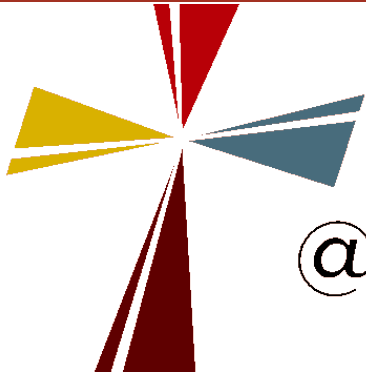


AUGUST 2026



GOOD NEWS @ Good Shepherd

Lutheran Church in Owatonna



The Big Launch! Sunday, August 30 at 6:30PM

We're kicking off the fall season of ministry and community with a big launch party! Join us for music, games, and s'mores, and some fun surprises. No sign-up needed, bring a lawn chair and a friend!

A few years ago when I first arrived, the fall season kicked off with "The Big Drop". Children's Ministry celebrated the beginning of their year by dropping large objects like milk jugs and watermelons off the roof of the church. Everyone loved it!

As we consider all the new things God is doing at our church, we thought it might be fun to reverse the big drop with "The Big Launch". We're going to shoot bottle rockets into the sky, and pair each blast with a celebration and prayer over the ministries God is launching. I hope you can join us as we launch new starts in Children's, Youth, Family, Women's, Men's, Young Adults, and other Discipleship Programs.

Come to shoot off bottle rockets!

Come to pray over our ministries.

Come to make a crazy s'more at the bonfire and s'mores bar.

Come to get to know each other better.

Whatever God is saying to work on you, just come to the Big Launch!

--Pastor Dan



Pastor Dan's INSTALLATION

SUNDAY, AUGUST 9
2:00PM



Senior Pastor Installation

Sunday, August 9 at 2:00PM

Pastor Dan Borkenhagen has accepted the call to serve as our next Senior Pastor. Please join us for a special installation and celebration service, including a message from Pastor Greg. Stay after the service for light refreshments. All glory to God!



Sunday School starts September 13
at 8:15 and 10:15AM

Children begin worship with their family at each service, and are dismissed to Sunday School on the lower level after the Children's Message. Register today!



Questions?

Contact Heather Gleason, Director of
Preschool and Children's Ministries:
Heather@GSOwatonna.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**



Moms Group

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

Legacy Ministry Fund
Mid-Year Progress Report

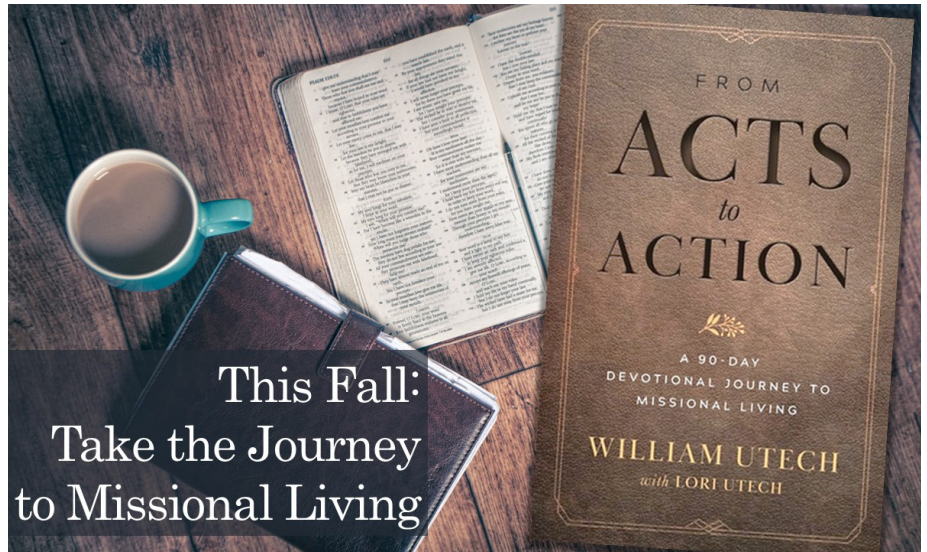
Net Fund Assets

\$487,750.61

Gifts Approved To-Date

\$12,450.00

For more information on how you can support Good Shepherd's ministry with your legacy, please pick up a Legacy Ministry Fund Brochure at the Welcome Desk. Thank you for your generous support!



This Fall: Take the Journey to Missional Living

Fall Message Series: From Acts to Action Begins Sunday, September 6

We're joining with Trinity in Medford for our fall Message series: a guided tour of the book of Acts. To help us on our Acts journey, we'll be highlighting Dr. William Utech's devotion book, **From Acts to Action**. Dr. Utech will even share a few Sunday messages here at Good Shepherd!

