



# The Shepherd's Horn

March 2023

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Stephen Ministers being commissioned (11 am Worship Feb 2023)

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## New Stephen Ministers Commissioned

Good Shepherd is excited to announce that four members have completed the 50 hours of training to officially become Stephen Ministers.

**Jim Anderson, Danelle Buelsing, Kathy Shuman, and Bill Shuman were officially commissioned at the 11 am worship service on February 26.**

They are joining a ministry which has provided Christian caregiving to members of our congregation and community for 25 years. They will become a part of the current Stephen Ministry group of Laurie Boisclair, Terri DeAngelis, Chris Fitz, Nancy Lougheed, John Oliver, Katy Ping, Sherri Roberto and Lee Ann Wilton, all of whom bring Christ's love to those who are facing difficulties in their lives.

The Stephen Leaders, who facilitate the initial training, continuing education and supervision, are Karen Eller, Anne Miller, Mary Naylor and Sharon Norris.

# Pastor's Thoughts



I am grateful to  
God, for being our  
Good Shepherd,  
who is always  
with us



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Dear Friends in Christ,

On Monday, March 13th Pastor Lorne Hlad will officially begin as Senior Pastor of Good Shepherd Lutheran Church. As the interim senior pastor, I want to tell you, I am happy to have him begin his ministry at GSLC. As a congregation and as a staff, I believe we are ready to discover, along with him, where God is calling us for mission and service in the world as disciples of Christ. I am excited that Pastor Lorne will be the 4th senior pastor of Good Shepherd with whom I will have shared ministry.

I am also excited to handover to Pastor Lorne, the senior pastor responsibilities I have taken on during this interim time. I want to thank the congregation and the staff for trusting me with this role and bearing with me while I served in this position. I had much to learn along the way. There were a few starts and stops, and sometimes some adjustments that needed to be made. Thanks once again for your trust.

As we stand in this point in time, in this Kairos moment in the life of our congregation, here are the things for which I am grateful.

**First, I am grateful for the Transition Team**, who worked very hard and completed the Ministry Site Profile in such a focused manner. This allowed us to begin interviewing senior pastor candidates as quickly as possible.

**Second, I am grateful for the Call Committee**, who worked diligently to identify potential candidates to interview. I know they were thorough in their interview process, and this helped identify Pastor Lorne as the top candidate.

**Third, I am grateful for the Church Council**, who made it a priority to interview Pastor Lorne during the Christmas season, which then allowed for the Congregational Meeting to take place on January 15.

**Fourth, I am grateful for all the members of GSLC**, who turned out for the Meet and Greet with Pastor Lorne and who came to the Congregational Meeting to vote on calling him. Thanks Good Shepherd for being committed to the call process.

**Fifth, I am grateful for the staff of Good Shepherd**, who worked very hard during the transition to maintain the mission and ministry of GSLC, and even try some new things. I know it was daunting at times because some unforeseen things happened. However, the commitment the staff has to the mission of GSLC is amazing. Their leadership is a blessing to Good Shepherd, and they are always exploring ways to help us live out our mission: to share God's grace, grow our faith and serve others!

**Finally, I am grateful to God, for being our Good Shepherd, who is always with us (Psalm 23:4).**

In Christ,

Pastor Patricia Badkey, Interim Senior Pastor

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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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# Church News



Simple Soup Supper (Feb 2023)

## Fiscal Year Update

We are now halfway through our fiscal year. Here is an update for the congregation about the financial gifts we have received year to date:

We appreciate every gift which has been given to support the mission and ministry of Good Shepherd. We know these gifts make a difference. However, current giving is a little short from the amount pledged. Please review your pledge and gifts - if you are behind in your giving and you are able, this is a good time to catch up with your estimate of giving. If your situation has changed, please let us know.

The good news is the staff has continued to do a wonderful job managing their budgets.

If you have any questions about this information, please contact Pastor Pat [pbadkey@goodshepherd.com](mailto:pbadkey@goodshepherd.com) or call her at 513-891-1700, ext. 111 or speak with any of our church council officers: Sharon Norris - president, Jim Messner - Vice President, Brenda Fuentes - Secretary, Julia Kyser - Treasurer.

