

The Shepherd's Horn

August 2023

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God's Work. Our Hands.

Celebrate who we are as a church by joining Lutherans from across the country to serve during "God's Work. Our Hands.", the ELCA's annual weekend of service held on September 9-10, 2023. From serving on a farm to packing hygiene kits at church, there's a service event for you at Good Shepherd.

Happening Saturday, September 9th:

- 9 am: Tikkun Farms, various farm projects (25 volunteers)
- 9 am: French Park, park restoration work (tentative)
- 11 am: Cincinnati Recycling and Reuse Hub

Happening Sunday, September 10th (at GSLC):

- Assembling "hygiene kits" for Taft Elementary School and IHN
- Preparing food for crockpot meals at Tikkun Farm
- Preparing clothing protectors for Graceworks

So grab you bright yellow shirt (or snag one from Good Shepherd) and get ready to serve others September 9-10. Sign-ups begin early August at onrealm.org. Direct question to Pastor Pat at pbadkey@goodshepherd.com.

From Pastor Pat



For everything there is a season and a time for every matter under heaven. - Ecclesiastes 3:1

On August 1, I completed 34 years of ministry at Good Shepherd and in June, I turned 66. As you might expect, because of these milestones, I have been prayerfully discerning when would be the right time to retire.

I am writing to share the news with you that after prayerful discernment over the last few months, I plan to retire from my call as Associate Pastor at Good Shepherd, effective December 1, 2023. It has been my great joy and honor to serve as one of your Pastors for over 34 years.

My heart is filled with joy and gratitude for the family of Good Shepherd because you have been a part of so much of my life. When I began my call Charissa was just five years old. Good Shepherd has always been welcoming to Steve and me, so much so, that Cincinnati became our home.

As much as you have been a part of the life of my family, I have been a part of the life of many of your families. This has been one of the unexpected privileges of being a Pastor at Good Shepherd. As a caring Christian community, we have shared much: faith, love, joy, laughter, tears, ministry, service, and struggles. You have been a blessing from God, and this has empowered me to be a blessing to others. I cannot thank you enough for all the ways you have embodied the love of Christ in our time together.

Over the years of ministry, you have accepted me as your Pastor as I served in various ministry roles in the congregation. I have been fortunate with these changing roles. They allowed me to develop new ministry skills as they challenged me to consider the way GSLC might best fulfill God's mission in these areas.

One of my greatest joys as a Pastor at Good Shepherd is to have served on such a vibrant staff. I was guided by the excellent leadership of four senior pastors who envisioned how Good Shepherd might embody God's mission in our context. I served alongside four associate pastors who had unique gifts for ministry that enriched the life of Good Shepherd.

I also served with various Directors of Faith Formation and Directors of Music who always brought a new depth to growing faith and providing inspiring worship each week. There were also many other staff members who gladly participated in God's mission at Good Shepherd whose work I appreciated very much. In my opinion this synergy from such a staff helped the congregation move forward as it generously shared God's grace in the world.

Please know that Pastor Lorne will be sharing important information with the congregation in the upcoming weeks about this transition. I look forward to the next few months so I can help ensure a smooth transition of ministry and have time to say goodbye to all the beloved people of Good Shepherd.

Finally, brothers and sisters, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. As for the things that you have learned and received and heard and noticed, do them, and the God of peace will be with you. - Philippians 4:8-9

I know I will miss being a Pastor at Good Shepherd for many reasons, but I am confident that Pastor Lorne, Pastor Alex, the GSLC Staff and Church Council will continue to work towards God's mission for Good Shepherd.

With the Holy Spirit, I trust completely that God will continue to do new things so that God's grace, hope and love will be visible in the world through YOU!!

In the love of Christ, Pastor Pat Badkey | pbadkey@goodshepherd.com

Even dads have fun at summer camp (Lutheridge, July 2023)

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Our Mission:

We seek to be a caring,
Christian community
where we share God's
grace, grow our faith,
and serve others.

The Shepherd's Horn is a monthly publication of Good Shepherd Lutheran Church in Cincinnati, OH.

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Church News

Sunsets on the lakeshore of Hopewood Shores (July 2023)

Annual Church Picnic

Join us at Bechtold Park (4312 Sycamore Rd, 45236) for a cookout, games, and conversation. Good Shepherd provides hot dogs, metts, brats, buns, condiments, and drinks. We ask each family to bring a side or dessert to share. Games and a playground are also available. We even have the Kona Ice Truck stopping by. The church picnic is always a highlight of the summer at Good Shepherd and all ages are invited.

