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# Ministry Guide

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LUTHERAN CHURCH

# Welcome to the 2023-24 Ministry Guide

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Good Shepherd Lutheran Church is always seeking to help people grow deeper in relationship to God, to draw closer together as a faith community, and to reach out boldly into our community. This three-dimensional life and shape of ministry is transformational for our community. Our current mission statement gets at the heart of how this all comes together as we are sent out in mission for the sake of the world. As we engage the world around us, we do so with these words in our hearts and share with those whom we meet along the way:

**Good Shepherd seeks to be a caring Christian community where we:**

**Share God's grace**

**Grow in faith**

**And serve the world.**

These are not just words on a page; we believe this is God's desire for the people of God. To be the heart, hands, and feet of Jesus is a daily calling to pursue the three-dimensional life of discipleship, while also being mindful that in all things, we seek to embody the love of God.

Inside this Ministry Guide you will find various opportunities to worship, connect with others, and put your gifts to use in service to others.

I am excited to journey with you into this next phase of mission and ministry at Good Shepherd and I am confident that together, God will lead us towards new opportunities to share the Good News of Jesus Christ!

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Lorne Hlad". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Rev. Dr. Lorne Hlad | Senior Pastor

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# Worship & Music

# Worship

Good Shepherd's Weekend Schedule:

**Saturdays at 5 pm | Sundays at 9 am (Contemporary) | Sundays at 11 am**

Education at 10:10 am September through May

Sunday and Holiday Worship Services Live Streamed at [goodshepherd.com/worship](https://goodshepherd.com/worship)

## Reformation Weekend

**October 28-29**

### Regular Worship Schedule

Celebrate the continuing reformation of the church. The Rite of Confirmation is also celebrated at the 11am Worship on Sunday.

## Grateful Pies Worship

**November 21 at 7 pm**

Spend time in gratitude as we celebrate all that God has given us. Fellowship follows worship.

## Advent

**December 2-24**

### Regular Worship Schedule

Spend time in expectant waiting as we prepare the way for Jesus' birth.

## Advent 4 & Christmas Eve

**December 24**

**10 am: Advent 4 Blended Worship**

**4 pm: Family Worship**

**5:45 pm: Contemporary Worship**

**8 pm: Traditional Worship**

**10 pm: Traditional Worship**

Celebrate the birth of Jesus with joyous carols, Holy Communion, and candlelighting.

## Ash Wednesday

**February 14**

**12 pm: 30 minute service**

**7 pm: Traditional Worship**

Begin Lent by remembering our need for repentance and God's grace. Imposition of ashes available at all services.

## Lent

**February 18-March 17**

### Regular Worship Schedule

A season of service, fasting, and prayer to help us dive deeper in our faith.

## Palm Sunday

**March 23-24**

### Regular Worship Schedule

Celebrate Christ's triumphant entry into Jerusalem.

## Maundy Thursday

**March 28**

**12 pm: 30 minute service**

**7 pm: Traditional Worship**

Remember the Last Supper with Holy Communion and Christ's call to serve others.

## Good Friday

**March 29**

**12 pm: 30 minute service**

**7 pm: Traditional Worship**

A stirring service that bears witness to Christ's sacrifice on the cross.

## Easter

**March 30-31**

### Regular Worship Schedule

Celebrate Christ's victory over the cross with hymns and Holy Communion! Love & live win!

**Contact our staff with your questions or to sign-up!**

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# Serve on the Weekends

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*Bring worship to others through your service on weekends and holidays. Training provided for all who serve and support worship and you will be scheduled on a rotational basis.*

## **Acolytes**

Students ages 10 through High School are invited to serve in worship by lighting candles & assisting the pastor.

## **Altar Guild**

Prepare, set, and clean-up communion elements and the table in support of worship.

## **Bread Makers**

Bake communion bread for the celebration of Holy Communion.

## **Coffee Guild**

Help make Sunday coffee before worship & clean-up the equipment after worship.

## **Greeters**

Welcome people as they enter worship with your warm smile and hospitality.

## **Hospitality Team**

Greet people as they enter the building, help visitors, and provide hospitality in our lobby.

## **Liturgical Arts**

Adorn our worship space for the different seasons of the year.

## **Readers**

Share the Word with others by reading lessons during worship.

## **Sound Mixers**

Mix sound for in-house or online worship to better connect people with the Word & music.