Please remember your gifts help strengthen and further our mission. You may make your donations online at ([goodshepherd.com/Donate](https://goodshepherd.com/Donate)), by check/cash via mail or by dropping it in the offering plate during weekend worship.

Thank you, Good Shepherd, for your continued support of our shared ministry.

GSLC Church Council

## Pastor Lorne's Hlad's Start Day

Pastor Lorne Hlad will begin his call as GSLC's next Senior Pastor on March 13th! You can hear him preach his first weekend: March 18-19.

## Souper Bowl Results

You donated over \$1700 and nearly 500 items to NEEDS & Taft! THANK YOU!

## Correction Feb Horn

A Transition Team member was left out of the mailed version of the Horn. Copies in lobby and online were able to be corrected. Sorry for the mistake!

## Easter Breakfast

Join fellow worshipers in our beloved tradition of sharing food and fellowship as we celebrate the resurrection of Jesus. **A light breakfast will be served in the Fellowship Hall on Easter Sunday, April 9, between 9:30 and 11:00.**

CAN YOU HELP? As you might imagine, we are looking for a few volunteers and lots of bakers. Please contact Pastor Pat Badkey ([pbadkey@goodshepherd.com](mailto:pbadkey@goodshepherd.com) or call 513-891-1700, ext.111) if you can help in any of these ways:

- Setup on Saturday, April 8 following 5:00 worship (6:00-ish)
- Early shift serving on Sunday, April 9 9:00-10:30 am
- Later shift serving and cleanup on Sunday, April 9 10:30- 12noon
- Provide BAKED GOODS for the breakfast!

**Thank you for your support and your help!**

## Spring Rummage Sale

Make donations, find treasures, and support the summer trips for youth at GSLC!

The Spring Sale happens on Saturday, March 11th from 8 am to 1 pm. Donations accepted on Thursday, March 9th and Friday, March 10th, from 9 am to 9 pm. Unfortunately, we cannot accept any electronics older than 3 years and large item pick-up is not available.

Questions? Contact Jen Jarman at [jjarman@goodshepherd.com](mailto:jjarman@goodshepherd.com). Sales benefit 2023 Youth Trips.



### CARING FOR ALL MEMBERS (CFAM)

Spotlight on CFAM Ministries: Parish Visitors

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 to our Team Members for all the caring ministry they do each month.

If you are interested in participating in this important caring ministry you can email Pastor Pat at [pbadkey@goodshepherd.com](mailto:pbadkey@goodshepherd.com) or call her at 891-1700, ext.111. Training provided! Also let Pastor Pat know of anyone that may need the services of these volunteers!

## Faith Milestone Recognition

Faith Milestones are the moments in our lives where God is uniquely present in our journey. Examples are Baptism, Confirmation, and others.

This month we are blessed to recognize youth for two different Faith Milestones.

For 3rd Graders, we are celebrating the Communion Faith Milestone. The following students completed the 5-week course on the Sacrament of Holy Communion: Jack B, Arleigh B, Jameson P, and Simon R.

[See Page 12 for information on the Preschool Prayer Workshop Faith Milestone.](#)

## Gather Cincinnati (Young Adults)

Gather Cincinnati is a young adult faith community in the greater Cincinnati area, and all young adults are welcome to their next meeting, a book club on "The House in the Cerulean Sea" by T.J. Klune.

**When: Sunday March 5th, 5:30-6:30pm**

**Where: Rohs Street Cafe, 2385 Rohs St, Cincinnati, OH 45219**

For this gathering, they will be reading the first four chapters, all of which are available for free on Google. To learn more and sign up, visit [www.firstlutherancincy.org/gathercincy](http://www.firstlutherancincy.org/gathercincy).



# Worship & Music

Peter McCutcheon Concert (Jan 2023)

## Music Ministry

**Miserere Mei Deus, Gregorio Allegri:** There is perhaps no psalm more central to our Lenten journey than Psalm 51, where the psalmist implores God for mercy for the sins he has committed and asks to be cleansed and restored in the goodness of God. This psalm was our congregational psalm for Ash Wednesday, where we featured three different settings during worship, including one of the most famous from Gregorio Allegri's "Miserere Mei Deus" which was sung by the Chancel Choir.

