



The Shepherd's Horn

January 2023

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Rockin' Christmas Eve (December 2022)

Congregational Meeting Announcement

Over the weekend of December 31-January 1, it was announced at worship that the Senior Pastor Call Team has unanimously recommended to the Church Council that Good Shepherd call a Senior Pastor candidate. Church Council met with the candidate on December 29th and voted unanimously to recommend to the congregation that we call this candidate as our next Senior Pastor.

We ask all members to keep their eyes on their mail. A letter will be mailed out January 3rd to all members with the next step in the process. You'll have an opportunity to listen to the candidate's past sermons online, meet with the candidate, and learn more about the candidate.

Additionally, a Congregational Meeting has been scheduled to vote on the candidate on January 15, 2023 at 10 am. Plan to attend this meeting as Good Shepherd is required to have a quorum present to vote on the candidate.

Questions?

Reach out to the church office at 513.891.1700 or office@goodshepherd.com.

Featured News

Christmas Visitors

Pastor Alex's Christmas encounter with a traveling family. Read more on [Page 2](#).

Concerts

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Pastor's Thoughts



What happens with visitors show up for worship on Christmas Day after worship has ended?



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What a lovely Christmas Eve and Christmas Day!

No one would be surprised to know that I love the energy on Christmas Eve. The candles, the songs, the people, the traditions: it's beautiful!

However, I have always enjoyed Christmas Day services the most. It's a little less exciting and dramatic but I truly treasure that service. On a day that can feel so hustle and bustle with family, presents, meals, and travel, to start the morning with a reminder that this day is about God dwelling among us, is a centering practice that I truly appreciate more with each passing year.

This year, particularly, carried some additional meaning.

It seems the Holy Spirit thought I needed a much more tangible intervention to remind me about the reason for the season. After the Sunday morning Christmas service concluded and all the folks had left, my family was waiting at the front doors as I prepared to lock up the building. We had plans to head home and to unwrap gifts and have some lunch together.

Just then, a van pulled up and its occupants looked puzzled as I began to lock the exterior door. The passenger door slid open to reveal a large family dressed in their Sunday best asking, **"Are we late? Or has service not started yet?"**

I had never seen this family before and was particularly surprised by how many folks were in the van. It was actually two families! I said "Oh! Well, we are locking up. We had service at 11am..." The couples exchanged disappointing looks because it was now 12:20pm.

One of the passengers asked very politely, "Is there any way we could come in for a moment to pray?" I'm not a person to turn someone away from coming to church and connecting with God, so I said, **"Absolutely! You just have to let me get the lights on."**

The families large entered the sanctuary with smiles for the chance to gather and worship on this Holy Morning. They kept repeating how grateful they were for my willingness to "let us in". I reminded them it wasn't "MY House" and that I was happy to stay a bit longer for them to honor the day.

What followed was 30-minutes of conversation, introductions, prayers, scripture readings, communion, and photos at the Christmas Tree!

I can safely say that this year was one of the best and more tangible experiences of the Christmas Story I had ever experienced. A couple of families, holy, traveling from far away, looking for a place to stay for a moment, and center themselves in God's promise. What a story for Christmas morning! Thanks be to God!

Pastor Alex Hoops

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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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Instagram: [@gslc.cinci](#)

Twitter: [@GSLC-Cinci](#)

SoundCloud: [@goodshepherdlutheran](#)

YouTube: [@GSLCMedia](#)

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Church News



Christmas Pageant at Kids Connect (December 2022)

Gather Cincinnati's Winter Worship Gathering

Gather Cincinnati is a faith community of young adults from around Cincinnati. **Their next gathering is a Winter Worship, held on Sunday, January 8th from 5:30 pm to 7:30 pm at Monfort Heights United Methodist Church (3682 W Fork Rd, Cincinnati, OH 45247).**

The Gather community will share dinner, sing, pray, and engage in intentional conversation together. All young adults are welcome. **If you or a young adult you know would like to get connected with Gather, please fill out the following form to get in touch:** <https://forms.gle/RU4c73Egmg1kjc6A8>.

Chili Cook-Off Returns

Get your muffin tins ready! **The Chili Cookoff is making a comeback on Saturday, February 4th, 2023 at 6pm in Fellowship Hall.** Why muffin tins? They make great little bowls for eating lots of chili. We need cooks and lots of hungry people. It's \$10 per person or \$30 per family to enjoy some delicious chili. So please join us. This event helps support our Edge House Ministry. If you would like to sign up as a group or an individual to enter a chili, please contact Jill Messner at jillybean141@gmail.com.

