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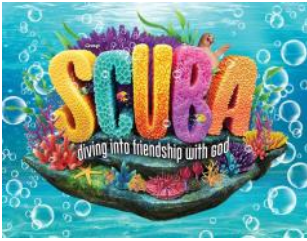
Good Shepherd LUTHERAN CHURCH

—MAY 26, 2024—

9:00a Scratch Choir (sanctuary)

1:00p Ray of Hope (Fellowship Hall)

7:30p AA (kitchen)



Vacation Bible School

June 17-21, 5-7:30p

Be sure to register your child/ren for Good Shepherd's VBS by using the QR code or going to tinyurl.com/gslcVBS2024.

VBS runs June 17-21, 5-7:30p and is open to 3 year olds through out-

going 5th graders. (If your child isn't ready to stay until 7:30, ask about our early-ending option.) Cost is \$50/child with a family max of \$200. Dinner is included!



Transition Experience Share Session ★

Tuesday, June 4, 7p

The Transition Leadership Team is eager to gather the input of members of the Good Shepherd community who have previously experienced periods of pastoral transition at Good Shepherd or any other congregation. Please join fellow members of the Good Shepherd community for this Transition Experience Share Session. We'll gather in person in Fellowship Hall and online via Zoom for those who are unable to join in person. Please sign up on the Prayers & More sheet. Questions?

Contact Transition Process facilitator, Mark Ledogar at events@goodshepherdllc.org.



Prayers & More Sign In:

Please take a moment to fill out the paper Prayers & More form and hand it to an usher during the Children’s Message. Pens are available at the back of the sanctuary. You may also submit your prayer requests, make donations, and sign up for upcoming events on the online Prayers & More form using the QR code. Look for the gold stars next to events that will be featured on the Prayers & More form. ★

Pride Parade ★

Sunday, June 30

In the past, Good Shepherd has walked with the Chicago Coalition of Welcoming Churches. We need to let them know by Friday if we’re walking this year. Sign up on the Prayers & More form if you would like to join!



Brookfield Zoo Outing ★

Sunday, June 30, 11:45a

Join Good Shepherd friends for an intergenerational day of enjoying God’s creation at the Brookfield Zoo. **We’ll plan to meet for a picnic lunch at 11:45 near the Seven Seas.** Feel free to bring friends along and explore the zoo in groups. Kids are invited to bring swimwear for the Splashpad near the penguins. Sign-up is encouraged so that we can watch for your presence. If you're open to sharing a cell number, we can include you in a participants' text string to aid possible meet-up challenges.



Daytimers to Graue Mill ★

Tuesday, June 11, 10a

Daytimers will travel to Oakbrook and the Graue Mill on June 11. The museum is home to a working grist mill and contains artifacts from the 1800s. Lunch will be at the York Tavern which was built in the mid 1800s. We will meet at church at 10.



—VBS HELP NEEDED—

VBS preparations are underway! We would like to invite families to create sea creatures to help decorate our coral reef. Look on google/YouTube for craft ideas such as DIY sea sponges, coral, sea cucumbers, sea stars. (Links to ideas were included in the Wednesday email.) Bright colors are great! All crafts made by families will be incorporated into the reef decoration. Contact Martha Wegener for more ideas or information. Families are also invited to come to the final build of scenery on **Saturday, June 15 at 10a** for the set decorating and after service on June 16 for installation. Do you have:

- * large cardboard boxes?
- * pool noodles?
- * old pool flippers, snorkels, masks? (too old to actually use are perfect!)
- * leftover paint?
- * soup cans or other tin cans with "ridges"?
- * plastic bottles?
- * old large combs?
- * plastic or stuffed water animals? (fish, turtles, sea horses, etc)
- * 5 gallon plastic paint cans?

(Please note: We cannot promise to return anything.)

VBS Training ★

Wednesday, June 5, 7p (zoom) or

Sunday, June 9, 10:45a (Fellowship Hall)

This is a required training for all volunteers. Please sign up on the Prayers

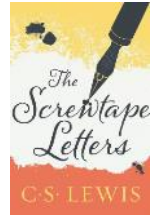


Do you give online? Pick up one of these cards at the ushers' station to drop this in the plate when the offering is gathered as a way of participating in this act of worship.

Summer Book Discussion: *The Screwtape Letters*

Next meeting, Tuesday, May 28, 7p

Join other Good Shepherd readers as we read and discuss *The Screwtape Letters* by C.S. Lewis, an introduction to traditional Christian theology and ethics. This week, the group will discuss Letters 1-6. Upcoming meetings are scheduled for June 11 & 25 and July 9 & 23.



Oak Park Memorial Day Ceremony

Monday, May 27, 11a

This Memorial Day marks the 80th anniversary of the Normandy invasion, an epic battle that changed the course of history in World War II. D-Day will be remembered in remarks at Oak Park's Memorial Day Ceremony in Scoville Park. The ceremony is organized by GSLC member Brian Flora and includes participation by our Chaplain Kerstin Hedlund and Village President Vicki Scaman.



On Saturday, June 1 at 2p veterans Carl Fisher and Brian Flora will participate in a DAR-organized 80th Anniversary of D-Day program at the Oak Park main library. Carl is an experienced Normandy and D-Day sites guide who has led amateur historians, interested tourists and military veterans across the Normandy countryside. After Brian describes his father's role in the first wave at Omaha Beach, Carl will lead a photographic travelogue to highlight the places and people associated with Operation Overlord.