**In addition to being particularly beautiful, this piece has a unique place in music history.**

Gregorio Allegri was a priest and composer who sang in the Sistine Chapel Choir from 1629 until his death in 1652. Credited with many accomplishments (including writing the first string quartet), his best known work is his setting of Psalm 51, written for two choirs. It has been sung for many years during Holy Week celebrations in the Vatican and it is held up as a primary example of Renaissance era choral music (even though it was technically composed during the Baroque period...music historians generally regard the year 1600 as being the dividing line between Renaissance and Baroque).

The work acquired a considerable reputation for mystery and inaccessibility between the time of its composition and the era of modern recording as the Vatican forbade copies and publication to preserve its aura of mystery (going so far as to threaten any attempt at publication with excommunication). The Catholic Church however were not prepared for a 14-year-old Wolfgang

Amadeus Mozart, who, upon hearing the work twice, transcribed it faithfully from memory in 1770 creating the first known unauthorized copy.

As you connect with prayer, fasting, and almsgiving this Lent, I encourage you to use this piece of music in the background of your faith practices to help better connect you to the Word of God (available on our YouTube page at <https://youtu.be/x3gCshbi2Fk>).

### Upcoming for Music in Kenwood Concert Series:

**March 12th, 3:00 PM:** Organ Plus concert featuring Director of Worship and Music Dr. Kevin Seal and Cincinnati-based trumpet player (and CCM graduate student) Andrew Jeng. You may remember Andrew from the times he performed at 11 AM worship last summer. All are invited to hear Kevin and Andrew present a program of music written for trumpet and organ, featuring works by Albinoni, Hovannes, Neruda, and Sibelius, including an organ improvisation by Dr. Seal.

**April 23rd, 3:00 PM:** Mendelssohn's Psalm 42 and Good Shepherd member Doug McConnell's Songs of Celebration featuring the combined choirs of Good Shepherd and a professional orchestra. Our end of the year concert will feature the combined choirs of Good Shepherd and a professional orchestra, conducted by Dr. Kevin Seal, performing one of Mendelssohn's most beloved choral/orchestral works, his setting of Psalm 42. The first half of the program will consist of a work by Good Shepherd member and composer Doug McConnell, Songs of Celebration. Doug has been busily re-orchestrating this three movement cycle, first written for a church in Connecticut, and we are thrilled to share the world premiere performance of his re-write!

# March at a Glance

## Events Every Week

- Mondays | 8 am - Monday Morning Work Crew
- Mondays | 10 am - Pastor Pete's Bible Study (Pg 9)
- Tuesdays | 6:30 pm - Lenten Study Group (Pg 9)
- Thursdays | 11 am - Virtual Lenten Study Groups (Pg 9)
- Saturdays | 5 pm - Traditional Worship
- Sundays | 9 am - Contemporary Worship
- Sundays | 10:10 am - Good Shepherd Connect (Pgs 8, 13)
- Sundays | 11 am - Traditional Worship
- Sundays | 5:45 pm - Nosh (The Edge House)

## Events on a Day\*

- Mar 2 | 10 am - 1st Bible Babes (Pg 9)
- Mar 4 | 10 am - Preschool Prayer Workshop (Pg 12)
- Mar 5 | 5:30 pm - Gather Cincinnati Book Club (Pg 5)
- Mar 5 | All Services - Communion Milestone (Pg 5)
- Mar 7 | 12 pm - 55+ Club
- Mar 11 | 6:15 pm - GS Film Discussion Series (Pg 15)
- Mar 12 | 5 pm - 1st Bible in a Year Meeting (Pg 9)
- Mar 12 | 3 pm - Organ Concert Plus (Pg 6)
- Mar 14 | 6:30 pm - MOPS (Pg 15)
- Mar 16 | 12 pm - Taft Elementary Visit (Pg 10)
- Mar 18 | 10 am - Tikkun Farm Service (Pg 12)
- Mar 20 | 7:30 pm - Literature & Our Faith (Pg 15)
- Mar 21 | 7:00 pm - Pub Theology (Pg 15)
- Mar 25 | 10 am - GS Outdoors Hike (Pg 15)
- Mar 27 | 12 pm - Piecemakers (Pg 15)



Souper Bowl of Caring (Feb 2023)



Chillin' in the office (Feb 2023)



Kids Connect (Feb 2023)

\*Any event that starts with "1st" denotes it is a series with other events in that series happening this month. Please read article for details!