Calling All Children Artists!

Children artists are needed. For this February's Chili Cookoff there will be a bowl auction. We need several children to come and paint bowls on Friday, January 20th, 6pm at Mad Potter in Madeira. The auction helps support The Edge House. Please let

New Year's Worship

New Year's Eve & Day will have NO CHANGES to our normal weekend worship schedule of Saturday at 5 pm and Sunday at 9 and 11 am. *Note that there will be no Good Shepherd Connect on Sunday, January 1, 2023.*

Holiday Office Hours

GSLC offices are closed on January 2 and 16 in observance of New Year's and MLK Holidays.

Sermon Podcast

Relisten to past sermons with your favorite podcast app! Learn more at good-shepherd.com/sermon-podcast.

Jill Messner know at jillybean141@gmail.com if your child would like to come, space is limited.

Good Shepherd Nursery School Offers Extended Full Days!

Good Shepherd Nursery School (GSNS) is excited to offer extended day classes for some of our 4-5-year-old children. These will run M-Th from 9:00am-2:30pm! Good Shephard serves children ages 2.5-5 years of age.

Registration for Fall 2023-204 opens on January 3, 2023. Learn more about Good Shepherd Nusery School at their website: gsns.info



Video Production Room | Cry Room Conversion

Work begins the week of January 16th on conversion of the existing Cry Room to a Video Production room for worship & live streaming.

In 2023, Good Shepherd plans to convert GSLC's existing Cry Room to a Video Production Room. The room will house the Live Stream Computer, PowerPoint Computer, and a new soundboard for the Live Stream audio mixer. The move will significantly improve the audio quality of online worship, allow for real time communication between the operators, removes troubleshooting from view during worship, and improves line of sight & movement in the balcony. The Prayground helps make this move possible and staff are exploring options to stream worship into a room (Nursery or other) for parents to also take kids that would allow them to stay connected to worship.

Gratitude from Staff

Pastor Pat and the GSLC writes: As a staff we say "thanks" to everyone who gifted us with cards and presents, fed us, prayed for us, and encouraged us during the seasons of Christmas and Advent. Your kindness and care helped us all to know the joy of life together in a family of faith. Thank you for being Christ to us during this busy time!



CARING FOR ALL MEMBERS (CFAM)

At Good Shepherd we have a variety of caring ministries which help members care for and walk with other members as needed. Over the last years this caring ministry has developed into ten unique and self-sustaining care ministries. Those CFAM (Caring for All Members) ministries are the following: Stephen Ministry, Parish Visitors, Minor Home Repair Team, Bereavement Team, Emergency Meals for Members, Transportation Team, Hospital Callers, Prayer Chain, Shepherd's Pantry, and Just In Case Registry.

Each CFAM ministry area has a team leader and there are various members who have volunteered to serve in these ten CFAM ministries. We are grateful to God for the commitment many members have made to serve others as the Good Shepherd mission statement states. If you would like any information or have questions about these ministries, please contact Pastor Pat at pbad-key@goodshepherd.com or call her at 891-1700, ext.111. If you know someone who could benefit from one these ministries, please contact Pastor Pat at the email or phone number listed above.

Worship & Music

8 pm Worship on Christmas Eve (December 2022)

Worship & Music in January

A heartfelt THANK YOU to all our volunteers who helped with worship during the Advent and Christmas seasons. Our beautiful worship would not have been able to happen without your talent and dedication. **Thank you all so much!**

Last month we hosted the first in what will likely become an annual event: A sing-along concert featuring Handel's Messiah. Over 170 were in attendance with at least 120 in the sing-along "choir". You can watch a video of the concert on YouTube at <https://youtu.be/8OdXLf7nMpl>.

Upcoming Concert Series Events:

January 15th, 3:00 PM: Schubert's Winterreise with Paul Max Tipton, bass-baritone, and Dr. Kevin Seal, piano.

Franz Schubert was a late-Classical/early-Romantic era composer born in 1797. He spent much of his life in the shadow of Beethoven. He died at the age of 31 in late 1728, having given his first & only public performances of his works earlier that year. Thankfully, his other works were discovered by the likes of Mendelssohn, Brahms, and others. He is now viewed as one of the finest composers in the history of western music.

