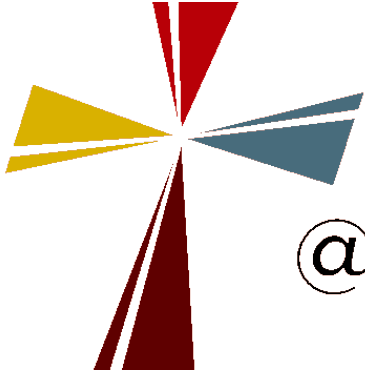


OCTOBER 2026



GOOD NEWS @ Good Shepherd

Lutheran Church in Owatonna



CONFIRMATION
SUNDAY, OCTOBER 25 2:00PM

Confirmation

Sunday, October 25 at 2:00PM

Reformation Day is a time to celebrate God's free gift of grace. Our students have spent two years experiencing the grace of Jesus, learning that our value is found in what God says about us, and discovering who he makes us as his disciples.

We're excited to celebrate and encourage these young people as they affirm their baptisms and make their faith their own.

Interested in Confirmation for your child? Contact Kelly Gentz, Youth Director: Kelly@GSOwatonna.com

Getting Your Ducks in a Row...Or Not

A Women at the Well Event

Saturday, November 14

9:00-11:30AM

**\$15 Registration Fee includes
a light breakfast**

If you're worried about trying to get your ducks in a row because you aren't sure if that's possible, or you can't even find your ducks, there is hope!

You are not alone. We will worship, connect, and enjoy teaching sessions with guest speaker Gaye Lindfors. Gaye brings a blend of Bible messages, life stories, and humor as she invites you to consider ways to stop striving, fretting, and fixing. Her message will encourage your heart, relax your shoulders, and refresh your faith.

Advance Registration Preferred. Register by **November 1** and be eligible for the Prize Basket Drawing at the event. Register in the Gathering Area, with the QR code here, or at GoodShepherdOwatonna.com

COME TO THE WELL: A WOMEN AT THE WELL EVENT



**GETTING YOUR DUCKS
IN A ROW... OR NOT**

**SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 14
9:00-11:30AM**





Good Shepherd staff and leaders attended the Global Leadership Summit in September with other Owatonna church workers, held at New Life Community Church.



The Upper Room Men's Ministry **October 25 at 6:30PM**

Men, this is for you! Enjoy an awesome meal and talk with other guys about life and where God can lead us together as men. No registration needed. Questions? Contact Pastor Dan: Dan@GSOwatonna.com



New Trees!

Thank you to the Building and Grounds team for replacing the damaged trees on the south side of our building with new trees!

Living Unbroken

A BOOK STUDY FOR DIVORCED WOMEN

**Begins Tuesday, October 20
6:30-8:00PM**



Living Unbroken: A Book Study for Divorced Women **Tuesdays Beginning Oct. 20 at 6:30PM**

Join us as we encourage one another, learn from God's Word, and make connections with other women who truly understand the journey.

Registration is \$25 for materials. Register at GoodShepherdOwatonna.com, with Church Center, or at the display in the Gathering Area.



Moms Group **4th Thursday of the Month at 6:30PM**

A group of Jesus-loving Moms committed to deepening our faith while supporting and encouraging one another.

We meet in person once a month for an informal, non-threatening time of devotion, prayer, and connecting with Jesus and with one another.

Moms Night Out: Fireside

Our Moms' Night Out moved inside because of the weather, but we had so much fun crafting and spending time together!





Faithful Families Gardening Event

We gathered & delivered 1,093 pounds of fresh produce to Community Pathways

FAITHFUL FAMILIES

GROWING IN FAITH AND LOVE WITH ONE ANOTHER

SEPT-DEC 2026
SAVE THE DATE EVENTS



September 27 @11:15am

Good Shepherd Garden Harvesting
*Lunch provided



October 25 @ 11:15am

Operation Christmas Child Family Packing
*Lunch provided



November 15 @ 3pm

FAMILY BINGO @ MSB

*Some snacks provided
*BYO snacks & drinks or purchase at MSB



December 13 @ 5pm

Family Christmas Lights Scavenger Hunt
*Supper provided
*Family scavenger hunt & Hot Cocoa Bar!



Youth Group Wednesdays

GRADES 5 & 6

6:15 - 7:15 PM

CONFIRMATION CLASS

6:30 - 7:15 PM

GRADES 7-12

7:15-8:30 PM



Sunday School: 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



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.

Go. Gather. Give.

During October we are collecting winter outerwear for Community Pathways of Steele County.

- Hats
- Mittens
- Gloves
- Scarves
- Coats
- Boots

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

EVENT CALENDAR

October 12
 10:00a LWML Morning Group
 6:30p LWML Evening Group
October 13
 6:30p Executive Team
October 19
 6:30p Women's Fall Craft Night
October 20
 6:30p Living Unbroken
October 22
 6:00p Moms Group
 6:30p Faithful Conversations
October 24-25
 Youth Fall Retreat
October 25
 11:15a Faithful Families Box Packing
 2:00p Confirmation
 6:30p The Upper Room Men's Ministry
October 31
 2-4p Trunk or Treat
November 4
 6:00p Stepping Stones
November 7
 8:00a Men's Breakfast

See the full calendar
 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.



Exercise Class

Mondays and Thursdays at 9:00AM in the Youth Room

These hardworking ladies would love to have you join them! Beginners are welcome and the workouts are adaptable. No registration necessary; drop in anytime!



Fall Craft Night: Foam Pumpkins

Monday, October 19 at 6:30PM

\$5 registration fee includes all supplies and some light snacks.

Please register by October 15 so we have adequate supplies for all!

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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