



-EPISTLE-

Good Shepherd LUTHERAN CHURCH

—SUNDAY, APRIL 28, 2024—

9:15a Sunday Forum (Bible study classroom)

1:00p Ray of Hope (Bible study classroom)

1:30p Recital (sanctuary)

7:30p AA (conference room)

—NEXT SUNDAY—

Celebrating Deaconess Debbie

Next Sunday after 10:30 worship

Join us on Sunday, May 5 after the 10:30 worship service as we celebrate Deaconess Debbie and the 25th anniversary of her consecration as a deaconess.



Sunday Forum: *Why do we sing?* with Carl Heine

Next Sunday, 9:15a

Carl will explore the reasons, benefits, and mysteries in answers to the question “Why do you (we) sing?” The presentation will examine trends and personal experiences and will be interactive and experiential.

Crop Walk 2024

Next Sunday, 1p

Crop Walk is back! You can participate in several ways: join the team by registering, inviting your friends and family to donate, and walk OR make a donation on the team page.

To make a donation, or to sign-up as a team member go to the link in the online Prayers & More or use the QR code.





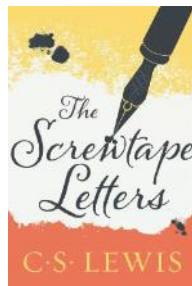
Prayers & More Sign In:

Please take a moment to fill out the paper Prayers & More 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. ★

Summer Book Discussion: *The Screwtape Letters* ★

Alternating Tuesdays, Beginning May 14, 7p

Looking for something good to read this summer? 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. Written in the form of a series of letters from one demon to another as they seek to misguide humanity, the text introduces traditional Christian concepts in the context of an entertaining and engaging story. The group, facilitated by Dan Eppley, will plan to gather for discussion roughly every other Tuesday evening over the summer beginning May 14. We hope you will join us!



Nature Walk at Thatcher Woods ★

Saturday, May 18, 10a

Join us for a nature walk at Thatcher Woods! Good Shepherd member Nicole Radziszewski will lead us as we walk and explore one of her favorite outdoor spaces! We'll meet at 10a on Saturday, May 18. We're asking for sign-ups on the Prayers & More form so that we can let you know which area of Thatcher Woods we will explore (depending on how dry the ground is), or if we have to cancel due to inclement weather. Thanks!

CPR Training ★

Sunday, May 19, 11:45a

The American Heart Association will host CPR and AED training for Good Shepherd in May. Please let us know on the Prayers & More form if you will attend this training or if you've already been trained in CPR.



Pentecost

Sunday, May 19 ★

One of our Pentecost traditions is reading parts of one of the lessons in various languages. If you can read in a foreign language on Pentecost (Sunday, May 19), please join us. You won't be "on the spot" because we read all the languages simultaneously. If you can help, please let us know on the Prayers & More what language you will read.



Pentecost Geraniums

Order by May 5

It's also time to start thinking about Pentecost geraniums! Plants are \$18.50 each. Order forms are included with your Epistle today. Orders can also be placed online at GoodShepherdLC.org/store.



A Day in Our Village

Sunday, June 2

Good Shepherd will be participating in the 50th annual A Day In Our Village, Oak Park's annual festival celebrating diversity and community involvement, on June 2nd. We hope you will Save The Date to come visit our table! If you are interested in helping pass out fun giveaway gifts, talking about your experience at Good Shepherd, or tackling some of the behind-the-scenes logistics, please be sure to sign up at tinyurl.com/GSLCDayinVillage2024 or by using the QR code.



Graduate Sunday

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Sunday, June 9

We will be honoring this year's graduates in our June newsletter and at our June 9 worship service. If you have information about anyone graduating from 8th grade, high school, college, grad school, or trade school this year, please share it on the Prayers & More form or speak with Gail Frost.



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—TRANSITION TALK—

Transition Experience Share Session ★

Tuesday, June 4, 7p

Each congregation's transition experience following the departure of their pastor is unique. However, there is great learning that comes from each experience which can bring great value when applied to future periods of transition. To that end, 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. What occurred during these times of past transition that Good Shepherd should consider incorporating or avoiding in our future planning? 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@goodshepherd.org.

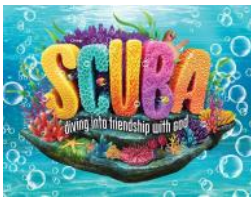
Who to Call

For pastoral care for *life events* such as illness, death, birth, baptism, trauma, transition, etc., please contact Pastor Kerstin kerstin@goodshepherd.org. In the case of emergency, Pastor Kerstin can be reached at 614-560-7012.

For any questions related to the *operations* of congregation or facility, please contact Office Administrator Kimberly Adami-Hasegawa at churchoffice@goodshepherd.org or 708-848-4741.

For any questions related to *family and children ministries and general Good Shepherd information*, please contact Deaconess Debbie Speer at christianed@goodshepherd.org or 708-848-4741.

