



GOOD NEWS

from Good Shepherd Church in Owatonna

Follow Jesus. Share Hope. Live Love.



Gift of Love Christmas Store

Saturday, December 7
8:00AM - 12:00PM

Good Shepherd is excited to be hosting the Gift of Love Store for our fourth year! This one-day store serves identified local families, allowing them the joy of purchasing new,

discounted gifts for their children. While the parents are shopping, the children enjoy crafts and playtime in provided childcare. Afterwards the children will return to their parents with refreshments for all. There are several ways you can help!

- ◆ **DONATE!** Drop off new, unwrapped toys and gifts for children age 0-18 in the Gathering Area at Good Shepherd through **Sunday, December 1**. Pick up a list of gift ideas at the Welcome Center or the Go Gather Give display in the Gathering Area.

Welcoming New People

Many of us have had the experience of looking out the window to catch a glimpse of new neighbors moving in--and then hopefully going over to meet them in person! We want to know whom we will be sharing a neighborhood with. Perhaps you can remember meeting a future son- or daughter-in-law for the first time, and the intense interest you had in knowing who might be joining your family!

Good Shepherd is about to welcome some new members to our church family. The merger between Good Shepherd and Redeemer will bring up questions about property and resources, of course, but these questions can and will be dealt with later. Our first order of business is to make new people feel at home here among us. Since Redeemer will not be holding Advent services this year, we are inviting them to a **Potluck Advent Meal on Wednesday, December 4 at 5:30PM**. Bring extra sides, as we won't be expecting our guests to bring something (unless they really want to!) The Lay Ministry Team will provide the main dish. If your day is busy, just bring chips or something. We will also plan some sort of welcome between the services on their first Sunday here, when we find out when in early December that will be.

Speaking of December, we normally think of the Operation Christmas Child and Gifts of Love events as Christmas activities, but the deadlines for both of these are actually mostly in November, so plan for these soon.

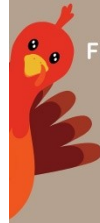
—Pastor Greg

2024 YOUTH THANKSGIVING MEAL

Let's celebrate and give thanks!

Sunday, November 24, 2024
11:00 AM

Meal served by Good Shepherd youth.
Free will donations support Youth Ministry events.



FOOD DONATION SIGN UP IN THE
GATHERING AREA

Thanksgiving
CELEBRATE GOD'S BLESSINGS

Wednesday, November 27 at 6:30PM

WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Thanksgiving Eve
Wednesday, November 27
6:30PM Hymn Service

Advent Wednesdays

December 4
5:30PM Potluck Meal and Sloppy Joes
hosted by the Lay Ministry Team

6:30PM Hymn Service

December 11
5:30PM Advent Meal hosted by the
Youth Team

6:30PM Worship Service

December 18
5:30PM Tater Tot Hot Dish hosted by
the LWML Women in Mission

6:30PM Hymn Service



Celebrate Recovery

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.

MONDAYS from 6:00-8:00PM

Questions? Want to Volunteer?
Contact Pastor Dan:

Dan@GSowatonna.com



Quilt the Winter Away

The Quilters love to receive quilt fabric donations. They are especially in need of cotton or flannel fabrics with children's or baby patterns. You may drop off donations on the round table in the corner of the Social Hall.

The Quilters meet every Wednesday from 12:30-3:00PM in the Social Hall. If you love to quilt or want to learn, please stop in!

Questions? Contact Janice: **507-390-5249** or **jojanjensen@yahoo.com**

Welcome New Members

Earl and Adele Beals

Bill, Linda, and Nathan Carlson

Anthony Fuller

Mitchel, Paige, and Emmy Hall

Brian and Betty Johnson

Jessey, Kara, Jaxon, Addison, and Madelyn Kewatt

Irene McCabe

John and Tami Toso

Kyle Turnbull



MERGE AHEAD UPDATE

Merger Update

A special voters meeting was held on October 20, 2024.

Redeemer voted in June to merge with Good Shepherd. After doing some research and holding some informational sessions for the congregation, the Executive Team felt comfortable moving forward with a motion to merge with

Redeemer. The motion is as follows:

We accept Redeemer's invitation to merge into Good Shepherd, including: any members desiring to transfer, any viable ministries, the building and property, and all financial assets.

There was some discussion about the motion and questions in general. It was shared that another church has significant interest in purchasing the property and building. Representatives of Redeemer Church were present to answer questions specific to their congregation. The motion passed.

We anticipate welcoming Redeemer members to Good Shepherd in early December. We anticipate the merger to be official in early spring 2025.

Legacy Ministry Fund

The Legacy Ministry Fund (LMF) sponsored a luncheon on Sunday, October 6. The guest speaker was Kurt Fuhr, gift planner for the LCMS foundation. The 37 people in attendance were very engaged in this interactive discussion and many were surprised (including some of the committee members) at how many tools and options are available to help maximize your gift while minimizing tax liability. Kurt's services are free and a significant number of those in attendance signed up to receive additional information from Kurt. The committee is excited about the potential this planning service can have in perpetuating the ministry of Good Shepherd. Please reach out to any of the committee members if you would like more information. We thank you for your interest and support.

The Legacy Ministry Fund (LMF) Offers Ministry Awards

The Legacy Ministry Fund will award ministry funds in early 2025. Distributions will be limited to the income from the investments in the fund. Any member of Good Shepherd in good standing can submit a request for these ministry funds.

A portion of the money in the fund was designated by the donor to support Good Shepherd's music ministries. We expect to have \$2,700 available, and will make the awards in spring 2025.

