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WEEKLY WORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

WORSHIP will continue with one service at 9 a.m. 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
- **YouTube** Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, Plainview, MN

Confirmation Sunday—May 1st at 11:00 am

15 young people will affirm their faith on May 1st at 11:00 am.

We thank them for their faith statements which were shared at the confirmation banquet on April 27. Check out their faith stories on the hallway bulletin board.



BACCALAUREATE SUNDAY - MAY 15

To honor our 2022 graduates, a special Baccalaureate Service will be held on Sunday, May 15 at 9:00 am. Students, please come at 8:45 for photos with your robe (no hats). This Baccalaureate Service will be a time for us at Good Shepherd to show our love and support to these graduates, and to celebrate God's love that has brought them to this day and leads them into a bright tomorrow. God's blessings to all our seniors on their graduation, and we look forward to celebrating with them on May 15!

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May 2022

Each year Carole and I have one-on-one visits with each of the students getting confirmed. We cover a variety of topics including what they share in their faith statements, how their relationship with God has changed over the last couple of years, goals they have for the future, and questions they have about faith, God, and the church. One of the questions I also ask is, "what was your favorite part of confirmation?" When I asked that question of one of this year's students, that person lit up with a big smile and answered, "why the people of course!"

The people involved in confirmation include Carole and myself, the 7th and 8th grade students, the parents who rotate in for serving meals and helping with Wednesday nights and being part of the worship community, especially during Wednesday evening services of worship, the mentors, those who share their faith stories, the Soup Supper community of people, the Wednesday worship community, the summer service project group, and all those along the way who have helped someone acolyte, run the church dishwasher, been a part of worship, or a service project. Becoming a person of faith doesn't take a village, it takes a church community.

Here some of the other things confirmation students shared about their faith community:

"One of the many things that has helped shape my faith journey is people."

"My faith is most alive when I am at church"...

"Through having a church that is your own no matter where you live helps to know that people around you... can pray for you when you need them to, and you can pray for them in return when they need prayers."

"All the people at Good Shepherd put a smile on my face. I feel welcomed and I like that I belong when I walk into the church."

"My favorite thing about being a part of a church is getting to know the people who you go to church with and helping others with your church."

"I love getting together with my classmates to learn about God and to grow in my faith... All of the friendships that I have because of this time together is awesome and has improved my faith."

It's amazing how we as a community make a difference in people's lives (often without even realizing it).

Confirmation students will sometimes share stories of someone at church who gave them a compliment, helped them with something, shared part of their faith story, always had a nice word to say, or was just always there.

The confirmation student doesn't always remember the person's name, but that person made an impact on another's faith (probably without even realizing it).

One of the promises we make when we're confirmed and when anyone is baptized is to be part of a faith community and to help others be part of a faith community. Since the pandemic, we are perhaps more aware than ever that we need other people. It's not good to isolate ourselves. We need a community of faith. Just our very presence of being there at worship, at a fellowship event or some other church activity, is an encouragement to others in ways we don't even realize, and by being part of that faith community we too are encouraged along the way.

Thank you for your presence at Good Shepherd, for the prayers you lift up, for joining with us online or in person. Thank you for making Good Shepherd an incredible community of faith where people can belong, believe, and become.

In Christ,

Pastor Krista



Summer Youth Trip July 17th—23rd



We have an awesome group of ten youth who are traveling to Stony Lake, MI to participate in a Servant Heart week at [SUMMER PROGRAMS • Camp Programs at Stony Lake – Living Water Ministries \(elcalivingwater.com\)](http://SUMMER PROGRAMS • Camp Programs at Stony Lake – Living Water Ministries (elcalivingwater.com)). They will be crossing Lake Michigan on the ferry and will spend a final night on the beach together before returning home. We go as an outreach of Good Shepherd’s ministry serving the wider world. Thank you for your support throughout the year.



Youth Group Year End Celebration

Wednesday, May 11th - 6:30—8:30 pm

We will share a meal, talk about our plans for next year, and finish the evening with a Wii Sports and Mario Cart tournament.

Please contact Erin Bluhm by Sunday, May 8 to sign up (507-259-4735) or erinb@bluhmandgrow.com).

Thank You Confirmation Guides

Good Shepherd has the most amazing team of people who pass on the faith by being part of the Confirmation ministry. Thank you to the following people for the commitment they made to grow in faith and relationship with our children all year: Franny Schwantz, Joanna Hanson, Sara Steele, Amy Ninas, Bernie Klennert, Nicole Engler.