For any questions or feedback related to this *time of transition*, including suggestions and concerns, please contact Council President Gail Frost at gsfrost56@gmail.com or Transition Process Facilitation Team leader Mark Ledogar at mark@theledogroup.com or 630-742-0460.



Vacation Bible School
June 17-21, 5-7:30p
Registration is now open!

We are diving deeper into our friendship with God this summer at Vacation Bible School! Register today!

Use the QR code or go to tinyurl.com/gslcVBS2024.



Good Shepherd's VBS at a glance:

- Our VBS is open to 3 year olds (by June 17) through outgoing 5th graders.
- We love our small-group model! Children that have just completed Kindergarten through Grade 5 are thoughtfully placed into small mixed-age groups. Studies and our own experience have shown that children thrive in this model - younger children look up to older ones; cooperation increases and competitiveness decreases.
- 3-5 year olds use the nursery as their home base and enjoy a simplified rotation schedule.
- Our time begins with dinner at 5:00pm. Students will go through three rotations (music, games, and bible stories) before we wrap up at 7:30pm.
- Each day we learn about and collect offerings for a mission project.
- \$50/child, family max of \$200.

Last Day of Sunday School

May 12

It's been a great year of Sunday School, and it's hard to believe that it's almost over! Our last day of Sunday classes will be on May 12. Please note that our students will also be singing at the 10:30am service on that day.



Summer Worship Hours

We will be switching to summer worship hours on Sunday, May 26. Join us for one worship at 9:30a through Labor Day.

**GOOD SHEPHERD
STAFF & LEADERSHIP**

Associate Pastor:
The Rev. Kerstin Hedlund

Director of Christian Ed:
Deaconess Debbie Speer

Director of Music:
Dr. Carl Heine

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THIS WEEK AT GOOD SHEPHERD
April 28 – May 5

SUNDAY

8:30a Worship
9:15a Christian Ed
9:15a Monthly Forum (Bible Study Classroom)
10:30a Worship
1:00p Ray of Hope (Bible Study Classroom)
1:30p Recital (sanctuary)
7:30p AA (kitchen)

MONDAY

12:00p Worship Planning (zoom)
7:30p AA (kitchen)

TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY

7:30a Matins (offsite)
7:15p Choir Rehearsal (sanctuary)

THURSDAY

FRIDAY

8:00p AA (Fellowship Hall)

SATURDAY

11:00a Zamora Funeral

SUNDAY Flower Orders Due

8:30a Worship
9:15a Christian Ed
9:15a Monthly Forum (Bible Study Classroom)
10:30a Worship
11:45a Youth Gathering Meeting (Youth Lounge)
1:00p Crop Walk (offsite)
1:00p Ray of Hope (Bible Study Classroom)
1:00p Recital (sanctuary)
5:00p Recital (sanctuary)
7:30p AA (kitchen)

Deaconess Debbie returns from vacation on
Tuesday, April 30.

April 21 Prayers

Lynn Zamora – Doug, Susan, Sarah

Bob & Joan Pope – Hank

Mary Scherer-Emunds – for all who are looking for work

Lynn Railsback – Nkabie, people with cancer, those caring for aging parents

Linda Thomas – sister Toni and Jackie, Yolanda, Kelly, William, Sherrod, Jennifer, Sheree, Rickey for healing

Judy Beisser – for an end to divisive politics in our country, for continued healing for Marnie, Pastor Kathy, and Robert

Lynda Jeppesen – Thanks for Dominic's successful surgery, for healing for Chris and a special thanks to Pastor Kathy for everything.

Prayers of Thanks

Jeff King – for Felipe, Yirari, “Little” Felipe, and Ashley who were baptized here yesterday

Stephen Sukup Jackson – for good friends like Henry

Linda Thomas – I thank God for my RIMS sisters

Barb Hunt – for safe travels, no place like home

Cindy Larson – for the life of Juanita Ross and Pastor Fred Reklau who represented us with regular visits of care and communion with her

Coffee Hour Help Still Needed!

Do you enjoy coffee hour? We need people to bring treats, help serve, and help clean up. Sign ups are easier than ever—we've combined all Sunday help into one form—find it by using this QR code! →

SERVING TODAY:

Worship Leader:

Rev. Kerstin Hedlund

Bread Baker:

Communion Set-Up:

Reader: Sue Olson

Prayer: Judy Beisser

Communion Assistants:

Linda Thomas, Rose Mabwa, Barb Hunt

Usher: Pete Chapman

Acolyte: Dylan Cane

Counters: Lars Bostrom, Gail Frost, Gerry Olson

SERVING MAY 5:

Worship Leader:

Rev. Kelly Nieman Anderson

Bread Baker:

Communion Set-Up:

Reader: Tim Clute

Prayer:

Communion Assistants:

Debbie Speer, Gail Frost, Linda Bostrom

Usher: Linda Thomas

Acolyte:

Counters:



Would you like to lend your talents to help with worship or coffee hour? Sign up using the QR code below or see Judy Beisser or Joan & Phil Taylor for details!



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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