



GOOD NEWS

from Good Shepherd Church in Owatonna

Follow Jesus. Share Hope. Live Love.

SO MANY WAYS TO GET INVOLVED THIS FALL

Get in the Cloud!



500 Card Social

Thursday, October 9 1:30-4:00PM

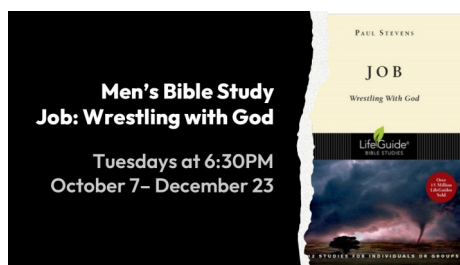
Enjoy an afternoon playing cards and making friends. No card-playing skills are required. Bring a friend! Sign up at the Welcome Center.



Adopt-A-Highway Cleanup Day

Saturday, Oct. 18 10:00AM-Noon

Meet at Sette Sports: 2299 Austin Road. Gloves, high-vis vests, and garbage bags will be provided. Volunteers should wear clothes they don't mind getting dirty. Ages 12 to adult. Ages 12-17 need a permission form signed by a parent. Sign up at the Welcome Center.



Men's Bible Study

Tuesdays Beginning October 7 6:30-8:00PM

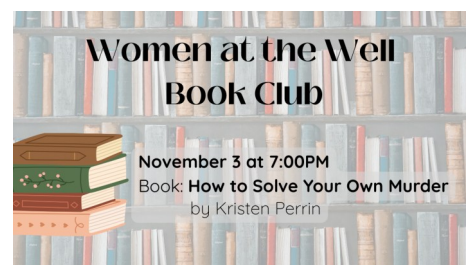
We will be reading and discussing a 12 week study on the book of Job. Through Job's questions and God's answers, you will discover comfort, hope and meaning for the struggles in your own life.

Cost: \$10. Register with the Church Center app or online at GoodShepherdOwatonna.com Questions? Contact Scott: scotthaglund0463@gmail.com



Alongsiders: Men's Mentorship

Improve your relationship with God through discussions with a Christian mentor. Register with the Church Center app, online at GoodShepherdOwatonna.com or contact Scott Haglund: scotthaglund0463@gmail.com or Pastor Dan: Dan@GSOwatonna.com



Women at the Well Book Club

Monday, November 3 at 7:00PM

ATTENTION READERS! Would you like to join a group of women who love Jesus and like to read? This group will meet monthly to discuss a book from a Christian perspective. We'll start with **How to Solve Your Own Murder** by Kristen Perrin. Led by Jess Borkenhagen. Location will be determined later, based on the group size.

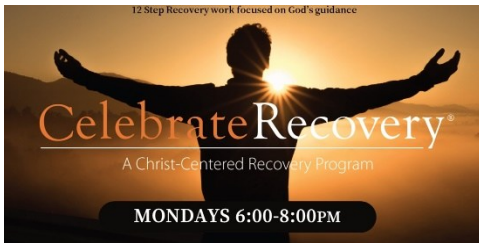
Buy your book and start reading today! Register with the Church Center app, online at GoodShepherdOwatonna.com or visit the Women at the Well display in the Gathering Area.



Moms Group

Weekly devotions via email and an in-person meeting once a month. Register with the Church Center app, online at GoodShepherdOwatonna.com or contact Amy: amycurtrieck@aol.com





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

World Ministry Update

Good Shepherd has partnered with Pastor Gatluk Reat and his nephew to provide food to Sudanese refugees displaced by the ongoing conflict in Sudan. With funds provided by Good Shepherd, they purchased corn meal, peas, and sorghum to distribute to hungry families. Thank you for being Jesus' hands and feet around the



**A Come to the Well Event for Women:
Embrace Your True Identity and
Carry His Peace into the Holidays
Saturday, November 15**

Explore how to have a meaningful holiday season. Alicia Economos, an experienced speaker, author, and life coach will teach on how to maintain a healthy relationship with yourself as a foundation to loving God and loving others wholeheartedly.

Register with the Church Center app, online at

GoodShepherdOwatonna.com or visit the Women at the Well display in the Gathering Area.