## **Ushers**

Assist people before worship, pass out bulletins, and assist with the flow of Holy Communion.

## **Video Operators**

Bring worship to folks wherever they are by running live streaming cameras on Sundays.

## **Worship Flowers**

Provide beautiful flowers for worship that reflect the liturgical season.

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# Musical Groups

*No matter your style, interests, or musical training, there is a place for you to share and grow in your musical gifts at Good Shepherd.*

## Chancel Choir

**Serves: Sundays at 11 am**

**Rehearses: Wednesday at 7pm**

**Contact: Dr. Kevin Seal**

Shares modern choral works & classic Lutheran hymns. Group serves 3 times per month at 11 am worship and rehearses weekly from September through May.

## Chancel Ringers

**Serves: Sundays at 11 am**

**Rehearses: Mondays at 6:30 pm**

**Contact: Dr. Kevin Seal**

Ring the five octaves of Malmark hand bells or full set of Malmark hand chimes with the Chancel Ringers. No experience necessary to join, although a basic understanding of reading music is helpful. Group serves at 11 am worship once per month and rehearses weekly from September through May.

## Children's Choir

**Serves: Special Holidays**

**Rehearses: Seasonally**

**Contact: Dr. Kevin Seal**

Our seasonal children's choir sings during special services several times per year. The choir is open to youth from 1st through 6th grades. Rehearsals are usually in the evening or on weekends between services.

## Y'all Come Choir

**Serves: Dates Vary at 11 am**

**Rehearses: Before Worship**

**Contact: Dr. Kevin Seal**

A great option for people unable to make regular rehearsals but interested in singing in a choir.

## Victory Singers

**Serves: Sundays at 9 am**

**Rehearses: Sundays at 10 am**

**Contact: Ken Holdt**

Lift joyful noise unto the Lord with this all volunteer group. They primarily sing Contemporary Christian songs. Group serves twice per month at worship and rehearses weekly from September through May.

## Praise Team

**Serves: Sundays at 9 am**

**Rehearses: Wednesdays at 6 pm**

**Contact: Ken Holdt**

Bring the Word of God to others each week with Good Shepherd's Praise Team. This band consists of guitars, drums, bass, keyboard, vocalists, and piano. They share contemporary Christian music each week at 9 am worship. Group serves weekly at 9 am worship and serves on a rotational basis throughout the year.

## Festival Choir

**Serves: Special Events**

**Rehearses: Wednesdays at 8 pm**

**Contact: Dr. Kevin Seal**

Our newest tradition gathers vocalists from the Chancel Choir, Victory Singers, and around Cincinnati to share great choral works in the western musical tradition.

## Instrumental Groups

**Serves: Festival Worship Services**

**Rehearses: As Needed**

**Contact: Dr. Kevin Seal**

Share your gifts with the Brass Ensemble or other instrumental group.

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# Music in Kenwood Concerts

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Experience great music for free at Good Shepherd! Concerts cover a variety of styles and themes – from spooky organ music to Handel’s Messiah Sing-Along. Concerts are open to the public so bring a friend!

## Halloween Organ “Spooktacular”

**October 29 at 7 pm**

A fun (and scary!) organ concert featuring students from the UC-Conservatory of Music organ studio. Bring your kids and come in costume!

## Good Shepherd Christmas Concert

**December 3 at 3 pm**

A light-hearted Christmas concert featuring musicians from Good Shepherd’s Music Ministry with music from Handel to Charlie Brown and everything in between.

## Handel’s Messiah Sing-along

**December 17 at 3 pm**

Join in a 250 year-old tradition and raise your voices in singing the choruses from Handel’s Messiah, with a professional orchestra and soloists from the Cincinnati area.

## Seven Hills Baroque

**February 4 at 3 pm**

Hear Cincinnati’s newest Baroque ensemble play “Winter” from Vivaldi’s Four Seasons, along with other Baroque favorites.

## Organ Recital ft. Dr. Kevin Seal

**February 25 at 3 pm**

Good Shepherd’s own Director of Worship and Music, Dr. Kevin Seal, will share some of his favorite organ music from a variety of composers and time periods.

## A Spring Concert ft. Mozart’s Requiem

**March 17 at 3 pm**

Performed by Good Shepherd’s Festival Choir and the Sycamore High School Select Ensemble, with a professional orchestra and soloists.

