



# GOOD NEWS

from Good Shepherd Church in Owatonna

Follow Jesus. Share Hope. Live Love.

## EASTER

6:30AM  
SUNRISE

8:30AM  
HYMNS

10:30AM  
WORSHIP

### Easter is A Time of New Life

Every so often a pastor will be asked a question which has no good answer. My first congregation in NYC had a sweet Jewish organist from Russia, who came up to me one day and said, "Pastor, I now understand what Easter is, but what does it have to do with a rabbit?" Well, nothing, really! Easter occurs in early spring during a time of new life, when rabbits seem more active. Eggs are probably a better image of new life from what is seemingly dead and inert. For us, the new life of Easter is found in the victory of Jesus over the grave. Through Christ, we have the ultimate new life!

Easter Sunday worship is going to see one change this year: the 8:30 service is going to be a Hymn service, like the 6:30 Sunrise service. Why? Well, I can answer that one! It just didn't make sense to have our 8:30 service be a Hymn Service on every Sunday of the year but one.

Whichever service you choose, we look forward to worshipping with you and celebrating the victory of Christ our Savior! —Pastor Greg

## Join Us for Holy Week

**PALM  
SUNDAY**

APRIL 13

8:30AM 10:00AM

**MAUNDY  
THURSDAY**

APRIL 17

6:30PM HYMN SERVICE  
WITH THE LORD'S SUPPER

**GOOD  
FRIDAY**

APRIL 18

6:30PM

## EASTER SUNDAY

**6:30AM Sunrise Hymn Service**  
with the Lord's Supper

7:30AM Easter Breakfast served by  
the Youth Team

**8:30AM Easter Hymn Service** with  
the Lord's Supper and  
Children's Message

9:30AM Easter Breakfast served by  
the Youth Team

**10:30AM Easter Worship Service**  
with Children's Message

## EASTER BREAKFAST

between all Easter Services

7:30AM & 9:30AM

Join us for a delicious Easter breakfast of ham, eggs, and pastries served by the Youth Team. Free will offerings will help send our youth to the National Youth Gathering in New Orleans this summer.

Final Lent Wednesday is April 9

5:30PM Meal served by the Shepherd's  
Path Riders Motorcycle Group

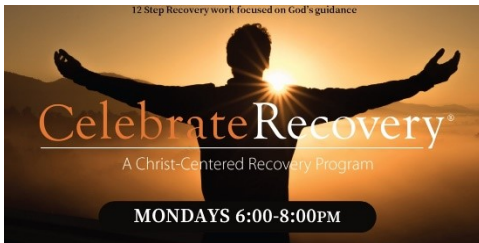
6:30PM Worship Service

## FAMILY LENT DEVOTION RESOURCES

Choose the resource that best fits your family!



Grab your Devotional & mini Jesus at the Family Resource wall



## 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**



## Women's Bible Study: The Armor of God

**Thursdays 6:30-8:00PM  
Begins April 24**

As a believer in Jesus, you are in an invisible war every day. It's unseen and unheard, but it affects your life and everything that matters to you: your heart, your mind, your marriage, your children, your relationships, your resilience, your dreams, your destiny.

Jesus has not left you unarmed and the enemy always fails when he meets a woman properly dressed. The Armor of God, more than merely a Biblical description of the believer's inventory, is an action plan for developing a personalized strategy to secure victory.

All are welcome! Whether this is your first bible study or your 100th, we hope you join us.

Materials are \$24. **Sign up by April 6** through Church Center, on our website, or at the Welcome Center. If you are interested in a daytime meeting option, let us know when you sign up! Questions? Contact Marilee Pfarr: **(507) 676-7465**

## Executive Team Update

The sale of Redeemer building and property is final. Funds have been transferred to Good Shepherd.

The next voter's meeting is Sunday, May 18 after the 10:00AM service. We will elect two new members to the Executive Team. Tom Kuntz and Ashlan Zurbruggen will be stepping down.

The next meetings for the executive team will be Sunday, April 6 and Sunday, May 4 at 7:00PM.

