



The Shepherd's Horn

June 2023

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Stewardship Campaign: Forward in Faith

Thank you to all of you for returning your pledge cards for the September 2023–August 2024 budget year! As of May 31, we've received 131 pledge cards for over \$717,000. This includes 15 first time pledges and a average increase in pledges of 10.16%. **Thank you for your support of the mission at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church!**

If you've not returned you pledge card, there's still time! Return your pledge for the upcoming year in the offering plate during any worship service, in the box on the welcome desk in the lobby, or through the mail.

Blank copies of the pledge cards are available in the lobby on the welcome desk.

Thank you again for your support of our shared ministry! We are excited for where God is leading our congregation into the future as we move Forward in Faith.

Pastor's Thoughts



Last month Pastor Alice Connor resigned as Director of Campus Ministry at The Edge House for Good Shepherd Lutheran Church.

Pastor Alice has been an integral part of our campus ministry outreach for 14 years, and her dedication and compassion have touched the lives of many. We are grateful for the guidance, wisdom, and leadership she has shared with students. We recognize her resignation marks the end of a chapter, and we wish to thank God for her ministry.

A few weeks ago, I communicated that considering these developments, the church council and pastoral staff of Good Shepherd has made the difficult decision to suspend most activities at The Edge House facility over the summer months. As hard as it is, we believe this temporary pause will

allow us to reflect, regroup, and discern the future of our campus ministry.

Even though the Edge House facility is currently closed, I am pleased to share that campus ministry activities are continuing through an ecumenical partnership with The Wesley House.

Located just a few blocks away on Clifton Avenue, The Wesley House is a vibrant United Methodist Church campus ministry (a full communion partner with the ELCA). Pastor Becky Schofield Motter has graciously offered to host bi-monthly NOSH at the Wesley House with the additional support of Rev. Katie Steele, who will provide pastoral care support to the Edge House community during this transition. We are grateful for this partnership and happy to support this work with the necessary resources.

This budding partnership with the Wesley House and the United Methodist faith community is a terrific example of how we, as people of faith, are truly better and stronger together. The landscape of Christian campus ministry has changed significantly over the last 14 years, not unlike the changes and challenges facing congregations of mainline protestant traditions. Partnerships, like the one forming with the Wesley House, only expand the Gospel's reach and strengthen ministry.

In addition to providing pastoral support and hosting NOSH, the Wesley House has also agreed to open its facility during the day to students who desire a "third place" to build community, study, and fellowship. Rev. Aly Mazzei-Baker is volunteering her time this summer to lead a discipleship group on Mondays at the Wesley House for students.

So what happens next?

The pastoral staff, church council, and Southern Ohio Synod agree that Good Shepherd should take our time discerning how God is calling us to invest in ongoing campus ministry. At our June council meeting, we will begin the dialogue and start mapping out a discernment process for our congregation to engage with a variety of models which seek to remain faithful to the larger vision of forming faith, fostering community, and serving students through campus ministry.

In addition to listening to community partners, current students, alums, and the Southern Ohio Synod, we will listen to you, the people of Good Shepherd.

How is God calling us to engage in campus ministry? How might God call us to think anew about how we invest in this work?

Together we will discern the path forward.

Pastor Lorne

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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.

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Tweens learning in Kids Connect (May 2023)

Call for VBS Donations

Support Vacation Bible School by donating supplies for crafts and snacks. Donations can be placed in the bin in the lobby. **Here is a list of items Jen is asking for:**

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| Paper Plates (any size) | Fast Acting Yeast packets |
| Plastic Spoons & Forks | Small Glass Jars |
| Clear plastic cups (any size) | Olive Oil |
| Gallon & sandwich Ziplocks | Aluminum Foil |
| Napkins | Wool Fabric Scraps (12"x12") |
| Kosher Salt | Plastic Food Storage Containers |
| Sugar | Cooking Magazines |
| Sandbox Sand | Packs of Sequins |
| All Purpose Flour | Bottles of Tacky Glue |
| Self-Rising Flour | |

Please return VBS donations by June 11th. Thank you for supporting our Youth Ministry!

See Page 11 for how you can volunteer for VBS!

Mary Adams - 2023 Health Care Hero

GSLC member, Mary Adams was named Health Care Hero by the Dayton Business Journal. Mary was recognized for her work as a volunteer board member of Graceworks where she was praised for her ability to truly listen to the needs of others and identify solutions that help the Graceworks communities and facilities. Thank you, Mary, for living out Good Shepherd's mission statement where we share God's grace by serving others.

Church Picnic

Save the date for the annual Church Picnic on August 13th at 4 pm at Bechtold Park in Sycamore Twp.

Thank you!

Thank you to Pastor Pete Rudowski, Pastor Marge Anderson and Anne Miller for leading Adult Faith Formation classes throughout this past year! - Jen Jarman

Thank you!