## Phil DeGreg Trio

**April 14 at 3 pm**

A concert of Jazz favorites given by Cincinnati’s premiere Jazz pianist and long-time Professor of Jazz Studies at CCM, Phil Degreg, along with his trio.

## Heidelberg University Concert Choir

**May 15 at 7 pm**

Join us for a wonderful evening of music given by the Heidelberg University (Tiffin, Ohio) Concert Choir, a premiere collegiate ensemble. **Note that this concert is on a Wednesday.**

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# Youth & Families

# Youth & Family Ministries

*Walking with youth & families through every stage of life, helping them discover how they are being called to share the story of Jesus through generosity, love, and service.*

## Kids Connect

**Sundays at 10:10 am (Sept. - May)**

**Room: Lower Level Rooms**

**Contact: Amber Holdt**

Weekly stories, activities, and games that help engage Pre-K through 6th Grade students in the Bible and their faith.

## Tweens

**Sundays at 10:10 am**

**Room: Lower Level Rooms**

**Contact: Pastor Alex Hoops**

Open to 4th through 6th graders, our youngest youth group. Tweens have special activities during Kids Connect and enjoy monthly events like outings, retreats, and service opportunities.

## Confirmation

**Sundays at 10:10 am**

**Room: 102**

**Contact: Jen Jarman**

A two-year program where students learn about our shared Lutheran Faith and culminates in the Rite of Confirmation. Includes off-site connection & service opportunities and Sunday night activities twice per month.

## The Flock (Senior High)

**Sundays at 10:10 am**

**Room: 108**

**Contact: Jen Jarman**

Connection, service, and conversations about faith for high school students. Includes off-site fellowship & service opportunities.

## Parent Connect

**Sundays at 10:10 am**

**Room: 101**

**Contact: Jill Messner**

**Email: [jillybean141@gmail.com](mailto:jillybean141@gmail.com)**

Find connection with other parents on Sundays and during special outings & activities. Includes off-site fellowship & service opportunities.

## Vacation Bible School

**June 24-28**

**Time: 9 am to 12 pm**

**Contact: Amber Holdt**

A week-long faith immersion for students Pre-K to 6th grade from 9 am to 12 pm.

## Summer Camp at Lutheridge

**Summer 2024**

**Contact: Jen Jarman**

Family camp & student summer camp options in the mountains of North Carolina (just south of Asheville, NC). Dates TBD.

## Summer Camp at Hopewood Shores

**July 7-13 (Week 5)**

**Contact: Jen Jarman**

Family camp on the shores of Lake Eirie in July (near Conneneaut, OH).

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# Youth Events

*Students encounter God in fun & unique ways that only retreats & off-site adventures can provide.*

## Tweens Retreats

**Grades 4-6**

**Contact: Pastor Alex Hoops**

Movie Overnight - September 22-23 at GSLC

Epiphany Overnight - January 5-6 at GSLC

Zoo Overnight - April TBD at Cincinnati Zoo

## Confirmation Retreats

**Grades 7-8**

**Contact: Jen Jarman**

Fall Day Retreat - October 7 at Camp Joy

Middle School Mix - Jan 12-14 at Hopewood Pines

Spring Retreat - March 2-3 at Camp Kern

## Fall Rummage Sale

**Grades 7-12**

**Where: Good Shepherd**

**When: November 9 - 11, Various Times**

**Contact: Jen Jarman**

Serve at the Fall Rummage Sale to raise money for the Christmas Angels Service Project.

## Christmas Angels

**Grades 9-12**

**Where: Lord of Life Lutheran Church**

**When: December 2, 11 am to 3 pm**

**Contact: Jen Jarman**

Shop for presents with students from VEIL to give to their families for Christmas.

## Middle School Mix

**Grades 6-8**

**Where: Hopewood Pines**

**When: January 12-14**

**Contact: Jen Jarman**

A 2-night weekend retreat of fun with games and activities and growing in faith with Bible studies, prayer, and discussion.

## Fun-in-Faith Retreat

**Grades 2-5**

**Where: Hopewood Pines**

**When: February 16-17**

**Contact: Jen Jarman**

A one-night getaway that helps introduce elementary students to what camp is all about.

## Spring Rummage Sale

**Grades 7-12**

**Where: Good Shepherd**

**When: March 7-9, Various Times**

**Contact: Jen Jarman**

Serve at the Spring Rummage Sale to raise money for the Summer Trips.