[Sign-up online at onrealm.org](https://onrealm.org).

If you have any questions, please contact Pastor Pat, pbadkey@goodshepherd.com.

Wild Women Retreat

Women of GSLC: Head to Hopewood Pines near Marengo for the Wild Women's Retreat, September 22-24, for a weekend of Bible study, faith community, rest and relaxation. To find out more, go to: <https://hopewoodoutdoors.org/program/wild-womens-retreat/>.

Reminder of New Publications

As covered in the July 2023 Horn, new & revised publications are the on horizon at Good Shepherd:

Our Life Together: Our Life Together will continue to provide weekly updates on news, events, and groups at Good Shepherd both in printed & email format. If you've not been receiving our weekly Sunday Our Life Together emails, please contact Scott at sputhoff@goodshepherd.com to be placed on our mailing list.

Join Our Email List

Not getting our bi-weekly emails? Drop Scott a line at sputhoff@goodshepherd.com to sign-up.

Rally Day

Learn about small groups, adult education, youth programs, and other ways you can engage on September 17th at 10:10 am at our annual Rally Day!

New Preschool Website

The Good Shepherd Pre-school is getting an updated website! Look for it to be up mid-August 2023.

Ministry Guide: This new publication is scheduled to print mid-August and will provide a comprehensive list of opportunities for you to connect at Good Shepherd. It will include descriptions, dates, and contact information for our small groups, youth groups, special events, service opportunities, and CFAM ministries as well as a list of important dates & holidays.

The Shepherd's Horn: This marks our last monthly Shepherd's Horn. The Horn moves to a quarterly magazine format starting September 2023 full of ministry updates, impact stories, member spotlights and more. This revamped Horn will provide our ministry leaders & volunteers a new space to talk about where they see God moving through the work & service they are doing.

Altar Flowers

A new altar flower chart which is located in the narthex will be available in August. Sign ups will be from October of this year through August of next year. The cost of each arrangement is \$35. You will be mailed information about the flowers a month before your chosen date. We appreciate your donation. *If you have any questions, please contact Mary Naylor at 513-891-1475.*

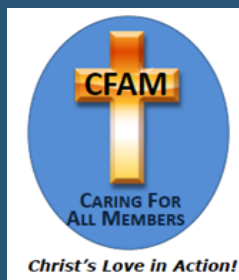
Nursery is Hiring!

Our Nursery is Hiring! Are you looking for a way to serve families at GSLC and have availability on Sunday mornings, plus 2-3 evenings throughout the month? Contact Jen Jarman at jjarman@goodshepherd.com to learn more about joining our Nursery team at Good Shepherd.

Back to School Blessing

The school year is upon on us! Join Good Shepherd in worship the weekend of August 12-13 as we celebrate all the folks who are working, learning, and serving in our schools! Bring your backpack, briefcase, bag, or JUST yourself to celebrate this change of the season and bless the all the folks returning for another school year!

Blessings happen at every worship service: 5 pm Saturday, 9 am Sunday, and 11 am Sunday.



CARING FOR ALL MEMBERS (CFAM)

*Here I am Lord. Is it I Lord?
I have heard you calling in the night.
I will go Lord if you need me.
I will hold your people in my heart!*

The last line sounds like a promise...**wondrously it is a promise we can all make to our fellow members.**

CFAM...Caring for all Members is a framework which allows all of us to help God's people at Good Shepherd when they are in need. **One of the CFAM teams is the Emergency Meals Team. This team helps families at critical time in their household by providing a simple meal when needed. Members of this team are asked to make a simple meal about twice a year.**

Do you hear God calling you? Will you join one of the CFAM teams to help meet these needs. Will you hold your fellow members in your heart?

Matthew 25:40 - And the King will answer them, Truly I say to you, as you did it to one of least of these my brethren, you did it to me.

For more information, please contact Pastor Pat (513-891-1700, ext. 111 or email her at pbadkey@goodshepherd.com) and let her know you want to help or would like more information about a CFAM ministry team.



Christmas in July Connections Café (July 2023)

55+ Club: September 5th at 12 pm. The Club welcomes Pastor Lorne Hlad to talk about his path into ministry. Contact John VanOsdol (jvanosdol@cinci.rr.com) for more information.

Botanical Bunch: Every Tuesday at 8 am for 2-3 hours. Help keep GSLC's gardens looking beautiful. No gardening experience necessary. No sign-up required - just come as you can.