Deadlines for nominations for executive team is April 21. Please fill out a nomination form at the Welcome Center if there is someone you would like to nominate. Also feel free to have a conversation with an Executive Team member or someone on the Nominating Committee: Kevin Gentz, Mike Westphal, Lori Orchard, Steve Schmidt.

Our Nominating Committee welcomes your prayers during the weeks ahead. Please pray that the Holy Spirit will guide the creation of our ballot and the voting process.

## 2025 Executive Team Nominations are Open

Nomination Forms are available at the Welcome Center.

Nomination Deadline: Monday, April 21

## Discipleship

The two unavoidable things in life are ...death and taxes.

I could have put together a series on paying taxes, with April 15 coming up, but I'm going with the even more fun subject of death. The spring quarter of Bible study will be focused on final things. We're going to explore questions like...

What does the Bible say death is?

How should I approach death? Is death good? Bad? A little of both?

What's the best way to grieve?

What actually happens when I go to heaven?

What about when Jesus comes back? Will I be raptured up to heaven?

What will my body be like when God raises me from the dead?

How do I live today with the best approach to what's coming some day?

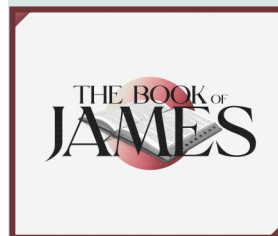
These may not sound like "cheery" topics, but they're incredibly relevant. A good understanding of what God says about death gives us incredible hope for today and eternity. Oftentimes we avoid this topic, try to keep our kids away from it, or ignore the future.

If you're intrigued and would like to spend 6 weeks studying with other Christian brothers and sisters, I encourage you to sign up for a discipleship group. We'll dig into Scripture, spend time talking about the real questions we have on these topics, and support each other in prayer.

I'm excited that this spring we'll also have a women's study that's exploring the Armor of God from Ephesians 6 and a Men's Study that's digging into the wisdom of the book of James.

What a blessing that we have so many groups spending time walking together in God's Word. Please reach out to me with any questions you might have so we can equip you best for your daily walk! —Pastor Dan

## Men's Bible Study Begins Tuesday, April 29 at 6:30PM



We will study the book of James together on Tuesdays from 6:30-8:00PM in the Social Hall,

through June 10. Cost for materials is \$10, with scholarships available.

Sign up through Church Center, on our website, at the Welcome Center.

Contact Scott Haglund if you have questions: call/text **207-317-1578**.



**MAGNIFIED!**  
PSALM 34:3  
DISCOVERING THE BIGNESS OF GOD  
IN THE SMALLEST OF THINGS

JULY 7-10  
6-8PM

FOR KIDS PRE-K THROUGH 5TH GRADE

CHILD & VOLUNTEER REGISTRATION

**SAVE THE DATE FOR VBS! JULY 7-10 Register Online**

### Sunday School News

This past year we have learned how God brought the Israelites back to the Promised Land, how they fell into a pattern of disobedience, and how God, though He judged their sin, gave grace and mercy as they went from unity to division.

Kids have been getting into the Bible as they learn to read God's Word alongside the Bible story each week.

We are quickly approaching the end of the Sunday School year!

**Mark your calendar for the remaining dates for Sunday School:**

**April 13, April 27,  
May 4, May 11,  
& May 18.**

Thanks to all of our kids and parents, and especially our Sunday School volunteers for a great year!

### 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**

### Camp Omega

Good Shepherd would love to support children desiring to attend summer camp at Camp Omega. If you would like to register your child for a summer camp experience, Good Shepherd will place \$100 towards the registration fee. We can support the first 20 campers that register.

To receive the coupon code, or if you have questions about Camp Omega and the summer camp experience, **please contact Kevin Gentz: 612-702-1510 or kevingentz@hotmail.com.** Blessings as you consider this opportunity!