# Faith Formation



Sandra from Graceworks (Feb 2023)

## March 2023 Adult Connect

**March 5th: Ecospirituality with Caroljean Willie, SC, Ph.D. from Earth Connection.** Learn more about your spiritual connection to God's Creation with Sister Caroljean Willie from [Earth Connection](#). She'll discuss how we are connected to our planet and how our actions can better honor God's gift. You can also find [free webinars](#) from the organization on their website to further your exploration of the subject.

**March 12th: The Way of St. Francis 2024 Pilgrimage Info Session.** Broaden your understanding of 12th century monk, St Francis Assisi, and his impact on the Church by participating in this informational session on an April 2024 pilgrimage in Italy. Can't make it? Head over to [goodshepherd.com/News-Events/](https://goodshepherd.com/News-Events/) to learn more and [sign-up for the trip](#).

**March 19th & 26th: Understanding the Seder with Rabbi Drew Kaplan.** Rabbi Drew Kaplan will host a 2-part series on the Jewish holiday of Passover. Part 1 provides an overview of the Seder from a historical perspective (as it would have been observed in the Gospel). Part 2 focuses on the Passover in modern times. You can also find Rabbi Drew online as he explores the traditions around alcohol consumption by the Jewish culture. You can learn more about his research and expertise by visiting [jewishdrinking.com](https://jewishdrinking.com) and taking in a couple of episodes of the [Jewish Drinking Show!](#)

Remember that you can watch previous Adult Connect presentations at [members.goodshepherd.com/Member-Resources/Adult-Connect-Library](https://members.goodshepherd.com/Member-Resources/Adult-Connect-Library).

## What is Good Shepherd Connect?

*It's an opportunity for you to learn each week on Sundays at 10:10 am.*

We do this either as a congregation or in age-specific groups, which are listed below:

**Kids Connect (Pg 13) | Meets in Room 100:** Similar to Sunday School, kids from preschool through 6th grade learn about the Bible through activities and story.

**Parent Connect (Pg 13) | Meets in Room 101:** A time of fellowship for parents while their kids are in Kids Connect.

**Adult Connect (To the Left) | Meets in Fellowship Hall:** Speakers present on various topics related to our Lutheran faith. Testimonials, Lutheran history, and current events are all possible topics.

*Include Good Shepherd Connect each week in your worship practice!*



## Lenten Study | Seeking: honest questions for deeper faith

This Lent, Good Shepherd will engage in the spiritual practice of seeking – seeking to live more fully as disciples of Jesus by examining questions of faith. **How do I engage in this Lenten practice of seeking?**

A printed Lenten Devotional is available in Good Shepherd's lobby now. Even now is a good time to begin a Lenten journey.

Attend one of the two community gathers to reflect, chat, and pray together: **Tuesday evenings in-person from 6:30pm – 7:30pm AND on Wednesday mornings via Zoom at 11am - Noon.**

Folks looking for a small group should contact Jen Jarman ([jjarman@goodshepherd.com](mailto:jjarman@goodshepherd.com)) to get access to a Leader Guide.

## Continuing Adult Bible Studies

**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](http://www.onrealm.org).**

### Baptisms

Are you hoping to have your child baptized? Are you wondering what baptism is all about? Pastor Alex would be happy to connect with you about this incredible means of grace! As the programming year begins we will be returning to our pre-COVID baptism schedule of baptisms being held on the second Sunday of the month and the third Saturdays of the month. Interested in learning more? Email Pastor Alex ([ahoops@goodshepherd.com](mailto:ahoops@goodshepherd.com)) if you have any questions or would like to set up a time to chat.

### New Member Classes

Why should you become a member of Good Shepherd? As a member of the congregation, you'll be able to help shape the ways that Good Shepherd lives out its mission in the world. You'll do that through voting for Church Council members, serving on Church Council, attending Synod or ELCA events as a representative of our congregation, or voting on called clergy members. Light refreshments provided for all attendees! Contact Pastor Alex at [ahoops@goodshepherd.com](mailto:ahoops@goodshepherd.com) for more info!

**The Prophets According to Pastor Pete:** The prophetic voice is every bit as relevant today as it was in Old Testament times. **Join us for "The Prophets According to Pastor Pete" on Monday mornings at 10:00 in room 100.** Come as you can, participants do not need to attend every session to learn and grow in their faith.

