



Shepherd's

STAFF

May 2024 Newsletter

Good Shepherd Lutheran Church,
Oak Park IL Volume 59, Number 5

Calendar Highlights

- ◆ **May 5**
CROP Walk
- ◆ **May 12**
Mother's Day
Last Day of Sunday School
- ◆ **May 18**
Nature Walk
- ◆ **May 19**
Pentecost Sunday
CPR Training
- ◆ **May 26**
Summer worship schedule
begins (9:30a)
- ◆ **June 2**
Day in Our Village

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL REGISTRATION IS OPEN!

JUNE 17-21, 5-7:30P



This summer we're diving into friendship with God at SCUBA Vacation Bible School! All students that are age three (by June 17) through outgoing grade 5 are invited to join us on our underwater adventure. Our VBS program starts with a shared meal, followed by exciting games, interactive Bible stories, engaging music, and more!

Cost for participation is \$50 per child, with a family maximum of \$200. Scholarships are available.

We're also looking for people to help us out in various ways: before-VBS set design and build; kitchen helpers before and during VBS; during-VBS rotation helpers, floating helpers; and more!

Both participants and volunteers are asked to register at tinyurl.com/gslcVBS2024 or use the QR code. You can also use this link for additional information. Questions can be directed to Deaconess Debbie.



Spirit-Filled Gospel Pentecost Service, May 19

To celebrate the festival of Pentecost and conclude its 2023-2024 season, Good Shepherd's choir will feature selections from Robert Ray's Gospel Mass during the 10:30 service on May 19th. This musical work debuted in 1979 at the University of Illinois-Urbana, with a chorus of Ray's students. It was intended for a one-time performance, but it caught on as a seminal example of African-American music and has been performed around the world by choirs ever since.



Our presentation features soloists Christa Jasmine, a local gospel and pop singer, and our own Troy Koch, supported by the choir, keyboard, bass and drums. The festive, toe-tapping music will be heard throughout the service in place of our usual Kyrie, Gloria, Gospel Acclamation, Sanctus, and Agnus Dei.

We will also hear the Pentecost story read in multiple languages simultaneously (sign up to read on the Prayers and More or talk with Judy Beisser). Wear your red, orange, or yellow and come be filled with the Spirit!

Reminder: Order your red geraniums! Flower orders are due on May 5. Plants are \$18.50 each, or you can donate the amount of your choice towards upkeep of plantings in the Good Shepherd garden. Orders can be placed online at goodshepherdlc.org/store.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Sunday School News

This month we will be wrapping up another year of Sunday School! Our last Sunday will be on May 12. Please note also that our Sunday School students will be singing at the 10:30a worship service on this day.

Middle School/Confirmation Schedule

Thank you for another great year of learning about God and ourselves! Ms. Gail and Pastor Kerstin will be announcing the last day of Sunday classes (May 5 or 12), and our Tuesday classes will wrap up with a fun event this month (tba). Be sure to sign up to help with Vacation Bible School! We would love to have you as small group leaders and rotation helpers.

High School Youth

The Gathering is only two months away! Our remaining planning meetings will be on May 5, June 2 (this one is for parents too!), and, if needed, a final touching base on July 14. There are 15,000 students and adults registered to attend. It's going to be amazing!



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. This group will meet through May 19.

Sunday Forums

Join us for a once a month opportunity to explore a topic of interest more deeply. On May 5 at 9:15a, we will hear our own music director, Dr. Carl Heine, speak on "Why Do We Sing?" The presentation will examine trends and personal experiences of singing. All are welcome at our Forums!



Dr. Carl Heine



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Middle and High Schoolers Needed!

As you read on the first page of this newsletter, VBS registration is now open!

To make VBS happen, we need lots of volunteers. One of the most critical roles is our 6th-12th graders serving as crew leaders. It's seeing **you** leading, interacting, and having fun alongside them that makes the younger kids love being at VBS! They look up to you and can't wait to be crew leaders when they get older. It's also great leadership experience!

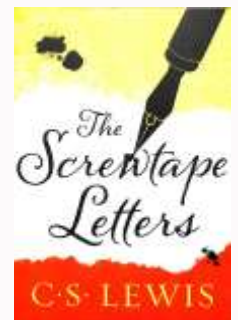
Whether you can be at VBS all five days or just a few, please speak with Deaconess Debbie about helping.