Thank you to Rich Freshwater for purchasing coloring books for Pre-K through 2nd grade Taft students! Rich's nephew also created the books! - Mary Naylor

New Website

A small group of volunteers & Scott have working on creating an updated, refreshed website for Good Shepherd. The group has focused on creating a site that is visitor-focused, while still maintaining functionality for our members to access resources like online worship and giving. We are excited to share this new online resource with you in the second half of June 2023.

Nursery Closed for Summer

Our Sunday morning Nursery ministry is closed for the summer. Thank you for entrusting your children to our care and we wish you a summer filled with play, adventure and laughter! We welcome the joyful noise of children in Worship and will continue to support families worshipping together with a Children's Message, Worship Bags, Children's Bulletins, and our PrayGround space. Live streaming of our Sunday morning Worship services will be available in the GSLC Nursery as well.

From The GSLC Library

The book truck in the library is filled with newly acquired books to uplift & bring enjoyment. **Finding Everyday Magic: A Journey of Hope & Healing Through Nature** by Anessa Arehart shares beautiful photography & stories of how nature helps heal our bodies & souls. **Diary of a Young Naturalist** by Dara McAnulty verges on poetry as this 17-year-old award winning author provides insights into nature & coping with autism. **Spring: A Spiritual Biography of the Season** offers a collection of reflections by some of the world's greatest writers on how nature celebrates birth and renewal. The collection is edited by Gary Schmidt & Susan Felch, with illustrations provided by Barry Moser.



CARING FOR ALL MEMBERS (CFAM)

You are going to feel wonderful! That's what one of our Parish Visitor Volunteers told us! She was speaking about the joy of

reaching out to one of GSLC homebound members. GSLC has a number of members who are homebound or in assisted living facilities but really want to stay in contact with the church. Parish Visitors/Callers make a monthly visit to a homebound member and calls them weekly to say "hi" and let them know they are remembered.

Thanks goes out to our Parish Visitor Team Leader Cathy Bresko and team members: Sandra Wearne and Bette Griffith for all the caring ministry they do each month. We want to welcome Vicki Schapp, our newest team member to this ministry.

If you are interested in participating in this important caring ministry you can email Pastor Pat at pbadkey@goodshepherd.com or call her at 891-1700, ext.111. We will provide all the training you will need. If you know a member who might benefit from this ministry please contact Pastor Pat too. We truly love one another because Christ first loved us!

CFAM Survey Thank You

Thank you to the 95 people who returned the CFAM survey, which was sent to members 60 years old & above. We'll use this information to shape our caring ministry going forward. Stay turned for updates.

Welcoming New Members

Good Shepherd is excited to welcome new members to our congregation on June 10th and 11th. If you are interested in learning more about Good Shepherd and membership, there's still time to attend a "Discover Good Shepherd" class on June 4th at 10 am with Pastor Lorne Hlad. No sign-up required!

Altar Flowers

The price of flowers have increased from our supplier, Benkens. Even though we receive a 25% discount, the new price starting in July 2023 will be \$35.

If you do not wish to pick up your flowers, they are taken to members of our congregation who may have had surgery recently or who may be unable to attend church. The flowers are always very appreciated. **Thank you for continuing to support our altar flower ministry.**



GS Outdoors in October 2022

55+ Club: June 6th at 12 pm. The Club welcomes Dean Regas to talk about our solar system & the cosmos. 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 June 8th at 6 pm. Enjoy a hike around a local park with friends. Contact Scott Puthoff (sputhoff@goodshepherd.com) to sign-up!

Good Shepherd Film Discussion Series: "Casablanca" (1942), June 10th at 6:15 pm. "In all the gin joints, in all the towns, in all the world, she walks into mine..." So begins the journey of Rick Blaine, a roguish café owner, who is willing to let the world fight its own battles without him until Ilsa Lund shows up at his door.....you must remember this, Hollywood's most famous Do the Right Thing movie! With Humphrey Bogart, Ingrid Bergman, Paul Henreid, Claude Rains, Peter Lorre ...and yes, the film won an Oscar for Best Picture.

Come join us! Each event in our series is self-standing; you do not need to have attended previous events to enjoy this film discussion. See you at the movies!

Connect with film notes, the movie trailer, and sign-up at <https://members.goodshepherd.com/Member-Resources/Film-Series>.

Literature & Our Faith: June 19th at 7:30 pm in the GSLC Library. Please join Literature and Our Faith on June 19th as we meet to discuss "The Ride of Her Life: The True Story of a Woman, Her Horse, and

Their Last-Chance Journey Across America" by Elizabeth Letts. "The triumphant true story of a woman who rode her horse across America in the 1950s, fulfilling her dying wish to see the Pacific Ocean".

The July 17th pick is "Remarkably Bright Creatures" by Shelby Van Pelt and the August 21st choice is "West With Giraffes" by Lynda Rutledge.

