

July Newsletter

Worship with Us!

July 2nd- Service of Word

Worship with Communion at 10 am - In Person or Online

July 9th- Traditional Worship Service

Worship with Communion at 10 am - In Person or Online

Sermon Series: Rest Assured

July 16th- Contemporary Worship Service

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

Sermon Series: Embrace the Grace

July 23rd- Praise and Worship Service

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

Sermon Series: Embrace the Grace

July 30th- Gospel Worship Service

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

Sermon Series: Embrace the Grace

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 in September!



YOUTH SPOT

Ally Klug, Director of Children, Youth and Family Ministries



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Sunday, July 16th - Wednesday, July 19th

We are excited for Vacation Bible School this summer!

Who? All Children age 3 to those entering 5th Grade

What? Songs, games, arts, crafts, snacks

When? Sunday,-Wednesday evenings

July 16th-19th

5:30 pm Meal Served

6-8:30 pm VBS

Where? Good Shepherd Lutheran Church

3745 Shoreline Dr, Wayzata, MN 55391

How Much? \$35 – One Child, \$55 – Two Children,
\$75 – Family Max

(Scholarships are available! Contact the church office for more info.)

Sign Me Up! Visit the www.goodshepherdmn.org/vbs to register and pay online.

Questions? Contact Ally (ally@goodshepherdmn.org)

JULY BIRTHDAY WISHES TO..

- 1 Russ Falness, Greg Miller,
June Montzka
- 2 Betsy Lindgren, Harrison Moen
- 3 Jill Borg, Kaisa Steahl
- 5 Sam Erickson, Leanna Koepp
- 6 Joy Blanchard, Roger Bredeson, Cassie Nelson,
Drew Hunter, Mark Reinhardt, Cynthia Bremer
- 7 Asher Michl
- 8 Kristina Hayhurst
- 9 David Holste
- 10 Paula Umbehocker
- 11 Cooper Kantola
- 12 Priscilla Folin
- 13 Grant Johnson, Robert Lillard, Pete Ronnerud,
Erik Saxvik
- 14 Fred Menger, Jill Heath, Payton Kasper, Jillian
Peterson, Edward Rockwell
- 15 Shawn Ruotsinoja, Dean Umbehocker,
Mike Wood, Madison Steahl
- 16 Julie Tasche, Jeff Ottenbreit
- 17 Morton Greenslit, Mason Velsor, Samantha Otto
- 20 Kaiden Oelschlager
- 21 Joalle Holmberg
- 22 Thomas Rockwell
- 23 Avery Jensen, Nick Reynolds
- 24 Jason Aufderheide, Kristian Foss, Reese
Thumann, William Rockwell
- 25 Camila Smith
- 26 Scott Anderson, Brody Johnson
- 27 Laura Hoogeveen, Becca Matthews
- 29 Greta Blanck, Bergit Nerheim, Clara Ludowise
- 30 Kathy Rolighed
- 31 Elise Adair, Cecilia Glenn, Georgia Lindgren,
James Sterne

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's son John
- Holly Thumann's mother Karen
- Spencer Helms' sister Allison
- Westonka Community member Tim Ritchie
- Laura Wynkoop
- Judy Davisson
- Linda Kelm
- Shirley Eskola
- Ally's aunt Lorri
- Brad Jans' mother Karen
- Becky Morlan
- 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
- Tera White's friend Amy
- Westonka area Pre-School Teacher Julie Sotak
- Westonka Food Shelf Director Michelle Bottenfield's mother

Those grieving the death of a loved one today

- Mark and Sarah Reinhardt and their family grieving the death of Mark's mother
- Carol Burma and her family grieving the death of her husband Orv Burma

HAPPY JULY ANNIVERSARY!

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| 3 Cynthia and Dennis Bremer | 23 Derek and Chantelle Jordahl | 25 Aaron and Kimberly Mjelstad |
| 5 Diane and Kent Christensen | 23 Kelly and Sam Knutson | 26 Erik and Kay Ostman-Saxvik |
| 12 Bethany and Craig Butler | 24 Kristin and Loren Davis | 26 David and Jonna Schrupp |
| 15 Julie and Karl Weisenhorn | 24 Jill and Ron Heath | 27 Scott and Amy Eidness |
| 19 David and Jennifer Cameron | 25 Ardell and Barbara Gilb | 27 Spencer and Jill Helms |
| 19 Melanie and Roger Whaley | | |

Pastor's Corner

Call Committee Update from Pastor Derek

We have some very exciting updates on the Call Committee front for our new Associate Pastor!

