

## UPCOMING OPEN HOUSES AT CONCORDIA SCHOOLS OF OMAHA

**KINDERGARTEN ROUND UP** For pizza and a program overview, join us on January 20th from 6:00pm to 8:00pm. Also for the program overview, January 21st from 1:00pm to 2:30pm.

**JR. HIGH OPEN HOUSE** Please join us at Concordia Jr.-Sr. High School (15656 Fort St.) for our Jr. High Open House! We welcome you to come in from 5:00-7:30 PM to take a tour, meet teachers and staff, and ask whatever questions you may have regarding Concordia enrollment. While you're here, catch our CHS Mustangs in action against the Archbishop Bergan Knights, with free game admission and meal deals for anyone who takes a tour. JV Boys and Girls play at 4:30, followed by Girls Varsity at 6:00 and Boys Varsity at 7:45pm.

**ACADEMY OPEN HOUSE** Please join us at Concordia Academy (1821 N. 90th St.) for our Academy Open House! We would love for you to learn about our Kindergarten through 5th grade offerings, including daily Discipleship classes, our award winning faculty, our STEM offerings and so much more! Join us anytime from 4:00-7:30pm for tours and conversations with parents past and present.

**CONCORDIA IGNITE OPEN HOUSE** Please join us at Concordia Academy (1821 N. 90th St.) for a glimpse into our innovative Ignite classroom! This program offers a personalized approach to learning, with unique offerings such as a multiage Christian Community (grades 2-5), Project Based Learning, and voice and choice for each learner, all while being rooted in the Word of God. Please plan to stop by anytime from 2:00-4:00pm for tours and information about this mixed-age classroom, specially designed to spark each child's God-given potential.

### **CONCORDIA ACADEMY**

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#### Sunday Worship

8:00 am (Traditional in Sanctuary)

9:30 am (Traditional in Sanctuary)

10:45am (Contemporary in MAC)

#### Wednesday Evening Worship

7:00 PM (Traditional in Sanctuary)

Good Shepherd  
Lutheran Church  
(The Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod)

**The 2nd Sunday  
After Epiphany**

**January 16, 2022**

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# WELCOME TO GOOD SHEPHERD!

- **Thank you** for joining us today! We pray that your time in worship will encourage and strengthen you. We share the greatest hope through the One who loves us the most - Jesus Christ!
- **Altar Flowers** are displayed in the Sanctuary and MAC and can be donated by signing up in the Altar Flower book located on the table in the back of the Sanctuary/MAC entry. The cost is \$40.00 per bouquet. Please make checks payable to Good Shepherd Lutheran Church and place in Altar Flowers mailbox directly in front of the church entry doors of the sanctuary.

## FOR THE 8:00 A.M. & 9:30 A.M. SERVICES IN SANCTUARY AND 7:00 P.M. SERVICE ON WEDNESDAY

- **Restrooms** are located in the hallway on the north side of the sanctuary and at the southwest end of the educational wing.
- **Coffee and donut fellowship** is enjoyed on Sundays between our 8:00am and 9:30am services in the hallway by the kitchen on the north side of the sanctuary. Please join us!

## FOR THE 10:45A.M. CONTEMPORARY SERVICE IN THE MAC

- **Restrooms** are located on either side of the kitchen and in the hallway.

**MASKS?** At this time they are optional. If you feel you should wear one — go ahead.

## GSLC'S 2022 MINISTRY THEME "THE DOORS GOD OPENS"

God will be opening doors of ministry for us in 2022! St. Paul wrote to his Christian friends at Corinth in 1 Corinthians 16:9 to tell them that "a wide door for effective service" had opened up for him in Ephesus. Paul was convinced that God was calling him to go to that great city because opportunities for effective ministry were awaiting him there. In like manner, our Lord Jesus is, and will be, placing open doors of ministry for us individually and as a congregation in 2022. May God give us eyes to recognize these open doors, and hearts and lives that are willing to respond in grateful service to Him!

## Stewardship Thought

### Receiving and Giving

There is a phrase that states, "The mind grows by what it takes in—the heart grows by what it gives out." Interestingly, stewardship involves both taking in and giving out. What God gives us, we are to receive graciously and thankfully. Recognizing that the many God-given gifts we receive can be used to further God's kingdom, we give generously (2 Corinthians 9:11). God gives so we can give. Thus, the cycle goes: God gives, we receive, we give, and God replenishes.

