



Shepherd's

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April 2024 Newsletter

Good Shepherd Lutheran Church,
Oak Park IL Volume 59, Number 4

YOU'RE INVITED TO CELEBRATE

PASTOR KATHY NOLTE

AND HER CONTRIBUTIONS
TO THE COMMUNITY

**Good Shepherd Lutheran Church
611 Randolph St, Oak Park
April 13, 2:00-5:00pm**

Please join Good Shepherd
and the wider community in
**celebrating Pastor Kathy's
15 years of service at GSLC.**

A dessert reception will be held
in the Good Shepherd Sanctuary.

Please extend this invitation
to anyone in the wider community
who has been touched by Pastor
Kathy's work, joy, and spirit.

Thank You Pastor Kathy!



And Join Us on Sunday!

Sunday, April 14, Worship & Lunch

Worship service at 8:30 and 10:30a featuring
Gospel music. Associate to the Bishop Nathan
Klein will join our own *shalom* by leading us in
a sending ritual for Pastor Kathy.

After worship, we'll celebrate with a chef-prepared
lunch, program, and presentation of gifts. RSVPs to
the church office are appreciated. Nursery care
provided.



WORSHIP

JAZZ PRAYER

April 19, 7:30p



Stewardship of the Earth

Special guest musicians—the Naperville Central High School Jazz Studio Orchestra—will inspire us with music that honors our Creator, while the readings remind us of the Creator's many gifts to us, including the longer days, greening grass, and budding trees and flowers that lift our spirit.

Please join us and support these aspiring young musicians. Refreshments are available at 7:10p and the music begins at 7:30p.

April Worship

April 7: The Easter season celebrations continue on the second Sunday of Easter, as Michael Stryker leads us in Jazz Worship. In addition, three families will bring their children for baptism, and we will have a Communion Celebration for students that have gone through communion instruction!

April 14: Pastor Kathy has asked that our last worship service with her be filled with Gospel music. During this service, we will follow rituals of pastoral leave-taking, including the Thanksgiving at the Conclusion of a Call, and our own tradition of singing *Shalom*.

April 21: “Good Shepherd Sunday” is the day when we recognize the work of Lutheran Social Services of Illinois (see page 4 for more information). We also explore the Good Shepherd image as the namesake of our congregation. Worship will be led by Pastor Jeff King.

Seeking Visitor Hosts

We are looking for individuals or families who are interested in offering a warm hello to Good Shepherd visitors. Whether you can easily spot a newcomer, you are new to Good Shepherd and looking forward to meeting new people, or anything in between, we would love your help! If you are interested in hearing more about what it means to be a visitor host, please connect with Marcy Moreno or visit <https://bit.ly/gsvisorhost>

Sunday Helpers Sign Up

Did you know that between ushers, counters, bread bakers, readers, communion assistants, acolytes, altar set up/clean up, coffee hour providers (and more), it takes more than **twenty volunteers** to make our Sunday morning worship and fellowship time happen? And that doesn't include the choir, instrumentalists, and those who receive a small stipend for their A/V work.

It truly takes a village to make worship and fellowship come together each Sunday. And, quite frankly, we need more people to help us carry the load. There are a wide variety of roles and time commitments. And current volunteers are more than happy to provide training and support.

Check out our new one-stop sign up at tinyurl.com/gslcSundayHelpers or speak with Lynn Railsback.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Sunday School News

Sunday School continues to celebrate the Easter season with our April lessons. Please note that there will not be Sunday School on Sunday, April 14. Instead, we are encouraging families to attend the 10:30a worship service and stay for lunch as we bid a fond, bittersweet farewell to Pastor Kathy. Our nursery attendant will be staying that day to offer childcare during the lunch program.

Middle School/Confirmation Schedule

We have two more Tuesday evenings left in this confirmation program year! We'll have our last class time on April 2, and then it's students' choice for our last fun event of the year on April 16! Sunday morning classes will continue through May 5. (Note: No class on April 14. You are encouraged to come to worship and stay for lunch as we say goodbye to Pastor Kathy.)

High School Youth

Students going to the Gathering: Plan to attend our next planning meeting on Sunday, April 21, following the second service (around 11:45a).



Special Event for 8th through 12th Graders!