### Pregnancy Options Gifts

Pregnancy Options in Faribault is hosting a Matching Gift Challenge through April 21. Every donation to Pregnancy Options will be matched dollar-for-dollar. Donate at **friendsofpregnancyoptions.org**. Questions? Contact **gina@pregnancyoptionsfbo.org** or **507-686-0881**

### Adopt A Highway

**Saturday, April 26 9:30AM-12:00PM**

We'll meet at **Sette Sports Center at 2299 Austin Road** at 9:30AM.

Wear clothes you won't mind getting dirty. Gloves, high-vis vests, and trash bags will be provided.

Ages 12 and up only, please. Children ages 12-17 must have a permission form signed by a parent, forms are available at the Welcome Center.

Scan the QR Code to watch the safety video: **<https://youtu.be/VVTW983ADMI>**



**Good Shepherd Preschool**  
Knowing and Following Jesus

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Questions about the Preschool? Contact Heather, Preschool Director: **Heather@GSOwatonna.com**

## Meet Pastor Storm

### When and where was your first pastoral call?

1983-1988 in Sovnia, Ontario as landed immigrants.

### How many churches have you worked at? Have you moved a lot?

I have been called to two churches and done vacancies in five others. Our children as pastor's kids were some of the few that attended the same school for K-12.

### What is your favorite part of being a pastor?

I have been known as a kitchen table pastor, which suits me.

### What is your favorite Bible passage and why?

Ezekiel 37:3-4: "Son of man, Can these bones live?" So I answered, "O Lord God, you know." The resurrection on the last day will be a most wondrous display of God's redeeming power.



## Installation at Trinity Medford

### Sunday, April 13 at 3:00pm

You are invited to the installation of Pastor Ian Thormodson at Trinity Lutheran Church in Medford. The reception afterwards will feature Pastor Ian's favorite foods: tater-tot hotdish and Snicker salad. A true Minnesotan already! Welcome, Pastor Thormodson!

## NOISY OFFERINGS 2025

This year offerings will go to:

### Noisy Offerings for 2025

We're collecting coins for TWO ministries: *Christ's Care for Children: Kenya* where we sponsor a child and *Feed My Starving Children* which provides nutrient-rich meals to children around the world.

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!

Grades 7-12

**bowling & laser tag**

**NIGHT**

**TUESDAY APRIL 8**

includes: game of bowling, laser tag, & hamburger basket

**\$10**

**6:00 - 8:30 PM**

Register to help us plan

Spare Time Entertainment  
333 18th Street SE  
Owatonna, MN 55060



## EVENT CALENDAR

- April 5: 8:00am Men's Breakfast  
April 6: 11:00am Women at the Well Leadership Lunch  
7:00pm Exec Team  
April 8: 6:00pm Youth Group Bowling and Laser Tag  
April 9: 8:30am LWML Women in Mission Bible Study  
5:30pm Meal served by the Shepherd's Path Riders Motorcycle Group  
6:30pm Final Lent Worship Service  
April 13: **Palm Sunday**  
8:30am Hymn Service  
10:00am Worship Service  
3:00pm Pastor Installation at Trinity in Medford  
April 17: **Maundy Thursday**  
6:30pm Hymn Service  
April 18: **Good Friday**  
6:30pm Worship Service  
APRIL 20: **EASTER** (see front page!)  
April 24: 6:30pm Women's Bible Study: The Armor of God  
April 26: 9:30am Adopt-A-Highway  
April 29: 6:30pm Men's Bible Study: James  
7:00pm Lay Ministry

### Good Shepherd Financial Summary

#### March 2025

<b>Income</b>	59,970
<b>Expenses</b>	75,010
<b>LOSS</b>	15,040
<b>1st Quarter 2025</b>	<b>Jan—Mar</b>
<b>Income</b>	247,908
<b>Expenses</b>	215,839
<b>GAIN</b>	32,069

### Questions? Need Help?

Contact Us: **507-451-4125** or [info@GSOWatonna.com](mailto:info@GSOWatonna.com)

Church 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](mailto: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](http://GoodShepherdOwatonna.com)**.