

May Newsletter

## Worship Schedule

### **May 7 - Rite of Confirmation Service**

***Worship with Communion at 10 am - In Person or Online***

We will honor our 8th grade youth confirming their faith through the Rite of Confirmation.

### **May 14 - Spring Service of Lesson and Song: "Love Can Mend a Broken World"**

***Worship with Communion at 10 am - In Person or Online***

Our Good Shepherd Singers and Bell Choir will lead us in worship and praise! Come to sing, pray, listen and rest in the joy of God's loving grace to be energized for the week ahead.

### **May 21 - Kid's Choir Musical**

***Worship with Communion at 10:00 am - In-Person or On-Line***

Our Kid's Choir will perform their spring musical showcasing the unique gifts we receive from the spirit! Come and enjoy our youngest members lead us in worship!

### **May 28 - Memorial Day Service**

***Worship with Communion at 10:00 am - In-Person or On-Line***

Immediately following worship that day we will proceed out to the Good Shepherd Peace Garden for our annual brief *Service of Remembrance*, when we will remember all our loved ones who have passed away, and give thanks to God for their lives. We will also remember the members of Good Shepherd who have died in the last year and honor the men and women who have served our country in the armed services. Good Shepherd's Peace Garden is a place for peaceful meditation and prayer, designed to encourage quiet reflection and thanksgiving for the promise of eternal life.



To join us ONLINE, you can go to our Facebook feed at:

[www.facebook.com/goodshepherdmn](http://www.facebook.com/goodshepherdmn)

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

[www.goodshepherdmn.org](http://www.goodshepherdmn.org) and clicking on the worship video on the home page of the website.

# YOUTH SPOT

Ally Klug, Director of Children, Youth and Family Ministries

## Green Lake Bible Camp

June 25th - 29th

Students who have completed grades 1st - 5th

Half Blast: Grades 1st - 4th

Andy's Gang: Grades 2nd - 5th

Trailblazers: Grades 5th - 7th

For more information, check out

<https://www.gllm.org/>



## Christikon Bible Camp

June 24th - July 2nd

Students who have completed grades 6th - 8th

We are so excited to be heading to the mountains of Montana this summer! This life changing experience is truly one in a million and we can't wait to see how our youth grow and recharge while exploring God's beautiful creation.

For more information, check out the "Prospectors" program:

<https://christikon.org/onsite-camp-programs/>



Christikon  
Registration

## Vacation Bible School

July 16th - 19th (evenings)

Students who have completed Pre-K - 4th Grade

This summer, VBS is launching us on a cosmic quest! Our mission? To shine Jesus' light on the whole world. Join us for what is sure to be light-years of faith-filled fun!



## Houseboat Trip

July 31st - Aug. 4th

For students who have completed 9th - 12th Grade

Sign-Ups for our annual (and oh-so-popular) Houseboat Trip on beautiful Rainy Lake in Northern Minnesota are now open!

This trip includes 4 nights and 5 days of swimming, eating, fishing, talking, kayaking, worshipping, sunbathing, singing, camping, playing, praying, cliff-jumping, gaming, paddle boarding, klangalading, and pancake eating.



Houseboat  
Registration



## MAY BIRTHDAY WISHES TO..

- 1 Angela Peglow, Craig O'Halloran
- 2 Natalie Larson
- 4 Lance Grimm
- 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 Jr.
- 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
- 17 Kristine Falness, Mike Falness, Spencer Helms, Eli Cegla
- 18 Max Menzemer, Kelly Rioux, David Larson
- 19 Chip Grey, Nathan Tasche, Cheryl Dahl
- 20 Fletcher Adair, Montana Courneya, Ryan Johnson
- 21 Braeden Blanchard
- 22 Anna Borg, Jennifer Cameron, Rachel Gunlock
- 24 Ingrid Aufderheide, Noah Coley, Nicole Johnson
- 25 Laurie Foerster, Lynn Latzke, Nicholas Latzke, Selmer Moen, Avery Robbins
- 26 Amy Eidsness, Andrew Wood
- 28 Max Aufderheide, Sawyer Foss, Sherri Miller, Jameson Wetternach
- 29 Luke Rodelius
- 30 Andy Kelm, Barb Zimmerman, Kim Mjelstad, Jillian Cameron
- 31 Cody Rolighed, Linda Snyder, Kelly Knutson,