**Bible Babes** is a bi-monthly Bible Study for women which meets on the 1st and 3rd Thursday of the month at 10 am. Contact Anne Miller at [ran-co@cinci.rr.com](mailto:ran-co@cinci.rr.com) for more information.

### Lenten Group for Parents

Seeking a group just for parents?

Good Shepherd's Parent Connect group will be journeying through Lent together as a small group guided by discussion questions that complement our Lenten theme of seeking: Honest Questions for Deeper Faith.

**ALL parents and care providers are welcome to join this group on Sunday mornings at 10:10am in Room 101.**

Questions? Contact Emily Hoops at [emilyhoops@gmail.com](mailto:emilyhoops@gmail.com) or Jill Messner at [jillybean141@gmail.com](mailto:jillybean141@gmail.com).

# Outreach



Pastor Alex talks kindness with students from Taft (Feb 2023)

## Taft Elementary

We had a wonderful visit focusing on kindness and caring!

Pastor Alex kicked the visit off by telling an interactive story of being kind to our neighbors. The kids gave him suggestions and he amazed them by drawing Sonic and Superman among others! Then Eriys picked the perfect story about Doug the Pug and the Kindness Crew that had the kids laughing.

Next the kids drew examples of kindness on paper squares that we assembled into a “Kindness Quilt” (Thank you Adalyn Ruggiero!) The quilt will be displayed in the entrance to the school for everyone to see. The visit ended with a Valentine’s themed snack - red strawberries, chocolates, candy and a juice box robot. The kids also made us Valentines and passed them out to us throughout the visit.

Thank you to everyone who donated their time, donated items and prayed for our Taft ministry. You are so appreciated!

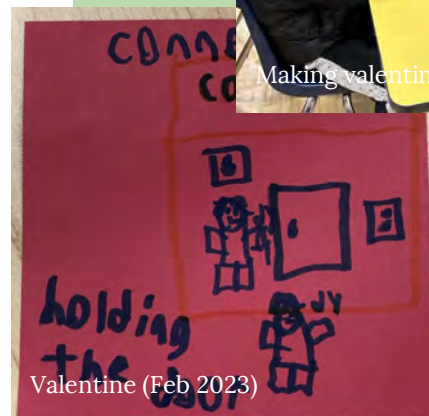
Our next visit will be March 16 from 12:20-2:00 pm where we will have St. Patrick’s Day themed STEM activities. All are invited. If you have any questions or are interested in joining us please contact Sue Matz ([sgmatz13@gmail.com](mailto:sgmatz13@gmail.com)) or Kathy Peterson ([Peteramund@hotmail.com](mailto:Peteramund@hotmail.com)).



Story time with Eriys (Feb 2023)



Making valentines (Feb 2023)



Valentine (Feb 2023)



## Shepherd's Pantry

The Good Shepherd pantry is hoping to improve the protein supplies in March! Please consider donating canned chicken, salmon, tuna, and any meat and or chunky soups. We also need fruits, especially canned peaches, pineapple, and applesauce.

Our participants would really enjoy these items to round out their diets and stretch their budgets. Thank you for your kindness and concern.

## Graceworks

At Adult Connect on February 5th Sandra Combs provided an overview of Graceworks and shared stories that illuminated how the organization expresses its mission of Faithful Caring (you can rewatch the presentation on YouTube at [youtube.com/watch?v=Ed\\_H-QwGEG0](https://youtube.com/watch?v=Ed_H-QwGEG0)). The stories also illustrated Good Shepherd's various supports to Graceworks residents and Sandra shared ideas to continue building relationships with them.

### Do you have sewing skills (or an interest to learn sewing)?

GSLC's Graceworks Team wants to make 75 clothing protectors for residents with disabilities that live in Graceworks' Enhanced Living homes so you are needed! Please

contact Mary Adams or Tina Morawski if you would like to help ([adamsmarydmjk@gmail.com](mailto:adamsmarydmjk@gmail.com), 513.767.8029 or [tinamorawski7@gmail.com](mailto:tinamorawski7@gmail.com)).

Don't sew, don't want to? You can also support the clothing protector project by donating gently used men's flannel or heavy cloth, dark button-down shirts to Good Shepherd March 11 Spring Rumage Sale. The shirts will be used to make 25 of the 75 clothing protectors.

