggie Stewart. Vacation Bible School was a great success. We had close to 60 children participants and around 25 volunteers in total. This was the first year without our VBS partnership and it went very smoothly.

YOUTH MINISTRY – Becky Hall, Betsy Lindgren. Our Christikon Bible Camp trip led by Ally went well and returned home safely. We had 20 students and three adult chaperones. A huge thanks to Ally Klug, Betsy Lindgren, and Renee Shaw for helping transport the kids to and from camp safely and for leading the trip along with the Christikon staff.. Our Houseboat Trip had several available slots and so we opened the trip up to those entering 9th grade. The trip is now full. Pastor Derek and Ally will lead this trip which departs July 31st - August 4th. We will have 30 students and 6 adult leaders.. Plans are underway for a President's Day Ski Trip for High School students in February of 2024. An interest survey will be sent out to families soon to lock-in our plans. We hope to begin promoting this trip with an official sign-up in September as the school year begins.

EVANGELISM – Tera White. No report.

FELLOWSHIP - Susan Hoversten, Jeannine Adair. The Good Shepherd Twins game event will be held on August 15th. Susan Hoversten will be stepping down from the Fellowship Position as she and her husband Eric move to the family farm. Sheri Smith has volunteered to step up to be Jeannine's partner in Fellowship Ministry.

SERVICE MINISTRY – Katy Flom. No report.

WOMEN'S MINISTRY – Cheryl Morrissey. The Women's Brunch will be held on September 30th this year. Ally Klug will be the speaker on the theme "All Creation Sings".

MUTUAL MINISTRY – Jo Mueller No report.

PROPERTY- The Thursday morning group continues to meet and has been doing projects both inside and outside the church. A group of volunteers will be meeting next Monday, July 24th for a Wine & Weeding event in the church garden.

STEWARDSHIP - Amy Velsor No report.

A motion to accept the committee reports was made by Blake Smith and seconded by Maggie Stewart. Motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:07pm .

We ended the meeting with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted by Emily Graff, Church Council Secretary



NEXT COUNCIL MEETING:

August 17th, 2023

Small Groups

The beauty of authentic community lies in the ability to foster growth and transformation, It is within the context of these relationships that we learn to extend grace, offer forgiveness, and bear one another's burdens; we are shaped and molded into the image of Christ. It's important to recognize that true community is not just about being surrounded by people, but about creating a safe space where vulnerability, transparency and genuine love can flourish. As we move into the fall. we are putting an emphasis on community building. We will do this through the formation of small groups within our congregation where deep relationships can form.

Disciple Making Groups

Small groups for people who want to further develop their spiritual disciplines and dig deep in growing their faith.

Community Groups

Small groups made up of people who want to build in-depth relationships with others.

Service Groups

Small groups for people who want to serve alongside one another in ministry

Youth Groups

Small groups for the youth of our church, varying ages.

If you are interested in joining a small group, being a small group leaders, or want more information, please reach out to Emily!

Women's Brunch and Silent Auction

Fall Brunch and Silent Auction

Saturday, September 30, 2023

Women of Good Shepherd, relatives and friends, are invited to the Women's Ministry's annual Brunch and Silent Auction in the Fellowship Hall at Good Shepherd on Saturday morning, September 30, 2023

10 am Silent Auction

11 am Brunch and Program

Theme: "All Creation Sings" presented by Ally Klug

Tickets for the catered brunch are only \$10.00 each and will be available beginning Sunday, September 3rd.

Plan to buy your tickets early, as space is limited.

All funds raised are given to WeCAN to support their programs in our communities. Once again a local family foundation will match funds raised up to \$5,000!!

Donations of items for the auction are needed! A big part of this morning is the silent auction. Donations might include gift certificates for restaurants or services; tickets to sporting or cultural events; gift baskets; food items.

A box is available in the church office for your donation.

Questions? Please contact Margaret Holste at 612-201-6020.

Pastor Loren's Retirement Celebration

After 30 years of faithful ministry at Good Shepherd, Pastor Loren Davis will be full retiring on Sunday, August 20th. With that, we hope you will join us for a special weekend honoring him and his family.

On Saturday, August 19th, all are welcome to an open house celebration at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church from 5-8 pm. Ribs, drinks, and sides are on the menu- so come hungry! At 7pm, we will gather in the Sanctuary for a special program. *To help us plan for enough food, we ask that you please RSVP via email to office@goodshepherdmn.org* More information on how you can help this weekend will be emailed out!

On Sunday, August 19th, all are invited to join us for Pastor Loren's final worship service at Good Shepherd. The service will begin at 10 am.

We hope to see each one of you on this special weekend!



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