

**THIS WEEK AT GOOD SHEPHERD**  
**MAY 12—MAY 19**

**TODAY**

8:00 am Liturgical Worship w/HC  
 9:15 am Christian Education 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

**WEDNESDAY**

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

**SUNDAY**

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

**FACTS AND FIGURES**

**MAY 5 SUNDAY WORSHIP**

(8:00- 95 9:30- 135 10:45-191)

GENERAL OFFERING	\$7,421
MISSIONS	\$250
WEE LAMBS	\$145

**MAY 8 WEDNESDAY SERVICE**

GENERAL OFFERING	<b>10</b> \$155
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**SIMPLY GIVING IS NOW "GIVEPLUS"** In addition to online bank offerings, GivePlus Church is also a mobile giving app that enables you to make one-time or recurring gifts from your smartphone. Visit the App Store or Google Play and search for "GivePlus Church" to download the free app. In addition, you can text your offering to 402-347-7467 and start donating today!

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 and  
 Small Group Ministry  
 Bob Broekemeier

Director of Preschool  
 Lisa Stirtz

Director of Praise Band  
 Andy Hardies

Director of Outreach  
 Vern Nemitz

DCE-Specialized Ministry  
 Warren Viehl

Head Organist  
 Sonja Lundgren

Choir Director  
 Sara Fandrey Lorenz

Parish Nurse  
 Brenda Elson

Business Manager  
 Jan Kounkel

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)

**The 4th Sunday  
 of Easter**

May 12, 2019

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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.

**HARVEST ARTS & CRAFTS BOUTIQUE** is scheduled for Saturday, October 19. Vendor registration is now open! Go to the NEWS tab on our website, [www.gslcgretna.org](http://www.gslcgretna.org), to register and pay for a booth. If your items are not home made, please check with the office before registering.

**CHOIR** GSLC's choir will not meet during the summer but will resume practicing after Labor Day. If, however, you are interested in doing a solo or singing in a small group, please contact Sara Lorenz at [choir@gslcgretna.org](mailto:choir@gslcgretna.org).

**MONDAY MEN'S BASKETBALL** All men of GSLC are invited to come at 6:30 p.m. in the MAC for some fun games of basketball.

**PHOTOS FROM THE PAST 40 YEARS OF GOOD SHEPHERD** will be shown from time to time on the screens during our services. They are random photos from our church archives to help us see faces and events from our past. We are blessed with a history of God's faithful people who have been led by Him in the growth of His Kingdom here in Gretna!

**FORMER VICARS SCHEDULED TO PREACH IN 2019** As part of our 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebration, we have asked former vicars and pastors to select a Sunday to be with us to preach. So far, the following former vicars, now pastors, have been scheduled: Rev. Paul Muther on June 2nd; Rev. Ryan Duerr on June 23; Rev. Richard Lally on July 28th; Rev. Mike Feldmann on August 4th; and Rev. Joshua Traxel on September 15th. Anniversary speakers for November 3 will be Rev. Richard Greenthaner and Rev. Joel Wallschlaeger. Those yet remaining are Rev. Matt Conrad, and Rev. Martin Stahl.

**SAVE THE DATE:** Wee Lambs Preschool Golf Tournament \* September 15, 2019 at Tara Hills Golf Course, Papillion \* Shotgun start at 1:00 \* **Start forming your teams now!** \* ?'s contact: Lisa Stirtz at [lisa.stirtz@gslcgretna.org](mailto:lisa.stirtz@gslcgretna.org) or Craig Stirtz at [craig.stirtz@gmail.com](mailto:craig.stirtz@gmail.com)

**SCHEDULE YOURSELF AND SERVE!** If you or a family member would like to serve the Lord by volunteering your time as a Greeter, Acolyte, Usher, for Communion Set-Up, or for Youth Sunday, please go to our website [www.gslcgretna.org](http://www.gslcgretna.org) and schedule yourself! This is a good way to select a Sunday that will work best for you and will also help our office as we put together our monthly schedules. Thanks so much for your willingness to serve our Lord and His people!

**QUILTERS GROUP** If you are interested in quilting, please join our GSLC Quilters group. We meet at 6:30pm on the 4th Tuesday of each month, EXCEPT June, July and December when we take a break. All skill levels are welcome to join us for fellowship and creative inspiration while quilting to help others.

**LIVING PROOF LIVE WITH BETH MOORE AND WORSHIP WITH TRAVIS COTTRELL** June 21-22, 2019 at Pinnacle Bank Arena in Lincoln. A group rate of \$59 per ticket for groups of 10 or more (regular price of the tickets are \$79) is available. Please let Joann Berggren know at [j.berggren96@gmail.com](mailto:j.berggren96@gmail.com) or 402-932-1469 if you are interested in ordering tickets with the group so you can get the group rate.

## EVENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

**WEE LAMBS PRESCHOOL WE STILL HAVE ROOM** in our fall classes: TTH for 3 year olds. MWF and MTWTH for 4 and 5 year olds. Take a look at our website or call Lisa Stirtz, Preschool Director at 332-3267 for more information.

**MISSION AND MINISTRY M & M'S** How can we help people affected by the flood? Can you eat some M and M's to help them? There are tubes of M & M's in the back of the church, and we ask that you pick one up, eat the M & M's, fill the tube with money, bring your tube back to the church, and drop it in the basket by our M & M's display. All donations will be given to flood relief. This project is a mission outreach sponsored by Wee Lambs Preschool with a Thrivent Action Team grant.

**IMPORTANT MEETINGS UPCOMING** Budget and elections are on the docket for our Council this month. The Council Budget meeting is Tuesday, May 21 at 7:00 p.m. Voters elections and budget meeting will take place Sunday, June 30 after the late service in the MAC.

**HIS KIDS CAMP** Our annual mission trip to "His Kids Camp" at Camp Luther Schlyer, Nebraska is around the corner. The Sr. High Youth will attend "His Kids Camp" from Sunday, June 9 through Friday June 14<sup>th</sup>. We will meet at the church Sunday, June 9<sup>th</sup> at 3:00 pm and return Friday (June 14<sup>th</sup>) in the afternoon. Please prayerfully consider attending "His Kids Camp" as a buddy. This is a true servant event, and every year our youth members grow in their faith and understanding after experiencing the pure joy of working with "His Kids". We do need to fill out Volunteer Registration forms and would like to have them completed by May 19<sup>th</sup>. The forms will be available in the youth lounge.

**OVER THE EDGE** Tara Hess, our Director of Children and Family Ministries, has signed up to go Over the Edge in support of Youth for Christ in Omaha on June 1. She will stand on the roof of the Highline Apartment Building in downtown Omaha and step Over the Edge and rappel 230 feet to the ground! Tara needs your support to get to the top. She is not only pledging to go Over the Edge, but also committing to raise \$1500 for Youth for Christ. The vision of Youth for Christ is that every kid would be able to experience the love of Jesus from someone they know and trust. How can you help? By making a 100% tax-deductible donation to her website: <https://support.goyfc.org/fundraiser/2026223> OR You may also send check or money order made out to Youth for Christ, memo Tara Hess to: Youth for Christ \* Attn: Over the Edge/Tara Hess \* 5062 S 108<sup>th</sup> St \* PO BOX #160 \* Omaha, NE 68137

**VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL** is right around the corner! In one month (June 9-13) kiddos from our church and community will gather together for a Miraculous Mission and learn how Jesus saves the world! It will be a fantastic week of craft making, song singing, Bible learning, snack eating and game playing! We need your help in making it a success! Please get your kiddos signed up and learn more about VBS by going online at [www.gslcgretna.org](http://www.gslcgretna.org). We need to know how many kiddos are coming so we can prepare for them! We also need adults and youth to leads all areas of VBS. Please contact Tara Hess to see how you can get plugged in at [tara.hess@gslcgretna.org](mailto:tara.hess@gslcgretna.org).

**YOUTH COMMUNITY GARDEN PROJECT** As part of our 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Give-Back-To-The-Community project, our youth group has undertaken a community garden project in the back area of our church property. A raised set of gardens has been built and the produce will be given to the residents of the apartments next to the church. We thank the youth for this excellent service project!

## "GREAT IS THY FAITHFULNESS"

### Good Shepherd's 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

2019 marks the 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Good Shepherd Lutheran Church. Our theme is "*Great Is Thy Faithfulness*". God's hand of guidance and blessing has been seen in the faithful preaching and teaching of His Word, in the ongoing gifts of Holy Baptism and the Holy Supper, in the confirmations of young and old, in the sharing of the Gospel of Jesus and His love locally and through missions across the world, in opportunities to serve the needs of others in Jesus' name, and in the loving fellowship and care of fellow believers. God's faithfulness is truly *great* these past 40 years, and may we continue to live and share His saving Gospel until He calls us home!

## NOTES FOR TODAY'S SERVICES

**SERVING TODAY** **Pastors:** Gary Werling, Sam Pitsch **Elders:** 8:00 & 9:30–Steve Willey 10:45–Kyle Johnson **Ushers:** 8:00–Mike Kauss, Jerry Kenney, Jim Oliver, Drew VonSeggern 9:30–Jason Hadenfeldt, Rex Johnson, Bob Kincade, Tim Schnack 10:45–Dave Hardies, TJ Robertson, Ken Stange, Larry Wendlandt **Readers:** 8:00–Helen Ortlieb 9:30–April Oppliger 10:45–Warren Viehl **Acolytes:** 9:30–Holden Oppliger 10:45– **Greeters:** 8:00 & 9:30–Linda Kay Hermesch 10:45–Lisa Billman **Communion Set-Up:** 8:00–Ron & Carol Dickmeyer 9:30–Andrea Salisbury 10:45–Loretta Hardies **Pew Custodian:** Judy Lowe **Counters:** Tim & Shelley Heesacker **Organist:** 8:00 & 9:30–Sonja Lundgren **Singers:** 10:45–Lauren Madsen, Christal Kuchera, Delaney Hardies **Keyboard:** 10:45–Holly Dorathy **Guitars:** 10:45–Travis Beran, Luke McCann, Matt McCann **Drums:** 10:45–Andy Hardies **Powerpoint:** 10:45–Donna Dudney