Good Shepherd and Grace, River Forest are not only in neighboring suburbs, most of our high schoolers attend the same school! And many will be going to the Youth Gathering in July.



To help build some connections before heading to New Orleans this summer, Deaconess Debbie and her counterpart at Grace, Pastor Troy Medlin, have planned an event that will give us the opportunity to get to know each other better as we serve side by side.

On Saturday, April 20, we will head out for dinner in the Schaumburg area, followed by a 7-9pm volunteer shift at Feed My Starving Children in Schaumburg. We should return to Oak Park by 9:30p.

Watch for information about RSVPs in the weeks ahead. We can't wait for this awesome event!

Vacation Bible School

It's that time of year when we start dreaming about VBS! Our dates are June 17-21, 5-7:30p, and our theme is SCUBA: Diving Into Friendship with God!



VBS is open to children age 3 (by June 17) through outgoing grade 5. Older students are needed as helpers! Registration opens on May 1.

Leaders and volunteers are asked to join a planning meeting on Sunday, May 5, following the 10:30a worship service. Help us make an impact in our kids' lives through VBS!

Sunday Morning Bible Study

All are welcome to join in our Sunday Morning Bible Study, Sundays at 9:15a. We meet in the Fellowship Hall. When there is a Sunday Forum, that becomes our "lesson" for the day.

Sunday Forums

Join us for a once a month opportunity to explore a topic of interest more deeply. Presentations are typically made by Good Shepherd members, but we are open to your speaker suggestions. All are welcome at our Forums! Upcoming forum info:

The Holy Land Today

Sunday, April 28, 9:15a

Presenter: Barb Hunt

In April 2023, Good Shepherd member Barb Hunt joined a group of pilgrims from the Metro Chicago and Florida Bahamas synods. They spent two weeks visiting sacred sites in Israel and Palestine and the historical site of the Treasury Building in Petra. She will share some of the sights and sounds of this amazing trip led by Metro Chicago Bishop Yeheil Curry and Bishop Pedro Suarez, who was an intern at Good Shepherd at the beginning of his ministry.

And be sure to join us on May 5 to hear our own music director, Dr. Carl Heine, share as our forum presenter.

SOCIAL MINISTRY

Serving Lunch at Bethel

Join us at Bethel on April 25 to hand out free lunches. Just a reminder that our new leader for this ministry is Loree Azzaretto, pictured below in the grey sweater. Let Loree know if you have any questions. To participate, please sign-up on the Prayers and More form.



Thanks to all who participated in Yirari's arepas cooking class! It was so much fun and the results tasted amazing!

Thank You for Filling Our Pinata!

Thank you for your generosity once again this year as "Rainbow," our bull pinata was filled to overflowing! We'll announce our totals soon!

This year's funds raised will go to support the ministries of Good Shepherd that assist migrants/asylum seekers.



Crop Hunger Walk

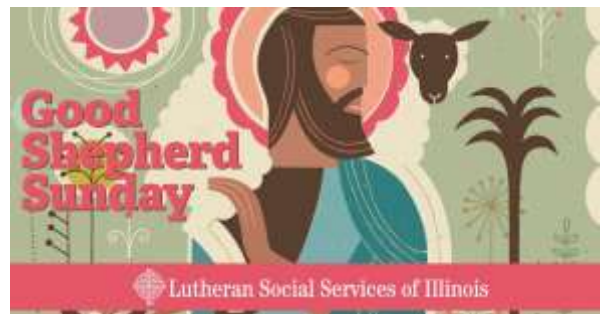
Good Shepherd has a long history of answering God's call to justice and righteousness, and is a recognized leader in feeding ministries – whether in providing



food or advocating for policies that promote an end to hunger. One yearly event is our participation in the national Crop Hunger Walk, which for our area is called the Oak Park Hunger Walkathon. Members of our congregation will walk on May 5, 2024.

You can participate as a walker or supporter. Walkers need to register, invite your friends and family to donate, and walk on May 5. Supporters can make a donation on the team page. The steps we take and funds we raise will make a difference in the lives of others.

To make a donation, or to sign-up as a team member go to <https://events.crophungerwalk.org/cropwalks/team/good-shepherd-lutheran-church-2>.