## ELCA Youth Gathering

**Senior High Students**

**When: July 16-18**

**Where: New Orleans, LA**

**Contact: Jen Jarman**

High school students from around the country come together to learn & grow in their faith, serve others, and deepen their relationships with others.

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# Faith Milestones

*Faith Milestones are celebrations of the meaningful, memorable moments in a youth's faith journey that help us recognize God's presence in everyday life.*

## Prayer Workshop

**Date: April 6th at 10 am**

**Grade: Preschool\***

Preschoolers learn how & when to pray with interactive & creative activities.

## Worship Workshop

**Date: February 10th at 10 am**

**Grade: Kindergarten & 1st\***

Students learn about the different parts of a typical Lutheran worship service with up-close views of the altar, organ, and pipe room.

## Holy Communion

**Date: February 25th at 12 pm**

**Grade: 3rd Grade\***

Students learn about the Sacrament of Holy Communion, its history, and why we celebrate it at worship.

## Holy Bible

**Date: January 28th at 10 am**

**Grade: 4th Grade\***

Students receive a gift Holy Bible from Good Shepherd while also learning about the structure & layout of the Bible.

## Here We Stand Introduction

**Date: April 28th at 9 am**

**Grade: 6th Grade**

Students are provided a copy of "Here We Stand" as they prepare for their journey to Confirmation the following year.

## Confirmation

**Date: October 29th at 11 am**

**Grade: 9th Grade**

9th grade students that have completed Confirmation make public affirmation of their baptism as they become members of the congregation.

## Baccalaureate

**Date: May 5th 2024 at 11 am**

**Grade: 12th Grade**

We celebrate & bless graduating Seniors as they embark on the next chapter in their lives after high school.

*\*While these are suggested grades to have students attend these faith milestones, the workshops are open to any student who wishes to attend.*

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# Adult Groups

# Faith Formation

*Grow as a disciple of Jesus through classes, groups, and educational experiences that broaden your understanding God's presence and work in the world.*

## 10 Great Dates

**Select Saturdays in Sept, Oct, Nov at 4 pm**

**Room: Room 101**

**Contact: Jen Jarman**

A five session class that provides you and your spouse a time of spiritual enrichment through group discussion & a creative date night. Child-care provided!

## Adult Connect

**Sundays at 10:10 am (Sept. - May)**

**Room: Fellowship Hall**

**Contact: Pastor Alex Hoops**

**Email: ahoops@goodshepherd.com**

Weekly presentations & discussions on topics like Biblical figures, Lutheran history, and living out your faith in the modern world.

## Bible Babes

**First & Third Tuesday at 10 am (Sept - May)**

**Room: Fellowship Hall**

**Contact: Anne Miller**

**Email: ranco@cinci.rr.com**

Bi-monthly Bible Study for women with rotating themes & topics.

## Literature & Our Faith

**3rd Monday at 7:30 pm**

**Room: Library**

**Contact: Susan Weickgenant**

**Email: ycannot@hotmail.com**

Monthly book club with discussion. Features a variety of topics & authors.

## Pub Theology

**3rd Tuesday at 6:30 pm**

**Location: MVP Sports Bar & Grille (Silverton)**

**Contact: Pastor Alex Hoops**

Monthly conversations for men about faith, theology, and life with rotating topics.

## Paul According to Pastor Pete

**Mondays at 10 am**

**Room: 100**

**Contact: Pete Rudowski**

**Email: prudowski@fuse.net**

A weekly Bible study open to all. This year's theme is Paul of Tarsus. Study includes a presentation, questions, discussion, and laughter.

## Lenten Journey

**February - March**

**Times & Locations Vary**

**Contact: Alex Hoops**

**Email: ahoops@goodshepherd.com**

Grow in your faith by joining a small group for Lent.

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# Adult Connect in 2023–2024

Your weekly opportunity to grow in your faith on Sunday mornings between worship services. Adult Connect activities range from Bible education, fellowship, to service.

