

October Newsletter

Worship with Us!



SUNDAY WORSHIP

October 1st - Praise and Worship Service

Worship with Communion at 10 am

In Person or Online

Sermon Series: Better Together- Encouraging Each Other

October 8th- Traditional Service

Worship with Communion at 10 am

In Person or Online

Sermon Series: Better Together- Called to Minister

October 15th- Contemporary Service

Worship with Communion at 10:00 am

In-Person or Online

Sermon Series: For all the Faithful Women- Mary and Elizabeth

October 22nd- Traditional Service

Worship with Communion at 10:00 am

In-Person or Online

Sermon Series: For all the Faithful Women- The Samaritan Woman

October 29th- Gospel Service

Worship with Communion at 10:00 am

In-Person or Online

Sermon Series: For all the Faithful Women- The Woman Who Touched Jesus' Cloak

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

If you don't have Facebook, you can join our live on-line worship by visiting www.goodshepherdmn.org and clicking on the live stream video on the home page.

WEDNESDAY WORSHIP & MEALS

The sermon at the Wednesday service will be from the Sunday prior.

Fellowship Meal will be served at 5:45

\$5/person or \$20/family

October 4th- Worship at 6:30 pm

Menu: Italian Night

October 11th- Worship at 6:30 pm

Menu: Breakfast for Dinner

October 18th-

NO WORSHIP, MEAL OR ACTIVITIES

Minnesota Education Association Break

October 25th- Worship at 6:30 pm

Menu: Cub Foods Chicken!



YOUTH SPOT

Kids' Ministry Opportunities

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 11th. During the service kids will be invited to join in on Sunday School and will return to the Sanctuary for Communion.

Kids Club for Pre-K through 4th graders begins Wednesday, September 14th, at 6:30 p.m. Like Sunday School, kids will be dismissed during the Wed. worship service & invited back in to celebrate 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 (7:30 to 8:15 pm)

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.

New and returning students - register today!

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

High School Ministry

We're excited to have High School Ministry back at Good Shepherd for students grades 9-12!

This group will meet every Wednesday for an hour after worship!

Bring your friends!

Trunk or Treat

All are invited to attend Good Shepherd's annual Halloween Party and Trunk-or-Treat on Sunday, October 28!

Worship is at 10:00am (*and appropriate costumes are encouraged!*)

Pizza, treats, and games will begin at 11:00 am and will go to 1 pm.

BYOP- Bring your own pumpkin to paint!

Decorated trunks will be set up in the parking lot for kids to trick or treat!

Pizza will be served!

This event is free to attend and open to everyone (free will donation)

If you would like to host a decorated trunk, please contact Ally!

October Birthday Wishes to...

- 1 Amy Morgan
- 3 Todd Courneya, Drew Carlson
- 4 Jake Burton
- 5 Angela Alvig, Augustus Ottenbreit
- 6 Luke Menzemer
- 7 Bobbie Jo Tronsgard, Katelyn Johnson, Kylee Johnson
- 8 Claire Rashleger, Amelia Holmberg
- 9 Eric Askerud, Ally Eidsness, Randy O'Brien, Sophia Reimer
- 10 Sarah Larson
- 11 Tyler Hanratty, Joe Rokke
- 12 Nash Henriksen, Morgan Nelson
- 13 Laurie Genereux
- 14 Ken Amerman, Linda Dreyer
Brian Carlson
- 16 Marcia Dale, Brian Carlson, Nancy LaFortune
- 17 Chloe Kantola, Ella Weltzin
- 20 Joel Koepf
- 21 Trey Courneya, Katelyn Gorman
- 22 Roxy Soll
- 23 Megan Cegla, Taylor Anderson, Jeff Peterson
- 24 Emmy Tronsgard, Aubrey Bruckner, Avery Merz
- 25 Emily Olson
- 26 Rhonda Vicknair
- 27 Suzannah Johnson, Blake Reinholdz, Calvin Graff
- 29 Greg Keller
- 31 Brodin Breckheimer, Kelly Peterson

Happy October Anniversary!

- 4 Pete and Elaine Ronnerud
- 6 Wes and Rene LaFortune
- 7 Mike and Amanda Bruckner
- 9 Katy and Ryan Flom
- 9 Jean Mork Bredeson and Glen Robertson
- 11 Judy Carlson and David Parupsky
- 12 Tom and Linda Dreyer
- 23 Daniel and Laura Ludowise
- 26 Dave and Kelly Peterson
- 29 Ken and Germaine Persing
- 30 Brian and Pam Carlson

Prayers For...