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!

Pub Theology: Join Men Doing Life on June 20th 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.



Beer & Religion at Pub Theology

June 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

June 3 | 8:30 am - Habitat Service Day (Pg 9)

June 4 | 10 am - Discover Good Shepherd (Pg 5)

June 4 | 7 pm - Flock Homework Burning (Pg 8)

June 6 | 12 pm - 55+ Club (Pg 6)

June 8 | 6 pm - GS Outdoors Hike (Pg 6)

June 10 | 6:15 pm - GS Film Discussion Series (Pg 6)

June 10-11 - Welcoming New Members (Pg 4)

June 11 | 10 am - Senior High Rafting Trip Meeting (Pg 8)

June 12-16 - Vacation Bible School (Pgs 4 & 11)

June 19 | 7:30 pm - Literature & Our Faith (Pg 6)

June 20 | 7 pm - Pub Theology (Pg 6)

June 21 | 6 pm - Parent Connect Meet-Up (Pg 9)

June 25 | 6:30 pm - Confirmation Putt-Putt (Pg 8)

June 29 | 7 pm - Spoke Folk Concert (Pg 9)



View from the A/V Room (May 2023)



Peony in bloom (May 2023)



Celebrating GS Connect (May 2023)



Faith Formation

Summer Youth Programs

Confirmation (Rising 7th through completed 8th Grade)

- **Volunteer at VBS:** June 12th - 16th. Counts for service hours. Lots of fun! Sign-up online at www.signupgenius.com/go/20F0D4BAFAF2AA75-vbs2023.
- **Confirmation Folder Review:** Confirmation folders will be reviewed the week of June 26th with progress reports available the weekend of July 2-3, 2023.
- **Putt-putt on June 25th at 6:30 pm at The Acres in Evendale.** RSVP by June 21st at onrealm.org.
- **8th Graders Only - Confirmation Exit Interviews.** Schedule with Pastor Pat (pbadkey@goodshepherd.com) no later than July 31st.

The Flock (rising 9th through completed 12th Grades)

- **Homework Burning on Sunday June 4th at 7 pm.** Officially say goodbye to school by burning your schoolwork and enjoying some treats. Happening at Jen's house.
- **Rafting Trip Meeting on June 11th at 10 am.** Meeting for parents & students.
- **Volunteer at VBS:** June 12th - 16th. Counts for service hours. Lots of fun! Sign-up online at www.signupgenius.com/go/20F0D4BAFAF2AA75-vbs2023.

Summer Adult Education

Reading the Bible in a Year is a new group started by Amanda and Chris Fitz. The Bible started as an oral tradition where God's people gathered to hear God's Word and discuss their meaning. Amanda and Chris are restarting that tradition at Good Shepherd through a group that will read the Bible in a year and provide opportunities for discussion. **We will meet on the second and fourth Sundays at 5:00 for about an hour to discuss the readings. Learn more and register online at www.onrealm.org.**

Pastor Jodi's Sunday Book & Supper Club is reading "The Soul of Wine: Savoring the Goodness of God" by Gisela Kreglinger. Dr. Kreglinger examines how wine & faith are interwoven. Monthly meetings on Sunday evenings. Contact Pr. Jodi if you'd like to join or if you have questions at jodi@pastorjodi.com or 513-260-2981.

Spoke Folk Tour Performs at GSLC

Thursday, June 29th at 7pm. Everyone is invited to enjoy a FREE, family-friendly concert by the Ohio Spokefolk tour. Spoke Folk is a mission trip that trains high school and college students to be missionaries in their daily lives. The group will stay at GSLC during their 12-day bike tour through the state of OH. The concert includes music, drama and puppets. Join us for a 6pm potluck dinner with Spokefolk before the concert. GSLC will provide drinks, main entrée and dessert. Please bring a side to share. RSVP via onrealm.org by June 25th to help us plan.

Gather Cincinnati

The summer gathering for Gather Cincinnati will be hosted at Good Shepherd on Sunday, July 9th from 5:30pm – 7:30pm. We'll share dinner together, sing, pray, and engage in intentional conversation. Feel free to wear a mask if you prefer. All young adults are welcome! Gather Cincinnati is a new faith community of young adults from around Cincinnati. We are ELCA affiliated, but welcome people from all faith traditions. Gather is not a church but does have connections to young adults that attend churches throughout Greater Cincinnati. This young adult ministry will be what you bring to it. We're glad you're here, and can't wait to gather together.

Preschool Spaces Available!

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

Families

Kids Connect Wrap Up: “Find the good soil” from Luke 8 was the theme for our appreciation breakfast in honor of all our Kids Connect volunteers this past year. A HUGE THANK YOU to Will and Marina Steuk, Mallory Green, Seb Green, Sara Zink, and Julia Cetti for their service throughout the year. We appreciate all the additional volunteers who helped lead and guide our youth in deepening their understanding of God and in making friends at Good Shepherd. We can't wait to grow deeper in faith with you when we resume in Fall 2023.