**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.

**BAPTISM TODAY** In our 9:30 service today, **Emmett William Rodiek** will receive the new life of God in the washing of regeneration in Holy Baptism. Emmett is the infant son of Jacob and Caitlin Rodiek. He was born November 5, 2018 in Omaha. Emmett's Christian sponsors are Zach and Kaylyn Kelley. We pray God's gracious blessings upon Emmett as he begins his journey of faith today as a child of his Heavenly Father.

**FLOWERS IN THE SANCTUARY** are given to the glory of God by Alane and Ron Johns in memory of their mothers, Lois and Dorothea.

**PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION Birthdays:** 5/12-Joanie Easter 5/13-Linden Behney, Kathleen Beyer, Roger Ernst, Nolan Wheeler 5/14-Madeleine Barber, Carter Doering, Hallie Elgan, Brayden Hardies, Leo Hernandez, Linda Hogrefe, Mike Jensen, Abby Kessler, Jacob Kinman, Matthew Lutz, Huxley Matulka, Quinelle Pralle, Heather Stofer, Karisa Stover 5/15-Jay Von Housen 5/16-Jason Armstrong, Cara Connors, Paige Germer, Wayne Marquardt, 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, Loren Katt, Nathan Novak, Jeffery Salisbury **Anniversaries:** 5/12-Mike & Lisa Holstine, Mark & Jean Kardell 5/14-Dale & Kathy Haecker, Donald & Evonne Mulder, Jeff & Lori Suhr 5/15-Chad & Kelli Hayworth, Chadd & Suzi Hoeft, David & Monica Seda 5/16-Clyde & Arlene Durham 5/17-Marty & Amy Huckins, Rex & Julie Johnson **Health and Strength:** Amy Adamson, Catherine Anderson, Bryce Arp, Keith & Sarah Banwart, Carolyn Behney, Gerhard Broekemeier, Tom & Karen Cooper, Christy Currie, Bryan Drebes, John Gregory, Rebecca Hausman, Jackie Hays, Jim Hazel, Violetta Hinkell, Dale Hoffart, Rita Jaworski, Ed Kauss, Clara Keller, Bill Kiesling, Linda Killion, Amy LaFontaine, Roger Lemke, Scott Marr, Jessica Melvin, Mert Nielsen, Patrick & Dawna Nikiema, Riley Penny, Micah Settle, Larry Staley, Lynda Teeters, Gabriel Tegeder, Kenneth Walters, Shane Werner, Roger Wilson, Rick Witcher, Bob Wood **Serving Our Country:** Trent Boyer, Jamie Durance, Jeffrey Durance, Jessica Durance, Daniel Ellis, Colton Fickler, Brayden Hardies, Samuel Kutz, Joe LeMaster, Corbin Michael, Shay Pippitt, 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, 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 one of our pastors. 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!

## TODAY AT GOOD SHEPHERD

**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 ADULT STUDY** Join our pastors on Sunday morning as we discuss the letter of James. We meet from 9:15- 10:15 am in the Joshua and Noah rooms in the educational wing. Everyone is welcome.

**SUNDAY MORNING MIDDLE SCHOOL BIBLE STUDY** 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** Sr. High youth will meet in the Sr. High room by 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.

## WORD AND WORSHIP

**MONDAY NIGHT LWML BIBLE STUDY GROUP** We will be taking a break until August. Hope you can join us then!

**MONDAY EVENING BIBLE STUDY** The Bible study on "Relationships" meets monthly. [Join us Monday, May 6th from 7- 8:15 p.m.](#) in the educational wing. Utilizing the Book of Genesis and other resources, explore how God instructs us to repair and reconcile with others. The study is led by Remy Ockander, visiting teacher from Good Shepherd Lutheran Church in Fremont where she serves as DCE in multiple ministry functions. Both men and women are invited to attend.

**WOMEN'S TUESDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY** 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** Come and join us at 6:30 a.m. on Wednesday mornings at Billy's Café in Gretna. We are looking at the Book of Genesis. Pastor Werling leads us, and we have a 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 each Wednesday at 7:00 p.m. in the sanctuary. The service is a shortened form of the previous Sunday's 9:30 worship. With the summer months coming fast upon us in which many will be away on the weekends, remember the Wednesday service each week!

**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.