

THIS WEEK AT GOOD SHEPHERD
MAY 22 —MAY 29

SUNDAY

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

MONDAY

1:30 pm GSLC Staff Meeting

TUESDAY

9:30 am Ladies Bible Study
6:00 pm Board of Elders
7:00 pm Financial Advisory Committee

WEDNESDAY

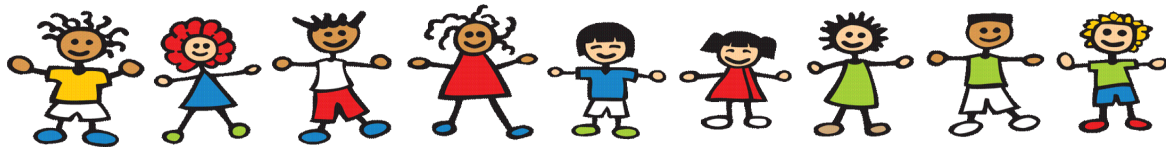
8:30 am Prayer Group
11:00 am Prime Timers at Lansky's
7:00 pm Wednesday Service
7:00 pm Sr. Youth Group

THURSDAY

6:30 am Online Bible Breakfast
10:00 am Sondra's Zoom Bible
Study Gospel of John

SUNDAY

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



Senior Pastor
Rev. Gary Werling

Vicar
Eric Larson

Director of Children and
Family Ministry
Tara Hess

Director of Youth Ministry
Bob Broekemeier

Director of Preschool
Lisa Stirtz

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Warren Viehl

Head Organist
Sonja Lundgren

Choir Director
Rick Zorko

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 6th Sunday
of Easter
May 22, 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 NEWS

SUNDAY, MAY 15TH

8:00AM-82 * 9:30AM-77 * 10:45- 80

WEDNESDAY, MAY 18TH—12

GENERAL OFFERING	\$ 7,860
GIVEPLUS FOR MARCH	\$29,519

OFFERINGS REPORT FOR MARCH & APRIL

March 2022 \$82,567 / March 2021 \$83,222 (Difference of -\$655)

April 2022 \$99,675 / April 2021 \$71,567 (Difference of +28,217)

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

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.

LCMSFoundation Faithful stewardship of your estate means keeping up with changes in the world and in your personal life and making sure that your plans are up to date. Tax laws change constantly as different political parties move in and out of power. Thirty years ago, your estate might have had to pay federal estate tax if it was valued over \$600,000. Today that number is \$12 Million. Five years ago, you could bequest your IRA to family over their lifetime. Today they must cash it out in ten years. Your LCMS Gift Planning Counselor can help you begin to identify areas where taxes and your plan don't line up. Contact Craig Stirtz at 402-616-0312 or craig.stirtz@lfnd.org.

NOTES FOR TODAY'S SERVICES

WEE LAMBS PRESCHOOL OPENING Do you love kids? Are you interested in serving God by increasing his Kingdom? Wee Lambs has the position of AIDE open. The opening is for Monday, Wednesday, and Fridays afternoons beginning August 15th. If interested contact Carol Theall at 402-677-1926 or by email at carol.theall@gslcgretna.org.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL 2022 ** June 5-9

Volunteers Needed for VBS I'm looking for Middle School (completing 6th grade May 2022), High School, College Students and Adults who want to help with Vacation Bible School. In about a month we will have a building full of students eager to learn more about Jesus and have a blast doing it. We need craft leaders, game leaders, decorators, small group leaders, and more to make this one of the best weeks of the year for our children. If you would like to know more are ready to dive in please contact Tara Hess at the church office. We would love to have you on our Making Waves team and show you how you can make a difference in the world of our kids!

Making Waves VBS This year at VBS the kids will learn how they can make a difference in the world around us! This theme will be reenforced through games, snacks, crafts, small groups, and more! Children 3 years old (with a trusted adult) through 5th graders (finishing 5th grade May of 2022) are welcome to register for this amazing week! Please head over to the church website to learn more... but do it soon! Register now so we can be prepared for the best week ever! VBS starts June 5th!

DATE CHANGE -SPLISH, SPLASH! It's a POOL PARTY BASH!! The date will be changing. This no longer will be on July 10th — update to follow.

CASSEROLE SALES GSLC Youth Groups are selling those yummy casseroles. For the month of June, we are selling Chicken Enchilada's. The family size is \$25.00 and serves 5-7 and the small size at \$15.00 serves 3-4. The orders for the Chicken Enchilada's are due by June 1st and will be available at church for pickup on Sunday, June 5th. Signup sheets are in the tables at the entrance of the Sanctuary and MAC.

LUTHERAN WOMENS MISSIONARY LEAGUE (LWML) The convention this year will be July 22-23, 2022 and held at the Ramada Inn in Columbus, NE. Beginning at 9:30AM on Friday with a worship service. We would love to have our LWML sisters and friends attend this special event. You can register online at lwmlnebraskanorth.org. For questions, please reach out to Lisa Stirtz, NE North LWML President at 402-657-0797

CONFIRMATION PICTURES The Confirmation pictures have moved from the church office to the table at the entrance of the Sanctuary. Don't forget to pick yours up!

VICAR TO ASSOCIATE PASTOR We received happy news on April 26 that the Board of Placement of Concordia Seminary in St. Louis granted our call to Vicar Eric to serve as our associate pastor. He is gladly accepting the call and will be installed here on the afternoon of Sunday, July 10. Thanks be to God!