2026 Mission Trip Opportunity Ashville, North Carolina January 3—10 or 11

Next January Good Shepherd will send a group to Ashville, North Carolina to help rebuild houses affected by the hurricanes of 2025. We will be working with Samaritans Purse international.



We need volunteers! We are limited to the number of people, so first come, first served. Male or female. Contact Dan Richter for more information at **507-213-4912** or **cdrichter2000@yahoo.com**

Legacy Ministry Fund Update

The Legacy Ministry Fund is an endowment fund whose purpose is to provide future financial support for Good Shepherd's ministry into perpetuity. The LMF committee has been busy addressing changes, including the consolidation of the similar fund at Redeemer with the Good Shepherd Legacy Ministry Fund. These funds, along with some generous contributions from our congregation have increased our fund to approximately \$440,000! We have approved distribution of over \$15,000 so far this year (which includes amounts planned by Redeemer prior to consolidation). We expect to approve distribution of an additional \$2,000+ by year end. Brochures explaining the mission of our committee and a list of the distributions made to date are available at the Information Desk.

We are excited about the prospect of increasing support for Good Shepherd's ministries as the fund grows. We would like to thank the congregation for your support, whether through donations or prayers, as we build a lasting legacy of funding for our missions going forward. Please reach out to us if you have any questions.

Your committee members:

Glenn Duerr, Rob Fritz, Roger Johnson, Dallas Ketchum, Mary Schenk, Steve Schmidt, Warren Simons, Bill Steinbronn

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

Join Us
for a Family Packing Party for



Operation Christmas Child

October 26 11:00AM | Lunch provided: Hot dogs, chips, and sides

Faithful Families: Shoebox Packing Party for Operation Christmas Child

Sunday, October 26 at 11:00AM

Lunch and all supplies are provided. No registration needed. Bring the whole family!



Join the Good Shepherd Family Packing Group!

LIMITED SPOTS AVAILABLE

November 6, 5:30-7:30pm
@Trinity Church Owatonna



Register to be part of
the Good Shepherd
Packing Group



2025-2026
GOOD SHEPHERD
YOUTH MINISTRY

GRADES 5 & 6	6:15 - 7:15 PM
CONFIRMATION CLASS	6:30 - 7:15 PM
GRADES 7-12	7:15-8:30 PM

2025 7-12TH GRADE FALL RETREAT

Sat. Oct. 11th 9:30am - Sun. Oct. 12th 11:00am

CAMPFIRES, BIBLE STUDIES, GAMES,
CAMP ACTIVITIES, AND YOU!
INVITE A FRIEND!



Camp Omega

Registration Deadline
Wed. Sept 24th

\$60



FAITHFUL FAMILIES

GROWING IN FAITH AND LOVE WITH ONE ANOTHER

SEPT-DEC 2025
SAVE THE DATE EVENTS



September 21 @4pm

Pleasant Grove Pizza Farm, Waseca MN

- *Join us for a picnic style evening at the pizza farm
- *BYOB - bring blankets, serve ware & drinks
- *Plan to order your own pizza there
- *Yard games provided or bring your family's favorite

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October 26 @11am

Operation Christmas Child Family Packing Party

- *Pack boxes alongside other families
- *Lunch provided: hot dogs, chips, sides

November 6 @5:30-7:30pm

Feed My Starving Children Serving
Family Event @ Trinity Owatonna

- *Register online to join the family packing group



December 7 @ 11

Nativity Stones Painting Event

- *Tell the Christmas Story with your own set of Nativity Stones
- *Lunch provided: sloppy joe sandwiches, chips, sides, drinks

Children's Ministry

Join us this fall as we kick off a year packed with excitement, learning and growth! New this year is our **Stepping Stones** ministry for families with kids age 2-9. We will learn more about and celebrate the different "steps" in a child's faith development.



It takes a great team to share the love of Jesus with our kids. Learn more about serving in Children's Ministry 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**

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

Drop your noisy coins in the container at the front of the Worship Center or in the Gathering Area. Pick up a jar in the Gathering Area to fill at home!