Those Recovering from Surgery

- Linda Kelm
- Sandy Salwei
- Troy Salwei

Those with Dementia, Alzheimer's, and Aging Issues

- Missy Poikonen's father
- Cindi Shannon
- Brad Jans' mother Karen

Those with Parkinson's Disease

- Dale Mueller's mother Lucia
- Verne Hubbell
- Ally Reitz's godmother Becky

Those with On-Going Health Concerns

- Rachel Reid
- Jo/Dale Mueller's brother-in-law, Garry
- Dale Mueller's father Harlan
- Jean Gimmestad's son John
- Holly Thumann's mother Karen
- Spencer Helms' sister Allison
- Westonka Community member Tim Ritchie
- Becky Morlan
- Merv and Patti Berkland's brother in law Ed Mos
- George Linkert's mother
- Terri Esposito's mother Belva
- Gale Menger
- Susie Wittine's father Neil
- Audrey Gable's brother-in-law Bob

Those Living with Cancer

- 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

Those Grieving the Death of Loved Ones

- Paul & Laurie Genereux & their family grieving the death of Paul's mother Bernice
- Pastor Derek and his family grieving the death of his aunt and godmother Becky



PASTOR'S CORNER - SMALL GROUPS ARE COMING

Dear Friends of Good Shepherd,

In Matthew 18:20, Jesus tells his disciples that “wherever two or more are gathered, there am I with them”.

Relationships are a key piece of our life together as a congregation. They deepen our faith, help us grow closer as a church, and give us space to share our joys, struggles, and everything in between.

Here at Good Shepherd we have some wonderful groups that have made profound relationships. Our Good Shepherd choir, bell choir, book club, Contemporary Band, Praise & Worship Band, Gospel Group, women's bible study, quilting group, youth groups, book club, and mom's group have truly been a gift to those who participate in them.

In October, we're starting a larger effort to offer more small groups in order to include even more people in them.

With that, I'm inviting each one of you to consider being a part of a small group! Whether you feel called to lead a new group or to simply participate, there's a special place for everyone.

Over the next few weeks, we will provide more details on how to get involved. In the meantime, please consider how you might play a role as we grow together, support one another, and continue to build a vibrant and connected faith community.

If you have any questions or are interested in leading a group, let Emily Graff in the office know!

Stay tuned for more information coming in early October.

Pastor Derek

PASTOR SARAH'S ORDINATION

Sunday, October 15th

We are excited to announce that Pastor Sarah Johanson's ordination and installation service will be held here at Good Shepherd Lutheran in the Sanctuary at 3:00pm on Sunday, October 15th, 2023. Bishop Ann Svennungsen from the Minneapolis Synod will be presiding.

All are welcome to attend the service at 3pm with a reception and refreshments following. Guests are also encouraged to wear red as the clergy will wear red stoles symbolizing the Holy Spirit!

SEPTEMBER CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING RECAP

GOOD SHEPHERD COUNCIL MEETING - THURSDAY, September 21, 2023

PRESENT: Katy Flom, Blake Smith, Janet Linkert, Cheryl Morrissey, Cynthia Bremer, Jo Mueller, Maggie Stewart, James Collins, Jeannie Adair, Becky Hall, Emily Graff, Pastor Derek and Pastor Sarah.

Vice President Blake Smith called the meeting to order at 7:04pm
Pastor Sarah 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. We do have to get a variance with the city of Orono for an electronic sign because we are zoned residential. We would most likely propose something within the footprint that's allowed and pull the variance on just the led portion of the proposed sign. Jo asked if there was anyone in the church council that would be willing to assist with Pastor Derek in moving this forward. Pastor Derek will be reaching out to the companies again and affirm the bids that were presented. It was thought that we should consider having the logo on the side close to the building and the copy towards the road.

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

SHORELINE REPORT: Pastor Derek talked touched base with Darcy and Terri, they are desperately looking for teachers both part time and full time.

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 August was \$347,767.67 with actual expenses of \$327,632.04 or 94.21% of actual expenses. Our budgeted income for 2023 is also \$521,651. Budgeted income through August was \$347,767.67. Actual income was \$261,425.99 (75.17% of budgeted income).

WORSHIP AND MUSIC – Janet Linkert, Janet Jans

- Janet, Dana, Pastor Derek, and Pastor Sarah had a worship planning meeting & selected songs for the remainder of the fall through Christmas. Another meeting will be held to create sermon series for the winter/spring and select music
- Jim Lansing has joined our Contemporary Band. Janet Jans noted that Jim is a wonderful collaborator, great pianist, and huge asset for the group.
- Janet Jans also reported that she really appreciated having Pastor Sarah as a part of the worship planning team as Sarah brought fresh ideas & insight
- Janet Jans reported that the organizing of the office and commons spaces allowed her to go through and find music items - some that she thought were gone/lost
- Our Bell Choir is also full. This is first time that this has happened in a really long time

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION – Megan Cegla, Maggie Stewart

- The start of the year was a success. We had our annual Rally Sunday carnival for the kids featuring game and the pastor dunk tank
- Ally will be having events throughout the year for both early elementary (Pre-K - 2nd grade) and late elementary/middle school (3rd-6th grade). The first event was held last week - a bonfire, s'mores, and games in the backyard, and was attended by ~25 kids. It was a huge success and we hope to build on this momentum.
- Our first Wed. of children's ministry saw great numbers in Wed. Kids' Club and 5 6 Connect
- Our Children's Choir has added several new members and they have a really nice, healthy group size
- Confirmation has begun for the year with around 30 students in 7th & 8th grade

YOUTH MINISTRY – Becky Hall, Betsy Lindgren

- A new high school youth group has launched and had a good number of high school students for its first night led by Pastor Sarah. This group spent some time talking through the year & coming up with ideas for this group as it continues
- We will be sending out an interest survey in late September for a potential Montana ski trip in February over President's Day weekend. Our hope is that this survey will show us whether this trip is feasible

EVANGELISM – Tera White

- We continue to have several families wishing to join Good Shepherd and we hope to have a new member class early in the fall to welcome these families to our congregation.