## 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
- Verne Hubbell
- Jean Gimmestad's son John
- Holly Thumann's mother Karen
- Prayers of thanksgiving for Terri Esposito's mother Belva
- Spencer Helms' sister Allison
- Westonka Community member Tim Ritchie
- Patti Berkland
- Laura Wynkoop
- Judy Davisson
- Linda Kelm
- MarJo Hubbell
- Melissa Reid
- Shirley Eskola
- Pat Spilseth
- Ally's fiance Drew's grandpa Willard
- Terri Esposito's brother Joel
- Jim Reid
- Jo Mueller's friend Leann
- Janet Linkert's friend, Walt
- Margaret Holste's friend, Pete
- Margaret Holste's cousin, Gretchen

Those grieving the death of a loved one today

- Former GS Member Pat Esser grieving the death of his wife Myrna

## HAPPY MAY ANNIVERSARY!

- 2 Randy & Karen O'Brien
- 3 Scott & Lisa Matson
- 8 Jim & Sandy Salwei
- 11 Jerry & Vicki Klitzka, John & Krissy Mohn, Mark & Gina Smith
- 14 Darren & Missy Poikonen
- 22 Dave & Kay Owen, Ken & Teresa Amerman
- 24 Doug & Paula Umbehocker
- 25 Gale & Fred Menger
- 28 Shaun & Kelly Rioux
- 29 John & Marnie Swenson



# PASTOR'S CORNER

## Call Committee Update

As we move from winter into spring the work of our Good Shepherd Call Committee continues as they lead our congregation in calling our new full-time Associate Pastor.

As I write this on Tuesday, April 25th, Pastor Craig Pederson from the Minneapolis Area Synod is preparing to meet with our congregation tomorrow - Wednesday, April 26th during worship. During his visit Pastor Craig will present to the congregation information about the call process, the timeline, and how the Minneapolis synod helps us in this work. Pastor Craig also will talk through our Ministry Site Profile which is paperwork created by our call committee to let potential candidates know about our congregation, our community, and the values we hold as a church. This paperwork is a resume of our congregation and will help potential applicants find out about the opening and give them more information about Good Shepherd.

After Pastor Craig's visit to Good Shepherd we will begin receiving names from the Minneapolis Synod of potential candidates. Some of these names may be folks preparing to graduate from Seminary while others may be from pastors currently serving in other ELCA churches who are looking for a new call.

One important role the Minneapolis Synod serves congregations is matching both seminarians preparing for ordination and pastors looking for new calls with congregations that may be a potential fit. In addition, our call committee is also invited to pass along names of potential candidates to the synod. With that - if anyone out there knows of an ELCA pastor who might be a good fit, please let us know!

After receiving candidate names we will begin the interview process. The candidate interviews will begin taking place later this spring and into the summer with the hope that our new pastor could begin their call early in the fall.

## Save The Date! - Weekend of August 18-20th

In other transition news, Pastor Loren has announced that Sunday, August 20th will be his last Sunday serving as a pastor at Good Shepherd. Pastor Loren will share his final sermon with us on that day, and with that, we're planning a weekend event celebrating the incredible 30 years of ministry that Pastor Loren has given Good Shepherd. Work is currently underway to plan the festivities and more details will come as to what that celebration will look like. In the meantime, please mark your calendars today to join us in thanking God for the incredible ministry that Pastor Loren has given Good Shepherd!

As always, if you have any questions about the call committee, the staff transition, or anything else, please let me know! Keep Good Shepherd in your prayers as we find our next pastor, and stay tuned to this Pastor's Corner each month during the summer for continued updates.

Thanks and God Bless!  
Pastor Derek

# FINANCIAL UPDATE

Our budgeted expenses at Good Shepherd for 2023 are \$521,651. Good Shepherd's budgeted expenses through the end of March was \$130,412 with actual expenses of \$111,559.88. Actual expenses at the end of March were 85.54% of our budgeted expenses.

