



GOOD NEWS

from Good Shepherd Church in Owatonna

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6:30AM Sunrise Hymn Service
8:30 & 10:30AM Worship Service
 The Sunrise Service will celebrate the Lord's Supper. The 8:30 and 10:30 services will have a Children's Message.
 Enjoy a full Easter Breakfast between each service served by the Youth Team: ham and eggs, fruit and muffins, juice and coffee. Free will donations at breakfast will support Youth mission trips in 2024.

6:30PM Maundy Thursday Service
 On Maundy Thursday we remember Jesus' last meal with his disciples, where he instituted the Lord's Supper. God's richest blessings on those who will take their First Lord's Supper this Maundy Thursday:

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| Mason Bettin | Max Knoll |
| Aaron Brandel | Samantha Miller |
| Breonna | Natalia Rohde |
| Canakes | Cora Seid |
| Kevin Chelmo | Syler Smith |
| Mack Dickerson | Hannah |
| Tenley Gentz | Sommers |
| Ella Halstead | Lilly Struss |
| Havana | Ellie Torres |
| Halstead | Elijah Vincelli |
| Noah Herron | Will Vincelli |
| Milo Jensen | Charli Yule |
| Jaxon Johner | Alivia Zago |

Easter and Beyond
 Attendance at Good Shepherd topped the 400 average per week in February. That has never happened before. What a blessing! Also, what a challenge to learn some new names and faces and welcome visitors among us. And think of how many visitors we may see on Easter Sunday!
 Because Easter is an event that will especially draw visitors among us, we will have a special Children's Message during the later two services. The Lord's Supper will be celebrated on Maundy Thursday and at the Easter Sunrise service, but not at the later services, as the Lord's Supper tends to make a visitor wonder whether they ought to take part or not. Plus, Easter is a Sunday made for added songs of praise to God for His victory in Jesus our Savior!



What's happening after Easter? We'll look forward to stories of **God's Church in Action!** Every Sunday after Easter through Pentecost in May we will read from the book of Acts. These are stories of the miracles, witness and community of God's Church, and of what happens when the Holy Spirit gets ahold of God's people. —Pastor Greg



6:30PM Good Friday Service
 On Good Friday we remember Jesus' suffering and death for our sins with a quiet service of reflection, and look forward to Easter Sunday.

Next Voters Meeting

May 19 at 11:00AM

We will elect three new Exec Team members. Information about this year's nominees will be available at the Welcome Center in April. If you would like to be nominated, or nominate someone, please contact Tom: tkuntz11@gmail.com

A Note about Meetings and the Calendar

It's been exciting to see so much activity at church every night of the week. To avoid confusion, please remember to let the office know when your group is meeting at church and what rooms you would like to use. We want to make sure we have space for everyone.

For quick reference, room reservations are posted outside the Social Hall, Conference Room, and Library.

The Youth Room is available on a limited basis for larger groups that don't need tables. We have two additional meeting rooms on the lower level with adult-sized chairs and smart TVs. We've also had small groups meet in the Prayer Room, and they love the cozy feel. Let us know where you'd like to meet!

Legacy Fund

The endowment fund at Good Shepherd has a new name: **Legacy Ministry Fund**. All checks to the fund should be written to the new name. The Legacy Ministry Fund is now spending some of the interest earned on additions to ministry here at Good Shepherd. This year the fund purchased a portable 9-Square game for the Youth program, and provided funds for the sound panels around the drum set in the Worship Center. Watch for more ministry additions in months to come!

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



Celebrate Recovery

We are excited to announce the launch of the Celebrate Recovery® Program here at Good Shepherd!

Celebrate Recovery is a Christ-centered 12-step recovery program for

anyone struggling with hurts, hang-ups, and habits of any kind.

It's a safe place to find community and freedom from the issues that are controlling your life.

FIRST MEETING: MONDAY, APRIL 1 from 6:00-8:00PM

Questions? Want to Volunteer? Contact Pastor Dan:

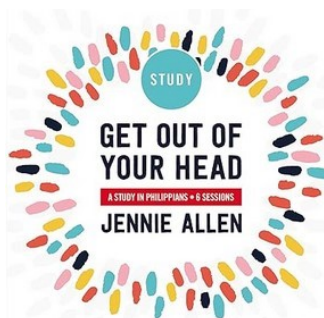
Dan@GSOwatonna.com

Spring Discipleship: Have you ever thought of God as shy?

I have a book called "The Holy Spirit, Shy Member of the Trinity". It has a simple thesis: the Holy Spirit doesn't really want much attention. The Spirit is powerful and special and has important work, just like the Father and the Son. But as you read the Scriptures, you'll notice--he doesn't like attention. The Holy Spirit is constantly pointing to Jesus. He empowers people to speak about Jesus. He grows the faith of people so they can trust in God. He is constantly at work, but often "behind the scenes", and that's the way he likes it.

