

THIS WEEK AT GOOD SHEPHERD
MAY 13-MAY 20

TODAY

8:00 am Liturgical Worship w/HC
9:15 am Christian Ed. Hour
9:30 am Traditional Worship w/HC
10:45 am Contemporary Worship w/HC

MONDAY

1:30 pm Staff Meeting
6:30 pm Men's Basketball

TUESDAY

9:30 am Women's Bible Study
10:15 am PrimeTimers
6:00 pm Elders Meeting
6:30-8:30 pm Foundations Class
6:30 pm Yoga

WEDNESDAY

6:30 am Men's Bible Breakfast
9:30 am Nursing Home Service
7:00 pm Worship Service
7:00 pm Youth Bible Study

NEXT SUNDAY

8:00 am Liturgical Worship
9:15 am Christian Ed. Hour
9:30 am Traditional Worship
10:45 am Contemporary Worship

FACTS AND FIGURES

MAY 6 WORSHIP	438
(8:00-104 9:30-161 10:45-173)	
OFFERING	\$9,805
WEE LAMBS	\$40
MAY 9	14
OFFERING	\$230
SIMPLY GIVING FOR MARCH	\$26,243

SIMPLY GIVING Please contact the church office at 402-332-3345 or make a note on your worship card/folder if you would like information about the "Simply Giving" automatic bank offering program. It is very convenient and helpful to our congregation's monthly stewardship needs.

DAILY DEVOTIONS: Max Lucado.com "Upwords", meyerd@csledu "The Meyer Minute"; Lutheran Hour Ministries "Daily Devotions"; Free App "Daily Bible Inspirations", Free App "Bible Promises" **Devotional Books.** "Bible Promises", "Daily Bread", "Portals of Prayer", Joni Eareckson Tada devotions.

Senior Pastor
Rev. Gary Werling

Associate Pastor
Director of Adult Ministry
Rev. Sam Pitsch

Director of Children and
Family Ministry
Tara Hess

Director of Youth Ministry
Bob Broekemeier

Director of Preschool
Lisa Stirtz

Director of Organ and
Choral Music
Jodi Korth

Director of Praise Band
Andy Hardies

Business Manager
Jan Kounkel

Parish Nurse
Brenda Elson

Sunday Morning Worship:
8:00 (Liturgical in Sanctuary)
9:30 (Traditional in Sanctuary)
10:45 (Contemporary in MAC)

Wednesday Evening Worship
7:00 pm (Traditional in Sanctuary)

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

Ascension Sunday

May 13, 2018

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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!
- **Children's Sunday School, Youth Bible Studies, and Adult Education classes** meet in the educational wing and Ministry Activities Center today at 9:15 a.m.
- **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 \$25.00 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.

FOR THE 8:00 A.M. AND 9:30 A.M. SANCTUARY SERVICES

- **Attendance Cards** Please record your attendance with us in our attendance cards located in each pew. Pass these to the center aisle for the ushers to collect. Please do not place them in the offering bags.
- **Nursery** is available for our 8:00 service and staffed during our 9:30 service and is located next to the library in the educational wing for children 12 months up to 3 years. Parents are encouraged to use the nursery when your children become fussy during worship as a courtesy to fellow worshippers.
- **Hearing assistance receivers** are available for use and are located on a table in the back of the sanctuary.
- **Prayer Requests** Please note your prayer requests on the worship card. A prayer journal is located on a lectern in the front hallway.
- **Restrooms** are located in the hallway on the north side of the sanctuary and at the southwest end of the educational wing.
- **Coffee and rolls fellowship** is enjoyed between our 8:00 a.m. and 9:30 a.m. services in the hallway near the kitchen on the north side of the sanctuary. Please join us!

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

- **Attendance** Please record your attendance in the Welcome Folder as it is passed down your row. You may leave the Folder on the last chair near the outside walls.
- **Nursery** is unstaffed and located next to the library in the educational wing for children 12 months up to 3 years. Parents are encouraged to use the nursery when your children become fussy during worship as a courtesy to fellow worshippers.
- **Restrooms** are located on either side of the kitchen and in the hallway.

PRAISE BAND The Praise Band is looking for volunteers to play guitar, bass, keyboard, and drums. The time commitment is minimal. They practice an hour and a half before the 10:45 service, and volunteers can choose how often they participate. Please contact Andy Hardies at praiseband@gslcgretna.org if interested.

FREE YOGA Usually meets every Tuesday in the MAC at 6:30pm, Please email the church office at gslc@gslcgretna.org if you'd like to be placed on the Yoga list. We'll email you reminders about when/if Yoga class is meeting. Please bring an exercise mat. Yoga is good for the Mind, Body and Spirit. We hope you can join us! Any questions call Kim Wiese at 402-740-1701.

