

**CHURCH DIRECTORY**  
**SCHEDULE YOUR FAMILY TODAY!!**

**SMILE!! SCHEDULE YOUR APPOINTMENT NOW!**



Please sign up your family for the church directory picture!! It is important that we get as many of our members and regular visitors included.

We were able to add 3 dates to have pictures taken. There are still a few sessions open on **December 1, 2, & 3. Newly added are: January 5, 6, & 7.** Times on the weekdays are: 2:00pm to 8:30pm and Saturday from 10:30AM-4:30PM.

Everyone that gets their picture taken will receive a free 8x10 professional plus a paper directory.

To sign up, please go to: [www.ucdir.com](http://www.ucdir.com) / Select the "Photography Appointment Scheduling Login" on the right side/ User Name-Church ID: **NE185** & Password: **photos**. If you have a group of 6 or more, please book 2 consecutive time slots and make sure to add your email for a reminder!

Please reach out to Cathy at the church office if you have any questions or need assistance in signing up at 402-332-3345.

***CHERISH YOUR FAMILY PORTRAITS FOREVER!***



**PART TIME OFFICE JOB OPENING** We are looking for a parttime administrative assistant to work 10 to 12 hours per week with flexibility to cover other office position during vacations. Prefer to work on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday's, however this could be a flexible schedule. Must be highly organized with good computer skill, friendly, and have ability to work with our different office products. If you are interested or have any questions, please reach out to Cathy at the church office by calling 402-332-3345.

Senior Pastor  
Rev. Gary Werling

Associate Pastor  
Rev. Eric Larson

Director of Children and  
Family Ministry  
Tara Hess

Director of Youth Ministry  
Bob Broekemeier

Director of Preschool  
Carol Theall

Director of Outreach  
Vern Nemitz

DCE-Specialized Ministry  
Warren Viehl

Head Organist  
Sonja Lundgren

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 First Sunday  
in Advent  
November 27, 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, NOVEMBER 20TH

8:00AM-102\* 9:30AM-148 \* 10:45- 120 AND WED., NOVEMBER 23RD -  
GENERAL OFFERING \$9,237 / GIVEPLUS FOR OCTOBER \$29,452

### OFFERINGS REPORT FOR SEPTEMBER & OCTOBER

September 2022 \$74,883 / September 2021 \$69,152 (Difference of \$5,731)  
October 2022 \$77,727 / October 2021 \$93,439 (Difference of -\$15,712)

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

**LCMSFoundation** The focus of estate Gift Planning moves us to consider our giving beyond managing the cash in our checking account. For many, the single largest asset is found in retirement assets. If you have an IRA and are 70 ½ or older, you can contribute up to \$100,000 per year directly to ministry, bypassing the income tax you would pay if you withdrew the funds yourself. Your LCMS Gift Planning Counselor can help. Contact Craig Stirtz at 402-616-0312.

## THIS WEEK AT GOOD SHEPHERD NOVEMBER 27TH—DECEMBER 4TH

### SUNDAY

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

### MONDAY

1:00 pm GLSC Staff  
6:30 pm Ladies Bible Study/LWML

### TUESDAY

9:30 am Ladies Bible Study

### WEDNESDAY

8:30 am Prayer Group  
12:10 pm Advent Service-Sanctuary  
5:30 pm Midweek Classes  
6:30 pm Advent Supper  
7:00 pm Advent Service  
7:00 pm Sr. Youth Group

### THURSDAY

6:30 am Men's Zoom Bible Study

### FRIDAY

6:00 pm Family Ministry in the MAC  
7:00 pm Kauss Bible Study

### SUNDAY

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



## NOTES FOR TODAY'S SERVICES

**ANGEL TREE FOR CHILDREN** The annual Angel Tree Christmas (Prison Fellowship) will be as it was last year. Instead of purchasing physical gifts and delivering them to the children, Angel Tree will be virtual! If you would like to sponsor a child (or children), please go to the URL below. **All of the children are from Nebraska.** Once signed in, you will be able to select by age/gender the child(ren) you would like to sponsor. Each sponsorship is \$25. After you have made your selection, you will be able to securely check out. Angel Tree will take the process from there. Through Angel Tree Christmas, churches and organizations share the love of Christ in a tangible way and strengthens family bonds, delivering personalized gifts and the Gospel to children on behalf of their incarcerated parents at Christmas. Every Angel Tree child is also given access to a free, easy-to-read copy of the Bible in English or Spanish.

URL: <https://vat.angeltreetool.org/33e9c16f-0571-4c82-bc11-af7ce9588d3d> All donations should be completed no later than **Sunday, December 11th**. If you have questions, please reach out to Kris Gaebel.