Our budgeted income for 2023 is also \$521,651. Budgeted income through March was \$130,412. Actual income through March was \$86,938.03 (66.66% of budgeted income).

During the course of the church year our income typically starts slower than our expenses. As warmer weather and spring-like conditions blossom around us, we simply want to thank you for your generous giving to Good Shepherd.

We also thank you for staying current in your giving which allows us to pay our bills.

Thank you so much for your faithful giving to our congregation.

## 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



# APRIL CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING RECAP

Good Shepherd Lutheran Church April Church Council Meeting  
April 20th 2023

Members Present: Pastor Loren, Susan Hoversten, Blake Smith, Maggie Stewart, Cynthia Bremer, Megan Cegla, Tera White, Jo Mueller, Becky Hall

The meeting was called to order by President Cynthia Bremer at 7:09pm.  
Pastor Loren led the group in prayer.

**Strategy Session:** With the generous gift from a congregation member to go towards an electronic sign, this has been made a priority. We are hoping to have the sign in place by Rally Sunday in September. Pastor Derek is getting quotes from at least three companies. Cynthia Bremer has been in contact with the City of Orono because we are in a zoned residential district, they are ok if size and location is similar to what we have now.

**Secretary's Report:** Blake Smith made a motion to accept the minutes from the March meeting as written, Tera White seconded. Motion carried.

**Shoreline Report:** Pastor Loren reported that Terri Esposito (the director) has made note that their staffing situation is improving.

**Finance Report:** The March net income over expenses shows as \$-1,231.29. This number does not reflect money received for the Rib Fest in March credited towards the Youth Activities line item which will be transferred to the Youth Checking Account. After transferring those designated Rib Fest funds to Youth Checking the net income vs. expenses in the general checking account is \$-13,162.79. One larger expense this year is parking lot & sidewalk snow plowing and salting. With the snowier winter we anticipate our plowing budget to be over by several thousand dollars in 2023. We plan to review this line item & collect additional bids for next season to ensure that we are meeting our needs in this area while also getting the most cost effective solution. In the cash flow statement Shoreline Rent appears under budget. This is because rent checks were deposited in early April. Shoreline Rent is on target for the year. Blake Smith made a motion to accept the finance report as presented, Jo Mueller seconded. Motion carried.

## Committee Reports:

### WORSHIP AND MUSIC – Janet Linkert, Janet Jans

Holy Week went well. We did a Taize Service on Maundy Thursday, Cry of the Whole Congregation on Good Friday, and Easter Services on Sunday. Attendance was good on Easter. A new sermon series has started for the month of April on the Trinity. For three weeks, we will preach on God the Father, Son, and Spirit. In May we will have several special services including Confirmation Sunday, the Choir and Bell Choir's Annual Spring Worship, and the children's musical. Wireless microphones were installed in the Sanctuary. The flexibility of the new mics & removal of many cords has been greatly appreciated. Janet, Dana, and Pastor Derek will be meeting to map out summer worship themes and songs shortly. Later this summer they will meet again to map out the fall of 2023. Wednesday Evening Worship will take a pause for summer beginning on May 10th following Confirmation Sunday and will resume in the Fall of 2023 after Rally Sunday.

### CHRISTIAN EDUCATION – Megan Cegla, Maggie Stewart

On Easter Sunday Ally and the McClelland family helped launch a new Easter Egg Hunt event for children during the middle of the Easter service. We are thankful for their efforts and hope to continue this next year. We had a wonderful turnout for the after Sunday children/family event on Sunday, April 16th. Special thanks to Maggie Stewart for coordinating. Trail Mix was served and families learned more about Vacation Bible School. Our Chris Ed. committee met on Thursday, April 20th for a VBS planning meeting. This year we will be doing our own decorations and hope to have a decoration meeting on May 24th and a decoration set-up day on Wednesday, July 12th. Our Children's Musical is coming up on May 21st. Pastor Derek will once again write the musical and we're excited to share it with the congregation. On Wednesday, May 10th all kids are invited to a 1st Communion Class. Kids of all ages who haven't already attended one of our 1st Communion events in the past are welcome to come!