Pastor Craig Pederson from the Minneapolis Area Synod met with our congregation during worship on Wednesday, April 26th to discuss the process and learn more about our congregation. Following that visit, Pastor Craig and other synod staff began assembling a list of names of potential candidates for our congregation.

In early June, Pastor Craig gave our team a list of names and we began the process of setting up interviews. First, I would meet for an informal meeting with the candidate to learn more about them and to talk about what our congregation is like and what duties and responsibilities we are looking for in our new associate.

If, after the informal meeting, there was interest from both sides, a formal interview would be set up with myself and the members of the call committee: Cynthia Bremer, Paula Umbehocker, Jill Borg, Betsy Lindgren, Spencer Helms, Andrew Vechart, Janet Jans, and Emily Graff.

We're also happy to report that as of late June, formal interviews have begun.

Following the interview stage the call committee will determine who they would like to put forth as the associate pastor candidate. If the candidate agrees, their name will then be submitted to the Church Council for approval. Once the church council approves the candidate, a special congregational meeting will be scheduled. At this congregational meeting there will be one item on the agenda: an up or down vote on the candidate. If the congregation approves, we then put forth a letter of call to the candidate, they accept, and we have our new pastor in the fall!

We feel great about how interviews are going and we hope to have more news to share with the congregation very soon.

As always, if you have any questions about this process, the transition, or anything else, please feel free to reach out to me or Cynthia Bremer our congregational president and chair of the call committee. We can't wait to see what God has in store for the future of our congregation and we always appreciate your prayers for Good Shepherd in this process.



JUNE CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING RECAP

GOOD SHEPHERD COUNCIL MEETING - THURSDAY, June 15th, 2023

PRESENT: Maggie Stewart, Blake Smith, Janet Linkert, Tera White, Cheryl Morrissey, Jeannine Adair, Cynthia Bremer, Becky Hall, James Collins, Emily Graff, Pastor Derek Tronsgard
Vice President Blake Smith called the meeting to order at 7:03 pm.

STRATEGY SESSION: Pastor Derek and Cynthia Bremer updated the church council on the call committee and where they are in the call process. The committee has received names from the synod for potential candidates. The committee will be meeting again in the next few weeks to conduct interviews. Electric sign project update- our church is zoned residential which will require us to get a variance in order to put up an electric sign. Our existing sign is out of code. Our current sign area is 10.5 ft x 4 ft- we would need to shrink down to a 4 ft x 8 ft. The variance goes first to the Planning Commission and then to the City Council.

SECRETARY'S REPORT: One correction made to the minutes is the addition of Cheryl Morrissey present at the May meeting. Janet Linkert made a motion to approve the minutes as corrected, Maggie Stewart seconded. Motion carried.

SHORELINE REPORT: Pastor Derek reported for Shoreline that they are well into their summer programming. They also have many college and high school students working this summer. They are doing their school age program again this summer, something they didn't do last year.

FINANCIAL REPORT: James Collins reported that May was a very solid month. We have not had to tap into any of our reserves. Cheryl Morrissey made a motion to approve the financial report, Blake Smith seconded the motion. Motion carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

WORSHIP AND MUSIC – Janet Linkert, Janet Jans. On Memorial Day we had a special worship followed by a Memorial Day Peace Garden service in the garden. Special thanks to George & Cece Linkert for providing brass and playing taps at the conclusion of that service. On Sunday, June 4th we had our annual beach service and picnic which was well attended. Four children were baptized at the beach service. Janet, Dana, and Pastor Derek will be meeting to plan services & sermon themes for the fall. Our Sanctuary projector had an issue on Sunday, June 11th. Excel AV came out and repaired the problem on June 15th. Our upcoming 4th of July weekend service will feature live, in-person worship & preaching with previously recorded music

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION – Megan Cegla, Maggie Stewart. VBS planning is underway. Volunteers have been helping with decorations and preparations. VBS this year will be held from Sunday, July 16-Wednesday, July 19th. Registrations are currently open and participants are encouraged to register early to guarantee their t-shirts.

YOUTH MINISTRY – Becky Hall, Betsy Lindgren. Our Christikon Bible Camp trip led by Ally and parent volunteers has 19 students going into 6-8th grade attending. They will be leaving on Saturday, June 24th and arriving home on Sunday, July 2nd. On the way out there they will also be making a stop in the Black Hills of South Dakota with a trip to Mt. Rushmore. Our Houseboat Trip currently has around 20 students registered with room for 30 total. Pastor Derek will lead this trip July 31st - August 4th. 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. We had two additional families join our congregation in May. We currently have a list of 8 other families who have expressed interest in joining the congregation and Pastor Derek will be reaching out to them with the hopes of having them join the congregation this summer/fall.

