

Good Shepherd Lutheran Church

# The Shepherd's Staff

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## WEEKLY WORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

**WORSHIP** each Sunday at 9 am in the building, the parking lot on 88.3 FM, and Facebook live

Videos of the services will continue to be provided on:

- **Our Facebook** page
- Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, Plainview, MN **Youtube** page
- **Midcontinent:** For those living in Plainview, cable channel 20 (during the week)

## SUMMER OUTDOOR MEAL & WORSHIP – Wednesdays June 23 and July 21

6:30 PM – Meal served

6:45 PM – Eating and Worshiping and Holy Communion  
(In case of inclement weather, everything moves inside)

## SIGN UP NOW FOR VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL!

June 14-16 6:00-7:30 p.m.

\*See Education page for more details

Congrats  
Graduates!



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Twenty-two years ago, on Sunday, June 13, 1999 my husband Kris Ferkin and I were ordained in the high school gym in Willow Lake, SD. As a pastor-to-be, planning an ordination is a bit like planning a wedding. You have plans and dreams for the day. And none of my dreams or my plans included the local high school gym for the location. The previous couple of years I had been attending the ordination services of many friends. Not one of those services took place in a gym. But we were being called to be co-pastors of 5 congregations and there was no way to fit everybody into any one church building. When the idea of the high school gym was proposed I didn't say "no" but I didn't say "yes" either. I had to think about it. My husband, being the wise husband he is, left the decision up to me.

As for me, I called my new bishop and asked her what she thought. Her advice, "Trust them. They will make it church."

And they did. Each church brought a banner and something significant to turn the gym into church. One brought the altar, one the lectern, one the baptismal font, one the candles, one the communion ware. A group arrived a couple hours early to build a chancel/altar platform area. Someone from the school was there to run the microphone system. The musicians from the different churches all participated, and there was a combined choir. Our favorite professor and preacher from Philadelphia flew out to preach. Our good friend and pastor presided. Our valued mentor, a monsignor in the Roman Catholic Church placed our stoles on us. Family came and new colleagues we hadn't met came. After the service of worship and shaking the 500 some hands of those who had attended, we ate together from the 5 plus long tables of food.

It was church. They/we and the Holy Spirit made it church. All who were there that day gave from what they had. The church that was created was not anyone's plan or dream of church, or past experience of church. But I do think it was God's plan, God's dream of what church can be. Church after all is the body of Christ, and each one of us a vital part of that body, each one of us bringing our best, each one of us setting aside our own personal agendas for the sake of loving God and others. It is not about any one way but keeping Jesus at the center and finding **a way** that brings together and values the whole body of Christ to then be sent out into the world to live out the love of God and neighbor.

What will the church of the future look like, be like? That's a question on many people's hearts and minds. My guess is the Holy Spirit will bring about church in ways we have not even imagined, with people we have not thought about, in ways that are yet to be created. Just think about this last year. Many of us never would have thought we would be worshiping online but we did. While worship online may not be ideal, church throughout the world spread to more people because of the online presence. What will God do next with church, especially the church that doesn't have to deal with a pandemic? Only God knows the answer to that, but I can't wait to find out, and I look forward to discovering that answer with you.

In Christ,

Pastor Krista



## Graduation Milestone



**Congratulations and blessings** to the following students who are graduating from high school this spring. Carter Balcome, Mitchell Breuer, Rose Grover, Eric Hanson, Mariah Henry, Kaylee Hutchison, Josh Labare, Alex Rahman, Conner Ramthun, Conner Schumacher, Riley Wendt.

**Blanket Makers:** Thank you to the women who gathered this winter to make blankets for the graduates and pray for them. Students, remember that you are wrapped in God's Love!

## Scholarships

Good Shepherd Lutheran has scholarships available for GSLC students attending a Lutheran College. The scholarships are made possible by Thrivent Choice Dollars. Any Thrivent member can donate their Choice Dollars to this scholarship fund. Applications are available in the church office and are due by June 20th.



If you wish to contribute to the piano fund— Click on 'Give' on the website or note piano fund in the memo line on your check.

## Baby Grand Piano Fund

Don Fiskum & family (Scott, Steven, and Stephanie) would like to say a special "thank you" to the Church Council for setting up a Baby Grand piano fund in memory of Jan and to the Good Shepherd congregation for their support of this memorial. Also, thank you for your prayers, cards, flowers, and food during the time of Jan's illness. It is GREAT to have a caring church family.

## God's Work, Our Hands

You are invited to join VBS and the summer service youth to make welcome kits for Thrive, which provides compassionate foster care services to young boys and teens in Mounds View, MN. Our own **Jasmyne Anderson** is a coordinator there! The youth (usually boys) arrive with only the clothes on their back.

Jasmyne's dream is to give the students welcome kits with the items below. VBS and the congregation are invited into this mission. Please bring any of the following to church between now and July 24 to make an impact in the lives of these young people.