**Prayer:** Dear Lord, You are the Lord of Lords, the King of Kings, and the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. We are so blessed that You have called and chosen us to be Your children. Thank You for blessing us so richly. We especially thank You for Your Son who became our sin so we can live as forgiven and redeemed people who will spend eternity with You. Help us to share our blessings with others. Christ's name we pray. Amen.

## THIS WEEK AT GOOD SHEPHERD JANUARY 16 — JANUARY 23

### TODAY

8:00am Traditional Worship  
9:15am Christian Education Hour  
9:30am Traditional Service  
10:45am Contemporary Worship  
4:30pm Foundations Class  
6:00pm Jr High Youth Night

### MONDAY

\*Church office is closed for the holiday\*  
6:30pm Ladies Bible Study/LWML

### TUESDAY

9:30am Ladies Bible Study  
6:00pm Board of Elders Meeting  
7:00pm Leadership Council Meeting

### WEDNESDAY

8:30am Prayer Group  
5:30pm Midweek Classes  
7:00pm Wednesday Service  
7:00pm Sr. Youth Group  
7:45pm Choir practice

### THURSDAY

6:30am Online Bible Breakfast

### SUNDAY

8:00am Traditional Worship w/HC  
9:15am Christian Education Hour  
9:30am Traditional Worship w/HC  
10:45am Contemporary Worship w/HC  
4:00pm Small Group Bible Study  
Leadership Training  
4:30pm Foundations Class



**PILLOW CASES NEEDED** Sharon Kauss is in need of pillow cases in which she uses to make dresses for Grain Train. If you have some, please drop them off at the church office.



## STEWARDSHIP NEWS

### SUNDAY, JANUARY 9TH

\*\* 8:00AM - 79 \*\* 9:30AM - 163 \*\* 10:45AM - 129

### WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 12TH

\*\*7:00PM -11

GENERAL OFFERING	\$8,302
<b>GIVEPLUS FOR NOVEMBER</b>	<b>\$35,534</b>

## **OFFERINGS REPORT FOR OCTOBER AND NOVEMBER**

October 2021 \$93,439 / October 2020 \$75,596 (difference of +\$17,843)  
November 2021 \$114,931 / November 2020 \$76,559 (difference of +\$38,372)

**Thank you for your stewardship of the Lord's gifts for the work of His Kingdom!**

**LCMSFoundation** We want to keep our estate plans as simple as possible. Just because you hear that someone else has a living trust, a charitable remainder trust, a donor advised fund, or an endowment doesn't necessarily mean you have the same needs. You want a level of sophistication of gifting tools required by your situation. Your LCMS Gift Planning Counselor can help you begin surveying your situation and thinking about your goals. Contact Craig Stirtz at 402-616-0312 or [craig.stirtz@lfnd.org](mailto:craig.stirtz@lfnd.org)

## NOTES FOR TODAY'S SERVICES

**SERVING TODAY** **Pastor:** Gary Werling; **Vicar:** Eric Larson. **Elders:** 8:00/9:30-Josh Richling; 10:45-Drew Von Seggern. **Ushers:** 8:00-Ron Dickmeyer, Doug Dewald, Chet Sears, Eric Windeknecht; 9:30-John Oetting, Tim Schnack, Robert Sneller, Pete Eiden; 10:45-Butch Mumm, Jeff Nielsen, Trenton Robertson, Kevin Stange. **Greeters:** 8:00-Jerry & Norma Kenney; 9:30-Vern & Teri Nemitz; 10:45-Mike Sterling. **Lectors:** 8:00-Sara Rathjen; 9:30-Paul Goldenstein; 10:45-Keith Niemann. **Acolyte:** 8:00-Joshua Dawson; 9:30-Evan Kilawee. **Counter:** Bob & Bev Boe. **Pew Custodian:** Angie Richland. **Organist:** Peggy Wolverton. **Live Stream/ProPresenter:** 8:00-Lisa Billman, Charles Hess; 10:45-Sam Richling & Andy Hardies. **Sound:** 10:45-Ben Carpick. **Praise Band: Vocals-**Christal Kuchera, Lauren Madsen, Reagan Cheelan, Stacie Moore, Andy Hardies; **Keyboard-**Holly Dorathy; **Guitar-**Rollie Hardies; **Bass-**Keith Niemann; **Drums-**Dan Madsen.

**PLEASE RECORD YOUR ATTENDANCE WITH US TODAY** **For the Sanctuary services,** please record your information on the blue cards in the Sanctuary pew racks and pass them to the end of the inside of your row to be picked up by the ushers after they deliver the offering. **For the MAC service,** please record your attendance in the red folder located in each row of chairs and pass the folder to others in your row. The folders will be picked up after the MAC service. **Yellow PRAYER CARDS** are for special prayers that you would like our prayer team to pray for. Please drop them in the back of the Sanctuary or in the Mac entry way in the "Prayer Card" basket.