Good Shepherd Outdoors: Evening Hike in French Park on Thursday, August 10th at 6 pm. Enjoy a 4-mile hike around a local park with friends. Expect some nice hills, creek crossings, and fun. Contact Scott Puthoff (sputhoff@goodshepherd.com) or [register on Realm](#) to sign-up!

Good Shepherd Film Discussion Series: The theme for the 2023-2024 season of the Good Shepherd Film Discussion series is "Truth, Beauty, and the Meaning of Life: A film series devoted to people who are searching...". Film dates resume on Saturday, September 23rd at 6:15 pm in the Fellowship Hall with Samsara (2011).

Literature & Our Faith: August 21st at 7:30 pm in the GSLC Library. Please join Literature and Our Faith on August 21st as we meet to discuss "West With Giraffes" by Lynda Rutledge. The novel tells the great adventure story of 17-year-old Woodrow Wilson Nickel who drives two giraffes cross-country in 1938 America, finding himself along the way through the joys and conflicts of the voyage.

Our September 18th read is "Irena's Children: The Extraordinary Story of the Woman Who Saved 2,500 Children from the Warsaw Ghetto" by Tilar J. Mazzeo, and our October choice is "Carnegie's Maid" by Marie Benedict.

We meet each 3rd Monday of the month at 7:30 pm in the GSLC Library. Contact Karen Mazzei (kmazzei@hotmail.com or 513-290-8819) to sign-up. Reading the book is never a requirement for a great conversation!

MOPS/MOMSnext: Moms Night Out: Tuesday, August 15th at 6pm at El Rancho Grande. MOPS/MOMSnext is hosting a week night Moms Night Out before school starts. Connect with other moms and learn more about MOPS/Moms Next at GSLC. Regular meetings start September 12th at 6:30 pm. MOPS/MOMSnext is open to any mom of school-aged kids. Learn more by checking out their Facebook Page (<https://www.facebook.com/GSLCMOPS/>) and contacting them for more information on how to sign-up at gslcmops513@gmail.com.

Pub Theology: Join Men Doing Life on August 15th at 7 pm for a beer and discussions about life, faith, and current events. Folks can expect a variety of topics that deepen your relationship with God and others. Pub Theology meets the third Tuesday of every month at 7 pm at MVP Sports Bar & Grille in Silverton (6923 Plainfield Rd, 45236). Contact Pastor Alex at ahoops@goodshepherd.com with questions.



GS Outdoors hiking at Ault Park (Aug 2022)

August at a Glance

Events Every Week

Mondays | 9 am - Monday Morning Work Crew

Tuesdays | 8 am - Botanical Bunch (Pg 6)

Saturdays | 5 pm - Traditional Worship

Sundays | 9 am - Contemporary Worship

Sundays | 11 am - Traditional Worship

Events on a Day

August 10 | 6 pm - GS Outdoors Hike (Pg 6)

August 11 | 6 pm - Confirmation Pizza Night (Pg 8)

August 12 | 8:30 am - Habitat Service Day (Pg 11)

August 12-13 - Back to School Blessing (Pg 4)

August 13 | 4 pm - Church Picnic (Pg 4)

August 15 | 7 pm - Pub Theology (Pg 6)

August 15 | 6 pm - MOPS/MOMSnext Night Out (Pg 6)

August 20 | 10 am - Senior High BTS Breakfast (Pg 8)

August 20 | 12 pm - Confirmation Open House (Pg 8)

August 21 | 7:30 pm - Literature & Our Faith (Pg 6)



Confirmation Overnight (July 2023)



Camp Crafts (July 2023)



Fun at HopeWood Shores (July 2023)



Enjoying HopeWood Shores (July 2023)

Summer Youth Programs

Confirmation (Rising 7th through completed 8th Grade)

- **Confirmation Back-to-School Make-Your-Own Pizza and Movie Night on Friday, August 11th from 6pm – 10pm.** Connect with your Confirmation peers over a fresh baked pizza and comedic movie. All dough and toppings will be provided.
- **Confirmation Open House Lunch for the 2023-2024 ministry year will be on Sunday, August 20th at Noon in the Fellowship Hall for both students and parents to attend.** 7th Grade families please bring a side dish to share; 8th Grade families please bring a dessert to share.
- **Summer is a great time to get a head start on completing Worship Notes for the 2023-2024 ministry year.** Electronic worship notes can be found at the bottom of our new website under Quick Links – Confirmation Notes or at goodshepherd.com/confirmation-notes. Hard-copy Worship Notes can be found in the narthex.

