



GOOD NEWS

from Good Shepherd Church in Owatonna

Follow Jesus. Share Hope. Live Love.



Vacation Bible School: Magnified!

July 7-10 6:00-8:00PM

Register today! GoodShepherdOwatonna.com

You Can Help! During June we're collecting individually-wrapped snacks for Vacation Bible School. No fruit snacks, please! Drop off items in the Gathering Area.

REDEEMER/GOOD SHEPHERD YOUTH PEACH SALE

Organic Colorado Peaches

Peaches sold in
9-11 lb flats
(15-20 peaches)
\$23 per flat

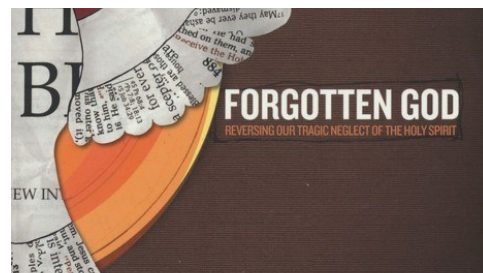


- Order Forms available at Welcome Center
- Orders must be PREPAID & DUE by July 18

We're selling Organic Colorado Peaches in 9-11 pound flats (15-20 peaches) at \$23 per flat. Proceeds go Good Shepherd Youth programs. Order forms available at the Welcome Center.

Orders must be prepaid in full by July 18.

Questions? Contact Kelly: Kelly@GSowatonna.com



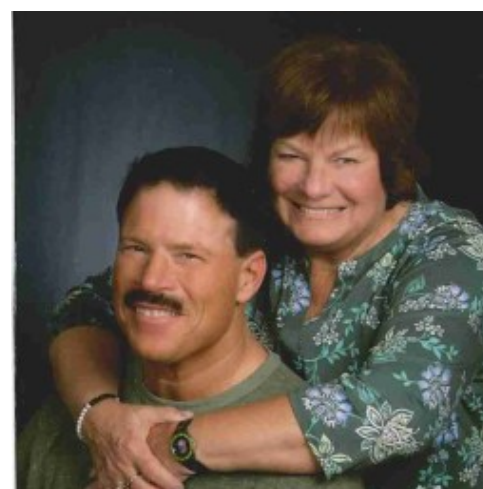
Men's Bible Study

**Tuesdays: 6:30PM in the Social Hall
July 15-September 2**

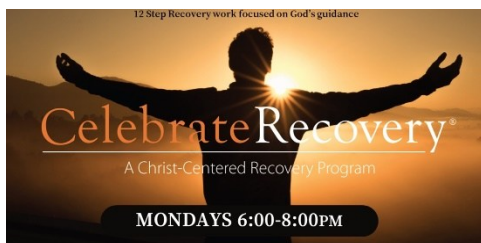
We will be reading and discussing
The Forgotten God by Francis Chan.
Cost is \$10 for materials.

Sign up at the Welcome Center, or at
GoodShepherdOwatonna.com.

Questions? Contact Scott Haglund:
207-317-1578



THANK YOU to Bryan and Deb Schirmacher for keeping our church building clean and bright for so many years. The Schirmachers have been custodians at Good Shepherd since 2018. They are retiring to Missouri and we congratulate them, but we will miss them!



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 at the Well

On June 18 we had 11 women come together to make beautiful greeting cards. We'd love to hear your ideas for Women at the Well events! Maybe you've attended events in the past or have heard about something another church has done that you'd like us to try.

Contact Lori Orchard:

lori.m.orchard@gmail.com or

Nancy Benson: **ncben5@gmail.com**. or fill out a Women at the Well Ministry Recommendation form at the Welcome Center.

Retirement Plans for Pastor Greg

I've been a pastor now since 1988, and it has been quite a career of service to God! My vicarage (internship) found me at a beach community in Southern California for a year. My first call was to teach religion in a Lutheran high school in Queens. My first church, where Sarah and I started our married life together, was in a bilingual congregation in

New York City. Our second church, when our kids were small, was in a large rural congregation in Michigan, not far from both of our parents at the time. And now the last 19 years have been at Good Shepherd. It has been such a blessing!