## Lent Food & Supply Drive for NEEDS & Taft Elementary

Instead of giving up something this Lent, intentionally give a needed item each day in Lent to support the increased need at the Taft Elementary Food Pantry and the NEEDS Food Pantry.

How can you help?

Pick-up a Reverse Lenten Collection Drive calendar from the GSLC lobby and follow the calendar by purchasing the items listed on each day. Place your donations in a sturdy box, bag or bin to be donated to GSLC on Easter for a blessing.

**Participate as you are able to help keep these pantries stocked!**

## Habitat for Humanity - Rock the Block

**Rock the Block is on April 29th from 8:30 am to 4:00 pm. It's a service event for the whole family!**

Rock the Block brings together hundreds of volunteers to support the home preservation goals and place-based investments of the communities where Habitat is currently building homes. Twice a year, volunteers partner with neighborhood organizations to complete exterior home preservation projects, perform park maintenance, and refresh public spaces all across a single neighborhood. While volunteers paint, plant flowers, or pick up debris, they get to know other volunteers and the community around them.

**We'll be working in Bond Hill for this event.**

Interested in volunteering? Volunteers need to register by April 7th.

Head on over to [habitatcincinnati.galaxydigital.com/user/register/](https://habitatcincinnati.galaxydigital.com/user/register/) to register.

Contact Roy with questions about volunteering at [rjohnson138@cinci.rr.com](mailto:rjohnson138@cinci.rr.com), phone (513)262-6480.



Home dedication (2023)

# Youth & Families



Worship Workshop (Feb 2023)

## Preschoolers

**Preschool Prayer Workshop, March 4th from 10-11 am.** This special Faith Milestone is designed for our youngest disciples (ages 2-5) to attend with their parents to practice different ways to pray throughout the day. Please RSVP by March 1st to Jen Jarman at [jjarman@goodshepherd.com](mailto:jjarman@goodshepherd.com).

## Confirmation (7th and 8th Grades)

- **Confirmation Connect:** Each Sunday at 10:10 am in Room LL02
- **Tough Questions of Faith:** Sunday, March 5 for both parents and students/Old Testament Connect Reflection Questions Due.
- **Spring Rummage Sale:** Saturday, March 11th from 8 am to 2 pm (serve as you are able).
- **Faith Masterpiece Meeting:** For 8th grade students & families only. Sunday, March 12th at 10:10am. 7th graders are off this Sunday.
- **Service Morning at Tikkun Farm:** Saturday, March 18th from 10 am to 12 pm.
- **Confirmation Social Event:** Sunday, March 19th: Escape Room. Noon - 3:30pm. Registration via [onrealm.org](http://onrealm.org) due March 15th (minimum 5 students required for event).



Souper Bowl (Feb 2023)

## Senior High, aka The Flock (9th through 12th)

- **Flock Connect:** Each Sunday at 9:08 am in Room 108.
- **Rummage Sale Set-Up Part 1:** Thursday, March 9th from 6:30pm - 9:00pm.
- **Rummage Sale Set-Up Part 2:** Friday, March 10th from 7pm (optional overnight requires 1 more adult to chaperone - contact Jen at [jjarman@goodshepherd.com](mailto:jjarman@goodshepherd.com))
- **Rummage Sale:** Saturday, March 11th from 8am - 2pm (volunteer as you are able).
- **Painting Through the Psalms:** March 12th, 19th and 26th during Flock Connect at 9:08am.
- **Service Morning at Tikkun Farm:** Saturday, March 18th from 10am to 12 pm.



## Families

**Kids Connect in March:** “I wonder...if Jesus was afraid on top of the building?”. Children & youth will be exploring our Lenten texts through “I wonder...” questions and Godly Play storytelling each week at our Kids Connect Faith Formation hour. A new guest reader each week will share a story that helps the children connect the weekly Lenten theme to their everyday lives.

Advanced registration for Kids Connect is not required - parents can register children new to Kids Connect on any Sunday morning in Room 100.

Kids Connect is also a great way to mentor the youth in their faith. Sign-up to take a turn at helping at <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20F0D4BAFAF2AA75-kids1>.