MONDAY MEN'S BASKETBALL Join us from 6:30-8:00 pm on Mondays (NO THURSDAY basketball in the summer, Advent, or Lent), in the MAC for a friendly game of basketball. Due to circumstances, participation will be restricted to GSLC members only.

PLEASE CHECK THE LOST AND FOUND for any items that might be yours. The Lost & Found cart is parked at the back of the sanctuary/MAC entry. Everything will be disposed of on Monday.



VBS is coming!

What: Splash Canyon Vacation Bible School

When: June 10-14- 6:00-8:30pm

Where: Good Shepherd Lutheran Church

Why? : To learn about God's Promises on Life's Wild Ride.

Students will participate in crafts, music, Bible stories, games and even enjoy snacks that will help teach them more about God's amazing promises! Please sign up on the church website.

VBS Volunteers Needed

Many volunteers are needed to pull off a great week of VBS. If you love Jesus, and kids, think about signing up to make this week of VBS a fun filled adventure for our children and friends in the community! The VBS sign up board can be found in the back of the sanctuary and the hallway outside of the MAC. If you have any questions please talk to Tara Hess.

PRIME TIMERS ACTIVITY * NOTICE THE DATE * All retirement age folks are invited to meet at the church on **Tuesday, May 15 at 10:15 A.M.**, for an outing to the Metropolitan Community College North Campus at 3000 Fort Street. Our outing will begin with a luncheon at the Culinary School (one of our favorite places) at 11:00 A.M. After lunch, we will have a tour of the new Center for Advanced and Emerging Technology and the also new, Construction Education Center. There is no cost for this activity except for your lunch. Hope to see you on May 15th.

UPCOMING VOTERS MEETINGS The Annual Voters Elections Meeting and the Annual Voters Budget Meeting to consider adoption of the 2018-2019 fiscal budget will take place in the MAC on Sunday, June 3 after the late service, around 11:45. All boards are to present their proposed budget at the Leadership Council on Tuesday, May 29 at 7:00 pm.

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HIS KIDS CAMP (June 4 - 8th) The mission trip to "His Kids Camp" at Camp Luther in Schuyler, Nebraska is just around the corner. The Sr. High Youth will be attending His Kids Camp, June 4 through June 8, to serve as camp "buddies". *To see more information about "His Kids" you can visit www.hiskidscamp.org.* We would meet at the church Monday, June 4 at 3:00 pm, and returning Friday evening June 8. Please prayerfully consider attending "His Kids Camp" as buddy, this a true servant event, last year's Sr. High Youth members grew in their faith and understanding after experiencing the pure joy of working with "His Kids". We do need to fill out Volunteer Registration forms, we would like to have them completed by May 20 copies will be available in the youth lounge or you can print them off the website.

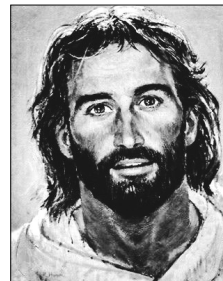
RECYCLE YOUR DEVOTIONALS If you have any old Portals of Prayer or Hopeful Living, please recycle them in the basket on the table at the back of the sanctuary/MAC entry.

CAMP LUTHER IS HIRING We are looking for two more male camp counselors for this summer at Camp Luther, and one more female counselor. The main requirements are that they would be a college student or high school graduate, and that they would be excited to share the good news of Jesus with campers of all ages. Any potential candidates please contact Aaron Wendorff, Youth Ministries Director, at Work: 402-352-5655 Cell: 507-7662165 Email: youthministry@campluther.org. Thank you so much for any help you are able to offer.

WEE LAMBS PRESCHOOL REGISTRATION FOR 2018 Registration is now open. All registrations should be submitted online from our website, www.gslcgretna.org. Go to the "Preschool" tab, then "Wee Lambs", then "Registration".

PEW CUSTODIAN If you'd like to help maintain a tidy sanctuary, please sign up in the office.

SUNDAY SCHOOL SUBSTITUTE TEACHERS NEEDED If you love Jesus, love kids, love to tell kids about Jesus, and can fill in a few times a year, we'd love to have you! If you are interested in learning more about what it takes to be a volunteer please contact Tara at the church office or email her at tara.hess@gslcgretna.org.



"2018: A Year to Know Him Better" What a great challenge for all of us! Writing to Christians during the final months of his life (ca. 68 A.D.), the apostle Peter had an urgent message. He realized that most 1st Century Christians were naïve about who Jesus really was and how relevant He could be in their daily lives. The spread of unchallenged, false teachings coupled with intense state persecution threatened the life of the church. Peter's solution? **"...Grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ"** (2 Peter 3:18). His words are equally urgent to our generation as well. Let us make **"2018: A Year to Know Him Better"!**

HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY

HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY We thank God for all mothers! We think of their love, their encouragement, their sacrifices, their wisdom, and their many acts of kindness and caring. Truly, our mothers are gifts from God to us! Especially we thank God for all Christian mothers who have directed our lives to our Savior Jesus. Out of their example, may we also share Christ with those whom we love so that the joys of our fellowship in this life may last to all eternity. We thank you Mom—Happy Mother's Day!

