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# GOOD SHEPHERD LUTHERAN CHURCH

3745 Shoreline Drive, Wayzata MN 55391

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## Trunk or Treat... A Haunting Good Time!

Thank you to everyone who attended and volunteered at our Trunk or Treat event. It was a spooktacular event!



## Worship Schedule

### November 5th - Praise and Worship

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

Sermon Series: For All the Faithful Women- Mary and Martha

### November 8th - Praise and Worship

*Worship with Communion at 6:30 pm  
In Person*

Sermon Series: For All the Faithful Women- Mary and Martha

### November 12th- Contemporary Service

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

Sermon Series: For All the Faithful Women- Mary of Bethany Anoints Jesus

### November 15th- Contemporary Service

*Worship with Communion at 6:30 pm  
In Person*

Sermon Series: For All the Faithful Women- Mary of Bethany Anoints Jesus

### November 19th- Traditional Service

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

Sermon Series: For All the Faithful Women- Mary Magdalene

### November 22nd- NO WORSHIP

### November 25th- Gospel Service

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

Sermon Series: Give Thanks in All Circumstances

*Wednesday sermon will be the same sermon as the pervious Sunday.*

# Women's Ministry



Thank you to everyone who helped to make the Annual Women's Brunch and Silent Auction, held in our Good Shepherd fellowship hall, a huge success. We extend our gratitude to Ally Reitz for an incredible program, the silent auction donations and bidders and the gift match from a couple in our community. The event raised \$5,800 and a community family matched \$5,000, totaling \$10,800 raised for WeCAN!

The next fundraising event will be the selling of cheesecakes. Cheesecakes can be purchased on our church website, following worship on Sundays and Wednesdays, or with Emily in the church office. Loren has agreed to work with Women's Ministry and coordinate the event on November 10th, 11th, and 12th. The last day to order will be Wednesday, November 8th. After expenses, whatever funds are raised will be used to purchase items for the Fellowship Hall. Pick up will be Sunday, November 12th from 11-12pm.

We invite you to share some of your favorite Christmas treats with recipients of Meals-on-Wheels! We will also deliver boxes to our Good Shepherd members who may be homebound during the holiday season. On Sunday, December 3rd, we will be collecting Christmas cookies and treats to be assembled into cookie boxes. We fill 50 boxes, and each box needs about 2 dozen cookies! Please consider making an extra batch (2-3 dozen) of your favorite holiday goodies to share and drop your donation off at church on Sunday, December 3rd to be assembled into boxes on Monday, December 4th.



*Order your cheesecake here!*

## Shoreline Early Learning Center

Shoreline Early Childhood Development Center, located in the basement of Good Shepherd, is looking for committed, patient and loving individuals to work in the kitchen and classrooms. Anyone interested should contact Terri Esposito at 952-471-8541.

## 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 new year, 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!**

# cheesecake Order Form

Fundraiser for Good Shepherd Women's Ministry

Pick-Up: Sunday, November 12th from 11 am -12 pm

Last Day to Order: Wednesday, November 8th

*(Hint: Cheesecakes freeze well!)*

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

ITEM	1/4 SIZE (\$12)	1/2 SIZE (\$24)	WHOLE (\$40)	\$ TOTAL
Pure Plain Vanilla (with strawberries)				
Pumpkin Pecan				
Turtle				
Chocolate Chip (oreo crust)				
Bailey's Irish Cream				
TOTALS:				



# OF 1/4 (\$12 EACH) \_\_\_\_\_

# OF 1/2 (\$24 EACH) \_\_\_\_\_

# OF WHOLE (\$40 EACH) \_\_\_\_\_

GRAND TOTAL \_\_\_\_\_

PAYMENT METHOD \_\_\_\_\_



## PASTOR'S CORNER

BY PASTOR SARAH JOHANSON

Good Shepherd Community,

On October 15th, Good Shepherd hosted my service of ordination and installation and I officially became 'Pastor Sarah'. Bishop Ann Svennungsen of the Minneapolis Area Synod of the ELCA presided over the service, and my family, friends, and former colleagues came to celebrate. I was honored to have Pastor Derek preach, was gifted beautiful music by the Good Shepherd choir, and was installed with the help of three generations of Good Shepherd membership. It was an incredibly meaningful day, and I am so grateful to have had this community play such a big role in the celebration. A huge thank you to everyone who made this service possible!