### YOUTH MINISTRY – Becky Hall, Betsy Lindgren

On Friday, April 21st Ally along with other adult leaders are taking our 6-9th graders on "Moonlight Madness". A school bus is rented and kids will travel to various fun outings during the course of the evening. The event begins at 8:00pm and will wrap up the following morning. A huge thanks to Ally and the other adult leaders for chaperoning this fun all-night experience for our kids. The younger children in K-6th grade will be attending Nickelodeon Universe at the Mall of America on Sunday, April 23rd following church. Houseboat and Christikon sign-ups are on-going. Participants are urged to sign up soon with their \$100 deposit to lock in their spot. The Youth Committee hopes to offer a Montana Ski Trip to Bridger Bowl in the winter of 2024. Work on this trip will begin soon with straw polls to families to determine interest & best possible dates. Stay tuned for more updates as they come. On Wed. May 10th there will be a meal, a 1st Communion Event, and a thank-you celebration for the choir in lieu of worship. On Wed. May 17th there will be a meal and trip meetings.

### EVANGELISM – Tera White

On Sunday, April 16th we welcomed two families and plan to welcome several more families this month. Pastor Derek is reaching out to schedule new member orientations with those families. At this time Tera does not feel the need to add another member to the committee to fill Chad Mack's vacant spot

### FELLOWSHIP - Susan Hoversten, Jeannine Adair

The Fellowship Committee is having a family Back Channel Brewing event on Tuesday, May 2nd. A charcuterie board created by the Wood family will be raffled off. Preparations are underway for the annual Surfside Beach service & picnic Susan and Eric Hoversten have announced that they will be moving to Eric's family farm in southern Minnesota. Susan anticipates that her last Fellowship event will be the beach picnic. We are so thankful for Susan's years of service on council and will miss her! With Susan's departure, we will be looking for someone to take her place on council. If you are interested or know someone who is, please reach out to Pastor Derek.

### SERVICE MINISTRY – Katy Flom

We raised approximately \$6000 for the Food Shelf this spring through our Souper Bowl of Caring and Food Share Month Drives. Thank you to our congregation for their generosity.

### WOMEN'S MINISTRY – Cheryl Morrissey

The new set of serving tables for the Fellowship Hall which match the existing tables are nearly completed. Funds for these tables will be shared between the Women's Ministry Committee and undesignated memorial funds. The Women's Committee will be meeting soon to plan for the Annual Fall Brunch. The date for this event will be announced soon.

### MUTUAL MINISTRY – Jo Mueller

No report.  
PROPERTY- Vacant  
We are still in need of someone to fill the vacant property position on council. Please talk to Pastor Derek if you are or if you know of someone who is interested. Pastor Loren reported that the Thursday morning work crew has replaced the filters and belts in the blower heat unit. This group is also looking into options to help the Reid Family with their ceiling project.

### STEWARDSHIP – Amy Velsor

No report.  
Blake Smith made a motion to accept the committee reports and Becky Hall seconded. Motion carried.

**Staff Reports:** Pastor Loren reported that things are going well for the staff. Happy Birthday Derek!

**Action Items:** Peace Garden Committee Request: Blake made a motion to approve one item: the reappointment of 2 members, Margaret Holste and Lou Ann Powell, to 3-year terms on the Good Shepherd Peace Garden Committee, as provided for in the Peace Garden Rules and Procedures; Maggie Stewart seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**Other info/reports:** We are beginning to gather ideas to refresh the office and commons area spaces. We will have estimates for the brick repair, storage garage (under 200 square feet) and digital thermostat by this summer.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:25 pm with a motion to adjourn from Blake Smith and seconded by Becky Hall. The meeting closed with The Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted by, Susan Hoversten

 **NEXT COUNCIL MEETING:**  
May 18th, 2023

## EMPLOYMENT

This is a paid position- approximately 12 hours/week.

### **WEDNESDAY NIGHT MEALS -**

There are approximately 30 Wednesday Night meals throughout the year we serve (September-May) - Tuesdays- purchasing of food (2 hours) - Wednesdays- Prepping, serving and cleanup (11:00 am-9 pm)

### **CHURCH PICNICS & FUNERALS**

(purchasing, preparing, serving) - Beach Worship and Picnic at Surfside Beach (first Sunday in June) - Rally Sunday (first Sunday in September after Labor Day)

Pastor Loren has faithfully been our Church Chef for the past 7-8 years. He will be retiring in August and we will need to find someone to fill this position. If you are interested or know someone who is interested, please reach out to Pastor Loren!