## September

### September 10

“God’s Work. Our Hands.” Sunday

### September 17

Rally Day

### September 24

Faith Masterpieces

## October

### October 1

Sacraments with Pastor Lorne

### October 8 & 15

Figures of Our Faith: Abraham with Pastor Alex

### October 22

Connections Cafe

### October 29th

No Adult Connect

## November

### November 5

Bach Cantatas with Dr. Kevin Seal

### November 12

Figures of Our Faith: Joseph

### November 19

Retirement Party for Pastor Pat

### November 26

Connections Cafe

## December

### December 3, 10, & 17

Jesse Tree Forgotten Figures with Pastor Alex

### December 24

No Adult Connect

## January

### January 7

Mission & Vision with Pastor Lorne

### January 14

Bible Refresher with Pastor Alex & Sharon N.

### January 21

Connections Cafe

### January 28

Figures of Our Faith: Moses with Pastor Alex

## February

### February 4

Figures of Our Faith: Moses (continued)

### February 11

Souper Bowl of Caring

### February 18 & 25

Partners in Ministry Presentations

## March

### March 3, 10, & 17

Partners in Ministry Presentations

### March 24

Figures of Our Faith: St Francis with Pastor Alex

### March 31

Easter Breakfast

## April

### April 7 & 14

Figures of Faith: David with Pastor Alex

### April 21

Connections Café

### April 28

TBD

## May

### May 6 & 13

TBD

### May 19

Good Shepherd Connect Celebration

## Contact our staff with your questions!

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# Small Groups

*Build lasting relationships, explore your interests, or try something new with a Small Group.*

## 55+ Club

**Most 1st Tuesdays at 12 pm**

**Room: Fellowship Hall**

**Contact: John Van Osdol**

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Enjoy a delicious lunch and engaging program. Guests include musical groups, local organizations, and knowledgeable speakers.

## Good Shepherd Film Discussion Series

**Sept 23, Oct 21, Nov 11, Dec 9, Jan 13, Feb 17,**

**Mar 16, Apr 13, May 18, & June 1**

**Time: 6:15 pm**

**Room: Fellowship Hall**

**Contact: Doug McConnell**

**Email: [dmcconne@heidelberg.edu](mailto:dmcconne@heidelberg.edu)**

Monthly films and discussion. This year's theme is "Truth, Beauty, & the Meaning of Life: A film series devoted to people who are searching...". Participants are invited to bring dinner. Snacks provided.

## Good Shepherd Outdoors

**Dates & Times Vary**

**Location: Parks & Preserves**

**Contact: Scott Puthoff**

**Email: [sputhoff@goodshepherd.com](mailto:sputhoff@goodshepherd.com)**

Explore nature preserves and parks with 3 to 5 mile hikes. Parks are usually within 1.5 hours of Cincinnati. Examples include Edge of Appalachia, Clifton Gorge, and French Park.

## Moms of Faith

**Tuesdays**

**Room: Room 100 & Off-Site**

**Contact: Lisa Meili**

**Email: [momlarm@gmail.com](mailto:momlarm@gmail.com)**

Group for moms of school-aged children with regular Bible study and fellowship.

## MOPS/MOMsnext

**2nd Tuesday at 6:30 pm**

**Room: Fellowship Hall**

**Contact: Alisha Watson**

**Email: [gslcmops513@gmail.com](mailto:gslcmops513@gmail.com)**

Offering moms encouraging fellowship, relevant discussions, mentorship, and snacks. Whether you are expecting your first child or have children in high school, we are here for you! Free childcare is provided for those who register in advance.

## Parent Connect

**Sundays at 10:10 am**

**Room: 101**

**Contact: Jill Messner**

**Email: [jillybean141@gmail.com](mailto:jillybean141@gmail.com)**

Find connection with other parents on Sundays and during special outings & activities. Includes off-site connection & service opportunities for families.

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# Service Groups

*Let your light shine in the world so that others may know God's love. Service opportunities are both on-site at Good Shepherd or through local organizations.*

## Botanical Bunch

**Tuesday at 8 am**

**Contact: Karin Scheider**

**Email: k.schneider@fuse.net**

Care for the gardens & plants of Good Shepherd. Groups meets April through October.

## Graceworks

**Dates & Times Vary**

**Contact: Mary Adams**

**Email: adamsmarydmjk@gmail.com**

Compassionate service that brings dignity, wholeness, and respect to people who are aging or living with disabilities.

## Good Shepherd Outdoors

**Dates & Times Vary**

**Contact: Scott Puthoff**

**Email: sputhoff@goodshepherd.com**

Serves through Friends of French Park, a local organization doing conservation work at French Park in Amberley Village. Times vary throughout the year.

