

“2021—A Year to Grow in Prayer”

APRIL EMPHASIS: MISSIONARIES

During the month of April let us pray for missionaries of the Gospel asking the Lord’s protection for them, and praying that the Gospel they share might take root in the eternal salvation of many lives.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED TO SERVE AS PRAYER PARTNERS

We are gathering the names of members of GSLC who would be willing to be a part of our new Prayer Partners program. Prayer Partners are men and women who are willing to pray for individuals and situations of which the church is made aware. Contact the church office 402-880-8864 or one of our staff members if you are willing to serve on this important team!

WOULD YOU APPRECIATE A SPECIAL PRAYER?

On Communion Sundays (the 2nd and 4th Sundays of each month), prayer team members will be available to pray for you. When you return from Communion you will see them on both sides of the Sanctuary and in the back of the MAC (they will be wearing identifying lanyards). They invite you to go up to them before you return to your seat. They will lead you to a private place for any prayer need that you might have.

PRAYER REQUESTS ARE ENCOURAGED

We are working on an efficient system to gather prayer requests on Sunday morning. In the meantime, if you have a prayer request, please go to our website, click on Contact Us. You will find a special page where you can leave a prayer request.

“Do not be anxious by anything, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus”. (Philippians 4:5-7)



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Rev. Gary Werling

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Family Ministry
Tara Hess

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Head Organist
Sonja Lundgren

Choir Director

Director of Praise Band
Andy Hardies

Business Manager
Jan Kounkel

Administrative Assistant
Cathy Kilawee

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 5th Sunday of Easter

May 2, 2021

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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.

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

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

FACE MASKS ARE ENCOURAGED

"A YEAR TO GROW IN PRAYER" - OUR 2021 MINISTRY FOCUS

Good Shepherd's ministry challenge for all of us this year is that we might *grow in prayer*. Though it is too often neglected, prayer is one of the great blessings that God has given to His people. Christ Himself took frequent times to pray to His Heavenly Father. He taught His disciples to pray. The Bible is filled with references to prayer by which we are encouraged to pray for all sorts and conditions of people. Through our prayers, the Lord pours out so many blessings to so many people and in so many circumstances! May the Lord challenge us and bless us as we make **2021: A Year to Grow in Prayer!**

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.

LCMS FOUNDATION Annual physicals, going to the dentist or getting the eyes checked are things we understand that we need to do to promote good health. Most of us probably dread scheduling the appointments either because we are too busy, or we just do not like going through the process. Review of one's estate plan is something that needs this regular attention, too. Assessing the pieces to make sure that everything is in place requires a review every five to seven years. Your LCMS Gift Planning Counselor can help get you organized. Contact Craig Stirtz at 402-616-0312 or craig.stirtz@lcmd.org.

THIS WEEK AT GOOD SHEPHERD MAY 2 - MAY 9

TODAY

8:00 am Traditional Worship
9:15 am Christian Education Hour
9:30 am Traditional Worship
10:45 am Contemporary Worship

MONDAY

1:30 pm Staff Meeting
6:30 pm Women's Zoom Bible Study

TUESDAY

9:30 am Ladies Bible Study

WEDNESDAY

8:30 am Prayer Group
5:30 pm Foundations of Faith
7:00 pm Wednesday Evening Service
7:00 pm Sr. High Bible Study

THURSDAY

6:30 am Men's Online Bible Study
5:30 pm Baptism Class (library)

SUNDAY

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



NOTES FOR TODAY'S SERVICES

CASSEROLE SALES The Youth Group is taking orders for the very popular and famous R*^{nz}# Casserole which will be for delivery in the month of June on the 6th! There will NOT be a separate casserole the month of May. Order forms are outside the Sanctuary and you can order this until June 2. A small serving is only \$15 and serves 3 to 4 people; with a family serving at \$25 that serves 5 to 7 people. Place your orders today and SUPPORT our YOUTH!

WOULD YOU LIKE TO SCHEDULE A BAPTISM? 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 class is offered the first Thursday of each month and meets in the church library at 5:30pm. Please contact the church office if you would like to attend.