Schubert wrote over 1500 works ranging from symphonies to instrumental music. His art songs (German: lieder) are where he made his most significant mark. With more than 600 songs, Schubert expanded the genre and its potential more than any composer before him. Best known are his two Song Cycles: Die Schöne Müllerin (The

Fair Maid of the Mill) and Winterreise (Winter's Journey), both set to poems by Wilhelm Müller.

Winterreise, written in 1827, was written in two parts. It consists of a drama from the point of view of a wandering protagonist who has left town after his lover falls in love with another. He reflects on love lost and the meaning of life as he journeys through a village. The poetry expresses a wide variety of moods and emotions, and the interpretation of these moods challenge even the most skilled singer. Schubert's music is some of the most beautiful and expertly crafted ever written for piano and voice.

The 3pm, January 15th Winterreise concert, provides a rare performance of the entire cycle, performed with our own Dr. Kevin Seal on piano, and NYC-based Paul Max Tipton, bass-baritone. Paul Max is a skilled and versatile singer who enjoys an active career in opera, oratorio, and chamber music, and has performed and recorded with choirs and orchestras throughout the United States, Europe, and Asia.

January 29th, 3:00 PM: The Modern Double Bass | Peter McCutcheon in recital.

GSLC member, Peter McCutcheon will perform a recital of modern unaccompanied double bass works next month. The performance will feature works by Hans Fryba, Luciano Berio, and others and showcase the unique qualities of the double bass. This concert is a rare opportunity to hear and put a spotlight on one of the lowest and largest orchestral instruments!

Read more at members.goodshepherd.com/Member-Resources/Concert-Series/

January at a Glance

Events Every Week

Mondays | 8 am - Monday Morning Work Crew
Mondays | 10 am - Pastor Pete's Bible Study (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*

Jan 2 - Offices Closed
Jan 5 | 10 am - 1st Bible Babes (Pg 9)
Jan 8 | 2:30 pm - 1st Yoga (Pg 15)
Jan 8 | 5 pm - 1st Bible in a Year Meeting (Pg 9)
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Jan 21 | 10 am - Tikkun Farm Service (Pg 12)
Jan 21 | 5 pm - 1st 10 Great Dates Class (Pg 9)
Jan 26 | 12 pm - Taft Elementary Visit (Pg 10)
Jan 29 | 9 am - Bible Presentation (Pg 12)
Jan 29 | 10:10 am - 1st Communion Class (Pg 12)
Jan 29 | 3 pm - Peter McCutcheon Concert (Pg 6)



Handel's Messiah (December 2022)



Volunteering at Graceworks (Dec 2022)



Blizzard at GSLC (December 2022)

*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



Adult Connect (December 2022)

January 2023 Adult Connect

January 1st: No Adult Connect due to New Year's Day

January 8th | Connections Café: Enjoy coffee and pastries as you take a moment to reconnect with GSLC friends after the busy Christmas season. Grab a piece of chalk and a written blessing for your doorway to mark the start of the Epiphany season in your home.

January 15th: Congregational Meeting ([Page 1](#))

January 22nd | Graceworks with Mary Adams & Sandra Combs: Graceworks Lutheran Services faithfully cares for the needs of people in challenging and changing circumstances by providing a variety of residential lifestyle and programming options for seniors, as well as adults with developmental disabilities. Since 2020, GSLC has been intentionally building a more direct ministry with residents from the local Graceworks housing facilities.

January 29th | Camp Sunday hosted by Jen Jarman & GLSC Camp Counselors: According to research conducted by Sacred Playgrounds since 2015, "The Christian summer camp experience impacts campers in positive ways that extends to their families, churches and others." Various camp options, including camp locations and specific GSLC weeks will be shared, as well as GSLC-sponsored camp discounts. Learn more about how attending summer camp has a transformational impact on faith formation at all ALL AGES of life.

Remember that you can watch past Adult Connect presentations at 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!

Adult Bible Studies this Fall

10 Great Dates – Part I: Connecting Faith, Love & Marriage: Are you and your spouse finding time to connect? When was the last time you had an intentional conversation about faith or did a devotional together? 10 Great Dates: Connecting Faith, Love and Marriage gives couples intentional and structured time to connect with each other over a spiritual theme during a fun and creative date night.

The first 5 Class Sessions will be held on Saturday afternoons at GSLC at 4pm. Class Sessions will last for 45 minutes and couples can immediately go on their date (or go on one anytime prior to the next class session): **Jan. 21: Introductory Evening, Feb. 4: Connecting Faith & Love, Feb. 11: Appreciating Your Differences, March 4: Experiencing God Together, March 18: Getting into the Word, April 1: Loving Your Closest Neighbor**

Childcare provided by GSLC with advanced registration. Part II will continue in Fall 2023. Sign-up at www.onrealm.org.