FELLOWSHIP - Jeannine Adair, Sheri Smith

- Pastor Loren's retirement party was a great success. A huge thanks to everyone involved
- Our Rally Sunday picnic also went well this year. Volunteers were recruited through a sign-up genius and we had a wonderful team of helpers that made it possible. Huge thanks to all for helping w/ the Rally Sunday picnic

SERVICE MINISTRY – Katy Flom

- Katy hopes to meet with Pastor Derek and Pastor Sarah soon to go over the year, plan service events, and look for new ideas for ways in which Good Shepherd can serve its community

WOMEN'S MINISTRY – Cheryl Morrissey

- The committee met for planning the brunch and silent auction. Donations are still being accepted.
- The big event is Saturday, September 30th and tickets are still available
- The next fundraiser will be the annual cheesecake sale in November

MUTUAL MINISTRY – Jo Mueller

- No report.

PROPERTY

- The Thursday morning group continues to make improvements to the church and outdoor lawn & landscaping. Many thanks to them for their efforts.
- A replacement drinking fountain was installed by Loren and Steve Kelm on Labor Day after many, many hours of hard work. A special thanks to them.
- Good Shepherd plans to file a variance for the digital sign with the city of Orono this fall. Our hope is that we can still replace our existing sign with a digital version thanks to a generous special gift.

STEWARDSHIP – Amy Velsor

- Our annual Stewardship drive will occur later this fall. Amy plans to meet with Pastor Derek to plan our theme, approach, and strategy for fall stewardship
- A motion to accept the committee reports was made by Janet Linkert made a motion to accept the committee reports and Blake Smith seconded the motion. Motion carried.

STAFF REPORTS: Pastor Derek thanked the council for everything they have done to get us to this point. He thanked Pastor Sarah for being here with us and diving in. Pastor Sarah said that it's been a great first few weeks. She is feeling so settled and thanked everyone for the warm welcome. The meeting was adjourned at 8:11 pm with a motion from Blake Smith and seconded by Cheryl Morrissey.

We ended the meeting with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted by Emily Graff, Church Council Secretary



NEXT COUNCIL MEETING:

October 26th, 2023

Employment Opportunity

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 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!



Financial Update

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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.



GOOD SHEPHERD 2023 EVENTS

PRE K - 2ND GRADE

SEPT
24

APPLEJACK'S ORCHARD
12PM - 3PM

OCT
8

VALLEY FAIR
TRICKS AND TREATS
12PM - 5PM

OCT
29

TRUNK OR TREAT
11AM - 1PM

DEC
3

CHILDREN'S MUSEUM
& COSETTA'S
12PM - 4PM

DEC
17

WINTER LIGHTS
AT THE ARBORETUM
5PM - 7PM

INVITE YOUR FRIENDS!

GOOD SHEPHERD EVENTS

3RD - 6TH GRADE

20
23

SEP
17

FALL KICKOFF
BONFIRE, SMORES, GAMES!
5PM - 7PM

VALLEY FAIR
TRICKS AND TREATS
12PM - 5PM

OCT
8

OCT
29

TRUNK OR TREAT
11AM - 1PM

TIMBERWOLVES
GAME
7PM-10PM

NOV
20

DEC
17

WINTER LIGHTS
AT THE ARBORETUM
5PM - 7PM

INVITE YOUR FRIENDS!

Music at Good Shepherd

Get Involved in the Musical Life of Good Shepherd this Fall!

Fall is the perfect time for people of all ages and experience levels to revive dormant musical or tech skills, or to learn new ones, so look at the list of opportunities below; you're sure to find a way to contribute to worship and music here!

Sound and Video System Operators Love both music and technology? We are looking for teenagers and adults who want to be trained to run our sound and video system. Volunteers will be needed for both Wednesday evening and Sunday morning services. Contact Pastor Derek (612-548-1423) for more info.

Kids' Choir: Open to all K through 4th graders. The doors on Wednesdays will open at 4pm. Kids are invited to hang out in the Loft with Good Shepherd staff until snack begins at 4:30pm. Following snack the kids will rehearse until 5:30pm at which time families are invited to stay for dinner and worship. Register on our website! E-mail Ally (ally@goodshepherdmn.org) with questions.

Good Shepherd Singers: For ages 12-100; Janet Jans, Director. Practices on Wednesdays, 7:30-9:00 pm. Contact Janet Jans for more information (612-306-5271)



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