WEE LAMBS PRESCHOOL If you are interested in fall preschool for 2021 — we still have openings in some of our classes. Our school has great qualified teachers and teacher assistants! The children have time to learn about Jesus, how to spell and write their name, along with many "fun" activities with art and music. If interested, please go to www.gslcgretna.org and look for the Preschool tab to register. If you have any questions, please contact Lisa Stirtz at 402-332-3267 or lisa.stirtz@gslcgretna.org.

STEWARDSHIP NEWS

SUNDAY, APRIL 25TH

** 8:00AM 81 ** 9:30AM -82 ** 10:45AM - 75

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 28TH

**7:00PM - 11

GENERAL OFFERING \$ 6,975

GIVEPLUS FOR MARCH **\$37,791**

OFFERINGS REPORT FOR FEBRUARY AND MARCH

Feb. 2021 Giving \$77,512 Feb. 2020 \$72,103 (difference of +\$5,409)

Mar. 2021 Giving \$83,222 Mar. 2020 \$78,082 (difference of +\$5,140)

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

SERVING TODAY **Pastor:** Gary Werling **Elders:** 8:00/9:30/10:45-Marcus Goldenstein; **Ushers:** 8:00-Ron Dickmeyer & Bill Harrold; 9:30-Darren Brewer & David Cheleen; 10:45-Bob Boe & John Correll. **Greeters:** 8:00-Warren Viehl; 9:30-Teri Nemitz; 10:45- Mike Sterling. **Organist:** 8:00/9:30-Sonja Lundgren. **Counter:** Jen Angland. **Live Stream/ProPresenter:** 8:00-Lisa Billman, & Charles Hess; 9:30-Sam Richling; 10:45- Andy Hardies. **Sound:** 10:45-Loretta Hardies.

PLEASE RECORD YOUR ATTENDANCE WITH US TODAY **For the Sanctuary services,** please record your information on the cards in the Sanctuary pew racks and place them along with your offering in the box at the back of Sanctuary at the end of the service. **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.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION **Birthdays:** 5/2-Dave Blum; 5/3- Isabella Bricker, Jeffrey Hadden, Elijah Maxwell, Jerry Schomers, Emma Willey; 5/4- Brian Barjenbruch, Iris Bolte, Grayson Haschke, Mary Ann Jansen, Nick Petrik, Mason Wagner; 5/5- William Correll, Jayla Draeger, Nolan Harms, Mason Heckenlively, Alyssa Jirkovsky, Cole Lammell; 5/6- Hannah Lipka, Travis Moore, Caden Oberg, Karson Skokan; 5/8-Melissa Kenney, Michelle Olsen, Scott Stalling, Chelsea Stirtz. **Anniversaries:** 5/2-Brian & Nicole Degner; 5/3-John & Jodi Kelly; 5/8-Donald & Darlene Frank, Ben & Heidi Knapp, Chuck & Adena Peterson, Steven & Teri Schwarz. **Health and Strength:** Catherine Anderson, Eli Brown, Gregg Caldwell, Daniel Cate, Christy Currie, Evelyn Fisher, Lu Gibb, Kevin Havlovic, Sharon Hesner, Violetta Hinkell, Troy Hoyt, Bill Kiesling, Linda Killion, Jace Knoell, Amy LaFontaine, Mary Ann Mumm, Barb Nordmeyer, Jarrod Ockander, Les Schweigart, Larry Staley, Verlyn Stoltenberg, Lynda Teeters, Gabriel Tegeder, Kenneth Walters, Teri Wendlandt, Rick Witcher, & Bob Wood. **Peace and Comfort-** Darla Novotny and family on the passing of her father, Jim Shaw. To the family of Darlene Frank on her passing. **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, Alex Ryan, Matthew Schuetz, Ryan Schuetz, Jon Spahn, 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 Join us at 9:15 a.m. for in person or online Sunday School where we will learn how we are “Simply Loved”. During our “Simply Loved!” Sunday School, we will experience God’s love and how to share it! Social distance guidelines will be followed and face masks are required. Offered for 3 year old that are potty trained to 5th Grade.

MS CONNECT GROUP (6th-8th Grades) Sunday mornings from 9:15-10:30 in the Middle School classroom. Join us and bring a friend as we dig deeper into the Word.