Palm Sunday Breakfast



Welcome to the Family of God

Looking ahead ...



Good Earth Village Bible Camp

A week (or several days) at Bible camp is a wonderful way to have lots of fun, explore God's amazing creation, and have great faith conversations. New research shows this has a life-long effect! Scholarships are available, if you need financial help—just talk to Pastor or Carole.

See the options and register at goodearthvillage.org. Brochures will also be available at church. Send your registration and deposit directly to Good Earth Village, and let Carole Joyce or the church office know you are attending.

Super Hero Summer Service Returns!

For youth: 6th grade-high school



Youth are invited to join in Super Hero Service Days on Wednesdays in June—8, 15, and 22 from 9 am-5 pm.

Our adventures will include Food Shelf, garage sale, and preparing food for the hungry. New service ideas are always welcome. If you know of a community member who needs help, please let us know.

We need 2 things to make this happen:

1. Most Important—awesome youth to participate (you can participate around sports and appointments).
2. A few caring adults to spend a day driving OR help finalize project ideas.

Please contact Carole Joyce or Pastor Krista if interested.

Book Group

Meet at church on Thursday, May 12 at 7 pm to talk about *The Giver of Stars* by Jojo Moyes This is our last gathering of the school year. New book lovers are always welcome. Bring ideas of what you would like to read next year. We have a good list going but need a few more.



Adult Education Sundays May 15th & 22nd at 10:05 in Pastor's Office



"Russia, Religion and the War in Ukraine"

Tuesday, May 17th—1:00 pm at church

Book of Esther Bible Study

VBS Youth and Adult Leaders Needed!

People are needed for all these areas:

- * Shepherd a group of kids
- * Make & serve snacks
- * Lead & play games
- * Help with Crafts
- * Lead The Dancing & Music
- * Help prepare a simple meal

If you are interested in helping or have questions, please contact Carole Joyce (carole35@charter.net or 269-9374) to sign-up.

VBS 2022: Treasured

Monday - Wednesday, June 6-8

Note the Week is Earlier!

6:00 pm - 7:45 pm

Three days of outside and inside fun!

Kid-friendly meal (for adults too), Bible Story, games, crafts/science.



*For Children currently grades Pre-K-4th—Bring a caring adult.

*All youth and adults who would like to help are welcome— 4th grade on up!

*Registration link can be found on Good Shepherd's website:

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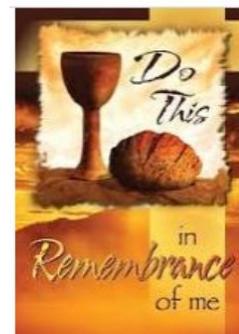
*We are ordering supplies right now, **so sign up and invite friends and neighbors too.**

*A donation of \$10 per child or \$20 per family is requested, but not required.

*Meal served - starting at 5:25 pm.

The following students recently studied Holy Communion and had their first communion on Maundy Thursday. Welcome to the Lord's Table; there is a place for you!

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| Adalyn Castle | Jack Johnson | Kroy Steffen |
| Caroline Crary | Jake Johnson | Carter Weinrich |
| Kaylin Green | Corbin King | Mason Zabel |
| Karli Green | Paislee Nesler | Owen Zabel |
| Cal Hansen | Michael Ninas | Parker Zabel |
| Kayla Hansen | Harper Schneider | |
| Bryce Hanson | Piper Schneider | |
| Becky Hassig | Eva Schuneman | |
| Blake Hassig | Kale Steffen | |



Education Cont.

Last Day of Sunday School—May 8th

It was so wonderful to have in-person classes this year! On May 8th we will have our last class for the year with a movie, popcorn, and some activities. Start in your SS classroom.

A huge thank you to this year’s fabulous teachers and helpers:

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| Jill Kobler | Kayla Fuerstneau | Alyvia Engler | Ellie Kobler |
| Stephanie Holst | Brittany King | Nolan Pfeilsticker | Addie Grant |
| Cathe Hanson | Addison Nesler | Ainsley Schwantz | Kelly Nesler |
| Alicia Pfeilsticker | Annika Steele | Monica & Todd Hansen | |
| Katy Johnson | Lillian Hansen | Owen Johnson | |



Speaker at the Plainview Library: An author named Ranae Hanson is visiting the Plainview Library on Friday, May 6 at 6pm. Her memoir "Watershed" looks at the relationships between care of self, care of the earth, and care of neighbors. She taught at Minnesota College for years, so she weaves all sorts of stories about her students many of whom are climate refugees.