Sonder Brewing Get Together on June 21st at 6pm. Families of any size or age are invited to join Parent Connect for this fun, relaxed get together, this time at Sonder Brewing. Parents can hang out, grab a drink and a bite to eat while the kids play. Reach out to Jill Messner at jilly-bean141@gmail.com to learn more. See you there!

Summer Reading Enrichment begins July 17th at 10 am. Many children begin the new school year having forgotten skills they learned during the previous year. Good Shepherd member Sue Berkoben, retired Reading teacher, is offering a FREE review to help kids get a great start. **There will be eight classes beginning Monday, July 17 and ending Thursday, August 10.**

Children who finished Pre-School: Mon. and Thurs. 10:00am to 10:30am | This class will be a review of the letters of the alphabet, letter sounds, letter formation, blending letters together to read words, and some basic sight words.

Children who finished Kindergarten: Monday and Thursday 10:30am to 11:05am | This class will be a review of letters of the alphabet, some simple consonant blends and letter combinations, blending letters into words, and Kindergarten/First Grade sight words.

Children who finished First Grade: Monday and Thursday 11:10am to 11:45am | This class will review letter sounds, letter combinations, blending letter sounds together to read words, basic spelling tips, and reviewing learned sight words plus new age-appropriate sight words. **REALM Registration at: <https://onrealm.org/GoodShepherdLut/PublicRegistrations/Event?linkString=Y2QzYWZhMzctZTBmYy00ZGIyLTg2OWMtYWZmNTAwMzA3MWJi>**

Outreach



Picnic Fun (May 2023)

Taft Elementary

A huge thank you to all the volunteers who made this Taft year end picnic such a success! The Shumans and Kathy Peterson started the day off with fun games and parachute activities, then the students had a wonderful time on the new inclusive playground at Burnet Woods. Volunteers brought carrots, salad, grapes, chips and lots of different kinds of cookies. Three men from the Monday Morning Work Crew arrived very early with a gas grill and cooked hamburgers, hot dogs and veggie burgers for a couple of hours. A grand feast was enjoyed by all! We were glad that the MMWC could join us for lunch as they just happened to be working across the street at the Edge House.

After lunch we divided into small groups with the students trying to find every item on a scavenger hunt hike through the woods. You had to be fast to keep up with them as they sprinted from one place to the next! The hike ended with the students dancing at the gazebo and enjoying cryogenics including homemade ice cream made by their teachers with help from Sue Matz. As they loaded the bus, each student was given a goodie bag filled with activities to keep them busy over the summer.

If you have any questions or are interested in joining us please contact Sue Matz (sgmatz13@gmail.com) or Kathy Peterson (Peteramund@hotmail.com).



Science with Sue (May 2023)



Thumbs up! (May 2023)



Games in the park (May 2023)

Graceworks

Good Shepherd's first-ever "Sewing / Making Bee" held on Saturday, May 20 was a great success! GSLCers had been making Clothing Protectors for Graceworks Enhanced Living residents (adults with disabilities) all month. Several residents at Graceworks Housing Services communities in Milford, OH and Lawrenceburg, IN had also opted in and helped with the sewing.

At the Sewing / Making Bee, Good Shepherd people of various ages and skills (gifts) levels came together to sew more, and package the, Clothing Protectors. Additionally, one team member produced beautiful hand-made cards to include in each package. As of this publication, about 50 (of 70!) clothing protectors are made. We will begin delivering them to five area Enhanced Living group homes (for adults with disabilities) in early June.



Would you like to help sew some of the remaining clothing protectors or deliver them? Contact Tina Morawski (tinamorawski7@gmail.com) or Mary Adams (adamsmarydmjk@gmail.com) to get connected to this project.

VBS

Tap into your inner child and volunteer for VBS. It's a great way to grow in your faith through your service to the children of our congregation and the community. We welcome both adult volunteers and youth volunteers who have completed the 7th grade.

We are most in NEED of shepherds to help guide each group of students through their daily rotation schedule.



Learn more and sign up at www.signupgenius.com/go/20F0D4BAFAF2AA75-vbs2023.

Volunteers need to attend one training date - childcare provided with advanced RSVP to Jen at jjarman@goodshepherd.com. Training dates are:

Thursday, June 1st at 10 am or 6:30 pm | Sunday June 4th at 10 am or 4 pm | Monday, June 5th at 6:30 pm | Wednesday, June 7th at 10 am or 6:30 pm.

Habitat for Humanity

Help people in our community improve what they call home by serving with Habitat for Humanity on June 3rd 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 July on July 8th at 8:30 am. Sign-up using same link.



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