NOTES FOR TODAY'S SERVICES

SERVING TODAY Pastors: Gary Werling, Sam Pitsch **Elders:** 8:00, 9:30– Joel Elson 10:45–Steve Willey **Ushers:** 8:00–Rocky Keehn, Nick Korth, Jim Oliver, Drew VonSeggern 9:30– Jeff Hadden, Marc Lindblom, Sieg Ortlieb, Nate Tonjes 10:45– Curt Harmon, Mark Herrold, Mark Kardell, Ron Ockander **Readers:** 8:00–Rocky Keehn 9:30–Danielle Gostanzik 10:45–Jean Stoley **Acolytes:** 9:30–James Given 10:45–August Hardies **Greeters:** 8:00–Linda Kay Hermesch 9:30–Andrea Salisbury 10:45–**Communion Set-Up:** 8:00–Ron & Alane Johns 9:30–Lisa Billman 10:45–Lisa Stirtz **Pew Custodian:** Judy Stalling **Counter:** Bev Boe **Organist:** 8:00 & 9:30–Jodi Korth **Soloist:** 8:00 & 9:30– Sara Ahrens **Singers:** 10:45–Lauren Madsen, Christal Kuchera, Delaney Hardies, Kaylee Davis, Andy Hardies **Guitars:** 10:45–Rollie Hardies, Keith Niemann **Drums:** 10:45–Dan Madsen **Keyboard:** 10:45–Holly Dorathy **Sound:** 10:45–Loretta Hardies **Powerpoint:** 10:45– Donna/Jon Schuetz

THE LORD'S SUPPER TODAY We invite adult baptized Christians who are one with us in the fellowship of faith to come to the Lord's altar and receive with us in the Holy Communion the very body and blood of Jesus. Our Lord Jesus has given this Supper and Sacrament to assure us that our sins are forgiven and we have eternal life through faith in Him. Adult baptized Christians who come to this table of our Lord should first:

- Confess all sins to God
- Believe in Jesus as Savior and Lord
- Desire the Spirit's power to live a Christ-like life
- Recognize the Real Presence of Christ's body and blood in this Sacrament

Members and guests are asked to register for the Lord's Supper on the registration cards located in each pew or in the Welcome Folder in the MAC. For those who prefer, there are several cups of white, non-alcoholic juice in each tray. Children who have not been confirmed are invited to come forward with parents for a blessing.

FLOWERS IN THE SANCTUARY are given to the glory of God by Steve and Cindy Moore in memory

of Steve's mother Pat Moore, in honor of Cindy's mother Kathy Iske, and in celebration of All Mothers!

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION Birthdays: 5/13-Linden Behney, Kathleen Beyer, Roger Ernst, Nolan Wheeler 5/14- Carter Doering, Hallie Elgan, Brayden Hardies, Linda Hogrefe, Mike Jensen, Abby Kessler, Jacob Kinman, Matthew Lutz, Huxley Matulka, Quinelle Pralle, Heather Stofer, Karisa Stover 5/15- Jay Van Housen 5/16- Paige Germer, Kristin Ryan, Joani Stange, Ty Sterling 5/17-Connie Allner, Kierstin Gay, Timothy Gobber, Kristin Unger 5/18- Chase Campbell, Tanner Degner, Thomas Ernst, Gemma Gostanzik, Teresa Johnson, Loran Katt, Nathan Novak, Jeffery Salisbury 5/19- Brooke Cheleen, Tom Dietrich, Gabrael Gard, Shellie Hudson, Orville Nielsen, Andrew Samson, Jamie Zeek **Anniversaries:** 5/14-Dale & Kathy Haecker, Don & Evonne Mulder, Jeff & Lori Suhr 5/15-Chad & Kelli Hayworth, Chad & Suzi Hoeft, David & Monica Seda 5/16-Clyde & Arlene Durham 5/17-Marty & Amy Huckins, Rex & Julie Johnson 5/19-Samuel & Ashley Calabretto, Doug & Bridget Hailey, Craig & Lisa Stirtz, Warren & Catherine Ueckert, Drew & Karla Von Seggern **Health and Strength:** Amy Adamson, Catherine Anderson, Carolyn Behney, Lisa Cheney, April Claussner, Joshua Cochran, Karen Cooper, Don Dickmeyer, Bryan Drebes, Stephanie Frager, Rebecca Haussman, Violetta Hinkell, Dale Hoffart, Sandy Howland, Ed Kauss, Bill Kiesling, Linda Killion, Emily Koesters, Brynn Kounovsky, Katie Kros, Amy LaFontaine, Vicky Lamprecht, Allen Marsh, Jessica Melvin, Orville Nielsen, Sue O'dell, Michael Olk, Jeff Owen, Riley Penny, Greg Poynter, Colton Prince, Micah Settle, Bob Smith, Larry Staley, Eileen Stirtz, Lynda Teeters, Warren Von Seggern, Shane Werner, Rick Witcher, Bob Wood, Peggy Zellner **Peace and Comfort:** Sue Schnack and family on the passing of Sue's father Dale Schelpepper. **Serving Our Country:** Trent Boyer, Jamie Durance, Jeffrey Durance, Jessica Durance, Daniel Ellis, Brayden Hardies, Joe LeMaster, Corbin Michael, Matthew Schuetz, Ryan Schuetz, Jon Spahn, Jason Vierra, Alan Wineinger **Overseas Servants of the Gospel:** Ahlman family, Alyssa Anders, The Ashor family, 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, the Rickman family, Steven & Cynthia Schumacher, the Sharp family, the Wildauer family, and the Yang family.