VBS Volunteers: Required Training

All VBS volunteers will be required to attend a training and information class, which will be offered twice in early June. Some adult volunteer roles also require a background check. Talk with Deaconess Debbie if you are interested in helping soon so we can take care of these details in advance!

Summer Reading Group

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 at 7p. We hope you will join us!



WORSHIP

JAZZ PRAYER

May 17, 7:30p

Refreshments are available at 7:10p
and the music begins at 7:30p.



Milestones

As we end our 10th season of Jazz Prayer, we lift up milestones—those significant events that mark the transitions of our lives, such as graduations, weddings, and purchasing one's first home.

Jazz pianist and minister William Carter describes how jazz can help us pray:

I have a high view of instrumental music as a potential spiritual gift for the listener and the musician alike....

A jazz quartet can utter things in the presence of God that mere words fail to say.

A saxophone can lament on behalf of those who feel helpless.

A piano may offer intercessions for those who are in need.

A string bass can affirm the firm foundation of faith.

Drums and cymbals may call pilgrims to break into joy.

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>

Summer Worship Schedule

Beginning on May 26, the Sunday of Memorial Day weekend, Good Shepherd switches to one service at 9:30a for the summer months. There will be no Christian Education during this time. The nursery will be staffed throughout the summer.

Graduate Sunday

On June 9, we will recognize Good Shepherd members and friends who will be graduating from 8th grade, high school, college, grad school, or trade school. If you have information on a graduate, please share it on the Sunday Prayers and More form or speak with Gail Frost.

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. Current volunteers are happy to provide training and support.

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

Saying Farewell to Pastor Kathy, April 13 & 14, 2024

Thank You, Good Shepherd

Thank you for an amazing send-off. I appreciate all of the cards, letters, emails, and personal conversations. The entire last week of my time with you was filled with celebration of our time together. I witnessed your love for me in food, a standing ovation, and a song. You even managed to schedule an eclipse to start the week! My last act in the building was to walk around the entire space and offer prayers for you. I prayed over classrooms that will be filled with children and the lounge that will have adults and teens. I prayed over parties and meetings that will be held in fellowship hall and the many hands that will work in the kitchen. I prayed over the nursery and the Prayground. I prayed at doors that will be opened to the world, both so that you can welcome people in and that you might take Christ's love out. I prayed in the sanctuary, that you might continue to see God and be inspired by worship. When I first came to Good Shepherd my only goal for that first year was to love you so that you could remember that you are a congregation that loves pastors. While there were many goals and visions after that year, that one remains my greatest achievement.

May God bless you always, *Pastor Kathy*



Above and left: Saturday reception in the sanctuary. Below: Children's message at Sunday worship. Bottom left: Staff picture with Office Administrator Kimberly, Deaconess Debbie, and Pastor Kathy.





Pastor Kathy leading her final worship service as Good Shepherd's pastor.



Synod rep, Pastor Nathan Klein, leads the "Thanksgiving at the End of a Call" rite during worship.



Deaconess Debbie offers thanks to Pastor Kathy's family.



Pastor Kathy is gifted with a necklace (see inset) from the congregation, and a garden stone made by the Sunday School students. It reads, "May God bless you always."



Bittersweet Celebrations

I'm writing this on Pastor Kathy's last day with us. What a bittersweet weekend we just had! The celebrations for Pastor Kathy both Saturday and Sunday were wonderful and I believe showed all of the love that we feel for her. She will be missed.

I want to again extend my thanks to all of the people who helped with set up and clean up, who brought desserts, wrote notes, and came to wish her goodbye. I especially want to thank Michelle Sukup Jackson for organizing the Saturday reception. Thanks to Deaconess Debbie for coordinating lunch on Sunday and to chefs Chris Koetke and Austin Fausett for the delicious meal.