GS Serving Lunch with Bethel

Thursday, June 20, 10:15a (carpool)

This month, we will be serving lunch at Bethel one week earlier than usual to help celebrate Juneteenth. Carpool leaves Good Shepherd at 10:15. Volunteering begins at 10:30. Look for sign ups starting next week!



TITHE.LY: Give Anywhere from any Device



Migrant Ministry

There is still a need for clothing, linens, and personal items for the migrants staying in the area. Please see the flier in the back and contribute what you can. We will continue to collect donations in the back of church. *Please only donate items on the list.*

Cups & Saucers Available

Due to the number and weight of the dishes on the shelves, most of the kitchen cabinets needed to be reorganized. In the process, we realized that there were many more cups and saucers than the church needs or uses. They are available to go to a new home. Be creative, think of arts and crafts projects, or use in your garden sculptures. We can deliver as many as you like. See Joan or Phil Taylor.



Worship helpers needed!

As we enter summer, many folks are out of town on Sundays which means we are especially short of people to serve communion, lead the prayers, read the lessons, usher, provide the communion bread, or host coffee hour. Please sign up using the QR code to help out when you are in town. People reading the lessons or leading the prayers will receive an email with the readings or prayers 3-4 days in advance. Communion assistants just come up to the altar at the appropriate time ~ no prep time required! Ushers need to arrive at the service 10-15 minutes in advance. The more people who sign up to help, the fewer times each of us must serve. Thanks very much from the Worship, Music and Arts committee!



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THIS WEEK AT GOOD SHEPHERD

May 26 – June 2

SUNDAY Summer Worship Hours Begin

9:00a Scratch Choir
9:30a Worship
1:00p Ray of Hope (Fellowship Hall)
7:30p AA (kitchen)

MONDAY OFFICE CLOSED

7:30p AA (kitchen)

TUESDAY

7:00p Book Discussion (Youth Lounge)

WEDNESDAY

7:30a Matins (offsite)

THURSDAY

FRIDAY

8:00p AA (Fellowship Hall)

SATURDAY

8:00a Synod Assembly (offsite)
4:00p Rehearsal (sanctuary)

SUNDAY

9:30a Worship
10:45a Youth Gathering Meeting (Fellowship Hall)
11:00a A Day in Our Village (Scoville Park)
12:30p Recital (sanctuary)
1:00p Ray of Hope (Fellowship Hall)
4:30p Recital (sanctuary)
7:30p AA (kitchen)

**PLEASE
NOTE..**

The office will be closed
May 27 for Memorial Day.

May 19 Prayers

Judy Beisser – for an end to gun violence in our country, for the Longinotti family
Rich Novak – prayers of sympathy for Rey and Johnie on the loss of their father
Pete Chapman – Lisette and Sergio and their baby, Jenna and David and their baby
Linda Thomas – for Walter Thomas’s recovery from heart surgery
Lynn Zamora – Laura R, Hope, Todd, Anna, Maddy, Laura V
Dan Feiertag & Liz Lemke – healing for Richard, JoAnn, Paul, Gloria, Janette, Randy
Stefan Scherer-Emunds – for the people of the state of Rio Grande do Sul, Brazil, who are experiencing catastrophic flooding
Lynda Jeppesen – thanks for a successful surgery and safe travel for Dominic and Marcy, continue to pray for healing for Chris and Ana

Prayers of Thanks

Linda Thomas – thank God for my Lord and Savior, Jesus
Yolanda Wakefield-Wilson – I am thankful to have been a part of your worship service on Pentecost Sunday, and thank you for wishing to learn more and become a part of the American Heart Association’s Nation of Lifesavers. Love and blessings.

SERVING TODAY:

Worship Leader:
Rev. Kelly Nieman Anderson
Bread Baker:
Communion Set-Up:
Reader: Judy Beisser
Prayer: Paul Pedersen
Communion Assistants: Judy Beisser, Rose Mabwa
Usher:
Acolyte: Dylan Cane
Coffee Hour: Gail Frost & Joan Taylor
Counters: Rose Mabwa, Erik Wegner, Tom Jurczak

SERVING JUNE 2:

Worship Leader:
Rev. Kerstin Hedlund
Bread Baker:
Communion Set-Up:
Lynn Zamora
Reader: Rose Mabwa
Prayer:
Communion Assistants: Rose Mabwa
Usher:
Acolyte:
Coffee Hour:
Counters: Joan & Phil Taylor, Richard Sehl

If you are visiting, we welcome you!

- As a diverse congregation, we welcome all in the spirit of Christ, celebrating differences in race, nationality, marital status, family composition, sexual orientation, gender-identity, socio-economic status, and physical ability, inviting all to participate fully in the life and ministry of our congregation. More information about Good Shepherd is available from an usher or today's Visitor Host.
- Communion is open to all who wish to participate.
- For families with children: Toys and child seats are found in our Prayground on the front left side of the sanctuary. Since children learn through play, noise is expected. Pew activity bags are available in the back of the sanctuary for children not in the Prayground. We offer a staffed nursery (on the east side of the basement) at our 10:30a service. If needed, a changing table is found in the nursery bathroom.
- We have a family-sized, accessible restroom available for all near the sanctuary entrance. On the basement level at the far end of the building, you will find another single-stall, accessible restroom as well as multi-stall men's and women's restrooms.
- Hearing assistance is available. If you have a hearing aid with a t-coil, set your device to this setting. If you do not have a hearing aid with a t-coil, there are individual hearing devices available. Ask an usher or soundboard volunteer for one.

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God's creation and celebrating
our oneness in Christ.*



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