



GOOD NEWS

from Good Shepherd Church in Owatonna

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40 YEARS

OF GOD'S GRACE AT
GOOD SHEPHERD

ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION
SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 17

40 Years of Blessings! Anniversary Celebration Sunday, September 17

We'll have special worship services filled with memories, special guests from our past, and lunch at 11:00AM.

For many people, hitting 40 is a milestone. No more pretending to be young when the 30s are behind you! Nope, now you are mature—but yet not ready for a mid-life crisis, either! Instead, at 40 you are probably hitting your stride in terms of family, career, and home, and especially in knowing who you are and what you want to achieve in life.

As a church, we are no longer juvenile, either. Instead, we are fully engaged in life and in ministry and in outreach. And so we have something to celebrate! On Sept. 17 we'll celebrate how far we have come as a church and as a gathering of God's people, looking with confidence to what God has yet in store for us. Happy Birthday Good Shepherd! —Pastor Greg



THANK YOU to everyone who supported our Youth Mission Trip to Niagara Falls, NY.



Fall Discipleship Groups

“Lord, teach us to pray.”

Why would the disciples ask Jesus to teach them to pray?

After all, they'd been following Jesus for quite some time. I'm sure they'd prayed together many times. Most of the disciples had spent their entire lives as devoted synagogue attendees and probably prayed multiple times a day.

But they weren't done learning yet and they knew it. Discipleship, including prayer life, is a lifelong process. Whether your prayer life typically revolves around meals and bedtime or you take time daily to pray for an hour, you're still growing. Whether you grew up thinking only pastors should pray out loud or you love praying in groups, you're still growing. Jesus' disciples asked him to teach them and I want to encourage Good Shepherd to ask the same question: **“Lord, teach us to pray.”**

Our discipleship groups are focused on helping us experience God's love more deeply, in a way that also encourages us to live a life that responds to his love. One of the areas I think we could grow in is our prayer life; that will be a special area of focus this fall.

Our groups will be meeting in a similar way to how we started in the spring.

- The groups will be composed of 8-12 people with a trained facilitator.
- Signup at the Welcome Center for the day(s)/time(s) you're available to meet. This helps us form groups of people whose schedules match. If you were part of a group last spring and loved it, you're certainly encouraged to continue with them and grow those relationships.
- Groups will meet once a week for six weeks starting in October and breaking before the holidays.

God did some great things with the groups that met in the spring and I'm excited to see where this class goes as well. **The one thing I ask of each of you: prayerfully consider joining a group.** While some seasons in life may be better or worse for doing so, I know God is encouraging each of us to grow in discipleship, and this is a great opportunity to push ourselves in relationship with him and other Christian brothers and sisters. If you have any questions, please reach out and I'd love to talk more. God's Blessings! —Pastor Dan



God is good and we thank him and we praise him. Thanks to everyone who gave so generously to Larry Kunkel's memorial for Good Shepherd Church's sponsored missionary, Elisante John Sandy, working with Youth With a Mission in Kilimanjaro, Africa. He and his family are much blessed by your gift. —Marla Kunkel



Men's and Women's Bible Studies Resume in September

The Men's Breakfast meets at 8am on the first Saturday of the month EXCEPT this month, due to the holiday weekend. They will meet and eat on **Saturday, September 9 at 8:00am**. Mark your calendar and arise with the guys!

The LWML Women's Bible Study is also meeting one week later in September only: **Monday, September 18 at 6:30pm**. They will meet in October and beyond on the second Monday of the month at 6:30pm. All are welcome, bring a friend!

YOUTH GROUP
wednesday nights
 starting Sept. 13th

5-6th Grades
 6:15-7:15pm

Confirmation
 6:30-7:15pm

7-12th Grades
 7:15-8:30pm



Register!

Youth Group Begins Wednesday, September 13

Grades 5-6: 6:15-7:15PM
 Confirmation: 6:30-7:15PM
 Grades 7-12: 7:15-8:30PM

Confirmation Class Begins Sept. 13 at 6:30PM

Confirmation is typically for 7th and 8th graders. Questions about Confirmation? Contact Kelly: Kelly@GSOwatonna.com

Stay in touch: Sign up for Youth text notifications:

Grades 5-6: text @7eg7d7 to 81010
 Grades 7-8: text @gsjrhigh to 81010
 Grades 9-12: text@gssrhigh to 81010

SUNDAY SCHOOL SMALL GROUPS

Begins September 10 at 10:00AM
Grades PreK-6



Sunday School begins September 10
 Grades PreK—6 children will begin worship with their family at 10:00AM, and are dismissed to Sunday School small groups on the lower level after the Children's Message.