Thank you for welcoming Broderick and I with openness, warmth, and patience. I learn something new every day in the office (I just went into the loft storage room for the first time!) and can not wait to continue to get to know all of you. Thank you for allowing me to serve as your pastor, I'm so excited for all that's to come.

## FINANCIAL UPDATE

BY PASTOR DEREK TRONSGARD

Our budgeted expenses at Good Shepherd for 2023 are \$521,651. Good Shepherd's budgeted expenses through the end of September were \$391,238.63 with actual expenses of \$376,233.70 (96.16% of actual expenses).

Our budgeted income for 2023 is also \$521,651. Budgeted income through September was \$391,238.63. Actual income was \$300,182.01 (76.73% of budgeted income).

As we look forward to a strong year-end of giving, we're thankful for your faithful and regular gifts. Your offerings make the ministry of Good Shepherd possible.

## *November Birthday Wishes to...*

01 Margaret Holste  
02 Jake Anderly, Sara Olson  
03 Craig Duncan  
04 George Linkert, Keith Johnson  
05 Ginny Gulbrandson, Emma Mack, Maya Pflughaar,  
Mysti Courneya  
06 Mauri Elskamp, Janet Jans, Kay McCollum  
07 Jeremiah Krahl, Ainsley Stewart  
08 Paige Welzin  
09 Julie Johnson, Missy Poikonen, Patrice Seeley  
11 Kathryn Butler, Ryan Butler  
12 Adele Childers  
13 Beckett Poikonen, Darren Poikonen,  
Roger Whaley, Beau Courneya  
14 Mark Brekke, Russell Burton, Sophia Breckheimer,  
Robin O'Connor, Dave Peterson  
15 Kurt Bowe, Becky Hall, Theodore Callahan  
16 Kay Ostman Saxvik, Isabell Swanson, Max Swanson  
17 Krissy Mohn, Marnie Swenson  
18 Joan Brekke, Kathy Kroening, Bennett Bredeson  
19 Alec Hruby  
20 Mason Jakubik, Addie Koepp, Harper Geyen  
21 Gracie O'Halloran, Rollin Duncan  
22 Sydney Eidness, Rhiannon Davis  
23 Drew Berkland, Kinsley Peterson  
25 Jeana Menzemer, Michael Schermerhorn  
25 Ben Halonen, Anna Olson  
27 Joan Nielsen, Rebecca Stacey  
28 Patrick Morrissey, Hannah Seeley  
29 Betty Downey, Denver Foley  
30 JoJo Schwartz, Heather Hanson, Jan Carlos

## *Happy November Anniversary!*

02 Mauri & Don Elskamp  
04 Karen & Kieth Cook  
10 Scott & Tracy Anderson  
12 Dawn & Robert Davis  
16 Harolyn & Troy Salwei  
19 Mark & Sarah Reinhardt  
23 Kathy Kroening & Chip Grey  
29 Courtney & Dan Wettarnach

## *Prayers For...*

### **Those with Dementia, Alzheimer's, and Aging Issues**

Missy Poikonen's father  
Cindi Shannon  
Brad Jans' mother Karen  
Janet Jans preparing for surgery on Monday - pray for wisdom, healing for Janet, pain to go away

### **Those with Parkinson's Disease**

Dale Mueller's mother Lucia  
Ally Reitz's godmother Becky

### **Those with On-Going Health Concerns**

Rachel Reid  
Jo & Dale Mueller's brother-in-law, Garry  
Jean Gimmestad's son John  
Holly Thumann's mother Karen  
Spencer Helms' sister Allison  
Becky Morlan  
Merv and Patti Berkland's brother in law Ed Moss  
George Linkert's mother  
Terri Esposito's mother Belva  
Susie Wittine's father Neil  
Michelle Wood's mother Sally  
Patty Berkland's sister Carol