**Parent Connect meets each Sunday in 10:10 am in Room 101 for a Lenten Journey (see page 9).**

**Vacation Bible School–2023:** The dates for Vacation Bible School at GSLC are set for June 12th through the 16th. VBS happens each day from 9 am to 12 pm. VBS is open to children ages 3 years-old through 6th Grade.

Early registration for VBS for GSLC members begins on April 1st. Community Registration opens April 15th.

Learn more at [goodshepherd.com/News-Events/](https://goodshepherd.com/News-Events/).

**Easter Egg Hunt 2023:** Get your baskets ready for this year’s Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday, April 8th at 4:00pm. The event is open to all children through 3rd grade and each child is invited to bring their own Easter baskets for the event (no grass please). Come hear the Easter story, sing a song or two and of course, find some hidden Easter Eggs.

Everyone is welcome to join us for 5:00pm Easter worship immediately following the Easter Egg Hunt.

## Summer Camp 2023

What makes a week at HopeWood Pines, Lutheridge or HopeWood Shores different than any other summer camp?

JESUS.

A week of Lutheran summer camp offers days filled with creative bible lessons, games, crafts, swimming, campfires and evening vespers. Youth and families are invited to join GSLC this summer at one of the following camp options:

- **Youth ONLY (Gr. 3-12):** June 18th - 23rd OR June 25th - 30th at HopeWood Pines at LMC (OH)
- **Family & Youth:** July 2nd - 8th at Lutheridge (NC)
- **Family ONLY:** July 9th - July 15th at HopeWood Shores at Camp Luther (OH)

GSLC wants to encourage all families to experience summer camp by blessing each family with a \$200 gift towards their total camp balance. PLUS, if you are NEW family or youth camper, GSLC will add in an additional \$100 gift.

Camp swag prizes are up for grabs for the first registrants for Summer 2023. Simply forward your camp invoice to Jen Jarman at [jjarman@goodshepherd.com](mailto:jjarman@goodshepherd.com) to receive camp swag.





### Focus on Small Groups: Good Shepherd Outdoors

Good Shepherd Outdoors' goal is to provide opportunities for folks to get outside and explore the different parks and natural areas of the Greater Cincinnati area. While the group mainly focuses on hiking, there are opportunities to experience nature in a variety of ways including paddling, geocaching, and fossil hunting.

(when he can get away for an afternoon after heavy rains or an out-of-town trip with friends). Email Scott at [sputhoff@goodshepherd.com](mailto:sputhoff@goodshepherd.com) to be added to the groups email list or to ask questions or learn more.

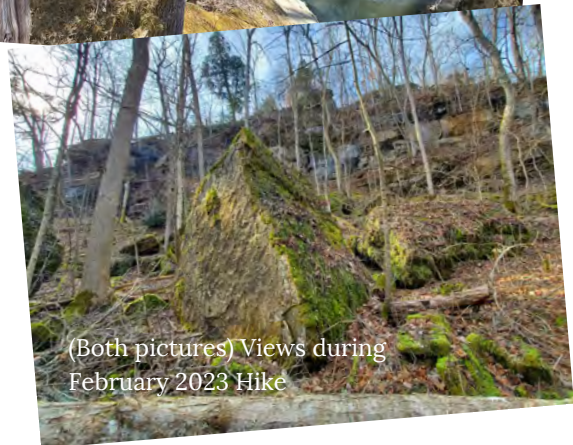
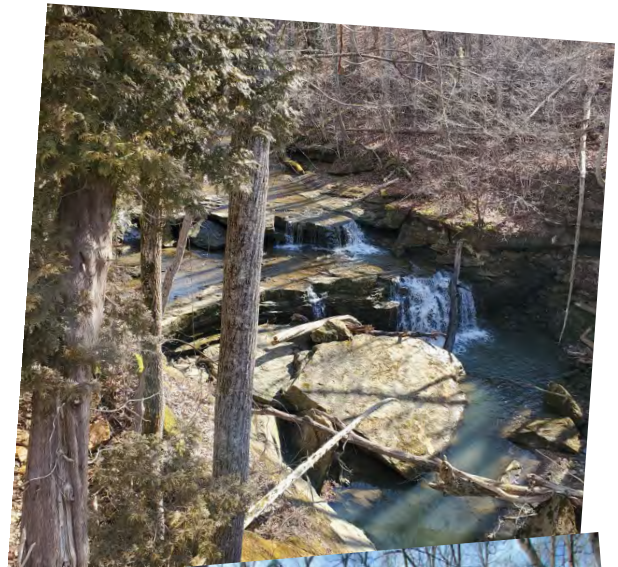
**Why is spending outside so important?** A quick Google search will show that spending time outside on a regular basis helps boost mental health, reduces stress, and can help maintain or boost physical and aerobic fitness.