FELLOWSHIP - Susan Hoversten, Jeannine Adair. The church picnic took place at Surfside Beach on Sunday, June 4th. The weather was beautiful and the picnic was well-attended. Plans are underway for a Good Shepherd Twins event at Target Field. 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. Good Shepherd and Our Lady of the Lake co-sponsored a free farmer's market held at the Westonka Food Shelf. Pastor Loren along with several other volunteers from Good Shepherd helped out at the event.

WOMEN'S MINISTRY – Cheryl Morrissey. Women's ministry is meeting Tuesday, July 11th to continue planning for the brunch which will be held on September 30th.

MUTUAL MINISTRY – Jo Mueller No report.

PROPERTY- Pastor Loren Reported. The Thursday morning group continues to meet and has been doing projects both inside and outside the church. Mulching and weeding was completed in the church garden. LED Lights were installed the commons area along with window screens repaired

STEWARDSHIP - Amy Velsor No report.

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

STAFF REPORTS: Pastor Derek reported that it's been a really exciting month. We have had several baptisms and new members. We as a staff are working hard to complete projects on the to-do list.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:53 pm with a motion from Cheryl Morrissey and seconded by Tera White. Motion carried.

We ended the meeting with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted by Emily Graff, Church Council Secretary



NEXT COUNCIL MEETING:

July 20th, 2023

Twins Game

Good Shepherd night at the Twins game will be held this summer on Tuesday, August 15th. The game begins at 6:40 pm vs. Detroit Tigers. Tickets are \$35/each. We have seats reserved in sections 133 and 134.

What is great about these seats is that they're both shaded and don't require walking up or down steps to reach the seats, making them accessible to everyone. You'll also have a good chance at catching a home run ball!

Please sign-up by Sunday, July 23rd. Sign-up on our website or reach out to Pastor Loren.

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



Financial Update

Our budgeted expenses at Good Shepherd for 2023 are \$521,651. Good Shepherd's budgeted expenses through the end of May was \$217,354.80 with actual expenses of \$201,32856. Actual expenses at the end of May were 92.63% of our budgeted expenses.

Our budgeted income for 2023 is also \$521,651. Budgeted income through May was \$217,354.80. Actual income through May was \$148,994.82 (68.55% 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.

The Good Shepherd Caring Card Makers NEED YOU!

They send out greeting cards they make to people on the prayer list or others they are informed about. The second Tuesday of every month, they get together to mail out and pray over the cards at 6:30 pm at Good Shepherd. As more become involved we can discuss best day to meet.

As needed they schedule card making at Gay's house in Plymouth (all the supplies are there). They will schedule card making sessions at a house in Mound too. Just want to sent out cards, that's fine, or want to make card, that's fine too, or you can do both!

They welcome your help! Join the fun and meaningful ministry. Questions or want to help, contact Gay.
Gay Hofteig 612-968-2278

Save the Date!

WOMEN'S BRUNCH and SILENT AUCTION

September 30th
Annual benefit for WeCAN!



Join us to celebrate

PASTOR LOREN'S *Retirement*

OPEN HOUSE CELEBRATION

SATURDAY, AUGUST 19TH | 5-8 PM

Good Shepherd Lutheran Church

Pastor Loren has announced that Sunday, August 20th will be his last Sunday serving as a pastor before fully retiring after 30 years of ministry at Good Shepherd. With that, we hope you'll join us for a special weekend honoring and celebrating the faithful ministry that he has given us.

On Saturday, August 19th everyone is welcome to an open house celebration here at Good Shepherd from 5:00pm-8:00pm with a special program in our Sanctuary at 7pm. We will be smoking ribs in the parking lot during the day, so come hungry! Along with the ribs we'll also be serving corn-bread, slaw, sides, and drinks during the open house.

Guests are also invited to bring a side dish or dessert to share at 5:00pm.

At 7:00pm we'll gather in the Sanctuary for a time to share stories and memories and to let Pastor Loren know how much we appreciate his hard work over the last 30 years.

Then, on Sunday, August 20th, everyone is invited to worship at 10:00am in the Sanctuary for Loren's final worship service as a pastor here at Good Shepherd. We'll also have cake and refreshments following the service.

Mark your calendars for Pastor Loren's retirement celebration this August!

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