**BAPTISM** During our 9:30AM service, Micah John Goldenstein will receive the new life of God in the washing of regeneration in Holy Baptism. Micah is the son of Marcus and Bridget Goldenstein and was born on July 30, 2021. Micah's Christian sponsors are Zach and Lindsay Frey. We pray God's gracious blessings upon Micah as a child of his Heavenly Father!

**PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION** **Birthdays:** 1/16- Scott Bahe, Alex Henkel, Camden Kyte, Oliva McKlem; 1/17-Rhonda Ahrens, Callum Cerny, Ronald Feddern, Sawyer Hehn, Janine LaDuke, Brent Luedders, Weldon Manley, Cassie Stones, Danielle Tonjes; 1/18-Susan Bauer, Lakely Ehlers, Macy Eitzmann, Donald Frank; 1/19-Scarlett Atkinson, Devyn Musil; 1/20-Aggie Kilawee; 1/21-Braxton Bruggeman, Brittney Brunswig, Libby Eitzmann, Ryan Elrod, Larissa Johnson, Craig Pietig, Sue Schnack; 1/22-Kenadie Barton, Stacy Henkel, Elias Pickering. **Anniversaries:** 1/16-Tim & Sue Schnack. **Health and Strength:** Bret Aegerter, Catherine Anderson, Kerri Black, Lynne Draper, Evelyn Fisher, Melinda Halverson, Ron Johns, Marcile Katt, Ed Kauss, John Keehn, Bill Kiesling, Amy LaFontaine, Barb Margolis, Barb Nordmeyer, Kyle O'Neill, Scott Schreiner, Janice Twiss, Anita Vogele, Tammy Welker, Pam Werling, Vance Wolverton & Bob Wood. **Serving Our Country:** Kayla Andrews, Trent Boyer, Valkyrie Cailkison, Jamie Durance, Jeffrey Durance, Jessica Durance, Daniel Ellis, Colton Fickler, Christian Hadden, Brayden Hardies, Joe LeMaster, Corbin Michael, Shay Pippitt, Reagan Reiditer, Alden Ryan, Alex Ryan, Matthew Schuetz, Ryan Schuetz, Jon Spahn, John Stratham, Jason Vierra, Alan Wineinger. **Overseas Servants of the Gospel:** The Ahlman family, Alyssa Anders, The Ashor family, The Baker family, The Cima family, The Clausing family, Nichelle Dykema, The Eisold family, The Fay family, Rev. Stuart & Debra Freese, Gail Grieser, The Hosch family, The Kuddes family, The Lehman family, The Lo family, Kendra McNatt, James & Christel Neuendorf, Judy Newhouse, Sharon Owen, The Paul family, Sandra Rhein, The Rickman family, Steven & Cynthia Schumacher, The Sharp family, Douglas & Angela Thompson, The Wildauer family, The Wood family, and The Yang family.



**INFORMATION AVAILABLE ABOUT OUR CHURCH** Please stop by the welcome table in the back of the sanctuary or in the front lobby of the Ministry Activities Center and pick up a Welcome Folder of information about Good Shepherd. If you have any questions, don't hesitate to talk with our Director of Outreach Vern Nemitz or to Pastor. They will be happy to assist you!

**INVITING FRIENDS** Do you know of someone who doesn't know Jesus, or who doesn't currently have a church home? Why not invite them to a worship service or to an event at Good Shepherd!

## WORD & WORSHIP

**SUNDAY SCHOOL** Please join us for our Sunday School hour, 9:15 to 10:15am. Children are working their way through a Jesus-centered journey. Kids will grow in their relationship with God and their friends, most importantly they will learn how they are simply loved by our Great God! Offered for children 3 years old that are potty trained to 5th grade. If you have any questions, please contact Tara Hess at 402-332-3345 or [tara.hess@gslcgretna.org](mailto:tara.hess@gslcgretna.org).

**MIDWEEK SCHOOL** Our 2021-2022 Midweek School for all children in Grades 3 – 8 meets every Wednesday from 5:30 to 6:30pm. The 8th Grade class is the Confirmation class which will take place on Sunday, April 3rd.

**MIDDLE SCHOOL STUDENTS** Calling all 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup>, and 8<sup>th</sup> Graders, join us each Sunday from 9:15 – 10:15am in the Jr. High room in the MAC as for a bible study and fellowship led by Bob Broekemeier. We also meet the 3rd Sunday of every month from 6:00pm to 7:00pm in the MAC for fellowship, games, and fun! Meeting this Sunday!!

**HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS** Each Sunday morning from 9:15-10:15am, the Sr. High youth will meet in the Sr. High room in the MAC. Also each Wednesday at 7:30pm, the High School youth will gather for fellowship around the Word. Please join us!

**BIBLE STUDY THIS MORNING** Join us from 9:15 – 10:15am in the education wing and all are invited – drop ins too! Pastor Werling and Vicar Larson take turns leading this study on Sundays. We are studying the Book of Exodus in the Noah and Joshua rooms in the education wing. Grab a cup of coffee, a donut and join us as we look at this dramatic story of one of God's faithful people. All adults are welcome!

**LADIES BIBLE STUDY/LWML** This bible study will be postponed until Monday, February 7th – when we meet again, our topic is "Be Still and Know". This is a study of rest and refuge by Deb Burma. We meet every Monday night at 6:30pm, at the church, in the education wing. We still have books available, so please join us! Please enter at the church office doors. Once a month during this time, together we do a service project. If anyone has a service project we could do, please let Lisa Stirtz or Shelley Barber.

**TUESDAY MORNING LADIES BIBLE STUDY** Join us on Tuesdays from 9:30-10:30am in the Joshua and Noah rooms of the education wing. We are starting a new study on the book of Proverbs called "Provoking Proverbs". Vicar Eric Larson is the leader for this study. Please come and join us.

**BOARD OF HUMAN CARE** continues to meet on Wednesday mornings in the church library at 8:30am to pray. You are encouraged to join us! If you have any prayer requests or questions please contact: Renee Boyer at 402-960-7505/[rboyermb@hotmail.com](mailto:rboyermb@hotmail.com), Sondra Harrold at 402-253-2280/[harroldw@aol.com](mailto:harroldw@aol.com), or the church office.

**MEN'S THURSDAY MORNING ZOOM BIBLE BREAKFAST** Please join us on January 6th at 6:30am, we meet every Thursday morning. Pastor Werling leads our discussion on the Book of Revelation. This is ideal for men of all ages. You may join in the online conversation if you like, or simply listen to our study. The study ends around 7:30am but you are welcome to sign-off at any time. If you would like to receive an online invitation to our ZOOM study, please contact the church office at 402-333-3345 or [gslc@gslcgretna.com](mailto:gslc@gslcgretna.com).

**PICK UP YOUR HOME DEVOTIONS** Stop and pick up a copy of Portals of Prayer and/or Hope-Full Living, which are available on the back table in the sanctuary and MAC lobby. Strive to be regularly in God's Word in your daily walk of faith!

## EVENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

**NEW MEMBER ROUNDUP AND LUNCH** will be held on Sunday, January 30 in the education wing after the late service (around Noon). Invitations have been emailed to all who have joined GSLC since the start of Covid. Members of the Leadership Council will be on hand to share some the exciting things being planned for 2022. We look forward to this time together with our new GSLC families!

**NEW SMALL GROUP BIBLE STUDY OPPORTUNITIES** are coming in March. We are planning on starting new small group Bible studies beginning in March! We have five new small group leaders who will finish their training in February. Stay tuned for more details about how to sign up and join one of these new groups.

**BAPTISM CLASS** Baptism is a special Sacrament of God's grace for people of all ages. Prior to the baptism, you will need to attend our Baptism Class led by Pastor Werling. The next class offered will be this **Thursday, March 10th** in the church library at 5:30pm. Please contact the church office if you would like to attend.

**PLEASE JOIN US FOR ADULT CHOIR** Our Adult Choir meets for practice each Wed, at 7:45 p.m. in the Sanctuary balcony. We are in need of more voices, so if you enjoy singing for the glory of our Lord, please join us on Wednesday evenings. Choral selections are being scheduled for Sanctuary services through Easter. Our director Rick Zorko would love to have you be a part of this fun group!

**PRIME TIMERS OFF TO A GOOD START!** Our retirement-age group met this past Monday for lunch and games here at the church. Twenty-one folks attended this first event and enjoyed great food and snacks, fun games, and good fellowship. Our February Valentines event will be held at the church on Monday, February 14. A catered lunch is being planned. Be sure to mark your calendar!

**LOST AND FOUND** On the tables at the entry way of both the Sanctuary and MAC, we have a "Lost and Found" basket. The basket outside the sanctuary has many items in it so if you've left a hat, sun glasses, toy etc., please stop by and claim it!