Good Shepherd Sunday

Sunday, April 21, is Good Shepherd Sunday, where we honor not only our congregation's namesake image of God, but also the work of Lutheran Social Service of Illinois (LSSI).

LSSI's important work includes foster care services and therapeutic foster care, intact family services, mental health services, alcohol and drug treatment, affordable housing, prisoner and family ministry, and guiding people with developmental disabilities. Between July 1, 2022 and June 30, 2023, LSSI served 50,291 children, adults, seniors, and families.

Letter of Thanks

Good Shepherd is blessed to be walking with several asylum-seeking individuals and families. The following is a letter of thanks from the family, whom we recently helped move into an apartment:

First of all, our greeting of Peace and Good Will,

We want to give thanks to God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

I would like through this letter, to sincerely thank Good Shepherd Church, the Reverend, and all its members - especially Mrs. Susan, Mr. Scott, and Mrs. Donna, who the church has designated to help us - thanks for all their generosity and time.

It is for me to be joyful and hopeful to know that our Lord Jesus Christ has touched the hearts of so many people in this congregation to share in the happiness and well-being of my three children, my wife, and I.

With all my heart and with all the sincerity of my soul, I am grateful for the great effort that you so generously make for me and my family. These gestures of generosity are the clearest sign of the presence of God in our lives touching each of your hearts.

I thank you infinitely with all my heart for your support and your unconditional love, asking God to multiply your good wishes.

We are happy to serve you and willing to work however we can to return the favor. May God Bless you all!

With Love, The Family

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A Day In Our Village

On June 2, Good Shepherd will be participating in the 50th *A Day In Our Village*, Oak Park's annual festival celebrating diversity and community involvement. We hope you will Save The Date to come work at or 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! Check the Epistle and May newsletter for more information!



GS CONNECTS

APRIL BIRTHDAYS

Brenda Mieczkowski
Amy Clute
Emilie Dolan
June Moreland
Trevor Dolan
Jean Peterman
Ken Snyder
Ellis Dominis
Kevin Olson
EJ Roginic
Connor Merrill
Delia Cernak
Peter Hugh
Melissa Ivins-Lukse
Dylan Novak
Jordyn Washington
Kelly Nieman-Anderson
Sarah Risher
Bill Schwarz
James Mieczkowski
Stephen Sukup Jackson
Mirabel Duel
Rich Novak

APRIL ANNIVERSARIES

Peter Hugh & Christiane Broihier
Rich Lessor & Leslie Marino

With Sympathy

We offer our deepest sympathy to Lynn Zamora on the passing of her husband, Bevin, on March 11. Services have been scheduled for May 4 at 11a at Good Shepherd. A luncheon will follow.



Women & Spirituality: Meditative Drumming

The Women & Spirituality group has been invited to join the NAMI Metro Suburban drumming group on Sunday, April 7 from 4-5p. The group will meet at the NAMI center at 816 Harrison in Oak Park.

The Metro Suburban drumming group meets regularly for an hour of shared percussion led by master instructor Atiba Jali. During the repetitive drumming or shaking of instruments, participants can turn inward or outward to feel connected to the group beat which can take on spiritual significance for many. All drums and other percussion instruments will be provided.

Daytimers

Daytimers will meet on April 18 to travel into Chicago to visit the National Hellenic Museum (this was postponed from March) and to have lunch at Artopolis.

On May 14, the group will travel to learn about the sights and sounds of India as we travel to Little India (on Devon Avenue in Chicago). We will visit the Sikh Temple and stop by the grocery stores and sari shops. Lunch will be in a local restaurant. For more information, contact Barb Hunt at clownbarb@sbcglobal.net.

Book Club

Calling all readers! Flock o'Readers continues to meet at 2:30p at church. On April 24, we will read *Grandma Gatewood's Walk: The Inspiring Story of the Woman who Saved the Appalachian Trail* by Ben Montgomery. Join us as we discuss the monthly book as well as others we are currently reading. For more information contact Barb Hunt at clownbarb@sbcglobal.net.

American Heart Association Presentation

Good Shepherd is participating in a program through the American Heart Association (AHA) that will give us the opportunity to receive funding for an automated external defibrillator (AED) and Card-level CPR/AED training for three people. We will also offer more basic CPR/AED training for Good Shepherd and the larger community. Dates for this are to be determined.