## Found House IHN

**Dates and Times Vary**

**Contact: Jim Messner**

**Email: jimmessner51@gmail.com**

Provides shelter, housing, and support to families experiencing housing insecurity (and their pets!). Typically involves sharing & helping with meals at a local church.

## Habitat for Humanity

**Dates Vary, Summer/Fall**

**Time: 8:30 am to 3:30 pm**

**Contact: Roy Johnson**

**Email: rjohnson138@cinci.rr.com**

Improve what people call home in Cincinnati by building homes with Habitat for Humanity. Training provided.

## Monday Morning Work Crew

**Mondays at 9 am**

**Contact: John VanOsdol**

**Email: jvanosdol@cinci.rr.com**

Help maintain the building & grounds with various projects around the church.

## Piecemakers

**4th Monday at 12 pm**

**Contact: Pat Stratman**

**Email: patstratman50@gmail.com**

Service-oriented group that has been making quilts from donated fabric since 1988. Training provided. Meets Sept. - May (except Dec.).

## Taft Elementary

**Monthly - Dates & Times Vary**

**Contact: Kathy Peterson**

**Email: peteramund@hotmail.com**

Making a difference in the lives and community of Taft Elementary! Serving opportunities consist of monthly classroom visits, becoming a pen pal, providing tutoring, supporting the Taft Pantry, helping in the school garden, and promoting literacy.

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# Care Ministries

Providing God's compassion and care for the people who call Good Shepherd home. Learn more & sign-up to serve with contacts below. Information on how to request help & submit prayers on Page 21.

## Bereavement Team

**Contact: Kathy Shuman**

**Email: kathyshuman52@gmail.com**

Providing people space for healing after the loss of a loved one by coordinating fellowship and meals at the time of funerals and memorial services.

## Emergency Meals

**Contact: Arlene Wejcieszak**

**Email: raylene53@zoomtown.com**

Supporting people experiencing critical life situations through the preparation & delivery of meals.

## Just-in-Case Registry

**Contact: Katie Ping**

**Email: katyping14@gmail.com**

Providing emergency calls to family & friends on behalf of registered members of Good Shepherd's community if the need arises.

## Minor Home Repairs

**Contact: Dick Morawski**

**Email: morski7@gmail.com**

Helping people experiencing aging or living with disabilities with minor home repairs that address safety issues or maintain their daily living activities.

## Parish Visitors

**Contact: Cathy Bresko**

**Email: cathybresko@gmail.com**

Maintaining warm, loving relationships with members who are largely homebound through regular household visits.

## Prayer Chain

**Contact: Alex Hoops**

**Email: ahoops@goodshepherd.com**

Holding up the prayers of the congregation and those shared through prayer requests each day.

## Shepherd's Pantry

**Contact: Koben Hinman**

**Email: kobenhinman@gmail.com**

Providing food, cleaning supplies, and other household items to people in the community of Good Shepherd who are experiencing a need.

## Stephen Ministers

**Contact: Mary Naylor**

**Email: marytnaylor@gmail.com**

Providing Christian care to individuals who are hurting or struggling with issues by listening and walking with them through those difficult times.

## Transportation

**Contact: Don Robke**

**Email: donald.robke@gmail.com**

Providing transportation to church and medical appointments for people who are experiencing aging or living with disabilities.

**Contact our staff with questions, requests for help, or to serve on a team!**

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# Resources & Info

# Good Shepherd Events

*Coming together as a community to celebrate, serve, and grow.*

## God's Work. Our Hands.

**September 9-10**

Join a Good Shepherd service project as we participate in the ELCA's annual call-to-service.

## Rally Day

**September 17 at 10 am**

Find a group & way to serve as you learn about all the groups and service opportunities for folks of any age.

## Trunk or Treat

**October 27 at 4 pm**

Decorate your car's trunk and hand out candy to children as we celebrate Halloween.

## Fall Rummage Sale

**November 11 from 8 am to 1 pm**

Find treasures while supporting the annual Christmas Angels Mission Project. Donations accepted November 9-10 from 9 am to 9 pm.

## Christmas Concert

**December 3 at 3 pm**

Enjoy Christmas hymns, songs, and fun from a variety of Good Shepherd musicians.

## Christmas Gift Program

**November 18 - December 3**

Celebrate Christmas by supporting people served by four local organizations.