So now it's time to consider retirement. As I made known at our



last voters' meeting, the plan is for me to step down as Senior Pastor next year at the end of June, but then to stay on as an Associate Pastor half-time until Good Shepherd finishes the call process. I assume this would include two full-time pastors, plus Pastor Storm. I've seen how long this process can take and I'd hate for everything to fall to Pastor Dan as the only full-time pastor.



People have asked whether Sarah and I will be moving to the cabin — I can't see that. For one thing, the place doesn't have a garage. Plus, the people we care about most aren't that far north! Others have asked whether we plan to move away. I'll just say we don't have any plans for that any time soon. Life is probably going to keep us here for a while.

As I begin my last full year in this role, I'm full of thanksgiving to God for where He has allowed me to serve, and for what he has in store next for me, for my family, and for the dear people here at Good Shepherd! —Pastor Greg



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.

During **JULY**

We're collecting for

**STEELE CO. CHILDREN'S
REMEDIAL FUND**

Let's bring in

SCHOOL SUPPLIES

Go.
Gather.
Give.

During **AUGUST**

We're collecting for

**THE LIGHTHOUSE OF
SOUTHERN MINNESOTA**

Let's bring in

**FULL-SIZE TOILETRIES &
PERSONAL CARE ITEMS**

Go.
Gather.
Give.

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

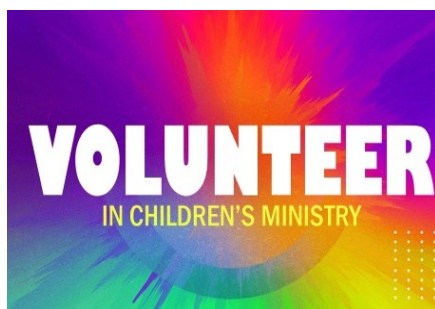
Church Directory Photos This Fall

Church Directory Photos will be taken **September 2, 3, and 4**. More information and ways to sign up for a photo session will be available soon. Members who have photos taken will receive a complimentary directory.



Serve at the Fair

Youth and the young-at-heart alike can volunteer at the Aurora Diner during the Steele County Free Fair and raise funds for Good Shepherd Youth programs. Sign up at the Welcome Center. Questions? Contact Kelly: Kelly@GSOWatonna.com



BIG NEWS for Sunday School!

We're adding Sunday School time to the 8:30AM Hymn Service this fall! We will need several Sunday School group leaders and helpers who have a heart for sharing the love of Jesus with kids.

Learn more about our Sunday School program and volunteer at GoodShepherdOwatonna.com.

Please note that a background check is required of all volunteers who work with children and youth.

Questions about volunteering? Contact Heather, the Preschool and Children's Ministry Director: Heather@GSOWatonna.com

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.



Enroll in Preschool

We have a few openings available for the 2025-26 school year. Questions about the Preschool? Contact Heather, Preschool Director: Heather@GSOWatonna.com

Youth Group News

Youth Groups are on break for the summer. Watch for pop-up summer events!

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

Confirmation resumes this fall. 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!



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.

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Harold.Storm@GSOwatonna.com Phone: 507-779-8844

Preschool & Children's Ministry Director: Heather Gleason

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Youth Director: Kelly Gentz

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Kristi@GSOwatonna.com

Bookkeeper: Jane Dauffenbach

Bookkeeper@GSOwatonna.com

EVENT CALENDAR

June 22-27: Youth Mission Trip to Camp LuWiSiMo

June 29: 4:00PM 5th and 6th Grade Bottle Rockets

June 30: 7:00PM Youth Gathering Parent Meeting

July 7-10: 6-8PM **Vacation Bible School**

July 11: 10-4PM Blood Drive

Register at redcrossblood.org

July 13: 7:00PM Exec Team

July 15: 6:30PM Men's Bible Study

July 17-24: National Youth Gathering in New Orleans

July 22: 9:00AM World Ministry Team

COMPLETED 5TH & 6TH GRADE WATER BOTTLE ROCKETS

SUNDAY, JUNE 29
4-7PM

Pizza Provided.
Invite a friend.



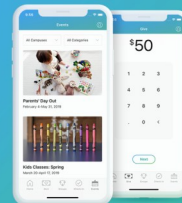
SAVE LIVES GIVE BLOOD

Friday, July 11 10:00AM - 4:00PM
Sign up at redcrossblood.org

church center

- Service Times
- Easy Giving
- Event Signups
- Community Connection

Download the app



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.