Are you interested in a more time-intensive Card-level training? Do you already have recent CPR or AED training? Contact Rose Mabwa, Pastor Kerstin Hedlund, or the church office to let us know.

PASTORAL TRANSITION

Blessed by Pastor Kathy

I'm glad you're my pastor! I'm sure many of us have said that these past 16 years. We **are** glad that you have been our pastor, Pastor Kathy. We all have been blessed to have you here at Good Shepherd for almost 16 years. We have grown as a congregation under your leadership. We have experienced much. You are one of us and will always be a part of our history.

Pastor Kathy is Good Shepherd's seventh pastor. As she mentioned in her March 17 sermon, seven, in Biblical terms, is the number for perfection, completeness. She also spoke of this in her first pastor's report at Good Shepherd back in 2008, saying that while she is neither perfect or complete, she believed that what we had together was complete and perfect. Our time together really has been a gift.

Even as we enter a time of transition, we are empowered by the Holy Spirit. We have had the benefit of Pastor Kathy's leadership and the chance to grow with her. God will continue to be present with us. And Good Shepherd will continue to grow and be blessed.

There will be an reception/open house to celebrate Pastor Kathy on Saturday, April 13 from 2:00-5:00p. People in the Oak Park community and beyond have also been invited to this reception, as Pastor Kathy's leadership has impacted many outside of our own walls.

We will continue the celebration on Sunday, April 14 with a gospel music-filled worship service, followed by a congregation lunch. We hope that you can join in these bittersweet celebrations as we bid Pastor Kathy *shalom*. Please feel free to also write your own notes of appreciation to Pastor Kathy.

-Gail Frost, Council President

Transition Talk

Welcome to "Transition Talk," a feature that will be included in the Shepherd's Staff newsletter every month to provide updates related to the pastoral leadership transition that begins with Pastor Kathy's departure on April 15.

The Congregation Council has formed three teams to guide the efforts of the transition period:

- **Call Committee.** This team leads congregation-wide visioning activities; develops the congregation

profile including future state aspirations as informed by the visioning process; completes appropriate reports and documents as required by the Synod Call Process; and facilitates the candidate search and selection process. The Call Committee is led by Troy Koch.

- **Process Facilitation Team.** This team serves as facilitator for transition planning efforts including discussions, meetings, processes and related communication; ensures current day leadership and management of the congregation as provided by the Council is coordinated with future state and visioning efforts; identifies voids within congregation functions and brings these voids to the attention of the Council for consideration and response; and mentors and supports members of the interim ministry team. The Process Facilitation Team is led by Mark Ledogar.
- **Transition Leadership Team.** This team provides overall guidance for the transition period and ensures coordination among all congregation leaders. The team includes Gail Frost (Congregation Council President), Troy Koch (Call Committee Chair), Mark Ledogar (leader of the Process Facilitation Team) and Deaconess Debbie Speer (staff representative).

More information about participation on the Call Committee and Process Facilitation Team will be available starting May 1. In the meantime, please contact Gail, Troy, Debbie, or Mark with questions.

Initial conversations with the Synod's interim ministry team are signaling the likely placement of an interim minister after June 1. Pastor Kerstin and Lynn Railsback (Chair of the Worship, Music and the Arts Committee) are maintaining a worship leadership plan and have scheduled clergy to lead worship through June. Additional ministry leadership roles provided by Pastor Kathy have been documented and leadership of these various functions has been identified and engaged.

All transitions – including pastoral leadership transitions – can be very emotional, stressful, and scary. But times of transition are also an opportunity to recast a vision, reenergize hope, and reengage the community. Let us join together in prayer-filled embrace of all of these emotions and opportunities, with the assurance that "God's got us," and we've got one another in this time, and for the time that lies ahead.

SUSTAINABILITY

Good Shepherd's Sustainability Team

As you've noticed, our gardens at Good Shepherd are waking up from their winter sleep. Look for the little pasque flowers planted near the steps to the sanctuary; they just started blooming in time for Easter! These were purchased using previous years' Easter donations.