## FELLOWSHIP EVENT

May 2nd  
Back Channel Brewing Co.  
5 pm-9 pm

Dogs, kids, all ages welcome! Charcuterie offered and food truck and drinks available for purchase. Come and go as you are able! We will be raffling off a beautiful Michelle Wood original charcuterie board at the event with proceeds going to the church!

## SAVE THE DATE

We will be celebrating Pastor Loren's retirement and honoring his many faithful years of service to Good Shepherd the weekend of August 20th. More information to come!

## FIRST COMMUNION CLASS

We invite those interested in learning of the sacrament of Holy Communion to attend a First Communion Class on Wednesday, May 10th. We will be serving a light meal at 5:45 and then class will begin at 6:30 pm. We will end the evening with communion together.



# May Wednesday Schedule

## May 3rd

Kids Choir at 4 pm

Fellowship Meal at 5:45 pm: Cub Foods Chicken

Last Wednesday Worship until Fall at 6:30 pm

Shepherd's Bells Rehearsal at 6:30 pm

Last 5/6 Connect until Fall: 7:15 pm

Last Confirmation Class of the Year (Parent/Youth Night): 7:15 pm

Good Shepherd Singers Rehearsal: 7:30 pm

## May 10th

Kids Choir at 4 pm

Fellowship Meal at 5:45 pm: Chef's Choice

**NO WORSHIP**

Shepherd's Bells Rehearsal at 6:30 pm

*First Communion Class at 6:30 pm*

Good Shepherd Singers Rehearsal: 7:30 pm

## May 17th

Kids Choir at 4 pm

Fellowship Meal at 5:45 pm: Chef's Choice

**NO WORSHIP**

Youth Summer Trip Meetings

Let's Be Friends!

FOLLOW US ON FACEBOOK AND  
INSTAGRAM!

@goodshepherdmn



Volunteer at  
Worship



Sunday  
Volunteers

Summer  
Registrations



Houseboat  
Registration



Christikon  
Registration

## Outdoor Worship and Church Picnic at Surfside Beach

Sunday, June 4th

Our annual "Start the Summer" Worship Service at Surfside Beach in Mound will be held on Sunday, June 5th, at 10:00 a.m.

This wonderful morning of worship on the beach which will include both Holy Baptism and Holy Communion.

We hope you will plan to join us for this special day of worship in June!

We are still working on details for the congregation picnic following the service, information to come!

*If you are interested in getting baptized during this service, please contact Pastor Derek!*

**Good Shepherd Lutheran Church**  
3745 Shoreline Drive  
Wayzata, MN 55391-9784

Non Profit Org.  
U.S. Postage  
PAID  
Spring Park, MN  
Permit No. 6

**Return Service Requested**

[ ]

[ ]

# MAY NEWSLETTER

Good Shepherd Lutheran Church

**WWW.GOODSHEPHERDMN.ORG**

## **PASTOR DEREK TRONSGARD, LEAD PASTOR**

Cell Phone: 612-548-1423

E-Mail: [pastorderek@goodshepherdmn.org](mailto:pastorderek@goodshepherdmn.org)

## **PASTOR LOREN DAVIS, PASTOR EMERITUS**

Cell Phone: 612-751-0177

E-Mail: [pastorlorendavis@mchsi.com](mailto:pastorlorendavis@mchsi.com)

## **ALLY KLUG, DIRECTOR OF CHILDREN, YOUTH AND FAMILY MINISTRIES**

Cell Phone: 612-751-3840

E-Mail: [ally@goodshepherdmn.org](mailto:ally@goodshepherdmn.org)

## **CHURCH OFFICE, EMILY GRAFF- OFFICE COMMUNICATIONS COORDINATOR**

Phone: 952-471-8433

E-Mail: [office@goodshepherdmn.org](mailto:office@goodshepherdmn.org), [emily@goodshepherdmn.org](mailto:emily@goodshepherdmn.org)