Thank you to Mark Ledogar for the photo stream and all of the other myriad tasks done over the weekend. Thank you to Carl Fisher and his thespian troupe for the skit. Thank you to Laura Knitt and Leslie Marino for the idea and design for Pastor's gift and thank you to the Sunday school children for the garden stone. God's love was in abundance this weekend! Gail Frost, Council President

GS CONNECTS

MAY BIRTHDAYS

Craig Dunphey
Avery Darlington
Rick Nagle
Dawn Dominis
Ana Theys
Nkabie Mwakyoma
David Pope
Chris Koetke
Linda Bernat
Barbara Relerford
Larry Guagenti
Abigail Lukse
Thomas Cane
Jack Dengel
Ann Hoeksema
William Pozorski
Elizabeth Loentz
Will Campbell
Nora Jerbi
Susy Prestinary-Emunds
Joan Pope
Rohini Mortha
Alec Dominguez
Paul Schlichting
Jack Bizot
Eileen Deamer
Becca Novak
Judy Beisser

Milestone Birthday!

Joan Pope celebrates her 90th birthday on May 26! Greetings can be sent to her at 1111 Ontario St, Apt 818, Oak Park IL 60302. **Happy Birthday Joan!**



Daytimers

Daytimers is a group of members and friends who enjoy traveling around our beautiful city and visiting points of interest. On May 14, we will travel to a very vibrant part of Chicago, Devon Avenue. This is the home of many Indian and Pakistani restaurants and shops. We will meet at church at 10a; we'll have lunch in the area. On June 20, we will travel to Geneva, IL, to enjoy the Swedish Days festival. For more information, contact Barb Hunt at 773-914-7405.

CPR Training through AHA

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).



We will also be offering a CPR and AED training event on **Sunday, May 19 at 11:45a**. Please sign up on the Prayers and More form or call the church office to sign up so that we have adequate supplies.

Book Club

Calling all readers! Flock o'Readers continues to meet at 2:30p at church. On May 22, we will read any book by Pam Jenoff. In June, we are reading any book by Dennis Lahane. 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.

With Sympathy

We offer our deepest sympathy to the family of Good Shepherd member Juanita Ross, who passed away on Easter Sunday, March 31.



MAY ANNIVERSARIES

Reginald & Ruth Mortha
Gail & Paul Frost
Kim & David Roadruck
Amy & Greg Buchanan
Carl & Linda Fisher
Paul Dengel & Paula Morency
Larry & Lisa Guagenti
David & Debbie Speer
Kaitlin & Michael Cernak

Please Note: For privacy reasons, the website version of our monthly newsletter does not contain birthdates, Caring Shepherd prayer lists, personal contact information, or church financial information. If you would like a full newsletter by mail or email, please contact us at churchoffice@goodshepherdilc.org.

SOCIAL MINISTRY

Migrant Ministry Updates

The migrants who were staying at the St. Edmunds Shelter have now all been placed in homes and apartments! The "Centro San Edmundo" is still open for clothing, hygiene supplies, breakfasts, and English lessons on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Good Shepherd has been working with students from Proviso Math and Science Academy, a high school in Forest Park, to collect supplies. If you would like to make a donation, speak with Mary Scherer-Emunds.

News from "our" families:

Yirari, Felipe, and little Felipe were all baptized by Pastor Jeff King on April 20, along with Ashley, the daughter of some friends who have also been attending services at Good Shepherd.

Yirari got a full-time job as a cook and cleaner at a day-care. She and Felipe have been making cheese to sell. Ask them about it! Daughter Susej is taking ice skating lessons! Felipe's brother, Angelo, received his Temporary Protective Status and a work permit.

Emilie, Manuel, and their boys are settling into their new apartment. Manuel is a scrap metal collector; Emilie is a cleaner. Two of the boys are involved in a boxing club. They were champions in Venezuela.

Enges and Felix got full-time jobs. Joselyne and the new baby are doing well.

The girl in Peg's family is taking gymnastics through the Park District. All of our families got scholarships to participate in Park District programs and for pool passes.

Thank you for all of your ongoing prayers and support. Thanks especially for the \$1277 raised through the Lenten Pinata, which will go towards our migrant ministry.

Serving Lunch at Bethel

Join us at Bethel on May 23 to hand out free lunches. Just a reminder that our new leader for this ministry is Loree Azzaretto. Let Loree know if you have any questions. To participate, please sign-up on the Prayers and More form.



Crop Hunger Walk

The CROP Walk is Sunday, May 5. Proceeds will go to local, national and international organizations. Beyond Hunger and the St. Edmunds Migrant Ministry, two ministries that Good Shepherd supports, are two of the local recipients this year.