SERVING TODAY **Pastor:** Gary Werling. **Vicar:** Eric Larson. **Elders:** 8:00/9:30-Josh Richling; 10:45-Shaun Nienhueser. **Ushers:** 8:00-Chet Sears, Eric Windeknecht, Darrin Ahrens, Ron Dickmeyer; 9:30-Bob Kincade, Darren Brewer, Jeff Cogswell, John Oetting; 10:45-Aiden Fragger, Andrew Fragger, Butch Mumm, Jeff Nielson. **Greeters:** 8:00-Kathy & Dale Haecker; 9:30-Robb McKay. **Acolyte:** 8:00-Jack Starr. **Lector:** 8:00-Lynne Draper; 9:30-Mikki Nienhueser; 10:45-Ron Kehlenbeck. **Communion Setup:** 8:00/9:30-Carol Dickmeyer; 10:45-Loretta Hardies, WED-Karin Caldwell. **Counter:** Kim & Dustin Spilker. **Pew Custodian:** Angie Richling. **Organist:** Cindy Nodshov. **Live Stream/ProPresenter:** 8:00-Lisa Billman & Charles Hess; 10:45-Gina Long & Andy Hardies. **Sound:** 10:45-Ben Carpick **Praise Band:** Vocals-Amanda Krancj, Christal Kucherea, Reagan Cheleen, Olivia Carpick; Keyboard-Amanda Carpick; Drums-Andy Hardies.

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.

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

Please contact a pastor if you have a question about communion.

May the Lord strengthen us in the forgiveness of sins unto eternal life.

BAPTISM TODAY Baptized during the 10:45AM service today is Lucille Jo Lambert, daughter of Layne and Emily Lambert. Lucille was born on May 28, 2021 and her Christian sponsors are Josh and Kaydee Kingston. We pray God's gracious blessings upon Lucille as she begins her journey of faith today as a precious child of our Heavenly Father!

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION **Birthdays:** 5/22-Cory Bachman, Leo Feak, Joan Jacoby, Devon Kincade, Abbie Zavadil; 5/23-Robyn Brown, Calen Dudley, William Frazer, Clara Gobber, Kati Harmon, Beckett Oetting, Avery Stephany; 5/24-Rose Hentzen, Jevaya Howard; 5/25-Ashley Heesacker, Norma Kenney; 5/26-Adelyn Harms, Mason Harris; 5/27-Braxton Boyd, Angie Elrod, Tully Kessler, Brooklyne LaFontaine, Leo Paulsen; 5/28-Austin Heesacker, Kyle Henning, Micah Samson, Owen Simodynes. **Anniversaries:** 5/22-Larry & Kathy Heidemann, Jeff & Linda Hogrefe, Ron & Alane Johns; 5/24-Brock & Laura Thornburg; 5/25-Kevin & Erin Buse, John & Kaitlyn Lawless; 5/26-Loren

& Marcile Katt, Marc & Diane Lindblom, Frank & Denise Ullman; **5/27**-Bill & Sondra Harrold; **5/28**-Greg & Emily Coleman, Roger & Judy Essink, Erin & Corbin Harms, Bruce & Stacie Moore. **Health and Strength:** Catherine Anderson, Kerri Black, Evelyn Fisher, Melinda Halverson, Marcile Katt, Ed Kauss, Bill Kiesling, Amy LaFontaine, Barb Margolis, Barb Nordmeyer, Kyle O'Neill, Anita Vogele, & 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, Connie Scholting, 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

THERE WILL NOT BE THE CHRISTIAN EDUCATION HOUR ON SUNDAY, MAY 29TH. This includes Sunday School, Youth Groups, and the Sunday morning Bible Study.

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.

MIDDLE SCHOOL STUDENTS Calling all 6th, 7th, and 8th 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!

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. All adults are

invited – drop ins too! Pastor Werling and Vicar Larson take turns leading this study on Sundays. We meet in the Noah and Joshua rooms in the education wing. Grab a cup of coffee, a donut and join us as we look at the dramatic story of Jonah.

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 Our prayer group wants the congregation to know that we continue to lift up every prayer request we receive! God does hear and answer each prayer request according to His perfect Will and His perfect timing. Our prayer group meets every Wednesday morning at 8:30am in the church library. EVERYONE is welcome to join us!! If you have any questions or prayer requests, please reach out to Sondra Harrold, Renee Boyer, or the church office.

MEN'S THURSDAY MORNING ZOOM BIBLE BREAKFAST Please join us each 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.org.

SONDRA'S ZOOM BIBLE STUDY This group meets via a zoom call every Thursday through May 26th at 10:00AM to study the Gospel of John. If interested, please contact Sondra Harrold at harroldw@aol.com.

EVENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

TODAY WE RECOGNIZE LISA STIRTZ upon her retirement as our Wee Lambs Preschool Director. Lisa was instrumental in organizing Wee Lambs Preschool 20 years ago. Hundreds of children have passed through Wee Lambs throughout the past 20 years learning their 1,2,3's and A,B, C's, and especially how much Jesus loves each and every one of them. We thank God for Lisa Stirtz and pray God's gracious blessings upon her days of retirement!

WHAT DO LUTHERANS BELIEVE? Pastor Werling will begin a new Foundations of Faith class for those who would like to take a look at what Lutherans believe from the Bible. Foundations will meet on three consecutive Sundays next month: June 12, 19, and 26 from 4:30 – 6:00 p.m. in the education wing. Pastor will cover the basic teachings from the Bible. Those who complete the class may join the Lutheran Church if they desire. All materials will be provided. Please let Pastor Werling know if you plan on coming or if you have any questions. Gary.werling@gslcgretna.org (402) 332-3345

DONATIONS During the month of May, we will be collecting food for **PROJECT HOPE** and clothes for **OPEN DOOR MISSION**. When you are doing your spring cleaning, bring those unused clothes and any food items to our church to help others. Please keep clothes and food separated. Drop off your donations at the entrance of the Sanctuary and MAC on designated tables.