- Tooth brushes, tooth paste, deodorant
- New duffel bag/back packs (big enough for clothes & pillow)
- Men's underwear & socks (sizes up to x large)
- Full size new pillow
- Pillow cases (ones that guys would like)
- Gift cards to JoAnn Fabric so they can make their own tie blankets

Video Link: <https://nam02.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fdriv>

## Summer Reading Fun

During the 2021-22 school year, the Good Shepherd book group will read the following books. If you are looking for some good summer reads, check out these books. All are welcome.



<b>September</b>	<i>"Code Girls: The Untold Story of the American Women Code Breakers Who Helped Win World War II"</i> by Liza Mundy
<b>October</b>	<i>"Roam"</i> by CH Armstrong
<b>November</b>	<i>"Prairie Fires -The American Dream of Laura Ingalls Wilder"</i> by Caroline Fraser
<b>December</b>	<i>"How to Stop Time"</i> by Matt Haig
<b>January</b>	<i>"We Are All Welcome Here"</i> by Elizabeth Berg
<b>February</b>	<i>"The Saturday Evenings Girls Club"</i> by Jane Healey
<b>March</b>	<i>"Staggerford"</i> by John Hassler
<b>April</b>	<i>"All Adults Here"</i> by Emma Straub
<b>May</b>	<i>"The Giver of Stars"</i> by Jojo Moyes

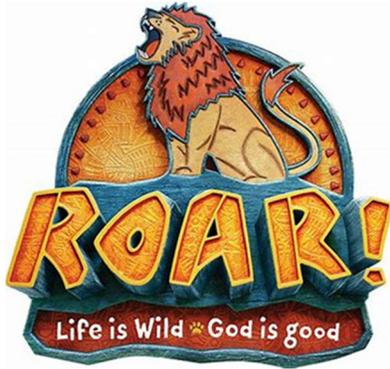
## MINNESOTA TWINS VS. CLEVELAND INDIANS

Jay Schmidt is planning a bus trip to the Minnesota Twins vs. the Cleveland Indians on **Thursday, June 24<sup>th</sup>**. The game starts at 7:10 p.m. (Bus will leave at 3:15 p.m.)

Pod seating would be in groups of two or four. Masks are required at the stadium when not eating or drinking.

If questions, please contact Jay at: [jay@journeysbyjay.com](mailto:jay@journeysbyjay.com) or at 507-273-3262. (Email is preferred)





## VBS 2021

Monday-Wednesday, June 14-16 6:00 -7:30 pm

Meal served for all from 5:25-5:45 pm

Who: Children currently age 3 through 3<sup>rd</sup> grade.  
Come with a caring adult.

Anyone older than 3<sup>rd</sup> grade is invited to help!

VBS is back! We have 3 great evenings planned with lots of Bible stories, learning, fun and games. If you want to come but haven't registered yet, contact Carole Joyce [carole35@charter.net](mailto:carole35@charter.net) or 507-269-9374 to see if there is space.

Making it easier for busy families, come between 5:25 and 5:45 to enjoy a Simple **MEAL** each night before the VBS fun begins!

## Passing on the Faith

Sharing faith with children, youth, and each other is one of the most important things we do as a faith community!! Much of this happens at home, but we also learn Bible stories and God's love here at church. We need caring adults and high school youth to teach and help with Sunday school AND mentor with Confirmation on Wednesdays. **Is God calling you to share your gifts? Please consider this call to be a caring adult in the lives of our children and youth.**

We look forward to having in-person Sunday school next fall!!! We are building a team now. Contact Carole Joyce 269-9374 [carole35@charter.net](mailto:carole35@charter.net) if you have questions or would like to serve as teacher, helper, or mentor. Remember you will learn and grow as much as the kids! That's God's grace at work!



***Sunday School will be back in the fall!***



**Summer Service for  
6<sup>th</sup> grade & up  
Wednesdays June 9, 16, and 23  
8 am- 5 pm**

For anyone who has completed 6th, 7th, 8th grade (or 9th-12 graders as leaders/mentors) Be a super hero in the community by helping others. Sign up for one or all depending on your summer schedule. Transportation will be provided. (We can even get you from home if needed and you can leave when you need for late afternoon sports.) Bring your own sack lunch. Other treats will be provided.

Drivers Needed!!! We have such a great crew that we need more adult drivers. Contact Carole to volunteer for a day or part of a day.

### **Wednesdays**

- June 9** Decorating for VBS, Staining decks at Good Earth Village
- June 16** Food Shelf. Green Prairie...
- June 23** Painting for Channel One, Shopping for Thrive Youth Services...

Please contact Carole Joyce [carole35@charter.net](mailto:carole35@charter.net) if interested. Yes, your friends may come too. Are you a caring adult who can help drive one (or more) of these days? Let Carole know! (507)269-9374.

# Grateful Giving

If you have not signed up for On-line Giving – try it out.