Youth Coffee Shop

May 8th

9:45 am



Making First Communion Stoles



First Communion—Maundy Thursday—April 14th



God's Work Our Hands

Noisy Offering— Living Waters Ministries (our youth will spend a week there)

Changes to May Worship Schedule —

Communion - May 1st & May 22nd (due to Baccalaureate Service on May 15th)
Chicago Folk Service - May 22nd



AED (Automated External Defibrillator) - Thanks to 2 generous donors, we now have an AED available located in the vestibule between the two sets of doors, on the office side wall. An AED plays a large role in helping save the lives of people who are in cardiac arrest. The AED is designed to be easy for people to use, and this particular one, once turned on, prompts you on what to do. You do not need any training to use the AED. To help people feel more comfortable using an AED, we plan to offer a class this summer.

Thank You

- *Sue Tangen & Donna Tesch who beautify the sanctuary for the different seasons of the church year. A special thanks to all who donated flowers for Easter.
- *All who prepared and brought food, served, and cleaned up for the Lenten Soup Suppers.



Sunday Morning Adult Study



Palm Sunday Breakfast



Palm Sunday



Easter Sunday Egg Hunt



First Communion Class

Filling Bags of Easter Candy

May Birthdays



*Happy
Birthday*



May 1 Matt Hanson
May 4 Nate Pfeilsticker
Sara Dick
May 5 Samantha Kroening
May 6 Addyson Schneider
Luke Folkert
Amy Thompson
Wade Holst
Alex Hanson
May 7 Kit Sackreiter
Chelsea Weinrich
Nolan Bartsh
May 8 Misty Biers
May 9 Lee Olson
May 10 Deb Ninas
May 11 Clinton Schreiber
May 12 Sibyl Mason
Easton King
May 13 George Tesmer
May 14 Brady Melcher
May 15 Ryan Castle
May 16 Peyton Schumacher
Aspen Young
Cassie Crary

May 17 Lisa Beck
May 18 Corbin King
May 19 Karly Peter
May 20 Kelly Engler
May 21 Dawson Koepsell
Brittany King
Grace Wolf
May 22 Kim Lyons
May 24 Cory Kroening
Sheila Grover
Kaylee Peter
Destiny Kraemer
May 25 Cal Hansen
May 26 Juniper Holst
May 27 Raelee Dick
May 28 Kristen Folkert
May 29 Blake Burdick
Annaliese Tuxen
May 30 Jackson Niemeyer
Kayden Merchlewitz
Jason Folkert
May 31 Mark Timm
Taylor Nelson

Happy Anniversary

May 1 Tim & MariClair Schneider
May 5 Jonathan & Becky Klug
May 8 Scot & Nicole Engler
May 11 Ron & Roberta Kurth
May 14 Ben & Alysha Mohs
May 16 Jon & Stephanie Amos
May 17 Nick & Cathe Hanson
May 25 Joe & Brenda Crudele
Eric & Leanne Brevig
May 31 Gary & Joanne Melbostad



Calendar

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

| <u>May Events</u> | | |
|-------------------|------------------------|----------|
| May 1 | Worship/Communion | 9:00 am |
| | Bartz Baptism | |
| | Sunday School | 10:00 am |
| | Confirmation Service | 11:00 am |
| May 8 | Worship | 9:00 am |
| | Youth Coffee Shop | |
| | Last Day of Sun School | 10:00 am |
| May 10 | Church Council | 6:30 pm |
| May 11 | Youth Group | 6:30 pm |
| May 12 | Book Group | 7:00 pm |
| May 14 | Schultz Baptism | 10:30 am |

