

GENESIS STUDY UPDATE The steering committee for the Genesis study is moving to our data collection phase. In this phase, we will conduct surveys of parents, congregations, and communities, interviews, financial estimates, and gather other sources of information. The goal of the committee is to listen to God's plan for this potential mission in our area. Your opinions matter and will be crucial to our "go/no" recommendation on the next phase of Lutheran School Exploration in Sarpy County. You can fill out a survey by scanning one of the QR codes below. If you would like to have your survey emailed (physical copy), please send an email or call the church office and we will arrange for you to have the survey taken. We continue to ask for your prayers for discernment as we continue to explore the feasibility of a Lutheran School in Sarpy County.

QR Code for Links to the Survey



—For congregation members WITHOUT school-aged children



For congregation member WITH school-aged children —

GLSC Endowment Matching Gift Opportunity

As noted in a letter sent to all members, a couple of GSLC members have offered \$27,000 in matching funds for new gifts to the GLSC Endowment! **To date we have received \$11,600 toward the match so we are nearing the half-way point.** We invite you to help us complete this new match by making a special gift, above and beyond your regular support. It **will be doubled** thanks to the match and will help us grow the Endowment to further enhance our ministry outreach.

The GLSC Endowment is a separate fund set up to manage special gifts for future ministry, given both during our lifetimes and through our Wills and Trusts. The GLSC Endowment will provide support for ministry beyond our budget including additional mission work, scholarships for students attending our Lutheran schools, mercy ministries for those dealing with economic or personal hardships, support for our praise band, and capital projects and facility improvements.

To make your gift, simply mail or drop off your gift at the church office. Please make your check payable to Good Shepherd Lutheran Church and be sure to clearly identify that your gift is for the Endowment. Through the match, your gift of \$50 becomes \$100, \$500 becomes \$1,000, and \$5,000 becomes \$10,000. Whatever you are able to share will be a great blessing for the future of ministry at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church!

For more information or to discuss how you can make a current gift or a gift through your Will or Trust contact Craig Stirtz at 402-616-0312 or craig.stirtz@lfnd.org.

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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)

TRINITY SUNDAY June 4, 2023

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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.

“HEARTS OF COMPASSION MOVED TO ACTION” Our 2023 Ministry Theme

Our Church Ministry theme in this New Year is “Hearts of Compassion Moved to Action.” The Gospel writer Matthew said of Jesus: “When he saw the crowds, he had compassion on them” (Matthew 9:36). That word expresses a deep, heart-felt love that Jesus felt for hurting people. His compassion moved Him to action as He helped, healed, comforted, fed, and encouraged thousands of people. As followers of Jesus, He commands us to “love others as I have loved you.” Let us challenge ourselves in 2023 to be compassionate-minded Christians, and then to reach out in loving actions to help many people for Jesus’ sake this year!

LCMS Foundation How might retirement change my estate plans? Retirement planning can often change the makeup of your portfolio, as investments change from long range to shorter range investments. Each one of those investments has a beneficiary designation with it, that guides those assets when the Lord calls you home, either to your estate (will/trust), to family by name, or to organizations (such as ministries). If you change the investment, you want to make sure that the way you fill out the new beneficiary designations fits with your plan. Your LCMS Gift Planning Counselor can assist in creating an overview of all your beneficiary designations. Contact Craig Stirtz at 402-616-0312 or craig.stirtz@lfnd.org

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. In Christ’s name we pray. Amen.

THIS WEEK AT GOOD SHEPHERD JUNE 4TH – JUNE 11TH

SUNDAY

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

MONDAY

1:00 pm GSLC Staff Meeting

TUESDAY

9:30 am Ladies Bible Study
6:00 pm Board of Stewardship

WEDNESDAY

8:30 am Prayer Group
7:00 pm Wednesday Service
7:00 pm Sr. Youth Group

THURSDAY

6:30 am Men’s ZOOM Bible Study
5:30 pm Baptism Class

SUNDAY

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

VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED to welcome visitors following our Sanctuary worship services at the "Welcome Table" in the back of the Sanctuary. If you would like to volunteer, please place your name on the signup sheet on the entrance table of the sanctuary. We will work out a schedule that is convenient for you!