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



Bible Babes (2021)

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.**

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 ranco@cinci.rr.com for more information.

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.

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) 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 (such as the new Senior Pastor we are actively calling). Light refreshments provided for all attendees! Contact Pastor Alex at ahoops@goodshepherd.com for more info!

Discipleship Corner w/ Pastor Alex

Keeping Christmas. I would do well to remember the meaning of Christmas is traditionally about keeping attention on the fact that God dwelled among us. God was not some far off creature bound on other journeys...but a fellow traveler on his way to the grave. Christmas is about the holiness of Emmanuel: God with us.

If that sounds familiar, that is because it comes from “A Christmas Carol”, when Scrooge is told that the season, and keeping Christmas well, is about how we recognize one another's humanness and holiness all year round.

So, are you keeping Christmas well? Are you keeping your eyes open to the surprising ways God might be traveling with you on your pilgrimage of life? How will you encounter the Holy Spirit this season?

Outreach



Christmas with Taft (December 2022)

Taft Elementary

We are so thankful for the generosity of the Good Shepherd family. The students in our 4 adopted classes each received a soft blanket and stuffed animal, a sweatshirt, a pair of socks and a couple of fidget toys thanks to your generosity. The squeals of delight as the students wrapped themselves in cuddly blankets, tried on a warm sweatshirt and hugged the stuffed animal brought smiles to our faces. One little guy even exclaimed with delight “socks!” that made us laugh.

We are thankful for volunteers who took pictures of each child before the party and had each picture in a frame and for all the volunteers that helped each student decorate the frame and gift bag so they could give this special gift to a family member. It wouldn't be a Christmas party without tasty cookies and a good Christmas story which the students very much enjoyed. Many students even wrapped a cookie in a napkin to take home to share.

Our January Adopt A Class activity will be 12:00-2:00 pm on January 26 where some of our volunteers will be talking about their careers and the students will have a hands on building activity in the new library. All are invited. Contact Sue Matz (sgmatz13@gmail.com) or Kathy Peterson (Peteramund@hotmail.com) to sign-up.



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Congregational Christmas Card

Thank you to all who donated to the Congregational Christmas Card. **Your generous donations raised \$3851.00, which we will send to Tikkun Farm, a 3.5 acre Urban Farm in Mt. Healthy.** Tikkun Farm works to sow seeds of hope, repair the world and feed the hungry through monthly service opportunities. In addition, their mission includes a Crockpot Meal program, job training for youth, and their Free Market. You may have heard on the local news that Tikkun Farm suffered a devastating fire on Christmas Eve. All the members of the Tikkun Farm community and animals are safe but they suffered the loss of their main structure. They plan to rebuild, so the gift we will send to them could not come at a better time. Once again thank you for supporting this unique ministry

Christmas Gift Program

Thank you for participating in the Christmas Gift Program this year! For Found House IHN, you provided much needed gifts cards from Kroger and Target that they can distribute to families as needed. Taft Elementary students received a gift bag with a sweatshirt, socks, lap blanket, stuffed animal and fidget toy. Gifts were also bought for five Graceworks Enhanced Living homes.

Good Shepherd, your generosity is greatly appreciated by all the organizations we serve through our Christmas gift program! Thank you also to all those that donated their time to show the love of Christ to others through this program such as organizing the program, manning the table, and helping with the sorting and distributing the gifts.

Graceworks

Good Shepherd people of all ages showered Graceworks residents with caring support during this Christmas season. Many members provided gifts for residents at five Enhanced Living houses as part of GSLC's annual Christmas Gift Program. Tweens made Christmas Tree ornaments for a total of 47 residents at two Housing Services communities; St. Marks in Milford and Lutheran Community in Lawrenceburg, IN. GSLCers also attended the annual Christmas luncheon at St. Marks Community; Beth Townsend provided residents with small gift bags and Roy Johnson led their silent auction to help the residents raise money for a local food bank, Impact Tomorrow.

Learn more about Graceworks at Adult Connect on January 22nd as we invite Sandra Combs from Graceworks' central offices ([see Page 8](#)).

Do you have any questions about Good Shepherd's ministry to Graceworks? Contact Mary Adams (adamsmarydmjk@gmail.com, 513.767.8029).