### **Those Living with Cancer**

Jo Mueller's friend Leann  
Jo Mueller's sister-in-law Ann  
Dale Mueller's father Harlan  
Jo Mueller's mother Lois  
Janet Linkert's friend, Walt  
Margaret Holste's friend, Pete  
Margaret Holste's cousin, Gretchen

### **Those grieving the death of a loved one...**

- John Hannigan and his family grieving the death of Dawn Hannigan
- Mar Jo Hubbell and her family grieving the death of her husband Verne
- Diane & Kent Christensen and their family grieving the death of Diane's brother Allan
- Kristin & Loren Davis and their family grieving the death of Kristin's mother Arlene

## Confirmation Retreat

Our annual Confirmation retreat will be held at Camp Koronis near Paynesville, MN.

November 11-12th.

We are looking for parent volunteers to chaperone and drive. If interested please contact Pastor Sarah!

## Lessons and Carols

Join us on December 10th as our Good Shepherd Singers (adult choir) and Bell Choir lead us through a musical journey during worship.

## Kids Christmas Musical

The Kids Club Christmas musical will be held on Sunday, December 17th at 10 am. Any child in our congregation or friends are invited to participate in the musical! We are looking for kids interested in speaking parts, singing parts or playing an instrument! Please reach out to Ally if you would like to be involved. More information for families will be arriving via e-mail soon!

Mark your calendars!

## WEDNESDAY MEAL MENU NOVEMBER

Meals are served each Wednesday at 5:45 pm.  
\$5/person or \$20/family

### NOVEMBER 8TH

Pot Roast Dinner

### NOVEMBER 15TH

Soup and Salad

### NOVEMBER 22ND

No Meal

### NOVEMBER 29TH

Chef's Choice

# Wednesday's @ Good Shepherd

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4 pm

Kid's Choir (preschool-4th grade)

5:45 pm

Wednesday Night Meal

6:30 pm

Wednesday Worship

6:30 pm

Bell Choir Rehearsal

7:15 pm

5/6 Connect (5th-6th grade)

7:15 pm

Confirmation (7th-8th grade)

7:15 pm

High School Ministry (9th-12th grade)

7:30 pm

Good Shepherd Singers Rehearsal

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# OCTOBER CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING RECAP

GOOD SHEPHERD COUNCIL MEETING - THURSDAY, October 26th, 2023

*PRESENT: Katy Flom, Blake Smith, Tera White, Cheryl Morrissey, Cynthia Bremer, Megan Cegla, Maggie Stewart, James Collins, Amy Velsor, Becky Hall, Emily Graff, Pastor Derek and Pastor Sarah.*

President Cynthia Bremer called the meeting to order at 7:03pm  
Pastor Derek led the group in prayer to begin the meeting.

**STRATEGY SESSION:** We are moving forward in the digital sign. Per our church by-laws, we contacted three companies to get bids so we could compare bids and designs. The council was presented with options given by the companies. Tera White made a motion to move forward with AIM Electronic and Blake Smith seconded the motion. Motion carried. The company has agreed to work with in applying for the variance and they will be there to present to the city.

**SECRETARY'S REPORT:** Blake Smith made the motion to accept the minutes as written, Cheryl Morrissey seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**SHORELINE REPORT:** Pastor Derek and Pastor Sarah talked touched base with Darcy and Terri, they are still looking for part time and full time teachers. With college students coming back in December, that will ease some of the burden.

**FINANCIAL REPORT:** James Collins reported. Our budgeted expenses at Good Shepherd for 2023 are \$521,651. Good Shepherd's budgeted expenses through the end of September were \$391,238.63 with actual expenses of \$376,233.70 (96.16% of actual expenses). Our budgeted income for 2023 is also \$521,651. Budgeted income through September was \$391,238.63. Actual income was \$300,182.01 (76.73% of budgeted income). As we look forward to a strong year-end of giving, we're thankful for your faithful and regular gifts. Your offerings make the ministry of Good Shepherd possible.

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

- Pastor Derek, Pastor Sarah, Janet Jans, and Dana Byers met this month to plan worship services for the fall
- We have begun a new sermon series "For All the Faithful" looking at the stories of faithful women in the New Testament
- We were honored to host Pastor Sarah's ordination and installation service here at Good Shepherd. Bishop Ann Svennungsen presided over the service with Pastor Derek preaching. Congratulations to Pastor Sarah!