COMING IN AUGUST—YOUTH CASSEROLE SALES The GSLC Youth Groups are selling those yummy casseroles. In the month of August, we will be selling the Tator Tot Casserole. The family size is \$25.00 and serves 5-7 and the small size at \$15.00 serves 3-4. Orders will be due by **August 2nd** and will be available at church for pickup on Sunday, August 6th. Starting in July, signup sheets will be at the entrance of the Sanctuary and MAC.

CONTEMPORARY SERVICE IN MAC AT 10:45AM For the months of June and July, we will be playing recorded music vs. having our great Praise Band sing live. Additionally, we will only be streaming the 8:00AM service on uTube. Remember you can watch the service from a link on our website anytime at gslcgretna.org.

PILLOW CASES NEEDED Sharon Kauss is in need of pillow cases in which she uses to make dresses for the Orphan Grain Train. For those that sew and have any extra double wide bias tape and ric rac, she would put that to good use too with these dresses. You can drop off your donations at the church office. Thank you!



STEWARDSHIP NEWS

SUNDAY, MAY 21ST

8:00 - 81 * 9:30 - 130 * 10:45 - 82

WEDNESDAY, MAY 24TH

7:00 - 10

GENERAL OFFERING \$10,336 GIVEPLUS FOR APRIL \$29,034

OFFERINGS REPORT FOR MARCH & APRIL

March 2023 \$132,066 / March 2022 \$82,567 (Difference +\$49,499)

April 2023 \$85,619 / April 2022 \$99,674 (Difference -\$14,055)

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



NOTES FOR TODAY'S SERVICES

SERVING TODAY **Pastor:** Gary Werling; **Associate Pastor:** Eric Larson. **Elders:** 8:00/9:30-Joel Elson; 10:45-Nate Tonjes. **Ushers:** 8:00-Rocky Keehn, John Sangimino, Tim Schnack, Morgan Von Seggern; 9:30-John Oetting, Scott Sneller, Alan Stoltenberg, Dan Theall; 10:45-Larry Wendlandt, Jeff Nielsen, Mike Sterling, Nancy Turpen. **Greeters:** 9:30-Kris Karstens **Lectors:** 8:00-Alane Johns; 9:30-Jessica Herrmann; 10:45-Jean Stoley. **Counter:** Jen Angland. **Pew Custodian:** Ellen Fischman. **Organist:** 8:00/9:30-Sonja Lundgren. **Live Stream/ProPresenter:** 8:00-Lisa Billman & Josh Lipka; 10:45-Celia Angland. **Sound:** 10:45-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.

BAPTISM TODAY Baptized during our 10:45AM service today is Mack Richard Sullivan, infant son of Jeff and Chrissy Sullivan, born on April 25, 2023. Mack's Christian sponsors are Dan and Amanda Sullivan. We pray God's gracious blessings upon Mack as a child of his Heavenly Father!