Fabric Arts Ministry Update

God gives us a variety of talents. Some use theirs to make snugly, comforting blankets for those families and individuals who are struggling with life's demands. In December, 18 quilts, baby blankets, and lap throws were delivered to Su Casa Hispanic families, and to those homeless families sheltering at Bethany House. Coordinators for both agencies are deeply grateful for the Good Shepherd hands and hearts that made these comforting pieces. Quilters, knitters, and crocheters are blessed to bless others with their skills. Questions, contact Jackie Cutshall, or Koben Hinman, 513-503-9485. Happy New Year!!!

Bible Babes Outreach

Bible Babes collected \$235.00 at their Dec. 1 meeting and made the following choices from the ELCA Good Gifts catalog: Fruit-tree Farm, Send a woman to Farming Field School and a clutch of 10 chicks. **Anyone can make a difference in the lives of God's people in 80 countries of the world with gifts anytime of the year through the ELCA Good Gifts catalog.**





Christmas Pageant (December 2022)

3rd Graders

- **Holy Communion Milestone for current 3rd families will start on Sunday mornings at 10:10am starting on January 29th and will run for 5-consecutive Sundays through February 26th.** Students will celebrate at a worship service of their choice on Sunday, March 5th. A letter with more details was mailed at the end of December.

4th Graders

- **Please mark your calendars for Sunday, January 29th for the Presentation of Bibles to all of our current 4th graders.** The presentation will occur during our 9:00am Worship service, with a Workshop for families to attend immediately following at 10:10am. A letter with more information was mailed at the end of December.

Tweens (4th - 6th Grades)

- **Kids Connect Tweens:** Each Sunday at 10:10 am in Room 100 (except January 1st)

Confirmation (7th and 8th Grades)

- **Confirmation Connect:** Each Sunday at 10:10 am in Room LL02 (except January 1st)
- **Tikkun Farm Service Project, January 21 from 10 am to 12 pm.** Register at www.onrealm.org.

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

- **Flock Connect:** Each Sunday at 9:08 am in Room 108 (except January 1st).
- **Tikkun Farm Service Project, January 21 from 10 am to 12 pm.** Register at www.onrealm.org.
- **Flock Game Night: Saturday, January 28th from 6:00pm – 9:00pm at GSLC.** All board games are welcome and please bring an appetizer to share. RSVP by January 25th at www.onrealm.org.

Christmas Pageant Audience (Dec 2022)



Families

Kids Connect in January: Kids Connect will kick off 2023 by learning about the season of Epiphany in the church year. During this season, we celebrate that Jesus is both fully human and fully divine and was meant as a gift to ALL people. Later in January, Kids Connect will start will learn more about the life and ministry of Jesus with the story of Jesus Calming the Storm,

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 in January: Parent Connect is open to any parents for a time of conversation and rest on Sundays at 10:10 am in Room 101. Drop the kids off in Kids Connect and head down the hall for coffee and friendship. Questions? Contact Emily Hoops at emilyhoops@gmail.com or Jill Messner at jillybean141@gmail.com.

Diaper Packing Event: Diaper packing event at Sweet Cheeks Diaper Bank in Price Hill. For families of all ages. Saturday, February 25th from 10am to noon. Followed by lunch at Price Hill Chili. Please contact Jill Messner at jillybean141@gmail.com to let us know you are coming. .

Building Reading Skills with Sue: Help your child reach their full reading potential through this 8-week reading enrichment program, designed by GSLC member Sue Berko-ben. Sue is a certified Reading Interventionist & retired teacher of 39 years with a Master's degree in Reading. The goal of this class is to improve a child's reading fluency skills.

This program is open to any child ages 5-9 and is free of charge. Classes start the week of January 23rd on Monday and Thursday afternoons through March 13th. Please register at www.onrealm.org.

Fun-In-Faith Retreat: Step out of the church and into the woods. This retreat is full of fun activities, hiking, group games, crafts, campfires, discovery Bible study and worship. Let LOMO give you a fabulous introduction to camp!

Who: Current 2nd - 5th grade students

What: Fun-in-Faith Elementary Retreat through Lutheran Outdoor Ministries of Ohio (LOMO)

When: February 17-18, 2023

Where: LMC at HopeWood Pines in Fulton, OH

Why: A great way to introduce youth to camp

Cost: \$50 (GSLC is investing an additional \$38 per youth). REGISTRATION DUE February 1, 2023. Please register at www.onrealm.org.



Jingle Jammies (December 2022)



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Focus on Small Groups: Good Shepherd Film Series

What is the Good Shepherd Film Series all about? How do I attend? Can I bring food? All your questions are answered below.

