

Good Shepherd Lutheran Church

The Shepherd's Staff



ONLINE WORSHIP

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The worship service will be about half an hour long:

- Facebook: Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, Plainview, MN Sunday worship is streamed live at 8 am and then available anytime after. The Youtube (and webpage link to Youtube is a higher quality recording).
- Webpage: <https://goodshepherdlutheran-plainview.org> Scroll to Worship with us and click on the Facebook or Youtube icon that right underneath. (Sunday worship is posted around 9:30-10:00 am)
- Youtube: https://www.youtube.com/results?search_query=good+shepherd+lutheran+church+%2C+Plainview%2C+Mn (Sunday worship is posted around 9:30-10:00)

COFFEE & CONVERSATION ON SUNDAY MORNINGS at 9 AM

Stop by via Zoom on Sunday mornings to say 'hi' and have conversation with others.

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87871268352?pwd=ZFJ4Z01BM1VXdjFCeU0zUmNPMDIpdz09>

Meeting ID: 878 7126 8352

Password: coffee

SUNDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY at 10 AM

Join us on Sunday mornings as we take a look at some of the Psalms. The Psalms tell it like it is: the good, the bad, the ugly. The Psalms have seen it all in their 3000 year history, and these conversations with God have stood the test of time. Come explore some of the psalms with us via Zoom.

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85940295537?pwd=RkdaVWlnRVdCRnhzWWRZb0VZTlhMz09>

Meeting ID: 859 4029 5537

Password: Bible

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PASTOR'S NOTE

NEED SOMEONE TO TALK TO AND/OR MAKING CALLS TO OTHERS

If you can help make some phone calls to reach out to people or if you would like a call, let the church office or pastor know.

HELP WITH ERRANDS, NEED A FACE MASK, ETC.

Contact the church office or pastor if there is anything we can help with. We have volunteers who are making face masks and others who will run errands, pick-up groceries for someone, etc.

PRAYERS

Good Shepherd is blessed with an incredible Congregational Care Team that lifts others up in prayer. If you have a prayer request for this group, let the church office or Pastor know.

CONGREGATIONAL LIFE/YOUTH

SENIOR HIGH MINISTRY

Zoom Gathering

Zoom gathering for all high school students will be Tuesday, May 12th at 7:00 pm. All high school students and any friends who would like to come are invited. We will connect with each other and try a virtual game or two.

Backpacking Trip to Colorado

The high school backpacking trip to Rainbow Trails in CO has been postponed until next summer—probably June of 2021. The camp was offering a delayed start but the timing did not work for our group. Keeping everyone safe is our top priority. We look forward to an amazing outdoor experience next year.

YOUNG ADULTS—POST HIGH SCHOOL GATHERING ON ZOOM

Pass the word along to any young adults. We will have a Zoom gathering for young adults to reconnect with each other and share stories. Good Shepherd young people living anywhere in the country are encouraged to come. Contact Carole Joyce at carole35@charter.net or Pastor Krista for the Zoom link.

WORSHIPPING IN PERSON AT CHURCH AND OTHER PROGRAMMING

When restrictions are lifted on the number of people who can gather together in person, the Council will make a decision about resuming in person worship at church and other programming. Most likely we would continue the online options for worship for those whose have circumstances where it is best for them to not be out in public. Please watch emails for when changes come.

PAYCHECK PROTECTION PROGRAM

Good Shepherd was approved for funds from the Payroll Protection Program. The funds we receive are intended to cover 2.5 months of payroll, utilities and mortgage interest. Any amount not used in those categories will become a loan payable over the next two years at 1% interest, with a 6 month deferral in payments. The funding we receive will help make up our income deficit. At the end of March we were \$10,000 behind budget of net income minus expenses. Thank you to everyone who is able to continue giving their offerings during this time.

EDUCATION

CONFIRMATION

Confirmation class is meeting by Zoom every Wednesday evening. Confirmation Day has been moved until fall so families are able to be a part of the wonderful celebration.

EDUCATION OPPORTUNITIES

Spark Sunday school has developed a short family video for each week--music, Bible story, activity -- all in a fun 10 minutes. A couple of families previewed it and said it is great! Watch for it on the church Facebook page. It will show up on Sunday morning, but can be done any time you want.

Traditional June VBS at Good Shepherd is cancelled because of the continuing uncertainty of when we can safely gather again. If we are able to get together later this summer, we will have a party with games and activities!

Carole is also watching for other interesting and fun faith experiences. Sunday school families keep watching your email for options you may want to try.

THANK YOU SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS AND CONFIRMATION GUIDES!

The Sunday school year came to an unexpected end. We want to thank Good Shepherd's amazing team of people who pass on the faith by teaching and supporting the Sunday school and Confirmation ministry of this congregation!!!! Thank you to the following people for the commitment they made to grow in faith and relationship with our children.

And thank you—parents, grandparents, neighbors and extended family who continue to share your faith with these kids every day!