Good Shepherd's Memorial Garden

While it is tempting to take advantage of the warm days to tidy around your own garden, resist the urge until temperatures are well into the 50s overnight. That will give the slumbering pollinators and lightning bug larvae a chance to wake up and not be thrown out with the yard waste or ground up in a mulcher. Many of our native bees hibernate in hollow stems left standing over winter, so if you need to tidy a bit, chop and drop the stems out of sight near the original plant to give the bees a chance to wake up. Take a moment to walk around and tidy up trash that may have blown in during the winter, but it is still too early to remove all of the leaves or chop things to the ground.

With this in mind, we're also looking ahead to maintaining our grounds and facilitating programming through the year; we need YOU to help steward God's creation and encourage appreciation of it.

Please consider joining the Sustainability Team on either an ongoing basis or as part of a one-off event, including:

- ⇒ Volunteer at a One Earth Film Festival event (see below!)
- ⇒ Further explore the connection of Sustainability and Social Justice
- ⇒ Organize a meditative walk or play day at Thatcher woods to appreciate the benefits of nature
- ⇒ Take point on the summer Garden Party
- ⇒ Source or write sustainability focused content for the Shepherd's Staff
- ⇒ Facilitate the Christmas Re-giftables Market or a Free to a Good Home swap
- ⇒ Continue to use the separate waste streams and compost appropriately
- ⇒ Help GSLC make a good first impression by maintaining our grounds:
 - The Rainbow Garden on the corner will 'creep' this year as the plants start to fill in. Careful weeding of the garden will help us maintain a tidy look while it fills in.
 - Help us discern updates for the Randolph Street side regarding the failing Japanese yews. Volunteers with chainsaws are particularly needed for removal!
 - We'll need continued care of the grounds with spring, summer, and fall work days, including refreshing the Bee Lawn with plantings of spring ephemerals, and editing of Ginger's Garden to remove invasive plants and the Randolph berm to encourage balance in plantings.

Pick what interests you most and reach out to the church office with how you would like to continue the spirit of sustainability within our community.

GSLC to host One Earth Film Festival "WORLD OF WATER" Program, April 18, 2024



Join us for a One Earth Film Festival in-person watch party and discussion of "Upstream Downriver" and "Wings of Dust" on April 18 @6:00p. Doors open at 5:15. These films take viewers into the heart of the battle for water justice. Film watch party is free (OEFF suggests \$8 donation). Advanced registration is recommended (use QR code), but please join if you are able. Last year around 80 people



joined us for our watch party! *If you'd like to volunteer to set up, bring refreshments, facilitate discussion, etc. please reach out to Michelle Sukup Jackson or the church office.*

FROM OUR PASTOR

As I write my final “Pastor’s Column” during Holy Week, I am reminded of the prayer of Jesus just before his arrest that is found in the Gospel of John 17. In the prayer, Jesus prays for himself and his actions, his disciples, and those who will become believers long after his ascent into heaven.

In his prayer for himself, Jesus begins with a request that his coming actions bring glory to God and help people see God more clearly. If there has been a prayer that I have had for myself as pastor of Good Shepherd, it was the same. My prayer was not that I might be successful or exalted, but rather that God was glorified. My prayer was that in my sermons, leadership directions and actions, you were able to see God more clearly. I have such a clear sense of the Divine mystery active in my life in good times and hard times. God is a constant and ever-present companion in my life. I have wanted my actions and words to reflect God’s presence in the world in order that others can have the same assurance.

Next Jesus prays for the disciples who have walked his earthly journey with him for several years. He prays for their protection, that they are not troubled by the evil one. Throughout our fifteen and a half years together I have often prayed for your safety. Sometimes those prayers were for individuals going through hard times; those who were struggling with various obstacles. There were prayers when finances at Good Shepherd became tight, when we endured staffing changes, or when particular ministries were struggling. Then there have been the bigger prayers, such as when we had the fire. “Protect them, Lord,” has often been my prayer.