The remainder of the funds can be used for a variety of things as long as they align with the mission of the church. We expect to have \$1,700 available for these awards, which will also be made in spring 2025. Applications for both types of awards are available in the church office and at the Welcome Desk. **Submission deadline is December 31, 2024.**

Applications will be reviewed by the LMF Committee, who will make recommendations to the Executive Team for approval. We are excited to grow this fund and increase the awards available, to support current and future ministries at Good Shepherd and beyond. Please contact us through the church office with any questions.



Operation Christmas Child

Pick up a box and detailed packing instructions in the Gathering Area. Please bring in packed boxes by **Sunday, November 17.**

Questions? Contact Ruth: **ruthiebrittain@gmail.com**

Confirmation

GOD'S BLESSINGS ON OUR CONFIRMANDS!



Miles Aase
Adam Brandel
Kevin Chelmo
Chandler Elton
Gavin Fitch
William Frantesl

Syler Gaustad
Jacob Gleason
Macey Jensen
Leah Leckner
Samantha Miller
Letty Ortega

Carter Ratcliff
Jackson Richter
Layla Schumann
Max VanBinsbergen
Oliver Wottreng

Wednesday Youth Groups and Confirmation Classes

Grades 5-6: 6:15-7:15PM

Confirmation: 6:30-7:15PM

Grades 7-12: 7:15-8:30PM

Register with the Church Center app or at GoodShepherdOwatonna.com

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



Luwisomo

8th grade Mission Trip to WI

Buddy with people with developmental disabilities

JUNE 22 - 27, 2025

A service and mission trip for 8th grade youth. Registration deadline is March 1. Details/registration on the ChurchCenter app or GoodShepherdOwatonna.com

NOISY OFFERINGS 2024

This year offerings will go to:

Christ's Care
For Children:
Kenya



Heifer
International

Continue sponsoring
Ayden through this
LCMS program

Helping to end
hunger and poverty

NATIVITY STONES



Bring the Christmas story to life this Advent season!

Sunday, Dec 8, 3-5pm

More Info & Registration at

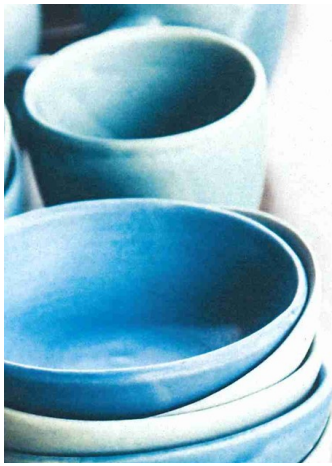


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Noisy Offerings for 2024

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!



Rachel's Light

OPEN TABLE DRIVE-UP EVENT

Sunday, November 10th, 2024
4:00 PM - 6:30 PM

NewLife Community Church
160 28th St. NE | Owatonna 55060

SOUP - BREAD - COFFEE - COOKIE
DRIVE UP - ORDER - TAKE HOME - HEAT - ENJOY!

FREE WILL DONATIONS - cash, check, or online (Vanco)

Stay Connected to Our Church Community

Visit GoodShepherdOwatonna.com to see the latest events and information. The latest sermon message is right on the front page. Past messages are on our YouTube channel. If you'd 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.

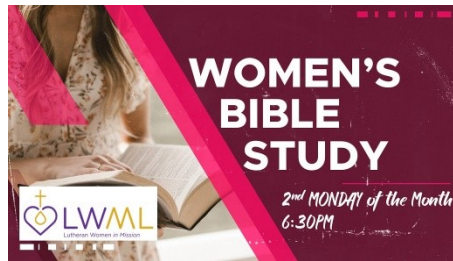
Meetings and the Calendar

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



8:00am 1st Saturday of the month



WOMEN'S
BIBLE
STUDY

2nd MONDAY of the Month
6:30PM



Questions? Need Help?

Contact Us: info@GSOwatonna.com

Church Office Hours: 9:00AM-2:00PM Monday-Thursday, or by appointment.

Senior Pastor: Greg Schlicker

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Discipleship Pastor: Dan Borkenhagen

Dan@GSOwatonna.com

Preschool & Children's Ministry Director: Heather Gleason

Heather@GSOwatonna.com

Youth Director: Kelly Gentz

Kelly@GSOwatonna.com

Office Coordinator: Kristi Westergaard

Kristi@GSOwatonna.com

EVENT CALENDAR

Nov 2: 8:00AM Men's Breakfast

Nov 3: Remembrance of All Saints

Nov 11: 6:30pm LWML Women in Mission

Nov 15: 10A-4P Blood Drive

Nov 24: **Youth Thanksgiving Dinner**

Nov 27: 6:30PM Thanksgiving Eve Service

During **NOVEMBER**

We're giving to

COMMUNITY PATHWAYS OF STEELE COUNTY

Let's bring in

NON-PERISHABLE FOOD & MONEY FOR FOOD



Ways to Give

Your support makes ministry possible. Thank you.



Online at
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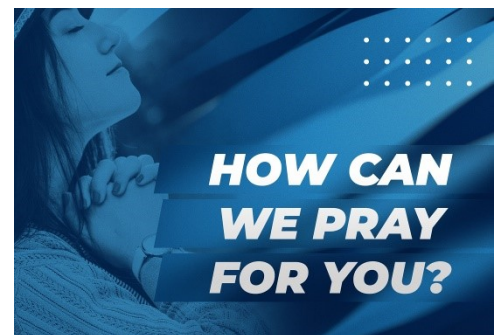
Download the Church Center app to your mobile phone



Text-to-Give: Text any dollar amount to 84321.



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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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