



GOOD NEWS

from Good Shepherd Church in Owatonna

Follow Jesus. Share Hope. Live Love.

Easter 2025

The Youth Easter Breakfast was a huge success! We had a wonderful morning serving around 225 people. Thank you for your generous support for Youth Ministry.

Easter worship attendance broke records this year: 114 at Sunrise Service, 312 at the 8:30 service, and 346 at the 10:30 service, for a grand total of 772!



VOTERS MEETING

SUNDAY, MAY 18
11:00AM

Voters Meeting Sunday, May 18 at 11:00AM

We will elect two new members to the Executive Team. The two candidates who will be on the ballot are Mike Haag and Curt Orchard. More information about the candidates will be available in the Gathering Area.

Tom Kuntz and Ashlan Zurbriggen are stepping down. We thank them for their service to our church.

All Good Shepherd Members ages 16 and up are eligible and encouraged to attend.

NEW MEMBER SEMINAR

JOIN OUR CHURCH FAMILY

Saturday, May 24
9:00am - 2:00pm

New Member Seminar Saturday, May 24 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. Register through Church Center or on our website, or contact Pastor Greg.

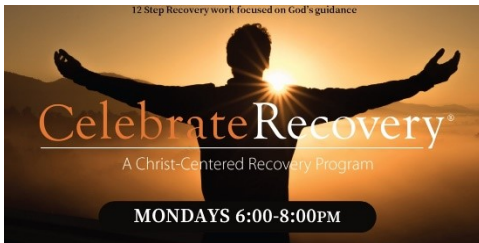
MAGNIFIED!
PSALM 34:3
DISCOVERING THE BIGNESS OF GOD
IN THE SMALLEST OF THINGS

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



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

During **MAY**

We're giving to

**COMMUNITY PATHWAYS
OF STEELE COUNTY**

Let's bring in **CAKE MIX, FROSTING,
& CANDLES FOR BIRTHDAY KITS**

Birthday Kits

The LWML Women in Mission will assemble birthday kits for Community Pathways this month. They would appreciate donations of aluminum covered cake pans, cake mixes, frosting, and birthday candles. Additional items they'd love to include in kits: cake decorations, birthday napkins, small plates, or a small "toy", \$1 item or so (could be balloons, noise makers, etc.) The dollar store is a great place for those things.

Drop off donations at the Go Gather Give display in the Gathering Area.



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

Women at the Well Events

**Small Group Opportunity
Tuesdays May 27 - July 1
6:30 - 8:00PM**

Do you wonder what God's will is for your life? What if it was simpler than you thought? Join us as we read and discuss the book "The Will of God as a Way of Life" by Jerry Sittser.

Cost: \$10, payable at the first meeting. Questions contact Pam Haglund. Limited to 12 women.



Women at the Well Card Crafting

**Wednesday, June 18
5:45-7:45PM**

Registration is \$35
for card-making materials
Please register by May 28

Card Crafting June 18 at 5:45-7:45PM

Spend a fun two hours making 15 greeting cards. All supplies, including envelopes for this Stamp-a-Stack provided. Cost: \$35. Space is limited to 15 women. Registration deadline is May 28.

Register for both events at the Welcome Center, through Church Center, or on the church website.

Do you have an idea for a small group? Are you interested in joining a small group? Initial plans are starting for Women at the Well small groups.

To learn more, contact Pam Haglund.

What is Women at the Well?

We exist to introduce and connect women to Jesus and to one another.

We are...

...Christ-Centered

We believe the Bible is the Word of God, true and without error in all its parts and, therefore, the final authority in all matters of faith and life (2 Timothy 3:15-17). Together, we will study and learn from God's Word so that we can:

- Experience and receive God's Love and Grace
- Grow to know, love, and obey God more fully
- Better understand and embrace the unique value and incredible worth He places on each us (self-love)
- Grow in our ability to love others as we love ourselves

...Attentive to Women's Need for Connection and a Sense of Belonging

We desire to live authentically as women who deeply know—and are fully known by—one another. We support and equip growth in our individual spiritual journeys and also promote growth of our shared faith by connecting with one another in cross-generational group experiences. We respect differences, seek common ground, and encourage God-centered fellowship, friendship, and fun.

...Eager to Give Care and Ready to Receive it

We desire to be women marked by gratitude and generosity. We strive to identify the needs of women and to use our time, gifts, and resources to care for each other and for other women in our community and world. We are committed to being vulnerable in sharing our own needs and graciously receiving the help and support of others.

We offer women's Bible studies, small group opportunities, and various events to connect with other women. All women are welcome!

For questions related to Women at the Well please contact:

Cindy Bucher: **507-456-8136** or **cloubucher@gmail.com**

Pam Haglund: **207-653-7147** or **pjhaglund@gmail.com**



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

The remaining dates for Sunday School are May 11 & May 18!