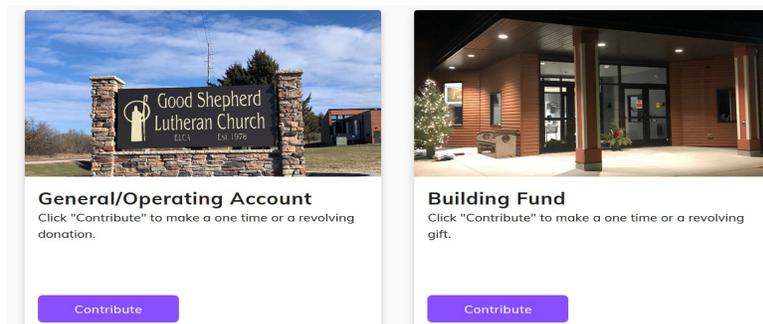
| <u>May Events (Cont.)</u> | | |
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| May 15 | Worship | 9:00 am |
| | Baccalaureate | |
| | Beck Baptism | |
| May 17 | Bible Study | 1:00 pm |
| May 21 | Skaare Baptism | 10:30 am |
| May 22 | Worship (CFS) | 9:00 am |
| | Holy Communion | |
| May 29 | Worship | 9:00 am |

Easter Flowers Donated by

- Travis, Gina, Alese and Gavin Ihrke—in memory of Rich Klees
- Betty Fahrenz-in memory of Ron Fahrenz
- Tom & Karen Anderson (2)- in memory of Gene & Helen Anderson and Glen & Erma Johnson
- Kathy Sukalski (2) - in memory of Helen Miller
- Stan & Donna Tesch (2) - in memory of John & Elaine Tesch and Vern & Grace Juliar
- Bob & Sue Tangen—in honor of all who help with our church services each week
- Pastor Krista Henning- Ferkin & family- in memory of Arlyce Henning
- Elaine & John Salek - in memory of Amelia Salek
- Joe & Dawn Suntken(2) - in memory of Norman Sjarpe
- Al & Franny Schwantz (3)-in memory of Franny's sister Mary Brunner, parents of Al &Franny, & Jan Fiskum
- Leanne Brevig - in memory of Harris Hagen and Neva Ramsey
- Ben, Alysha & Eli Mohs (2) - in memory of loved ones
- Bob & Jeanne Dunn (2) - in honor of their parents
- Janet Kuchera (2) - in memory of Norman & Joan Mussell, Karl Kuchera, and Kevin Mulholland
- Diane Fick (2) - in memory of Paul Fick
- Gloria Keseley—in memory of Dallas Keseley
- Bonnie McMillin—in memory of Bev Polikowsky
- Erin & Jason Bluhm - in memory of Viola Fisher-Nelson
- Lyna Koepsell—in memory of grandparents Jon & Sylvia Green
- Patty Fritz—in memory of Chad Schmit



Grateful Giving



If you have not signed up or want to change your 2022 contribution using **On-line Giving**

Log in using the link below. Check out our [New Layout](#). You have Full Control at all times.

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

Click on '**Give**' & '**On-line Giving**'. - Follow prompts for a one-time Gift or recurring Gifts.

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

Good Shepherd Lutheran Financial Summary Notes ---3/31/22

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|--------------------------------|----------------------------|
| General Account | \$ 17,378 |
| Restricted Accounts | \$ 35,742 (w/o Bldg. Fund) |
| Capital Campaign Account | <u>\$ 124,212</u> |
| Total Short-Term Assets | \$ 172,136 |

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| Fixed Assets (old Bldg. etc.) | \$ 905,479 |
| New Bldg. to date | \$ 1,280,645 |
| New Roof | <u>\$ 67,941</u> |
| | \$ 2,246,201 |

Jan 1st, 2022 March 31st, 2022

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| Mortgage Balance | \$684,649 | \$ 672,061 | Goal – By June 2023 | \$600,000 |
| Equity | | \$ 1,754,140 | | |

Check Book Trends (General Fund- end of month) 2022

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| Jan 2022 | \$ 48,609 | April 2021 | \$41,006 | July 2021 | \$32,201 | Oct 2021 | \$19,162 |
| Feb 2022 | \$ 43,554 | May 2021 | \$37,186 | Aug 2021 | \$25,710 | Nov 2021 | \$17,097 |
| Mar 2022 | \$ 34,924 | June 2021 | \$32,243 | Sep 2021 | \$22,470 | Dec 2021 | \$20,741 |

Mortgage Update: as of this mid April date, with recent contributions to reduce the building mortgage, the mortgage balance will be under \$649,000. The original cost of the new building was \$1,280,645 (August 2019). Therefore, the building debt will be at 50% of original cost by the end of April 2022. **Congratulations on this great accomplishment!**

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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 2022 Newsletter is

Monday, May 23rd