## Souper Bowl of Caring

**February 10-11**

Support the NEEDS Food Pantry with your donations of food and money before & after worship.

## Simple Soup Supper

**February 14 at 5 pm (Ash Wednesday)**

Begin Lent with a simple supper of soup, bread, and salad before Ash Wednesday Worship.

## Lenten Journey

**February - March**

Join a small group and grow in your faith during Lent.

## Spring Rummage Sale

**March 9 from 8 am to 1 pm**

Find treasures while supporting student summer trips. Donations accepted March 7-8 from 9 am to 9 pm.

## Easter Egg Hunt

**March 30 at 4 pm**

Celebrating Christ's resurrection with the Easter story, an egg hunt, and snacks. Tweens are encouraged to serve at the event.

## Easter Breakfast

**March 31 at 10 am**

Celebrate Jesus' victory over death with breakfast & fellowship on Easter Sunday.

## Resurrection Project

**April-May**

Join Good Shepherd in celebrating Jesus' resurrection with an outreach campaign.

## Church Picnic

**August 2024**

Our annual end-of-summer celebration & cook-out at Bechtold Park.

**Contact our staff with your questions!**

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# Find Us Online

*Good Shepherd provides many online resources for you to connect with our community regardless if you are near or far away.*

## Website: [goodshepherd.com](https://goodshepherd.com)

Our main website includes online worship, publications, information on events & ministries, and more.

## Social Media

Good Shepherd maintains an active presence on several popular social media platforms. Like & follow to see ministry updates, pictures, and reconnect with sermon messages.



## Sermon Podcast

Relisten to the weekly sermon on your favorite podcast apps or at [goodshepherd.com/sermons](https://goodshepherd.com/sermons).



## Preschool Website: [goodshepherd-preschool.com](https://goodshepherd-preschool.com)

Learn more about the educational programs offered through the Good Shepherd Preschool.

# Realm

*Good Shepherd's member portal, Realm, helps you sign-up for events, manage your annual giving, make a one-time gift, or connect with members or groups. Here are a couple of key areas that will get you started:*

## Signing Up

Before you use Realm, you'll need to create an account. This is done through an invitation email sent by a Good Shepherd staff member. Email Carlene Murray ([cmurray@goodshepherd.com](mailto:cmurray@goodshepherd.com)) to get an invite to join Realm.

## Giving & Pledging

Click the "Giving" link on the left to access giving & pledging options. Select the "+Give" button to make a gift and the "+Pledge" Button to make a pledge.

## Groups & Events

Click the "Events" link on the left menu to see a list of all upcoming Events & Group Meetings.

## Member Directory

Search of member's contact information by clicking the "Directory" link on the left menu and scrolling or searching by name.

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# Ministry Partners

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*Good Shepherd is committed to supporting non-profit organizations that are sharing God's love through their service to our neighbors near & far.*

## **Adopt A Class**

Adopt A Class connects businesses & civic groups with students in underserved communities. Through monthly visits, education activities, and field trips, partners are helping the communities they serve unleash their full potential.

## **ELCA World Hunger**

Supporting sustainable solutions that get at the root causes of hunger and poverty.

## **Graceworks Lutheran Services**

In response to Jesus Christ, Graceworks Lutheran Services helps people experience dignity and wholeness in relationship with God, family and community.

## **Habitat for Humanity of Greater Cincy**

Seeking to put God's love into action, Habitat for Humanity brings people together to build homes, communities, and hope.

## **Haitian Tilmoun Foundation**

A grassroots movement committed to eradicating ultra-poverty in Haiti.

## **Hopewood Outdoors**

Bringing people together to experience Christ through natural settings and programs.

## **Lutheran Disaster Response**

Sharing God's hope, healing, and renewal with people whose lives have been disrupted by disasters in the United States and around the world.

## **Mothers of Preschoolers**

Encourages and equips moms of children to realize their full potential as mothers, women and leaders, in relationship with Jesus, and in partnership with the local church.

## **NEEDS Food Pantry**

Doing God's work of caring for our neighbor through basic emergency assistance such as food & monetary support for the communities in northeastern Hamilton County.

# Prayer Chain

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*The members of Good Shepherd's Prayer Chain lift up the prayer concerns of those who submit prayer requests either through email, our website, or in written form. If you also want your prayer included with the Prayers of the Church at worship, please indicate so on your Prayer Request.*

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