LARGE PRINT The order of service in large print is now available at the 8:00 and 9:30 services on the table with the children's bulletins and the devices for the hearing impaired.

TODAY AT GOOD SHEPHERD

NEW SUNDAY MORNING BIBLE CLASS There is a new Adult Education opportunity during our morning education hour, 9:15 am. The class is focused on Christian parenting. During this five week class, our study will be based on the book, "Holding Your Family Together: 5 Simple Steps to Help Bring Your Family Closer to God and Each Other" by Dr. Rich Melheim. We hope you take this opportunity to learn how to better nurture faith, communication, and prayer in your household. We meet in the education wing. Please join us!

SUNDAY SCHOOL is provided for children ages 3 yrs (potty trained) thru 5th grade. Please join us for our Sunday School hour—9:15 until the end of the 9:30 service. Our DIG IN curriculum provides creative, multisensory teaching that immerses your kids in deep Bible learning, helping them to know Jesus personally and grow in relationship with him. Look for us in the education wing- all ages will meet together for opening and closing. If you have any questions please contact Tara Hess at 402-332-3345 or tara.hess@gslcgretna.org.

SUNDAY MORNING MIDDLE SCHOOL BIBLE STUDY- GIFT Program (6th – 8th Graders) Jesus used parables to teach a moral lesson. Join us as we embark on a journey to explore the parables from the bible. Through these stories God's character is revealed to us. GIFT Program for middle school youth meets in the classroom right outside the MAC on Sunday mornings from 9:15 am – 10:30 am.

SUNDAY MORNING HS YOUTH BIBLE STUDY Each Sunday morning from 9:15-10:15 the Sr. High youth will meet in the Sr. High room in the MAC . Students will be addressing current media events within the context of our Christian faith and our responsibility to influence our peer culture with that faith. ALSO, once each month the high school students will be visiting other Christian worship services in the metro area to better understand our reformation heritage. Please join us!

SUNDAY ADULT BIBLE STUDY The pastors lead us each Sunday morning at 9:15 in the Joshua and Noah rooms in the educational wing. Hot coffee and rolls will welcome you. Hope you will come!

WORD AND WORSHIP

WOMEN'S TUESDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY meets Tuesday mornings from 9:30-11:00 in the Noah room. Pastor Sam leads our study. We'd love for you to join us!

MEN'S WEDNESDAY BIBLE BREAKFAST Hey men, come and join us at 6:30 on Wednesday mornings at Billy's Café in Gretna as we discuss Biblical teaching on heaven. Pastor Werling leads us, and we have pretty good discussion each week. We order off the menu. The Bible study ends at 7:15 a.m. and guys can leave earlier if they need to. However long you can be with us is great. Please come!

WEDNESDAY EVENING WORSHIP takes place in the Sanctuary every Wednesday at 7:00 pm. The service is patterned after the previous Sunday's worship service. If you have to be gone for the weekend, be sure to attend the following Wednesday worship.

FOUNDATIONS CLASS – Pastor Sam is leading a new Foundations class on 3 consecutive Tuesdays beginning May 1. In the class, we discuss the basic teachings of Christianity as understood and taught by the Lutheran Church. If you are interested in becoming a member of Good Shepherd, or you just want a refresher of all the things you forgot from Confirmation class, please feel free to join us. The class meets from 6:30pm-8:30pm in the educational wing. and we will provide snacks and babysitting.

BAPTISM CLASS for those who are wishing to be baptized or have children baptized please contact Pastor Sam at sam.pitsch@gslcgretna.org for the date and time of the next class.

EVENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

GRETNA HIGH SCHOOL BACCALAUREATE will be held at St. Patrick Catholic Church in Gretna today, May 13 at 2:00 p.m. The public is invited.