GOOD NEWS @ Good Shepherd

Lutheran Church in Owatonna





A Time of Expectation

My mother thought it was horrible. We had just watched the Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade, which concluded with Santa Claus, and my she said, "They shouldn't bring him out so soon! It's hard enough for the little kids to wait!"

And yet, it's good to have expectations in life. God designed us with a sense of expectation, for the plan of God to be revealed in this world and the wonders of the world to come. Advent is a season of expectation. It's easy to overlook and let our thoughts go straight to Christmas, but isn't it better to build up the expectation for it?

Advent services will be **Wednesdays, December 2, 9, and 16 at 6:30PM**. There will be a meal at 5:30PM before each one, to make it easier for you to make it. Each service will bring to mind that when you are a child of God, there is always more wonder to look forward to. *--Pastor Greg*



A Women at the Well Event
Saturday, Nov 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, or you can't even find your ducks, there is hope!

We will worship, connect, and enjoy teaching from guest speaker Gaye Lindfors. Her message will encourage your heart, relax your shoulders, and refresh your faith.

Register in the Gathering Area, with the QR code, or at **GoodShepherd Owatonna.com**



Thanksgiving Eve Service

Wednesday, November 25
6:30PM

A contemplative Hymn service with Pastor Harold Storm and the choir.



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.



The Upper Room Men's Ministry

November 22 at 6:30PM

Men, this is for you! Enjoy an awesome meal and talk with other guys about life and how we pass on our faith to the next generation. No registration needed. Questions? Contact Pastor Dan: **Dan@GSOwatonna.com**

During **NOVEMBER**
We're giving to
COMMUNITY PATHWAYS OF STEELE COUNTY
Let's bring in
NON-PERISHABLE FOOD & MONEY FOR FOOD

Go. Gather. Give.

During November we are collecting non-perishable food and money for food for Community Pathways of Steele County. They have resources and generous suppliers that make every dollar you donate go farther.

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

World Missions: Meet David and Rachel Suennen



David and Rachel Suennen , who recently began a new chapter together as husband and wife, marrying in September 2025! After each spending 10 years serving with Cru, they are now combining their gifts and experience to serve the Lord as a family. They live in Orlando, Florida, where David helps create meaningful experiences at Cru conferences that encourage students to grow in their faith and explore God's calling. Rachel recently joined Unto, Cru's humanitarian ministry, as a writer, sharing stories of how God is bringing hope to people around the world through clean water, food, medical aid, and the gospel.



Prayer Requests:

1. Pray for safe travels and good health in early November as Rachel plans to travel to Zambia to share stories of how wells and the gospel are transforming communities. Pray the well repairs are successful and connections are made.

2. Pray for David as he serves at a Cru conference for college juniors and seniors. Pray for smooth logistics, strength and wisdom.

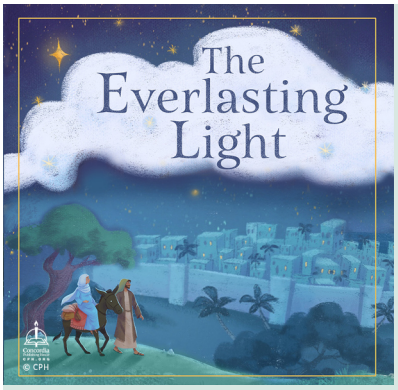
3. Pray also for both of them to maintain good health and develop healthy habits as they serve the Lord together.



People Who Sew: The Quilters Need You!

We are in need of people to sew together quilt tops at home. It's easy and fun, and the quilts are distributed to emergency services and others in need in our local community.
Pick up a quilt pack in the Gathering Area, visit the Quilters on Wednesday afternoons in November in the Social Hall, or stop by the church office during the week.

Questions? Contact Janice: **507-390-5249**



Children and Youth Christmas Service

Sunday, December 20
10:15AM

Children and youth will be partnering to tell the Christmas story. Register to sign up as an actor, reader, or helper. Some parts have recommended ages.

IMPORTANT DATES:

Youth Practice (grades 7-12): Sunday, Dec. 13, 9:30-10:10AM

ALL Ages Practice: Sunday, December 13, 11:15-1:00PM
Lunch will be served after the 10:15 service, then we will practice.

Service: Sunday, December 20, 10:15AM

This year's Advent and Christmas theme is based on Isaiah 60 and employs Phillips Brooks's cherished hymn "O Little Town of Bethlehem". Isaiah famously promises that "the glory of the LORD shall be revealed".

SIGN UP TODAY --------->



Toys for Tots collects new, unwrapped toys for needy Steele County children. Drop donations in the box by the coat room by **December 10.**

You may also donate gift cards and money that Toys For Tots can use to purchase toys. Pick up a Toys For Tots envelope at the black box across from the church office.

Fall Youth Retreat

We had a great time at Camp Omega. Some activities: team building, Bible studies, large group games, rock wall climbing, a service project: cleaning out fire pits around camp, and campfire worship.



EVENT CALENDAR

November 4
6:00p Stepping Stones

November 7
8:00a Men's Breakfast

November 9
10:00a LWML Morning Group
6:30p LWML Evening Group
6:30p Exec Team

November 12
1:30-4:00p Game Day
4:00p-9:00p Timber Lodge Fundraiser
6:30p Faithful Conversations

November 14
9:00a-11:30a **Getting Your Ducks in a Row...Or Not**

November 15
3:00p **Faithful Families** Bingo at Mineral Springs Brewery

November 20
10:00a-4:00p Blood Drive

November 21
8:30a LERT Training

November 22
10:15 & 11:15 Thanksgiving Meal
6:30p The Upper Room Men's Ministry

November 25
6:30p **Thanksgiving Eve** Hymn Service

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

FREE PIANO

We are giving an upright acoustic piano away to a good home. Contact the church office if you'd like to adopt a piano: 507-451-4125.

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.**

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Pick up a shoebox and instructions in the Gathering Area today!

Packed boxes must be dropped off at church by Sunday, November 15.

Donations are greatly appreciated for shipping and supplies.



Annual Voters Meeting

Sunday, December 6 at 11:15AM (after church)
We will discuss and approve the 2027 budget and proposed updates to our church constitution. Lunch will be provided. All church members ages 16 and up are encouraged to attend and vote. You may read the proposed changes to the church constitution at the Welcome Center. If you would like a copy to take home, please contact the church office.



Questions? Need Help?

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