The Flock (rising 9th through 12th Grades)

- **Flock Boo-Hoo Back to School Breakfast on Sunday, August 20th at 10am in Room 108.** Door prizes and Flock merch give-aways will help cheer up those back-to-school blues! Plus, get a sneak peak of a new year of Senior High ministry at GSLC.
- Every three years, thousands of high school youth and their adult leaders from across the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America gather for a week of faith formation known as the ELCA Youth Gathering. Through days spent in interactive learning, worship, Bible study, service and fellowship, young people grow in faith and are challenged and inspired to live their faith in their daily lives. 2024 Youth Gathering: July 16 – 20, 2024 (does not include travel dates) in New Orleans, LA. Students who have completed the 8th grade through graduated 12th graders as of summer of 2024 are eligible to attend. Please fill out the information below to indicate your interest in attending the 2024 Youth Gathering and to receive registration updates. <https://forms.gle/LDocKEIhmQWRxGaz6>.

Preschool Spaces Available!

Limited preschool spots for the GS Preschool still available!. Contact Michele, Director, at 928.846.7405 for availability.

From The GSLC Library

Here are three books from our library for you to consider reading this summer. They're all connected in that each has something to say about Muslim society.

Joy Loewen. Woman to Woman: Sharing Jesus with a Muslim Friend. The author has spent 30 years in outreach to Muslim women. At first, she did her best to avoid them but then learned that many of these women are irresistibly attracted to the love of Jesus! Sharing powerful stories from her own experience, she shows how to develop authentic connections that can change lives forever.

Christine Mallouhi. Miniskirts, Mothers & Muslims. Mallouhi is the Western, Christian wife of an Arab from a conservative Muslim family. Her observant, witty book reveals the conventions that govern Muslim society and charts the unwitting mistakes Westerners can make when meeting Muslims. It assumes that Christians will want to live honorably among Muslims for Christ's sake and explores what that means.

Greg Mortenson and David Relin. Three Cups of Tea. This NY Times bestseller is the astonishing, uplifting story of a real-life Indiana Jones and his remarkable humanitarian campaign to build 55 schools for girls right in the Taliban's backyard!

Worship & Music

Bring worship to others by serving at worship on weekends & holidays! Serving at worship is a great way to grow in your faith while serving others. Good Shepherd offers a variety of ways for you to serve:

Worship Servants

Good Shepherd has several serving teams that work behind the scenes and in front of the house to help bring worship to others each week. Readers, Altar Guild, Bread Makers, Ushers, and others all support worship through their faithful service. Experience is not necessary! Training provided.

Join a worship servant team by emailing Dr. Kevin Seal at kseal@goodshepherd.com

Audio/Visual Servants

Bring worship to people near and far by serving in with an Audio/Visual Team. There are three ways to serve with this group: sound mixing, live stream operators, and PowerPoint operators. No experience required, just a willingness to learn.

Join one of these teams by emailing Scott Puthoff at sputhoff@goodshepherd.com (live stream operators) or Ken Holdt at kholdt@goodshepherd.com (PowerPoint & Sound Mixers). Stipend may be available for these roles for non-members.

Worship Musicians

Share your musical gifts with others at worship! Good Shepherd has four musical groups that are currently or soon-to-be rehearsing:

Chancel Choir - 11 am Choir. Open to all people 7th grade & older. Contact Dr Kevin at kseal@goodshepherd.com to learn more.

Victory Singers - 9 am Choir. Sings several times per month and open to 7th grade & older. Reach out to Ken at kholdt@goodshepherd.com to learn more.

Praise Team - 9 am worship team. From guitar to singers, Ken is excited to help you learn & grow in your musical gifts - learn more by emailing him at kholdt@goodshepherd.com.

Chancel Ringers - 11 am Bell Choir. No experience necessary, although ability to read music is helpful. Email Dr. Kevin to learn more about this group at kseal@goodshepherd.com.



Outreach

Taft Picnic (May 2023)

Taft Elementary

Taft Elementary Pen Pals Needed

School will be starting before we know it, and once again, we are looking for people willing to spend a few minutes once a month corresponding with one of our Taft Elementary second or third graders. Each student has a journal, you write in it to your student, and the journals are taken to Taft, where the student reads what you wrote, and responds to you. The journals are then returned to church, and the process begins again. The teachers value this lesson in reading and writing, and it is really fun! Adults and junior/senior high students are all welcome to participate. If you are interested in serving in this way, please contact Anne Miller at ranco@cinci.rr.com.