BIBLE STUDY THIS MORNING Join us from 9:15 – 10:15 a.m. in the education wing and all are invited – drop ins too! DCE Warren Viehl will lead this on Sundays.

TUESDAY MORNING LADIES BIBLE STUDY! Join us on Tuesday, 9:30AM –10:30AM in the Joshua and Noah rooms of the education wing. We are studying the Book of Acts. Warren Viehl is our leader. 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! Some of the prayers that we will focus on for the next week will be: Call Process/new Pastor; Year to Grow in Prayer; Teachers/Daycare Providers; Church Boards-Elders, Properties; Thanks for the gift of prayer; 1st & 2nd Commandments: You shall have no other gods. You shall not misuse the name of the Lord; Graduates; Mother’s & Grandma’s; Covid; Faith and wisdom of our Leaders; Law Enforcement; Honest and unbiased reporting of the news. If you have any prayer requests or questions please contact: Renee Boyer at 402-960-7505/Rboyerm10@outlook.com, Sondra Harrold at 402-253-2280/hraroldw@aol.com, or the church office.

JR. HIGH YOUTH NIGHT We always meet on the 3rd Sunday of each month at 6:00PM till 7:00PM in the MAC for fellowship, games, and fun!

SR. HIGH YOUTH BIBLE STUDY Sr. High Youth at 7 p.m. on Wednesday evenings for a Bible study. During the cold months, the group will be social distancing in the MAC for fellowship.

MEN’S THURSDAY MORNING ZOOM BIBLE BREAKFAST meets each Thursday starting at 6:30a.m. Pastor Werling leads our discussion on the letters of the Apostle John. 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 7:30 a.m. 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.

PRAISE BAND The Living Praise Band will resume on Sunday, June 6th! During our 10:45AM service in the MAC, you will have “live” music once again! We are looking for any new members that are interested in playing an instrument and/or singing with the group. Practice is each Sunday at 9:00AM. If interested, please contact the church office at 402-332-3345.

EVENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Congratulations to our Graduating Seniors!! We wish you much success in your future!

Bradley Antholz, Iowa Western Community College- Sports Journalism and Photography

Emma Beran, Metro/University of Nebraska, Omaha- Early Education

Kaden Burns, Northwest Missouri State University- Business and Sports Management

Rainna Daharsh, University of Nebraska, Kearney- Criminal Justice- Women’s Soccer

Hunter Doering- unknown

Kelsie Eitzmann- South Dakota State University - Optometry

James Herrold- unknown

Zach Hogrefe, Southeast Community College- Undecided

Jaxon Hotovy- unknown

Charlotte Kiper- unknown

Christian Kutz- unknown

Cole Lammel, Northwest Missouri State University- Pre-Med- Football

Parker Lammers, University of Nebraska, Kearney- Finance/Accounting

Luke McCann, Grinnell College- Physics- Men’s Golf

Keagan McLaughlin- unknown

Sydney Muhsman- unknown

Jarret Nelson- unknown

Kassidy Oliver, University of Nebraska, Kearney- Art Education

Tara Olson- unknown

Emma Prentice, Iowa Western Community College- Biology- Volleyball

Alden Ryan, Marines

Isabelle Schaefer, Metropolitan Community College- Interior Design

Shelbie Schweigart, University of Nebraska, Lincoln- PreLaw

Keaton Soucek, Nebraska Wesleyan- Undecided- Football

Drew Stephany- unknown

Kailee Stones, University of Nebraska, Kearney- Occupational Therapy

Alex Suggitt- unknown

Aisha True, University of Nebraska, Omaha-Criminology

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL VBS is right around the corner (June 6-10) so mark your calendars and make plans for your children to attend. While at VBS your children will participate in God's Wonder Lab- and learn how Jesus does the impossible. You will find out all info about VBS and the registration links. We also need lots of adult and student volunteers! Students who have completed 6th grade are welcome to sign up to help for the week of VBS.

WE NEED YOU!! Looking for volunteers to assist during our services with our streaming and the utilization of the Pro Presenter tool and also a Technical Team person to handling the web casting for the 10:45AM service. We will train and pay you \$25.00 per service worked ! If you are interested, please contact Cathy at the church office at 402-332-3345 or email at cathy.gslcgretna.org.