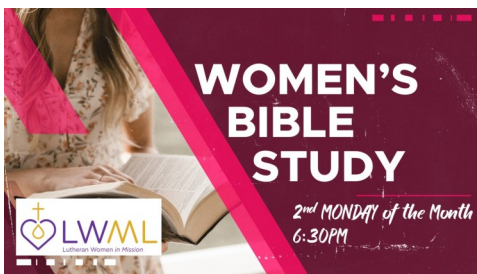
Good Shepherd Preschool
Knowing and Following Jesus




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Back to Preschool

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



WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY
2nd MONDAY of the Month
6:30PM
LWML Women in Mission
No registration necessary, all study materials are provided. We may add a morning group if there is enough interest. Questions? Contact Gloria Kenow: gkenow@yahoo.com



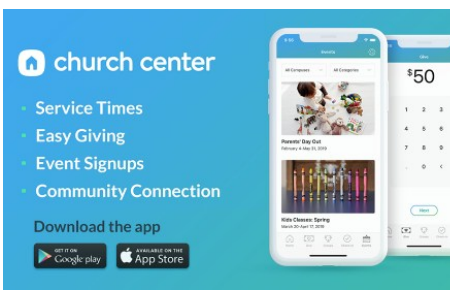
MEN'S BREAKFAST
COME FOR THE BAGELS, STAY FOR THE FRIENDS
FIRST SATURDAY OF THE MONTH - 8:00AM
Men's Breakfast
First Saturday of the Month: 8:00AM
Rise with the guys and enjoy Bible Study and fellowship. Bring a friend! Questions? Contact Gene Kispert: 507-475-3417

Stay Connected to Our Church Community

Try **Church Center** on your phone or computer. Register for classes and events, see the calendar, set up automatic giving, and much more!

Visit our website: GoodShepherdOwatonna.com to see the latest events and information. Watch past Sunday Messages on the front page. Register for groups and classes. You can try Church Center from the main menu.

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

Your gifts can change lives. We want to share real Hope with our neighbors through children's and youth programs, local service and community support, and life-changing encounters with Jesus.

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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Bookkeeper: Jane Dauffenbach

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EVENT CALENDAR

Oct 4: 8:00a Mens Breakfast
Oct 5: 11:00a Young Adult Team
2:00p Gwest-McCarty Wedding
Oct 6: 5:30p Women @ Well Team
7:00p Youth Fundraising Team
Oct 7: 1:00p Haag Disc. Group
5:45p Gift of Love Team
6:30p Men's Bible Study: Job
Oct 8: 10:00a Seamless Bible Study
1:00p Fossen Disc. Group
6:15p Vincelli Disc. Group
Oct 9: 1:30-4pm **500 Card Social**
6:00p Spiritual Stretch
6:30p Seamless B. Study
7:00p **Dartball!**
Oct 11-12 Youth Fall Retreat
Oct 14: 7:00p Exec Team
Oct 21: 7:00p Local Service/Outreach
Oct 24: 6:30p PEW/35 Elevate
Oct 26: 11:00a **Faithful Families Packing Party** for Operation Christmas Child
Oct 28: 6:30p Lay Ministry
Nov 1: 8:00a Mens Breakfast
SEE THE FULL CALENDAR WITH **CHURCH CENTER** OR AT GOODSHEPHERDOWATONNA.COM

During **OCTOBER**
We're giving to

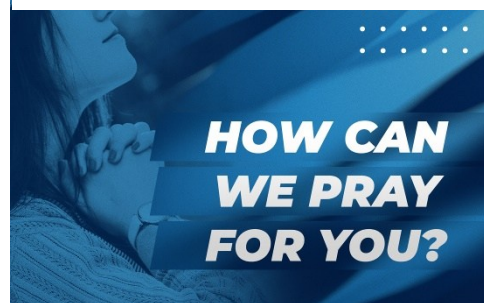
COMMUNITY PATHWAYS OF STEELE COUNTY

Let's bring in

WINTER WEAR: HATS, COATS, BOOTS, GLOVES & MITTENS

Go. Gather. Give.

During October we're collecting winter outerwear for Community Pathways of Steele County: coats, boots, snowpants, etc. Drop off items in the Gathering Area.



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.