

Good Shepherd Lutheran Church

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WORSHIP ONLINE

Worship services are about half an hour long. Join us in your pj's or with a cup of coffee. It's come as you are. Facebook is recorded live on Sunday morning and available to view anytime after. Youtube is posted around 9:30 am on Sunday morning (Youtube has taken as little as 30 minutes to over an hour to get posted).

- Facebook: Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, Plainview, MN
- Webpage: <https://goodshepherdlutheran-plainview.org> Scroll to Worship with us and click on the Facebook or Youtube icon that are right underneath.
- Youtube: [:https://www.youtube.com/results?search_query=good+shepherd+lutheran+church%2C+Plainview%2C+Mn](https://www.youtube.com/results?search_query=good+shepherd+lutheran+church%2C+Plainview%2C+Mn)

HOLY WEEK AND EASTER

Palm Sunday, April 5th, Maundy Thursday, April 9th, Good Friday, April 10th and Easter, April 12th will all have online services of worship.

We are working on getting a packet of materials out to all Sunday School families that includes kid and at home fun activities, as well as ways to worship and honor these holy days.

PRAYER

- Pass on prayer requests to the church by emailing the church office or contacting Pastor Krista.
- Lift up a prayer at noon for our world, country, and community.

CARING FOR ONE ANOTHER

- Check on others via phone, email, text, etc.
- If anyone needs an errand run or a meal, etc., contact Pastor Krista or the church office. We have a list of people who are willing and able.

IDEAS/SUGGESTIONS

We are all in new territory and if you have ideas or suggestions during this time, please let us know. We want to support you and the ministry needs of our community.

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PASTOR'S NOTE

Dear Good Shepherd family,

In less than a month's time many of us have had our lives turned upside down. We are facing challenges that we have never faced before. Times like this remind us how much we need God and how much we need each other. Although we are not physically able to gather right now, ministry to one another and the community continues. Worship continues with online options. We care for one another through phone calls, emails, texts, and cards. Educational lessons are available online. We will be starting confirmation classes via zoom, and we're looking at these and other additional options for youth and adult educational opportunities. Good Shepherd is also participating in the Community Blessings in Soup. Using the Good Shepherd kitchen and the donations and skills of people and churches throughout the community, gallons of soup are being made for those in need. Thank you for helping to make these ministries possible. Thank you for your generosity and the many ways you are stepping up in new and creative ways. You are amazing, and hearing how you are living out your faith is inspiring! Thank you!

God's peace and blessings, and be well!

Pastor Krista

MILESTONES

Baptisms

Blessings to Mia Jean Meyers, who was baptized on March 8th. Mia is the daughter of Marty and Nicole Meyers.

Blessings to Josephine Marie Miller, who was baptized on March 8th. Josephine is the daughter of Dan and Angela Miller.

Loss of Loved One

Our sympathies go out to Steve Sawyer and his family for the loss of Steve's father, Richard Sawyer, who passed away on Tuesday, March 17, 2020.

Our sympathies go out to the families of Mary Schumacher, who passed away on Friday, March 20, 2020 (Betty Fahrenz, sister; Kurt & Trisha Schumacher family, mother/mother-in-law/grandmother; and Erika & Scott Hippe (mother/mother-in-law/grandmother).

FINANCE

Giving With Gratitude & Generosity

We have both **Simply Giving and On-Line Giving systems** all set up for easy and free access – just let us know how we can assist you. Please feel free to contact the church office or Tom Anderson directly (507-993-8326).

Good Shepherd Lutheran Financial Summary Notes ----2/29/20

General Account	\$ 31,100
Restricted Accounts	\$ 25,114 (w/o Bldg. Fund)
Capital Campaign Account	<u>\$ 121,719</u>
Total Short Term Assets	\$ 178,425

Fixed Assets (old Bldg etc.)	\$ 905,479
New Bldg. to date	<u>\$1,280,965</u>
Total Assets	\$2,364,550

Mortgage Balance	\$ 785,820
Equity	\$1,578,730

Check Book Trends (General Fund- end of month) 2020

Jan	\$ 39,021	March	\$	May	\$	July	\$
Feb	\$ 31,100	April	\$	June	\$	Aug	\$
Sep.	\$	Oct	\$	Nov	\$	Dec	\$

Deviation from 2020 Budget

	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Net from Budget</u>
Jan – Feb Giving	\$ 37,590	\$ 29,372	\$ - 8,218
Building Fund	\$ 8,512	\$ 6,359	\$ - 2,153

OFFERINGS

Online giving is a great way to give in this time. Contact the church office or Tom Anderson (507-993-8326 or 507-259-6269) for assistance. Or go to: <https://goodshepherdlutheran-plainview.org/give/> Regular offerings can also be mailed to: Good Shepherd, PO Box 355, Plainview MN 55964. Thank you for contributing to the ministry of Good Shepherd!