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

Senior Blessing 2025

High school seniors interested in participating in the Senior Blessing Service on Sunday, June 8 at 10:00AM, please contact Kelly:

Kelly@GSOWatonna.com

Youth Group
LAST Wednesday for Youth Groups is May 28

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

Register with the Church Center app or at
GoodShepherdOwatonna.com

Confirmation resumes this fall. Confirmation is typically for 7th and 8th graders. Questions about Confirmation? Contact Kelly: **Kelly@GSOWatonna.com**



GS YOUTH FUNDRAISER

SOUBA GREENHOUSE GIFT CARDS

- \$20 or \$100 cards
- Never expire
- Contact Kelly to purchase kelly@gsowatonna.com

Contact Kelly to support the Youth with a Souba Gift Card: **Kelly@GSOWatonna.com**

During **JUNE**
We're collecting for
VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL
Let's bring in
**INDIVIDUALLY WRAPPED
KID-FRIENDLY SNACKS
(NO FRUIT SNACKS, PLEASE)**

Go.
Gather.
Give.

Go. Gather. Give.
We're already planning snacks for VBS! In June we'll collect individually wrapped kid-friendly snacks. No fruit snacks, please. Drop off items at the display in the Gathering Area.

Consider joining a PROJECT VIDEO Ambassador Trip to Asia in 2025!



For more details, contact
Megan Valdovinos: projectvideogso@gmail.com



Volunteer with Children's Ministries

If you're interested in being a nursery volunteer, or if 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.

Want to make a difference in a young child's life? We're looking for small group leaders for Sunday School Small Groups. Learn more about our Sunday School program and volunteer at **GoodShepherdOwatonna.com**. Please note that a background check is required of all volunteers that work with children and youth.

Questions about volunteering? Contact Heather, the Preschool and Children's Ministry Director: **Heather@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!



Good Shepherd Preschool

Knowing and Following Jesus



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

NOISY OFFERINGS 2025

This year offerings will go to:

Christ's Care
For Children:
Kenya

Continue sponsoring
Ayden through this LCMS
program



Feed My Starving
Children

Helping to end hunger
*Includes a service
opportunity

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!

Make A Prayer Shawl, or Take A Prayer Shawl

Check out the new display of prayer shawls in the Prayer Room. Good Shepherd members make and donate prayer shawls to people going through a crisis, loss, or a special celebration as a tangible sign of God's peace, comfort, and presence. If you know someone who would like a shawl, you may take one from the basket in the Prayer Room. Patterns and yarn are also available if you would like to make a shawl. Questions? Contact Barb Spindler: spinub4852@gmail.com

Stay Connected to Our Church Community

Visit GoodShepherdOwatonna.com to see the latest events and information. The latest Hymn service is right on the front page. 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.

You Are the Church

Good Shepherd's operating costs are entirely self-funded by donations from people like you. The church does not receive any funding from the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod or our church district.

Give your offering online at GoodShepherdOwatonna.com or with the Church Center app. You may give once, or set up a recurring gift. Offering envelopes are not required for paper donations, but if you would like envelopes, please contact the office.

Use Church Center to see and print your entire Giving Statement (including paper donations) anytime. Thank you for supporting God's work at Good Shepherd!

Questions? Need Help?

Contact Us: **507-451-4125** or info@GSOwatonna.com

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

Senior Pastor: Greg Schlicker

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mstl48@yahoo.com

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Heather@GSOwatonna.com

Youth Director: Kelly Gentz

Kelly@GSOwatonna.com

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Bookkeeper: Jane Dauffenbach

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EVENT CALENDAR

May 18: Last day of Sunday School

11:00AM **Voters Meeting**

May 22: 6:30pm Preschool Graduation

May 24: 9AM-2PM New Member Seminar

May 27: 6:30PM Women at the Well
Small Group

June 1: New Member Sunday with
Potluck Lunch

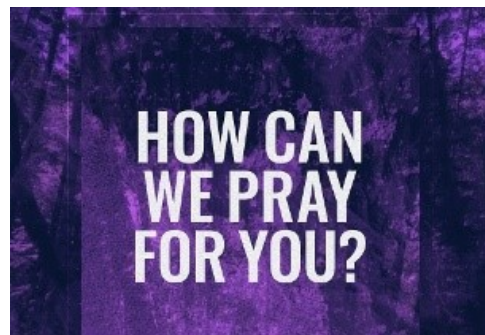
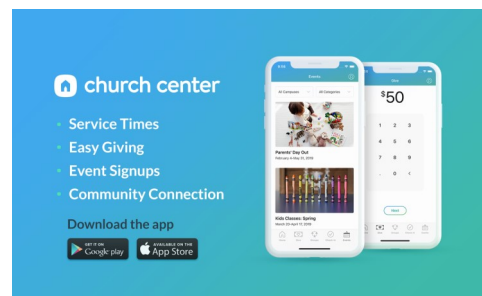
June 8: Senior Blessing Sunday

June 15: 10:00AM Outdoor Worship

June 18: 5:45PM Women at the Well
Card Crafting Event

June 22-27: Youth Mission Trip to Camp
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July 7-10: 6-8PM **Vacation Bible School**



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**.