Walkers gather between 1 and 2p at Pilgrim Congregational Church. So far, Good Shepherd has 6 walkers. It's not too late to walk and/or donate. Go to Good Shepherd's website and click on "Events." Follow the links to the CROP Walk. For more information, contact Mary Scherer-Emunds.

Anti-Racism Notes

The Anti-Racism Task Force is working on programming for June based on Alex Kotlowitz's book, *There Are No Children Here: The Story of Two Boys Growing Up in the Other America*. Stay tuned for more details in the weekly Epistle. Members of the group are also considering options for an updated name for this ministry and welcome suggestions from the congregation. Please speak to co-chairs Rose Mabwa or Paul Pedersen if you have questions or ideas to share.

Nature Walk

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 10:00a on Saturday, May 18. We're asking for sign-ups 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. Please sign up on the Prayers & More form digitally or using the paper form in your Sunday bulletin.

PASTORAL TRANSITION

Transition Talk

Welcome to another edition of Transition Talk, a feature that will be included in the Shepherd's Staff every month to provide updates related to the pastoral leadership transition. As shared in last month's newsletter, a Transition Leadership Team has been formed by the Council to provide overall guidance for the transition period while ensuring coordination among all congregation leaders. Members of the Transition Leadership Team include Gail Frost (Congregation Council President), Troy Koch (Call Committee Chair), Mark Ledogar (leader of the Process Facilitation Team), and Deaconess Debbie Speer (staff representative).

Celebration. An important start to this time of transition was celebrating Pastor Kathy's 15+ years of leadership and service. Mission accomplished! Thanks to the many people who participated in the celebrations of Pastor Kathy's ministry on April 13 and 14, and special thanks to the dozens of people who organized and delivered these meaningful community celebrations.

Separation. As Good Shepherd begins this time of pastoral leadership transition beginning with Pastor Kathy's departure on April 15, it will be helpful for our community to identify and communicate specific areas of change that require us to approach things differently. One of these areas is our individual and collective interactions with Pastor Kathy.

When a pastor leaves a congregation, it is not appropriate for them to continue to function in the pastoral role. For example, Pastor Kathy should not be asked to preside for Good Shepherd worship and related events such as baptisms, funerals and weddings. Pastor Kathy should not be asked to provide pastoral care including hospital and home visitations, counseling, or any related activities. And, Pastor Kathy should not be involved in the call process or comment on candidates.

Although the relationship with Kathy as our pastor has come to an end, maintaining our individual friendships with her is certainly appropriate. Social media connections with one another are appropriate as long as we interact with Kathy as our friend and not as our pastor.

While this separation can be difficult, it's a line that needs to be drawn to provide our community the space we need to transition to the next chapter of pastoral leadership,

and to give Pastor Kathy the space she needs to begin her new ministry role. Our support of one another and our congregation in respecting these boundaries is an important part of this transition time – filled with *grace*, *gratitude*, and the *greatness* that comes through our willingness to embrace what is new and different while holding fast to the timelessness of God's love, God's presence, and God's promise for our future.

Should you have any questions about this or future transitional norms, please contact your Council or the Transition Leadership Team.

Coming up in May

During the month of May, the Transition Leadership Team and Council will meet with our representative from the Metropolitan Chicago Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA) to receive an update on the process and timing for assignment of an interim pastor, and to learn more about the process for calling future pastoral leader(s) to Good Shepherd. Information related to this time of pastor leadership transition is available under the "About" tab on Good Shepherd's website. Click [here](#) to access the Pastor Leadership Transition page and keep this page bookmarked to get the most updated information about this time of transition.

We welcome Pastors Kelly Nieman Anderson, Anna Roper, and Kerstin Hedlund as our worship leaders in May.

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).

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

For any questions related to **family & children ministries and education**, please contact Deaconess Debbie Speer (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 or Transition Process Facilitation Team leader Mark Ledogar.

Good Shepherd Lutheran Church

611 Randolph, Oak Park, IL 60302
708-848-4741 | goodshepherdlc.org
churchoffice@goodshepherdlc.org

Good Shepherd Lutheran Church is a congregation of the Metropolitan Chicago Synod (mcselca.org) of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (elca.org).