CONGREGATION/EDUCATION NEWS

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Weekly Bible story time posted live on Facebook on Sunday mornings at 9:15 am. There are also children's messages that are part of Sunday Worship. Email Carole if there are additional materials you would like. Watch for "SS update" emails for especially cool faith videos.

CONFIRMATION

Confirmation students will meet in small groups using Zoom. Information is sent to families via email.

HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH

Looking at possible Zoom meeting or Netflix watch party or other ways to connect. Let us know what would work best for the youth in your house.

COMMUNITY BLESSINGS IN SOUP

Area churches, community members, and business are all working together to make gallons of soup to be distributed to those in need. The Good Shepherd church kitchen is being used for production. A local business has donated freezer space, the cooks are limited to those who have cooked in restaurants and know health codes, and then there are a few others helping so that there is no more than 3-4 people in the kitchen spread out in separate work stations. Coordination is happening through Meg Curtiss with Community Presbyterian Church (watch emails and Facebook for updates).

HOW CAN I GIVE/HELP

II Corinthians 8:1-4 Paul speaking to the Macedonians: "Now ...we want you to know about the grace that God has given...for out of the most severe trial, their overflowing joy and their extreme poverty welled up in the rich generosity. For I testify that they gave as much as they were able and even beyond their ability. In these difficult times, we learn to "Give", for in our Giving; be it a phone call, email, text, running an errand, providing a meal, etc. we receive so much more in return!

TWINS GAME IN JULY – MARK YOUR CALENDARS

Good Shepherd is "planning" on going to the Twins game against the Toronto Blue Jays on Thursday, July 9th. This is a 7:00 pm game. Watch future newsletters and Sunday announcements for more details and sign-up information.

BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

Birthdays

04/01	Carol Goergen-Fenske	04/18	Tyler Engler
	Dylan Koepsell	04/20	Mitchell Breuer
04/02	Stacy Hutchison		John Wehrs
	Camryn Nesler	04/21	Joshua LaBare
04/07	Linda Theisen	04/22	Beau Lyons
04/08	Leah King	04/23	Kevin Gudmundson
	Caroline King		Xander Henderson
04/09	Kathy Rohlik	04/25	Jeanne Dunn
	Kent Kingsley	04/26	Ben Peter
	Kareen Bigalk		Katy Johnson
	Dylon Flattum		Sarah Wolf
04/10	Bob Dunn	04/27	Michelle Gudmundson
	Keith Fuerstneau		Char Balcome
04/12	Joe Ulwelling		Jen Peter
04/13	Doris Johnson	04/29	Steve Sawyer
	Dustin Wehrs		Lily Bartz
04/14	MaKenzie Rau		Shannon Ramthun
04/17	Braden Melbostad	04/30	Kay Rasmussen
	Paislee Nesler		Sarah Hassig

Anniversaries

04/05	Paul & Karla Appel	04/24	Al & Franny Schwantz
04/06	Jim & Sibyl Mason		Thor & Tina Erickson
04/22	Fran & Sheila Grover		Bryce & Angie Beckel
	Roger & Cindy Rettmann		

*NOTE: Birthdays and anniversaries listed in the newsletters are now being limited to adult members and their college-aged and under children. If you have questions and/or concerns with this, please contact the church office.

**PLEASE CONTACT THE CHURCH OFFICE IF YOU HAVE ADDITIONS
OR CORRECTIONS TO THE LIST OF BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES.**

FOOD FOR THOUGHT

The key to Heaven was hung on a nail.

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VISION STATEMENT, GOOD SHEPHERD LUTHERAN CHURCH

Claimed by God through Word & Sacrament, we move forward with a NEW VIEW:

Notice the needs of our congregation, community, and world with eyes of faith.
Educate all from cradle to grave.
Worship in thankfulness and joy.

Value all generations in passing on the faith.
Identify and affirm the gifts of God's people.
Energize God's people to use their gifts for ministry.
Welcome the opportunity to walk the talk with our youth.

The submission deadline for the May 2020 Newsletter is

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 22.