On the journey to Missional Living, we will learn to:

- Appreciate how God uses His people to save people
- Love people from all backgrounds, races, nations, and ethnicities
- Follow the example of the early church and be intentionally engaged in the mission of God
- Bring the love and hope of Jesus Christ to your family, friends, neighborhoods, and communities

The book will be available for \$10 in the Gathering Area in September. We encourage you to use the 90 days of devotions in this book to build your faith this fall.



NEW SERVICE START TIMES THIS FALL!

Starting THIS FALL on Sunday, September 13 (the Sunday after Labor Day):

The 8:30AM Hymn Service will move to **8:15AM**

The 10:00AM Worship Service will move to **10:15AM**

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GOOD SHEPHERD YOUTH MINISTRY

WEDNESDAY NIGHTS

STARTING SEPTEMBER 9

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

Youth Groups and Confirmation begin
Wednesday, September 9

LEARN MORE AND REGISTER HERE



NOISY OFFERINGS 2026

This year offerings will go to:

Christ's Care For Children: Kenya	&	Orphan Grain Train
Continue sponsoring Ayden through this LCMS program		Helping to end hunger *Includes a service opportunity

WANT TO Volunteer?

Become a Pen Pal Volunteer (Age 55+) for Owatonna 4th Grade Students. Are you interested in making a difference in a child's life through the simple gift of letter writing? The Reasons To Write Program is looking for volunteers, age 55 + to become pen pals with 4th grade Owatonna students. Volunteers are matched with a student and exchange four letters throughout the school year.

The program concludes with a special Meet and Greet event in mid-May, where volunteers and students meet in person and celebrate their connection.

Contact Kerri Kennedy: **507-458-9687** or **kkennedy@ccsommn.org** to sign up or get more details.

World Mission Moment: Elisante Sandy. Elisante Sandy is our Good Shepherd sponsored missionary serving with Youth with a Mission in Kilimanjaro, Africa.

He leads Bible School for the Nations which educates students to study the Bible chronologically and to teach it to all. He also leads Bible Engagement and Leadership Training with YWAM which provides Bible education to local churches and community leaders. The goal is for the local leaders to disciple their own community with knowledge of the Bible.

Martha, his wife, is a health care worker with the Maasi women. They have four children. Jemimah is the oldest. She's in college. Josiah is in high school. Jesse and Jonathan are the youngest children.



During **AUGUST**
We're collecting for
THE LIGHTHOUSE OF SOUTHERN MINNESOTA
Let's bring in
PAPER PRODUCTS: BATH TISSUE, DISINFECTANT WIPES, & PAPER TOWELS

Go. Gather. Give.

EVENT CALENDAR

August 3: 7:00p Women @Well
Book Club
Aug 9: 2:00p Pastor Dan's Installation
Aug 11: 6:30p Exec Team
Aug 18: Serve at the Fair
Aug 20: 6:00p Mom's Group
Aug 25: 7:00p Local Service & Outreach
Aug 30: 6:30p The Big Launch!
September 6: **NEW Message Series:**
From Acts to Action
Sept 8: 6:30p Exec Team
Sept 9: First Youth Group Wednesday
**Sept 13: First Day of Sunday School
& NEW Service Times**
Sept 14: 10:00a LWML Morning Gp
6:30p LWML Evening Gp
Sept 15: 9:00a World Ministry
Sept. 19: 9a-2p New Member Seminar
Sept 22: 6:30p Lay Ministry

See the full calendar with Church
Center or at
GoodShepherdOwatonna.com



Lunch will be provided. Child Care
available upon request. Register with
Church Center or at
GoodShepherdOwatonna.com



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.



Serve at the Fair on Tuesday, August 18

Three shifts available to fit your schedule. Proceeds support our Youth
Ministry programs. Sign up at the Welcome Center today!



BOOK CLUB

**1st Monday of the Month
7:00PM**

Register with the Church
Center app, online at
GoodShepherdOwatonna.com, or at our display in
the Gathering Area. If
you've registered in the
past, you don't need to
register again, just come to
Jen's house! Questions?
Contact Cindy Bucher:
507-456-8136 or
cloubucher@gmail.com

500 Card Club is becoming Game Day! We're starting up again on
October 8, and plan to meet on the 2nd Thursday of the month from
1:30-4:00PM. We are adding cribbage and other card games to the day.
Mark your calendars and invite a friend for Fall fun!

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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