Staff 708-848-4741

Rev. Kerstin Hedlund, Associate Pastor
(leave message with Office Admin.)

Deaconess Debbie Speer, Director
of Christian Education (ext. 4)

Dr. Carl Heine, Music Director

Kimberly Adami-Hasegawa,
Office Administrator (ext. 3)

Council Officers

Gail Frost, President

Scott White, Vice President, Personnel

Richard Sehl, Secretary

Dan Feiertag, John Jackson, Co-Treasurers

Council Liaisons

Carrie Cook, Finance, Stewardship,
Social Ministry

Rose Mabwa, Property, Sustainability,
Worship, Music, and the Arts

Linda Thomas, Christian Education,
GS Connects, Evangelism

Committee Chairs

Christian Education – Kristin de Groot

Evangelism – Marcy Moreno

Finance – Laura Knitt

GS Connects – Joan & Phil Taylor

Property – Rich Novak

Social Ministry – Mary Scherer-Emunds

Stewardship – Mark Ledogar

Sustainability – Michelle Sukup Jackson

Worship, Music & Arts – Lynn Railsback

Office Hours

Monday - Thursday:

9:00a - 3:30p

Friday: 9:00a - noon

A Day In Our Village

This annual Oak Park event, held this year on June 2, turns 50 this year! Organizations from around the Village set up display tents in Scoville Park to share about their organizations. It's a great opportunity for Good Shepherd to meet our neighbors and extend an invitation to Vacation Bible School, Jazz Prayer, Sunday worship . . . or just to share a friendly smile!



We are looking for a point person for this, as well as help setting up, taking down, and staffing our display tent. There are several shifts available so choose the time that works best for your day. Please speak with Marcy Moreno, Chairperson of the Evangelism Committee, or sign up at tinyurl.com/gslcDayinVillage2024.

Gift Card Sales

Tis the season for weddings and graduations! If you are looking for a simple gift that will support a great cause, consider purchasing gift cards through RaiseRight! You can download and order through the RaiseRight app (be sure to use Good Shepherd's enrollment code: C741794555914) OR use a paper form (available at church or ask Deaconess Debbie to email one to you). For those using paper order forms, the **deadline for orders will be May 12**. Gift cards should be ready for pick up on May 19. Let Deaconess Debbie know if you have any questions.



Mark your calendars for the 2024 Chicago **Gay Pride Parade** on Sunday, June 30, at 11a. Good Shepherd has had a team of walkers in the past. Contact Mary Scherer-Emunds for more information.

Please also note that our 2024 **Donut Day** will be on October 12!



TITHE.LY: Give Anywhere from Any Device

Tithe.ly is an easy way for you to donate to Good Shepherd. Download the app on your smartphone or go to your computer and search for Tithe.ly. Once you have found the app and logged on, look for Good Shepherd Church. Use it to make your contributions to the church via mobile, text, or web.



FROM OUR DEACONESS

Reflecting on 25 Years

One frustration often expressed from those who don't appreciate liturgical worship is the "liturgical gymnastics" that fill our services: sit stand sit stand stand stand sit.

Most of our postures done in worship are not random. Some worship experts summarize it in this way, "stand to worship, sit to learn, kneel to pray." Sometimes we stand to show reverence, such as when the gospel is being read. I'm guessing that some of our stands/sits are more tradition than anything else, but in general the various postures have a purpose.

Many years ago, when I was discerning about becoming a deaconess, I learned that the central image of diaconal ministry is that of footwashing. Following Jesus' example on the night he shared his last supper with his disciples, Jesus put a towel around his waist, stooped down, and poured water over dirty, tired feet. We have read about the shock and discomfort of the disciples as Jesus performed this servant's task. But it was more than just a gesture; Jesus giving a new command on how to treat others; a new mandate (the Latin is *mandatum* = Maundy), that they serve others with care and humility.

The mandate of those in diaconal ministry is to remind the church of its call to service and humility, to model and encourage all to follow the example of Jesus.

When I was in my formation process to become a deaconess through the Lutheran Diaconal (then Deaconess) Association in the late 1990s, this humble servant identity fit really well for me. My comfort zone at that time was about the size of a thimble. I felt confident in the call to become a deaconess, but really had no idea what I had to offer. But I could do humble. I could be on my metaphorical knees serving others. I could be that flexible, adaptable towel that I was taught to be—meeting others where they were and molding myself to their needs.