Grades

Pre-K

Kindergarten & 1st Grade

2nd Grade

3rd Grade

4th Grade

5th/-6th Grades

Sunday School Opening

Council Leader for Education

Confirmation Mentors

Teacher(s)

Jill Kobler & Amber Walch

Alicia Pfeilsticker

Meredith Grant

Ainsley Schwantz & Lydia Kreofsky

Jessica & Natalia Wilkes

Cathe Hanson & Sarah Niemeyer

Kirsten Ausman, Destiny Kraemer & Lyna Koepsell

Dawn Suntken

Tessa Flies and Sherry Tuxen

Karla Appel

Erin Bluhm, Franny Schwantz, Joanna Hanson,

Gina Ihrke, Nate Pfeilsticker

Helper

Ellie Kobler

Nolan Pfeilsticker

Gracelyn Grant

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 ----3/31/20

General Account	\$ 29,502
Restricted Accounts	\$ 26,948 (w/o Bldg. Fund)
Capital Campaign Account	<u>\$ 127,251</u>
Total Short Term Assets	\$ 183,701
Fixed Assets (old Bldg etc.)	\$ 905,479
New Bldg. to date	<u>\$ 1,280,965</u>
Total Assets	<u>\$ 2,369,825</u>

Mortgage Balance	\$ 784,256
Equity	\$ 1,585,569

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

Jan \$ 39,021	April \$	July \$	Oct \$
Feb \$ 31,100	May \$	Aug \$	Nov \$
Mar \$ 29,502	June \$	Sep \$	Dec \$

Deviation from 2020 Budget

	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Net from Budget</u>
Jan – Mar Giving	\$ 59,415	\$ 49,333	\$ - 10,082
Building Fund	\$ 12,600	\$ 12,272	\$ - -328

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!

MISSIONS & STEWARDSHIP

DONATING TO THE PLAINVIEW-ELGIN AREA FOOD SHELF

The local Food Shelf is helping people facing food insecurity. Good Shepherd in the past has given its Wednesday Lent offerings and quarterly noisy offerings to the Food Shelf. Since we have not been able to receive those offerings in person during this time, we are making it possible for you to donate to the food shelf online.

Give to the **local Food Shelf** – Although we are not able to do our noisy offering collections for the Food Shelf, you can give on line. Go to: https://www.eservicepayments.com/cgi-bin/Vanco_ver3.vps?appver3=Fi1giPL8kwX_Oe1AO50jRlc13OMDfYrcYQWnBiQGcY2hjXsUKRLImI4vCU4-rZZZ2EvVVAEjqawDomKT1pbouQQzSr-IX74C4Vaq-bmhbnw=&ver=3 or go to the church webpage: <https://goodshepherdlutheran-plainview.org> <<https://goodshepherdlutheran-plainview.org/>> and then click on "Give" (located as an option on the bar at the top). After landing on the "Give" page, click on "Online giving and mobile devices converge for Good Shepherd!" (Or just click on phone image) and you will be on the page to submit your contribution. If this is your first time, you will need to setup your account by clicking "Create Profile", to set up your contribution as a one-time contribution or as an on-going contribution, and what bank account you wish to use. You are in full control of contributions and can edit or cancel at any time. If you have any questions, feel free to contact Tom Anderson 507-993-8326 or the church office.

BLESSINGS IN SOUP

Our new commercial kitchen is home base for the community project "Blessings in Soup." The generosity of those in the community is providing the ingredients and financial resources to make soup and the churches of the community provide the distribution. Through "Blessings in Soup" we are making and giving away soup to people who could use a blessing. Some of these people may be sick, shut-in, elderly, furloughed or working on the front lines of providing care and resources during this time of pandemic. If you know someone we can bless with soup, pass on that person's name to the church office or Pastor Krista

BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

Birthdays

05/04	Nate Pfeilsticker		05/17	Lisa Beck
	Sara Dick		05/18	Corbin King
05/05	Samantha Kroening		05/19	Karly Peter
05/06	Amy Thompson		05/20	Kelly Engler
	Wade Holst		05/21	Dawson Koepsell
	Addyson Schneider			Brittany King
	Alex Hanson			Grace Wolf
05/07	Chelsea Weinrich		05/22	Kim Lyons
	Kit Sackreiter		05/24	Sheila Grover
	Nolan Bartsh			Kaylee Peter
05/08	Misty Biers			Destiny Kraemer
05/09	Lee Olson			Cory Kroening
05/10	Deb Ninas		05/25	Cal Hansen
	Hanna Sveen		05/26	Juniper Holst
05/11	Clint Schreiber		05/27	Raelee Dick
05/12	Sibyl Mason		05/28	Kristen Folkert
	Easton King		05/29	Annaliese Tuxen
05/13	George Tesmer			Blake Burkick
05/14	Brady Melcher		05/30	Jason Folkert
05/15	Ryan Castle			Jackson Niemeyer
05/16	Peyton Schumacher			Kayden Merchlewitz
	Cassie Crary		05/31	Mark Timm
05/16	Aspen Young			Taylor Nelson

Anniversaries

05/01	Tim & MariClair Schneider		05/16	Marc & Rachael Anderson
05/05	Jon & Becky Klug		05/17	Nicholas & Cathe Hanson
05/08	Scot & Nicole Engler		05/25	Joe & Brenda Crudele
05/11	Ron & Roberta Kurth			Eric & Leanne Brevig
05/14	Ben & Alysha Mohs		05/31	Gary & Joanne Melbostad
05/16	Jon & Stephanie Amos			

*NOTE: Birthdays and anniversaries listed in the newsletters are now being limited to active members and their children (college age and under). 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

***If we forget we're a nation under God,
we'll be a nation gone under.***

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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 June 2020 Newsletter is

FRIDAY, MAY 22.