Q: Who is invited to the film presentations?

A: Members, friends, neighbors.

Q: Do I need to attend every film in the series?

A: Nope; come whenever you are able.

Q: Is this for entertainment or education?

A: Both! Fellowship is the most important goal. Mostly we just discuss whatever comes up in our hearts and minds while watching the film.

Q: Will the films make me uncomfortable?

A: Possibly. Each person is different in terms of what is or isn't comfortable. Many films are rated PG-13 and on occasion we'll view an R-rated film that is appropriate for an adult church discussion group.

Q: What is a typical evening like?

A: We begin at 6:15 PM with a 5-10 minute film introduction. From there, we watch the film together, which is followed by an open discussion of about 20 minutes.

Q: How do I prepare for each session?

A: There are no requirements! An informational sheet is provided to participants for each film and also kept online for later review at members.goodshepherd.com. Sometimes trailers will

be provided via email in advance.

Q: Can I bring snacks?

A: Of course! Good Shepherd will provide snacks each evening, but you are invited to bring your own, if you wish. If you prefer dinner with your movie, just bring it with you! There are tables in the Fellowship Hall which we will set up for your convenience.

Q: Where can I find information on the film series during the year?

A: members.goodshepherd.com

Q: I have a few more questions. Whom might I contact?

A: For more information, please contact Doug McConnell, who leads our film discussions. He maintains an email list that enables him to stay in touch with the folks who attend our films. You can reach him by email: dmc-conne@heidelberg.edu

Q: What are the remaining films this year?

A: January 14: Fill the Void (2012) ([Page 15](#))

February 11: The Sea Inside (2004)

March 11: Up in the Air (2009)

April 15: I Never Sang for My Father (1970)

May 20: The Front (1976)

June 10: Casablanca (1942)

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55+ Club: No meeting in January; returns February 7th. Contact John VanOsdol (jvanosdol@cinci.rr.com) for more information.

Good Shepherd Outdoors: Hike a Big Bone Lick State Park (KY) on January 14th at 10 am. See bison, smell the salt springs, and explore an area famous for the fossils it has produced! The first part of the hike is on a paved path, which is completely accessible. Learn more and sign-up at [goodshepherd.com/News-Events](https://www.goodshepherd.com/News-Events). Contact Scott Puthoff (sputhoff@goodshepherd.com) with questions.

Good Shepherd Film Discussion Series: “Fill the Void” (2012), January 14th at 6:15 pm. Shira Mendelman is a young woman living in Tel Aviv, looking forward to a possible suitor for a marriage in her conservative Jewish community. Her world changes as tragedy strikes; Shira’s older sister Esther dies in childbirth. The child survives, but the Israeli Haredi tradition mandates that Esther’s husband, Yochay, remarry as soon as possible. A potential partner from Belgium emerges, but the family doesn’t want to see Yochay and his child leave the community. Could Shira marry her sister’s husband instead? The family may agree, but Shira must decide for herself.

Snacks are provided! Tables are provided for those who need to bring dinner with them! Bring a friend!

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

Literature & Our Faith: January 16th at 7:30 pm in the GSLC Library. Join Literature & Our Faith to plan our book choices for 2023. Come with your favorite read or one you’ve heard someone highly recommend.

Our February 20th selection is “Lessons in Chemistry” by Bonnie Garmus.

Literature & Our Faith meets on the 3rd Monday of each month at 7:30 pm in the 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!

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. Location will vary depending on weather. For more

information about Moms of Faith and confirm the latest plans, please contact Lisa Meili at larm@cinci.rr.com.

MOPS: Meets on January 10th 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/). Childcare requests or questions can be sent to Lori at GSLCMOPS513@gmail.com.



Piecemakers: No Meeting in January; returns February 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: *Jesus in a Bar!* Join Men Doing Life on January 17th at 7 pm for a beer and some discussions about life, faith, doubt, and other matters. Skeptical? Come sit around a table with us as we discuss a wide ranging variety of ideas for the sake of deepening our relationships and widening our perspectives. 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.

Yoga: Yoga returns on January 8th, 15th, and 29th at 3:30 pm in the Fellowship Hall. Christy Plaughter, GSLC Member and certified yoga instructor, leads us through a practice that is centered in the breath and seeks to improve the connection of the mind, body and faith. The practice is open to all. There is still no cost to attend. Contact Pastor Pat pbad-key@goodshepherd.com with questions.

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