That worked well for a while . . . until it didn't. I found myself working in a congregation that was really unhealthy. I was in a marriage that was really unhealthy. And being in that stooped down position only made it easier for the burdens being piled on top of me to flatten me completely. It was a dark time that challenged my understanding of what it meant to serve God. Surely this was not what God wanted for me as a deaconess or as a person.

Twenty five years into being a deaconess, I have learned that, like liturgical worship, there are many postures of service. Kneeling is only one of them.

Standing. This is a posture of strength and leadership. We "take a stand," when we are fighting against injustice. We "stand in" for someone when they need an advocate. We are called to "stand up" for those who aren't being treated right. The standing posture of servant leadership was modeled by Jesus time and again in the gospels as he championed those whom society had rejected.



Let's Celebrate!

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

Donations in honor of her anniversary may be made to the Lutheran Diaconal Association. Go to www.thelda.org and click on "Give."

Walking alongside. In more recent years, I have learned neither kneeling nor standing may be the appropriate postures. When we assume that we know what others need or when we think that we can go in and do it better, we are not following Jesus' example of service. Rather, when we take the time to walk alongside someone else and learn about them—who they are, how they experience the world, and what they really need (or don't) from us, we are showing humility and openness.

Sitting. The kneeling-down position of footwashing does not allow for mutual conversation. Jesus often shared meals with others as a means of connecting with them. When we sit together, we can look each other in the eye. We talk and learn from and with each other. Relationships are formed when we are seated side by side.

As I reflect on twenty five years of "faith and service in Christ" (the deaconess motto), I am grateful that I have learned that service is not, and cannot, be limited to footwashing. We must be willing to sit with, walk alongside, and stand up for those God puts on our path.

—Deaconess Debbie

May 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>Regular Sunday Schedule (through May 19)</p> <p>8:30a Worship 9:15a Christian Ed for all ages 10:30a Worship (in-person & livestreamed)</p>			1	2	3	4
<p>Flower Orders Due 5 9:15a Forum 11:45a Youth Gather. 1p Crop Walk 1p Recital 1p Ray of Hope 5:30p Recital</p>	6	7	8	9	10	11
<p>10:30a Staff Meeting 12p Worship Planning 7:30p AA</p>	<p>10:30a Staff Meeting 12p Worship Planning 7:30p AA</p>	<p>10a Daytimers 7p Summer Reading Group 7p Finance</p>	<p>7:30a Matins (Offsite) 7:15p Choir</p>	<p>4p Transition Team 7:30p WMA</p>	<p>5:30p Recital 8p AA</p>	<p>8a Men's Group</p>
<p>Mother's Day 12 Gift Card Orders Due 1p Ray of Hope 7:30p AA</p>	13	14	15	16	17	18
<p>Pentecost 19 11:45a CPR Training 11:45a Anti-Racism 1p Ray of Hope 7:30p AA</p>	<p>10:30a Staff Meeting 12p Worship Planning 7p Council 7:30p AA</p>	<p>7p Finance</p>	<p>Deadline: Newsletter Council Reports Due 7:30a Matins (Offsite) 7:15p Choir</p>	<p>7:30p Christian Ed</p>	<p>12p Jazz Prayer Set-Up 7:30p Jazz Prayer 8p AA</p>	<p>10a Nature Walk</p>
<p>NEW WORSHIP TIME 26 9:30a Worship 1p Ray of Hope 1:30p Recital 7:30p AA</p>	<p>Memorial Day 27 OFFICE CLOSED 7:30p AA</p>	28	29	30	31	
			<p>7:30a Matins (Offsite) 7:15p Choir</p>	<p>10:30a GS to Bethel</p>	<p>5:30p Recital 8p AA</p>	<p>8p AA</p>

Good Shepherd Lutheran Church
611 Randolph, Oak Park IL 60302

RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED



Good Shepherd Lutheran Church

A congregation of the Evangelical
Lutheran Church in America (ELCA)

611 Randolph St, Oak Park

Worship Services: 8:30 & 10:30a

(10:30 service also livestreamed)

www.GoodShepherdLC.org

708.848.4741

ChurchOffice@GoodShepherdLC.org

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.