Food Pantry: One of our GSLC missions, Taft Elementary Food Pantry, provided food to households this past school year, ranging between 30 and 46 each month. Unfortunately we cannot be responsible for the hours that the food pantry is open. The literacy event held in April generated a lot of interest and new clients coming to the pantry. We are always surprised at the families that do not even seem to realize there is a food pantry available to them at Taft. Core GSLC volunteers are essential to our mission and they include: Roy and Erllys Johnson, Mary Naylor, Carolyn Kerksmar, Sue Matz, Beth Townsend and



Serving in March 2023

The crew in September 2022



Hearing a story (Feb 2023)

Patty Jonason. We always welcome additional volunteers. The FreeStore Food Bank supplies most of the items. However, GSLC members have been generous with their donations of items that we need and GSLC has been generous with providing money used for meat that is often in short supply. We will continue to provide magnets to clients outlining our open hours and dates. Obviously the school schedule will dictate new times and we will remain flexible as we work with a new school contact. Thank you to Elizabeth Cone who had been our school contact for many years and for her many years of service.

Personal Hygiene Kits for Taft: Good Shepherd Lutheran will be assembling personal hygiene kits (a very popular item) for Taft Elementary Food Pantry at God's Work Our Hands (GWOH) in September and we are looking for donations this summer. Please place items in Taft Food Pantry Barrel: Toothpaste – Toothbrush – Body wash – Shampoo – Conditioner – Deodorant – Comb.

You may also make a monetary donation to GSLC and write in check memo line Taft food pantry.

We also look forward to assembling kits in September!

Graceworks

Do you have gently-used, but no longer used, men's shirts in your home? Donate them to Good Shepherd's Graceworks Ministry so that they can be upcycled into clothing protectors.

Clothing protectors are used by residents and staff at Graceworks Enhanced Living group homes for people with disabilities. They are used during meal times to . . . protect clothing! Good Shepherd delivered 50 congregation-made protectors to area homes in June and wants to deliver another 25 this fall.

But the Graceworks Ministry Team needs your help! Please donate gently-used men's shirts to the collection bin in Good Shepherd's lobby (the one next to Luther). The ideal shirt is collared and made of cotton or cotton/poly. It can be plaid, striped, or solid colored and have any length sleeves. The team will re-purpose your shirts into clothing protectors and the congregation will have the opportunity to help as part of God's Work Our Hands weekend in September.

Want to get more involved with this project? Contact Tina Morawski (tinamorawski7@gmail.com) or Mary Adams (adamsmarydmjk@gmail.com).

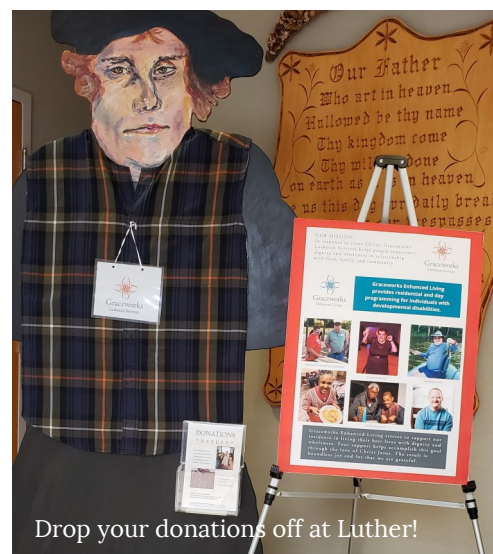
Habitat for Humanity

Help people in our community improve what they call home by serving with Habitat for Humanity on August 12th at 8:30 am. No previous training required. All tools & training provided. It's a great way to make a lasting impact in our community. Sign-up online at Habitat's website: www.habitatcincinnati.org/volunteer-start-here. Questions? Contact Roy Johnson at rjohnson138@cinci.rr.com. Can't make this one? Join the crew in September at same link instead!

Piecemakers

In the Spring, 4 quilts were given to Pastora Carmen at VEIL for her members who transitioned from apartments to houses. On May 30, 9 quilts and 3 crocheted/knitted baby blankets were taken to Su Casa and Bethany House for their families. On June 24th, 2 sisters making First Communion at Veil will receive coordinating quilts, and their baby sister, recently baptized, will receive a crocheted baby blanket. God's work, our hands surely, answering the Holy Spirit's call in compassion for God's people.

Contact Tina Moroski with quilting questions, or Jackie Cutshall, if yarn is needed for knitting or crocheting. Blessings to all who give their talents to those in need.



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