Register online today:
GoodShepherdOwatonna.com.

Volunteer in Children's Ministries

Sunday School

Want to make a difference in a young child's life? We're looking for small group leaders for Sunday School this fall.



Learn more about this year's Sunday School program and volunteer at GoodShepherdOwatonna.com. Questions? Contact Heather: Heather@GSOwatonna.com

Nursery

If you're interested in being a nursery volunteer, or if you feel that your teenage child would be interested in serving God in this way, please fill out the Volunteer Interest Form online or at the Children's Ministry table. On occasion, paid childcare provider opportunities are also available. **Please note that a background check is required of all volunteers that work with children and youth.**

VBS

THANK YOU to everyone who made VBS an out-of-this-world week!



Good Shepherd Preschool
Knowing and Following Jesus

Now Registering for 2023-2024 Classes



Register for Good Shepherd Preschool Today!

We have limited openings remaining, register soon! Class information and online registration is available on our website:

GoodShepherdOwatonna.com/Preschool-Home

Questions? Contact the Preschool and Children's Ministry Director: Heather@GSOwatonna.com.

Birthday Kit Update

We collected enough supplies for the LWML women to build 72 Birthday Kits for Community Pathways this year. In the words of Gloria Kenow, "That's amazing! great!"



Thank you for Living Love in our community!



Operation Christmas Child Shopping!

We've created an Operation Christmas Child shopping registry on Amazon, where you can shop for box items all year long.

<https://www.amazon.com/registries/custom/3B7H8KFFH2BUF/guest-view>

This link is also available on our website on the Serve page.



Donate to Maui Disaster Relief
 Lutheran Church Charities is on the ground on the island of Maui working with local churches and shelters, distributing food, and training disaster response leaders. They are also providing spiritual care for the LCMS church and school in Kahului, which is currently without a pastor. Donate to Lutheran Church Charities' Disaster Relief through **GoodShepherdOwatonna.com**.

STAY CONNECTED!
 Visit our website:
GoodShepherdOwatonna.com

EVENT CALENDAR

- September 9: 8a Men's Breakfast
 9a Quilting Workshop
- Sept 10: **10a Sunday School**
Small Groups begin
- Sept 12: 7p Exec Team
- Sept 13: Youth Groups and Confirmation begin
- September 17: Good Shepherd 40th Anniversary Celebration
- Sept. 18: 6:30p LWML Bible Study
- Sept 26: 9a World Ministry
 7p Lay Ministry
- Sept. 30: 8a LWML Fall Conference
 9a: New Member Seminar

New Member Seminar

Saturday, September 30
9:00am-2:00pm

Are you ready to partner with us in ministry? Learn more about church membership at Good Shepherd and ask Pastor Greg all your questions. Lunch is included, and child care is provided upon request. Contact Pastor Greg to learn more: **Greg@GSOwatonna.com**.

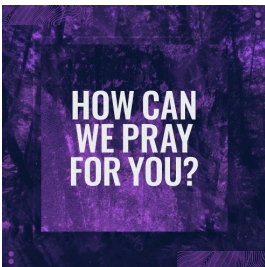


Legacy Fund

You can remember Good Shepherd Church in your gift planning. For more information, pick up a Legacy Fund brochure at the Welcome Center, or contact Warren Simons: **whsimons2010@hotmail.com**

Stay Connected to our Community





Visit our website: **GoodShepherdOwatonna.com** to see all the latest events and information. The latest sermon message is right on the front page. All past messages are also on our YouTube channel. If you would like to receive sermons in the mail or devotions from Our Daily Bread, we'd love to send them to you! Send a note to the office with your updated address.



We love to pray for you!

Send prayers to our prayer team:
GoodShepherdPrayer@msn.com
 You may also put prayer requests in the Prayer box in the Prayer Room, send us a note in the mail, or submit prayer requests online at **GoodShepherdOwatonna.com**.

Ways to Give
 Your support makes ministry possible. Thank you.

-  Online at goodshepherdowatonna.com
-  Download the Church Center app to your mobile phone
-  Text-to-Give: Text any dollar amount to 84321.
-  Good Shepherd Owatonna
 2500 7th Ave NE
 Owatonna MN 55060

Questions? Need Help? Contact Us: **info@GSOwatonna.com**

The Church Office will be closed Labor Day, September 4.
 September office hours: 9:00am-2:00pm Monday-Thursday, or by appointment.

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