**CHRISTIAN EDUCATION** – Megan Cegla, Maggie Stewart

- Kids Club on Sundays and Wednesdays is off to a great start! We have been seeing consistently good numbers on both Sundays and Wednesdays. We are also doing special events led by Ally for our preschool-6th graders. We recently had an outing to Valleyfair, which was super fun! The next event is Trunk or Treat on October 29th.
- Pastor Derek and Pastor Sarah have been switching off leading the Women's Bible Study on Tuesday mornings. We have moved to a different format which has gone over well with attendees.

**YOUTH MINISTRY** – Becky Hall, Betsy Lindgren

- We are excited to have our high school ministry back in session! The Youth Committee will be meeting this week to discuss upcoming summer plans and the potential President's Day ski trip.

**EVANGELISM** – Tera White

- We continue to see new families visiting our congregation on Sundays & Wednesdays. Several have expressed interest in joining our congregation. Later this fall (late November - early December) we hope to schedule new member classes..
- Tera hopes to form a group to explore the commons area space. Several ideas have been thoughtful consideration of what furniture needs to be there and what can be removed, how the space is arranged, photos of the congregation to display on the walls, etc.

**FELLOWSHIP** - Jeannine Adair, Sheri Smith

- The Fellowship team & Pastor Derek met this fall to look at the year & plan out the Fellowship events for the year
- A group from Good Shepherd will be going to Chanhassen Dinner Theater to see Jersey Boys in November. We're excited that this tradition of going to Chanhassen is continuing.

**SERVICE MINISTRY** – Katy Flom

- A volunteer opportunity for WeCAN coat distribution will be included in this coming week's announcements and emails. The volunteer shifts are:
  - November 7th 8:45-11:00 am
  - November 8th: 8-45-11:00 am
  - November 8th: 10:45-1:00 pm

**WOMEN'S MINISTRY** – Cheryl Morrissey

- Women's Ministry met on October 10th to discuss the results of the brunch and silent auction. The event raised \$5,800 and a community family matched \$5,000, totaling \$10,800 raised for WeCAN!
- The next fundraising event will be the selling of cheesecakes. Loren has agreed to work with Women's Ministry and coordinate the event on November 10th, 11th, and 12th. Orders will be available starting on Sunday, October 29th. After expenses, whatever funds are raised will be used in the Fellowship Hall. Some things being considered are glasses for serving water and lemonade, new silverware, and possible additional padded folding chairs. A decision will be made after the results of the cheesecake event.

**MUTUAL MINISTRY** – Jo Mueller

- No report.

**PROPERTY**

- Our men's Thursday morning group continues to meet and do projects around the church. A huge thanks to them for their efforts!
- The carpets in the commons area and the Fellowship Hall were cleaned several weeks ago. It made a noticeable difference with several stains and we hope to make this a yearly - semi-yearly occurrence.
- Bill Sterne installed new LED exterior lights which. They are brighter than our previous lights and will provide greater visibility when it's dark out. This is especially helpful this time of year as the days grow shorter
- Pastor Derek will be soliciting bids from several snow plowing companies to ensure we're getting the best price & value for our snow plowing in the winter

**STEWARDSHIP** – Amy Velsor

- This years' Stewardship Campaign will take place the week of November 12th. As always, mailings will be sent out to families and a special stewardship sermon will be preached by Pastor Derek on Sunday the 12th and Wednesday the 15th.

Blake Smith made a motion to accept the committee reports and Amy Velsor seconded. Motion carried.

**STAFF REPORTS:** Pastor Sarah thanked everyone for the warm welcome her and her husband have received at Good Shepherd. She is starting to feel settled and diving into many projects. She was extremely grateful for the volunteers and those who attended her ordination and installation. It was a beautiful day. Pastor Derek reported that the office culture has been incredible- we have all of our bases covered staff wise and it has felt really good. He is thankful for team we have the ministry we are doing here at Good Shepherd.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:15 pm. We ended the meeting with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted by Emily Graff, Church Council Secretary

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