So, should we pay attention to the Holy Spirit? Of course, but we should do so in a way that seeks to understand the Spirit's work as the Scriptures lay it out. We're going to delve into The Holy Spirit and his work in our next Discipleship Groups study. The Holy Spirit can introduce some controversy as we get into topics like the Spirit's work, spiritual gifts, and more.

This spring, dive in and sign up for a Discipleship group. You'll learn and apply the knowledge of the Holy Spirit to your daily life. Our groups will be meeting from mid-April until the end of May. You'll get done before summer vacation starts. We'll have groups meeting on different nights of the week and hope we can serve many of you with this fascinating topic.



The Women's Group will be meeting again this spring, using a study called **Get Out of Your Head**, which dives into Philippians and how God can use our thoughts to build us up rather than tear us down. They'll have a sign up at the Welcome Desk.

Maybe check out Celebrate Recovery if you're feeling stuck in some problem that's been bothering you. Reach out to me and schedule a time to talk about something that God's placed on your heart. Those appointments are the best

parts of my day!

Sometimes we feel shy, and while the Holy Spirit may fit this description in some ways, God is not shy in revealing his love to us. He wants us to connect with other Christian brothers and sisters here at Good Shepherd, so I hope you won't be too shy to try them out! —Pastor Dan

Good Shepherd Preschool & Community Playground!

UPDATED 3/15



Money Raised

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| Organization Grants/Donations | \$49,200 |
| Member Donations | \$60,086 |
| TOTAL | \$109,286 |

Project Cost

\$140,000

Project Timeline

Playground Installation
April 2024

Ways to Donate -

1. Leave cash or check to GSP in the offering plate or office
2. Give online using the QR code or website address provided



goodshepherdowatonna.churchcenter.com/giving/to/playground-fundraiser



Staff Spotlight Dawn Betti

Thank you to Dawn Betti for serving faithfully as a Preschool Aide and Teacher for the past 3 years. Her love for the kids, families and fellow staff members is apparent day after day! We appreciate you!



Now Registering for 2024-2025 Classes!



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IN CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

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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!

Confirmation Class 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

Playground Construction Starts This Week!

The old fence is down, and we're ready to go. Thank you to everyone who made our Preschool and Community Playground possible! If you would like to help with playground de-construction and removal, contact Jim Klein: kleiner810@gmail.com

Noisy Offerings for 2024

We're collecting coins for TWO ministries: *Christ's Care for Children: Kenya* where we sponsor a child and *Heifer International* which provides livestock and training to small-scale farmers around the world, as a long-term solution to hunger and poverty.

Drop your noisy coins in the container at the front of the worship center or at the offering table in the Gathering Area. Then pick up a donation jar in the Gathering Area to fill at home!



NOISY OFFERINGS 2024

This year offerings will go to:

Christ's Care
For Children:
Kenya

Continue sponsoring
Ayden through this
LCMS program



Heifer
International

Helping to end
hunger and poverty

Join us as we celebrate & remember
Stacey Bauer
 April 13

2 pm: All former youth & volunteers are invited to a time of worship & story telling in the Good Shepherd youth room. Wear a t-shirt from a mission trip or youth event!

3 pm Visitation & 4 pm Celebration of Life service @ Good Shepherd

EVENT CALENDAR

March 24: Palm Sunday
 Regular Schedule: 8:30AM & 10:00AM
 NO Sunday School

March 28: Maundy Thursday
6:30PM Hymn Service with the Lord's Supper

March 29: Good Friday
6:30PM Worship Service

March 31 is Easter Sunday
6:30AM Sunrise Service

8:30AM Worship Service

10:30AM Worship Service

April 1: 6:00P Parenting Through the Phases: Create a Rhythm in Your Home

April 1: 6:00P Celebrate Recovery

April 6: 8:00A Mens Breakfast

April 8: 6:30P LWML Bible Study

April 9: 7P Exec Team

April 13: 4:00P Celebration of Life service for Stacey Bauer

SAVE THE DATE: Camp Firefly VBS

July 8-11 6:00-8:00PM

Register or volunteer at
GoodShepherdOwatonna.com

Stay Connected to Our Church Community

Visit 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.

Camp Firelight
 Psalm 56:3

JULY 8-11
 A SUMMER CAMP
 ADVENTURE WITH GOD
 6-8PM
 PREK-5TH GRADE

Questions? Need Help? Contact Us: info@GSOwatonna.com
 Spring office hours: 9:00AM-2:00PM Monday-Thursday, or by appointment.

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HOW CAN WE 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.

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