Go to our Website as listed below, using your computer or mobile device

<https://goodshepherdlutheran-plainview.org/give/>

Click on “Give” - Follow prompts to Give a one-time Gift or recurring Gifts. YOU have full control at all times.

If you have any questions, please contact me – Tom Anderson at 507-993-8326 or the church office.

**WAYS TO GIVE–**

- Mail to Good Shepherd
- Given on Sunday mornings
- Drop off at the church
- Give online: go to <https://goodshepherdlutheran-plainview.org/give/> and click on the online giving option (on the right) and then use the General/Operating line to designate your gift.

**Good Shepherd Lutheran Financial Summary Notes ---4/30/21**

General Account	\$ 41,006
Restricted Accounts	\$ 28,603 (w/o Bldg. Fund)
Capital Campaign Account	<u>\$ 198,679</u>
<b>Total Short Term Assets</b>	<b>\$ 268,288</b>

Fixed Assets (old Bldg etc.)	\$ 905,479
New Bldg. to date	<u>\$ 1,280,645</u>
<b>Total Assets</b>	<b>\$2,456,638</b>

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Mortgage Balance	\$ 739,343
<b>Equity</b>	<b>\$ 1,724,774</b>

**Check Book Trends (General Fund - end of month) 2021**

Jan	\$ 48,609	April	\$41,006	July	Oct	\$
Feb	\$ 41,493	May		Aug	Nov	\$
Mar	\$ 39,069	June		Sep	Dec	\$

# Birthdays & Anniversaries

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*Happy  
Birthday!*

<b>June 2</b>	Steve Fenske Nolan Pfeilsticker	<b>June 18</b>	Alese Ihke
<b>June 4</b>	Scott Rohlik	<b>June 20</b>	Claire Folkert Caden Castle Mikayla Chastek
<b>June 5</b>	Bob Petit	<b>June 22</b>	Bob Sloan
<b>June 6</b>	Tom Overlie	<b>June 23</b>	Jackie Arens Shane Kingsley
<b>June 9</b>	Bryce Beckel	<b>June 25</b>	Frank Weinrich Norah Weinrich Lydia Kreofsky Colton Niemeyer
<b>June 10</b>	Scot Engler	<b>June 27</b>	Jack Schreiber
<b>June 11</b>	Mark Johnson	<b>June 28</b>	Roger Arens
<b>June 12</b>	Karla Appel Kroy Steffen Craig Chastek	<b>June 30</b>	Alicia Pfeilsticker
<b>June 13</b>	Bob Endres		
<b>June 14</b>	Kale Steffen		
<b>June 16</b>	Oliver Weinrich		

## *Happy Anniversary*

<b>June 9</b>	John & Elaine Salek	<b>June 19</b>	Tyler & Sarah Niemeyer
<b>June 10</b>	Kevin & Michelle Gudmundson	<b>June 20</b>	Jake & Amy Thompson Buzz & Marget Christison
<b>June 14</b>	Brent & Andrea Masseur	<b>June 23</b>	Ryan & Brittany King
<b>June 16</b>	Kit & Jan Sackreiter	<b>June 24</b>	Arvin & Corrine Hanson
<b>June 17</b>	Craig & Lisa Beck Matt & Taylor Cada	<b>June 25</b>	Troy & Betsy Munsch
<b>June 18</b>	Bill & Bonnie McMillin Mike & Sherry Tuxen	<b>June 26</b>	Gene & Renee Bergstrom
<b>June 19</b>	George & Elaine Tesmer	<b>June 30</b>	Arlo & Penny Simonson John & Tammy Wehrs

Please contact the church office if you have additions or corrections  
to the list of birthdays and anniversaries.



# June Calendar

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Jun 2021 (Central Time - Chicago)

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
30 9am - Worship 10:30am - Bible Study	31 <b>PASTOR'S DAY OFF</b> 7:30pm - Boy Scouts	1	2	3	4	5
6 Holy Communion 9am - Worship 10:30am - Bible Study	7 <b>PASTOR'S DAY OFF</b> 6:30pm - Ch Council 7:30pm - Boy Scouts	8	9 8am - Super Hero	10	11	12
13 9am - Worship 10:30am - Bible Study	14 <b>PASTOR'S DAY OFF</b> 5:25pm - VBS meal 6pm - VBS 6pm - VBS 7:30pm - Boy Scouts	15 5:25pm - VBS meal 6pm - VBS	16 8am - Super Hero 5:25pm - VBS meal 6pm - VBS	17	18	19
20 9am - Worship 10am - Baptism-Miller 10:30am - Bible Study	21 <b>PASTOR'S DAY OFF</b> 7:30pm - Boy Scouts	22	23 Holy Communion 8am - Super Hero 6:30pm - Outdoor	24 3:15pm - Twins	25	26 Uwellling Shower
27 9am - Worship 10:30am - Bible Study	28 <b>PASTOR'S DAY OFF</b> 7:30pm - Boy Scouts	29	30	1	2	3