Within that prayer was often a prayer that each of you as individuals trust and lean into one another as community. I’ve thanked God for the collective strength of Good Shepherd. I’ve thanked God for the way that you care for and protect one another. You truly are amazing people. Especially in my last few years as Associate to the Bishop, I know that a community that uses its strength to fight with one another eventually loses all of its energy and strength for outreach. I’ve come to see that as the work of the evil one – congregational members who would rather fight to prove a particular point, rather than using that energy to spread the word of God to people in the surrounding community. Even so, as I began this journey towards leaving, my prayer has been, “Keep them safe,

Lord. Keep them safe.” I pray that my departure pulls you together as a community; that each of you finds a way to use your gifts for the sake of building the community and spreading God’s word.



Pastor Kathy Nolte

Lastly Jesus prays for those who will become believers in the future. I feel a powerful prayer for newer and future members of Good Shepherd. As you feel my absence you may feel compelled to move towards the security of people whom you already know well from years of interactions as community. Push against that contentment. There are many new people among you. There are many people who have recently begun worshipping at Good Shepherd. Find ways to connect with them. Don’t wait for someone else to introduce you. Don’t expect others to make the connections. Don’t wait for them to take the first step. Remember what it felt like to walk in that door when you were new and reach out.

Jesus wasn’t praying for the future believers because he wanted to build a huge church, but rather because he desperately wanted to connect people to the Divine. As I stated in the beginning that is my goal – and I know it is yours. The heart of the Trinity is a community with room for every new person. The heart of Good Shepherd beats best when you reach outside of yourselves and bring new people into the community. My only sadness is that I won’t be around to see the fruition of the new people joining the congregation and putting their stamp on it. Even so, I am absolutely certain that what lies ahead for Good Shepherd is a time of growth – in numbers, finances, and ministry. I can feel it.

More than anything, always, always believe with all of your heart that God is with you. Even the challenges are places where God can shine through you. Take bold steps. Say yes. Cross new bridges. Even when you can’t see where the future is leading, have the courage to take a step towards the future that you want to build.

I thank you so much for this amazing chapter in my life and career. I pray for your future.

May God be with you always.

-Pastor Kathy

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Office Hours

Monday - Thursday:

9:00a - 3:30p

Friday: 9:00a - noon

*Deaconess Debbie will be on
vacation from April 22-29.*



The day includes brief worship, workshops (see below), a keynote speaker and a boxed lunch. All for a nominal fee of \$10. Register [here](#) or contact the church office for the link or more information.

Climate Justice: What are we already doing in the synod to address climate justice and what more can we do? The ELCA Blessed Tomorrow Climate Ambassador Training equips you with the knowledge, hands-on experience, and resources to speak and take action on climate change in your home, neighborhood, place of worship, community, with policymakers and beyond.

Stewardship of Space: Our buildings are mission outposts for God's work in our neighborhood, our city, and our world. Offering practical tips, theological insight, and highlighting some new resources available, this workshop intends to equip attendees with the knowledge they need to ask the next right questions and take the next right step in using their space for God's work in their piece of the world.

Lay Leadership & Equipping: Learn how to inspire and motivate your congregation's volunteers and leadership.

Church Governance: Basics of Church Leadership. What are the responsibilities of a congregation's council member? How do we understand, create and follow church constitutions, policies and procedures? With MCS Secretary Erin Clausen leading us, learn about the role and responsibilities of an elected leader.

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7 11:45a Roginic Reception 1p Ray of Hope 4p Women & Spirit. 7:30p AA	8 10:30a Staff Meeting 12p Worship Planning 7:30p AA	9 Pastor at Synod	10 Council Reports Due 7:30a Matins (Offsite) 7:15p Choir	11 7:30p WMA	12 Pastor's Day Off 8p AA	13 2p Reception for Pastor Kathy
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Worship Services: 8:30 & 10:30a

(10:30 service also livestreamed)

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Welcome to Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, where our doors
are open wide to people from all backgrounds.

We want to be a place of blessing. If you are just beginning to

wonder about Christianity, this is a safe place to ask questions
and to explore possibilities. If you have been journeying with

Christ for some time, this is a place to grow deeper in your walk
as a disciple. If you have wandered here and there or up and

down in your spiritual journey, this is a place to speculate,
marvel, seek, and find.

And whether you live out your faith primarily through study,

meditation, emotional experience or social activism, you can find
others at Good Shepherd who share your spiritual temperament.

This is a place of open doors, open minds, open hearts, open hands.