**ANGEL TREE FOR AZRIA HEALTH** Simply take an ornament off the tree, record your information on the sheets, and purchase the gift(s) that are listed on it. (Gift limit is \$25.) Wrap your gift and tape the ornament to the outside of the package as this is their gift tag and return to church by **Sunday, December 11**. If you have questions, please reach out to Alane Johns.

### THE YOUTH GROUP ACTIVITIES FOR DECEMBER

**Gretna Neighbors Food Drive** Every year the youth focuses on what we can do in our community, we will be continuing our Gretna Neighbors Food Drive. From now until **December 20, 2022**, the Good Shepherd Youth Group will be collecting canned goods for the Gretna Neighbors Food Pantry. Consider helping local families face the challenges this year with a canned food donation for the holiday season. Donation boxes will be outside the sanctuary and the MAC. In advance, thank you for helping those in need during a time when the needs are great!

**Advent Dinner** The Senior High Youth will be hosting the Advent Dinner on Wednesday, November 30. We are meeting at the church at 5:15 to set up. We are asking each family to bring one frozen bag of cinnamon rolls to the church by Tuesday, November 29th. We will be serving Chili and Chicken Noodle soup.

**Christmas Party** This year the youth will be holding a **Youth Christmas Cookie Exchange Party on Sunday, December 11<sup>th</sup>** from 2 pm to 4 pm in the MAC. Each youth is asked to bring 3 dozen homemade cookies to the Christmas Party; one dozen of the cookies will be put in boxes for apartment friends next door. The rest of the cookies will be used for the exchange; everyone will get to go home with a sampling of different cookies. In addition to a cookie exchange, we will have games, including yard games, a gingerbread house to decorate, an ornament station, a sweet treat station, and a Christmas Box Station, where we will put the finishing touches on the 16 Christmas Boxes we will deliver to the apartments next door, at the end of the party. So look for your favorite Christmas Cookie recipe and mark your calendars!!

**SERVING TODAY** **Pastor:** Gary Werling; **Associate Pastor:** Eric Larson. **Elders:** 8:00/9:30-Drew Von Seggern; 10:45-Rollie Hardies. **Ushers:** 8:00-Doug DeWald, Bill Harrold, Tim Heesacker, Steve Moore; 9:30-Randy Beyer, Darren Brewer, Pete Eiden, Robert Sneller & Audrey Voss; 10:45-Aidan Frager, Andrew Frager, Mark Kardell, Butch Mumm. **Greeters:** 9:30-Sharon Bossman; 10:45-Jessica Rausch. **Lector:** 8:00-Ken Stine; 9:30-Alan Stoltenberg; 10:45-Tony Eitzmann. **Acolyte:** 8:00-Zander Lachendro; 9:30-Tegan Kirby; 10:45-Saide Feak. **Communion Setup:** 8:00/9:30-Jan Zorko; 10:45-Joani Stange, 7:00(Wed)-Karin Caldwell. **Counter:** Kristy Hadden. **Pew Custodian:** Nancy Turpen. **Organist:** 8:00-Cindy Nodshov; 9:30-Sonja Lundgren. **Live Stream/ProPresenter:** 8:00-Micah Hess & Charles Hess; 10:45-Tara Hess & Andy Hardies. **Sound:** 10:45-Loretta Hardies. **Praise Band:** Vocals-Christal Kuchera, Olivia carpick, Regan Cheelan; Keyboard-Holly Dorathy; Guitar-Travis Beran; Drums-Andy Hardies.

**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** During our 10:45AM service, Miles Frederick Broekemeier will receive the new life Of God in the washing of regeneration in Holy Baptism. Miles is the infant son of Micah & Jenn Broekemeier and was born on October 22, 2022. Miles's Christian sponsors are Luke & Autumn Reed. God bless Miles in his new life with Jesus!

**OUR THANKS TO VERN!** Vern Nemitz, our part-time Director of Outreach, is retiring after today. Vern's love for the Lord and for the spreading of the Gospel has been an inspiration to all of us. In addition to his work at GSLC, Vern has been involved in prison ministry and small group Bible studies as well as fostering various outreach events into the community. Vern and his wife Teresa (Teri) plan to do some traveling together and enjoying more time with their family. We bid a fond farewell to Vern and Teri with the prayer that the Lord will continue to guide and bless them in the

future as He has done in the past. Please stop to greet Vern and Teri and enjoy some refreshments after the services today

**PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION** Birthdays: 11/27-Rory Hardies, Cooper Kranjc, Kevin Musil, Holden Oppliger, Tammy True, Michael Wille; 11/28-Trisha Kutz, Cody Peterson; 11/29-Ryan Johnson, Cody Lutz, Hannah Schmidt, Audrey Voss; 11/30-Lane Carson, Tom LaFontaine, Mike Trebold; 12/1-Luke Karl; 12/2-Chris Barton, Sadie Bronson, Reg Duke, Anne Harris, Kristine Koch, Ann Nelson; 12/3-Dan Dudney, Keith Hentzen, Zayden Richey. Anniversaries: 11/27-Rose & Keith Hentzen; 11/28-Bridget & Marcus Goldenstein, Amber & Corey Soucek; 11/30-Keeley & Adam Lammers; 12/1-Lori & Tully Kessler, Kelsey & Kyle Thompson; 12/3-Renee & Mark Boyer, Sarah & Bradley Goetsch. **Health and Strength:** Chuck Allner, Catherine Anderson, Claudia Beaman, Bob Boe, Amy LaFontaine, Eric Lehman, Gus Moore, Connie Scholting, Jean Swanson, Anita Vogelee, & Bob Wood. **Serving Our Country:** Kayla Andrews, Daniel Ellis, Colton Fickler, Christian Hadden, Samuel Kutz, Alden Ryan, Alex Ryan, Matthew Schuetz, Ryan Schuetz. **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.

## WORD & WORSHIP

**SUNDAY SCHOOL** Our Sunday School hour is from 9:15 to 10:15am. Children are working on the Christmas program which will be Sunday, December 18th during the 9:30AM service. If you have any questions, please contact Tara Hess at 402-332-3345 or [tara.hess@gslcgretna.org](mailto:tara.hess@gslcgretna.org).

**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!

**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!

**MIDWEEK SCHOOL** Our 2022-2023 Midweek School for all children in Grades 3—8 meets every Wednesday from 5:30 to 6:30pm. Midweek Grade 3-6 lessons are on a two-year cycle of Old Testament and New Testament overview. This year, the children will be taking a look at the New Testament as it relates to the life, ministry, and teachings of Jesus. The 7th & 8th Grade combined confirmation class meets in the Ministry Activities Center in small groups. The confirmation of the 8th Grade class will take place in early spring. We look forward to a great year of growing together in our Christian faith!

**BIBLE STUDY THIS MORNING** We just started a new series and will dig into the Gospel of Matthew and explore treasures old and new (Matthew 13:52) in these words which speak of the hope we

have in Jesus. Pastor Werling and Pastor Larson take turns leading the study. Come and join us on Sunday mornings from 9:15-10:15am in the Noah and Joshua rooms in the education wing for some enlightening discussions centered on what the Bible tells us about following Jesus!

**LADIES BIBLE STUDY/LWML** Please join us at 6:30PM every Monday for fellowship and bible study at the church in the educational wing. Enter at the church office doors, come and meet some new friends. This year our Bible Study is “God’s Relentless Love”—a study of Hosea. All ladies are welcomed! Any questions, contact Lisa Stirtz at 402-657-0797.

**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 studying what the Old Testament has to say about the coming of the Messiah Jesus in November and December. Pastor 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.

**ADVENT** The celebration of Advent begins today. Please join us for Wednesday Advent Services. Services will be at 12:10pm and 7:00pm on November 30th, December 7th, 14th, & 21st. Advent Dinners will be provided at 6:20pm before the evening service in the Ministry Activities Center (MAC). Our first Advent Supper will be chili, chicken noodle soup and cinnamon rolls. A free will offering will be accepted. Please set aside these Wednesday Advent services and suppers on your calendar!

**MEN’S THURSDAY MORNING ZOOM BIBLE BREAKFAST** Please join us each Thursday morning at 6:30am for our Zoom Bible Study. Pastor Werling leads the discussion on the Book of Acts. 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 402-332-3345 or [gslc@gslcgretna.org](mailto:gslc@gslcgretna.org).

## EVENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

**FAMILY MINISTRY EVENT** Family Dinner and Escape Room Night will be this Friday, December 2nd at 6:00pm. Spaghetti, garlic bread, and salad will be served before we embark on our Nativity Escape Room. Each family will be given 4 mystery clues that they have to figure out. This will surely help us begin our Christmas celebrating! Please bring a dessert or snack to share. Make sure to sign up for this event at the entrance tables to the Sanctuary or MAC. Any questions, please reach out to Tara Hess.

**PRIME TIMERS** are going to meet at the church on December 12th (Mon.) at noon for a Christmas gathering. We will have a soup potluck and watch the nativity episode from “The Chosen”. In lieu of a gift exchange, we will be collecting monetary donations for a needy cause. Look for the food signup and attendance sheets in MAC & Sanctuary. Hope you can join us and if you have any question, please contact Alane Johns.