**But maybe most important of all, spending time outside connects you with God's creation.**

*When you spend time in the woods or on a river, you will likely feel more connected to creation and more connected to your call to be a steward of the gift that creation is.*

Most activities have shorter forays into the woods that are appropriate for families with smaller children unless otherwise noted.

Scott Puthoff is the group's organizer and has spent regular time in the woods or on the water most of his life. He's currently an avid trail runner, hiker, and sometime whitewater kayaker



(Both pictures) Views during February 2023 Hike



## Small Groups | Sign-Up at [goodshepherd.com/News-Events](https://www.goodshepherd.com/News-Events)

**55+ Club:** March 7th at 12 pm. The Club welcomes the Cincinnati Zoo and a presentation on birds. Contact John VanOsdol ([jvanosdol@cinci.rr.com](mailto:jvanosdol@cinci.rr.com)) for more information.

**Good Shepherd Outdoors:** Hike at the Cincinnati Nature Center on March 25th at 10 am. See what flowers are blooming at the Cincinnati Nature Center. Two hikes will be available 3-5 miles & 1-2 miles. A fee is required for entry for non-members of the Nature Center. Learn more and sign-up at [goodshepherd.com/News-Events](https://www.goodshepherd.com/News-Events). Contact Scott Puthoff ([sputhoff@goodshepherd.com](mailto:sputhoff@goodshepherd.com)) with questions.

**Good Shepherd Film Discussion Series:** “Up in the Air” (2011), March 11th at 6:15 pm. Ryan Bingham works for a consulting company whose mission is to provide large companies with “termination assistance.” In his spare time, he provides motivational speeches for those souls who are looking for direction in their lives. But Ryan himself is starting to have second thoughts about his own life; does it lack purpose? Has he made the right personal decisions? With George Clooney, Anna Kendrick and Vera Farmiga.

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:** March 20th at 7:30 pm in the GSLC Library. Please join Literature and Our Faith as we discuss “Small Victories-Spotting Improbable Moments of Grace” by Anne Lamott. Lamott writes about faith, family, and community in essays that are both wise and irreverent. Now in Small Victories, Lamott offers a new message of hope that celebrates the triumph of light over the darkness in our lives.

Our April 17th read is “Two Old Women: an Alaskan Legend of Betrayal, Courage and Survival” by Velma Wallis.

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

**Moms of Faith:** Moms of Faith is a group of moms whose children are school aged and older. Meetings are Tuesday afternoons at 12:30 p.m. for mutual support and encouragement. The 4th Tuesday of the month will be a Bible Study. The 2022-2023 study is “Fight Back with Joy” by Margaret Feinberg. For more information about Moms of Faith and confirm the latest plans, please contact Lisa Meili at [larm@cinci.rr.com](mailto:larm@cinci.rr.com).

**MOPS:** Meets on March 14 at 6:30 pm. Moms are invited to find fellowship, rest, & friends at this monthly meeting. More information is available via email or their FB page ([www.facebook.com/GSLCMOPS/](https://www.facebook.com/GSLCMOPS/)). Childcare requests or questions can be sent to Lori at [GSLCMOPS513@gmail.com](mailto:GSLCMOPS513@gmail.com).

**Piecemakers:** March 27th at 12 pm. Turning previously loved fabric into quilts and blankets that provide comfort to those in need. No experience necessary. The fourth Monday of each month September through May at 12 pm (except December). Contact Pat Stratman (513.319.4201) or Tina Morawski (513.293.6741) with questions.



**Pub Theology:** Join Men Doing Life on March 21st 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](mailto:ahoops@goodshepherd.com) with questions.

**Yoga:** Yoga will take a break March through Sunday, April 9th. Please look for an updated schedule to be published soon. Contact Pastor Pat [pbad-key@goodshepherd.com](mailto:pbad-key@goodshepherd.com) with questions.

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