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION Birthdays: 6/4-Talon Daharsh, Caleb Lessmann; 6/5-Jack Brewer, Daniel Ellis, Ethan Olsen, Archer Sullivan; 6/6-Brooke Campbell, Amelia Fliege, Mike Kauss, Brian Meckna, Aaron Oppliger, Tim Schnack, Ava Simodynes, Elizabeth Zeeck; 6/7-Ellie Draper, Caleigh Meckna, Angie Richling, Braxton Stessman; 6/8-Brady Bierman, Sarah Bogseth, Drew Long, Samantha Moore, Anella Pralle; 6/9-Leonard Fischman, Christian Jasper, Ryder Keehn, Gary Luedders, Henry Rodiek, Aisha True, Glenda Welker; 6/10-Claudie Beaman, Sondra Harrold, Ava Kudlacek, Bruce Moore. **Anniversary:** 6/4-Alan & Carol Lunzman; 6/5-Quinn & Monica Coldiron, Dan and Carol Theall; 6/6-Jeff & Jeanne Bartels, Alyssa & Bryce Havlovic, Andy & Jessie Herrmann, Tom & June Jordening, Kristi & Matthew Rohrich; 6/7-Kevin & Dana Musil; 6/8-John & Cynthia Correll, Shawn & Angela Kraegel, Eric & Amy Richey; 6/9-Dave & Kathy Fibich, Dean & Julie Johnson, Ross & Dorothy Johnson, David & Angie Stones, Warren & Marilyn Viehl; 6/10-Bert & Janette Kelley, Justin & Kayla Pankoke. **Health and Strength:** Catherine Anderson, Bob Boe, Paul Clauson, Art Dyer, Bill Kiesling, Amy LaFontaine, Evelyn Livermore, Heinz Olk, John Polito, Connie Scholting, Anita Vogeles, Sue Voss, & Pat Wrona. **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.

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 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!

WORD & WORSHIP

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION HOUR During the month of July, there will be **NO** Christian Education Hour from 9:15am to 10:15am. This includes the Adult Bible Study, Sunday School, and Sr. & Jr. High Youth.

SUNDAY SCHOOL Our Sunday School hour is from 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!

SUNDAY MORNING ADULT BIBLE STUDY We are using Season 3 of "The Chosen" video series to guide our study of God's Word centered on 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!

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 "Women in the Bible". Pastor Eric Larson is the leader for this study. Please come and join us.

BOARD OF HUMAN CARE Our prayer group continues 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. We meet 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 at 6:30am for our Zoom Bible Study. Pastor Werling leads the discussion on the Book of Proverbs. 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.

PICK UP YOUR HOME DEVOTIONS Stop and pick up a copy of Portals of Prayer and/or Hope-Full Living, which are available on the back table in the sanctuary and MAC lobby. Strive to be regularly in God's Word in your daily walk of faith!

EVENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

FAMILY POOL PARTY Mark your calendars and plan to join us on Sunday, July 9th from 6:00PM to 8:00PM for a family pool party at the Gretna Pool (Hwy 6 & W Angus Road)!! Invite your neighbors to join us for some fun and maybe a CaNnOnBaLl contest! Contact: Tara Hess at 402.332.3345.

TACO TUESDAY BIBLE STUDY The Board of Adult Ministry is planning a Bible study for all who wish to attend on Tuesdays from June 13 through July 25 (except July 4th) from 6:00-7:30pm at Good Shepherd. We know summers are a busy time and you do not need to attend each Tuesday. We plan on taking turns making various types of tacos and digging into God's Word with the help of a book by Tim Keller called "Prodigal God" (prodigal=recklessly extravagant). The Bible study will be led by Pastor Eric and Evan Kuchera. You can sign up outside the Sanctuary or MAC if you are interested in attending. Babysitting can be provided too! If you have any questions, please reach out to Pastor Eric or Evan.

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 next class offered will be this Thursday on **June 8th at 5:30pm**. Please contact the church office if you would like to attend.

ANNUAL ELECTIONS AND BUDGET VOTERS MEETING will take place in the MAC after the 10:45am service on Sunday, June 25th. All members who are 18 years and older are encouraged to attend. The proposal for adding a Board of Technology to our current boards will be considered for approval at this time.

WEE LAMBS GOLF SCRAMBLE OUTING Our Wee Lambs Preschool is planning their annual golf outing on **Sunday, August 27th** at Tara Hills Golf course. Registration is at 12:30pm with a shotgun start at 1:30PM. Mark your calendars for a fun day of fellowship and golf. All proceeds go to help Wee Lambs! To register: www.gslcgretna.org/news/golf-outing and for questions, please contact Carol Theall at carol.theall@gslcgretna.org. Come join in the fun and support our preschool!!

CONFIRMATION PICTURES The group and individual Confirmation pictures are in and are located on an entrance table of the Sanctuary for your pickup.