
Monthly Newsletter

[May 2019](#)



April showers bring May flowers. If that is true, we should have more flowers than ever this year. Except in my case. I was going to plant some flowers around a little pond on our property, but the pond is not so little this spring. It is big and overflowing. I have the flowers germinated, but no place to plant them! I will need to get creative to find a place to plant them all!

But May is not only a time for our flowers to appear, it is also the time each year that our 8th graders will be confirmed. This is their time to make a public confession that they have personally embraced the faith that they were baptized into.

The verse we will speak about over the next few weeks is:

- Matthew 10:32-35 *"Whosoever therefore shall confess me before men, him will I confess also before my Father which is in heaven. But whosoever shall deny me before men, him will I also deny before my Father which is in heaven."*

As we watch and pray for our confirmands this spring, may we also renew our efforts to boldly confess the Good News of Jesus Christ. He is Risen! He is Risen indeed, Alleluia!

In His Name,
Pastor Ted

Highlights

Confirmation 2019

This year's six confirmands have worked hard over the past three years and will have their confirmation on **Sunday, May 5th** at the **10:45 AM** service.

They will also present their Faith Affirmation Statements on **Wednesday, May 1st at 6:00 PM**. The congregation is invited.



This year's confirmands include:

- Bryce Flink
- Trevor Frederickson
- Madeline Harley
- William Hedervare
- Justin Snell
- Laura Zebell

Congratulations from your Good Shepherd family!



Landscaping Team... Needs you!

The Good Shepherd landscaping team is looking for people who don't mind getting dirty! Do you LOVE to garden? Are you ready for a workout? If you are willing to devote a few hours 3-4 times during the gardening season your help is needed. Contact **Pat Downing at 651-472-4543**. Initial projects include thinning various perennials in our gardens which requires some strong arms for digging.

Submit Your Recipes



***Ok, Good Shepherd,
hand 'em over!***

You know what we're talking about . . . those delectable recipes that we've tasted but don't know the secret ingredients.

**YES! IT'S TIME FOR A NEW GOOD SHEPHERD
LUTHERAN CHURCH COOKBOOK!**

With your help this cookbook will integrate Good Shepherd's HISTORY with stories and photos along with recipes we love! And better yet, . . . let's put the proceeds toward beautifying our Lord's church!

Send us your family's favorite recipes and Good Shepherd historical photos to tedjenn82@gmail.com. Thank you!

Connect & Invite

Watch this space for exciting opportunities where we can, as a congregation, **CONNECT** with each other and **INVITE** others from the community to join us!

Upcoming Events:

Roar: Life is Wild ~ God is Good!

Good Shepherd's Vacation Bible School
June 17th-19th



- 5:30 PM Family Dinner
- 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM Vacation Bible School
 - (kids ages 3 years old-5th grade)
- 6:15 PM-7:45 PM Adult Bible Study
 - (all ages)

To register: [CLICK HERE](#) or register in the church lobby. Register by May 19th and receive a free gift!

How you can help:

- Pray for VBS and all the people involved!
- Invite family and friends to attend!
- Be a volunteer! We need lots of help and there is a job for everyone! We need help with Registration, Decorations, Station Leaders and Crew Leaders (simply lead kids from station to station!)
- Donations are welcome! If you have amazon please consider buying something off the [VBS wish list](#).

Please contact [Melanie Appelquist](#) 763-784-8417 with questions!

Previous Events:

On April 14th Good Shepherd Lutheran Church hosted the **Teddy Bear Band!** 85 people attend that afternoon. It was a fun time of music and dancing. Each of the kids received an invite to our VBS this Summer. We used Facebook to help promote this event. We reach over 6,000 people.

Youth & Children's Ministry

Youth News

Youth Fundraising - Attention Congregation

- Thank you to everyone who ordered **Butter Braids**. The sale was a huge success and will help support the youth attending the National Youth Gathering this year!

Youth Events

Update:

- On April 7th three youth went to Inner Active in Mounds View. They had a great time jumping, climbing, and running around. See photos below!

Upcoming:

- On **May 5th** Good Shepherd Youth will be having a **VBS Decorating and Movie Party**. Please sign up on the youth bulletin board if you would like to attend.
- On **June 2nd** Good Shepherd Youth will be having a **Game Day** here at church in the youth room from Noon-2:00 p.m. We will be playing board games. If you would like to donate lunch that day please contact Melanie Appelquist.

Please sign up on the youth bulletin board or contact [Melanie](#) with questions.



Children's Ministry

Sunday School

A **big thank you** to all the Sunday School kid who sang on April 14th Palm Sunday. You all did an amazing job. Sunday Schools will be singing on May 19th at 10:45 a.m. service.

Just a reminder that we have the mystery box the first Sunday of the month. If your family would like to bring in an item for the mystery box please sign up in the Sunday School area.

Through the end of Sunday School will be collecting money
for Feed My Starving Children!





Each Day Club

Each Day Club...walking with Jesus is our Wednesday evening children's programming for kids in kindergarten through 5th grade. Each week as a member of the club, kids will be encouraged in their relationship with Jesus Christ. They will embark on an evening of interactive fun with praise music, teachable Bible

moments, crafts, and fun games.

Each Day Club ended their year with a party on April 24th.

Please join us next September when Each Day Club resumes and: **Invite a friend!**

Ongoing Fundraisers to Support Youth at Good Shepherd!

Like to Shop?

You can help support Good Shepherd Youth by signing up at www.goodshop.com. This website has some amazing deals and each time you use one of their sponsored retailers Good Shepherd's Youth Group receives a percentage of the amount you spent from GoodShop. Make sure you select Good Shepherd Youth when you setup your account.



Also, if you like to shop on Amazon, use [Amazon Smile](#). Select Good Shepherd Lutheran Church. Each time you purchase something through Amazon Smile the youth group will receive a percentage from Amazon Smile!

If you have any questions please contact [Melanie Appelquist](#) 763-784-8417.



Save your ink cartridges!

Don't throw Away your ink cartridges!

Good Shepherd Youth have launched a fundraising project with the help of an inkjet recycling company **Empties4Cash**. Empty inkjet cartridges can be recycled and remanufactured. Our group will receive up to \$4.00 for each cartridge turned in.

You can help! Any inkjet cartridge with a print head can be recycled, regardless of brand or type.

Do you have an HP, Lexmark, Xerox, Compaq, Brother, Dell, Canon, or Apple printer? Bring in your empty OEM inkjet cartridges (placed in the original box that you would have thrown away to keep it safe from spills and damages, or a Ziploc bag). (Note: Epson cartridges cannot be recycled - they don't have a print head.) Please give them to Melanie Appelquist.

Opportunities to Learn, Grow, Serve!

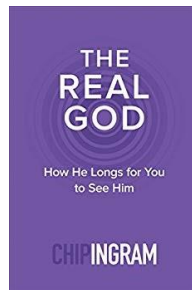


Sunday Morning

Cross-Generational Small Group DVD Bible Study

Education Hour 9:30 AM - 10:30 AM

***The Real God: How He
Chip Ingram***
March 31 - May 19



Longs for You to See Him by

Chip Ingram states in that there is a deep sense of unease in our rapidly changing world. We all know something has been lost but don't know why or where it all leads. Popular culture says it's all about me - that the end justifies the means that love means self-satisfaction, that status and appearance are what count. And this ultimately self-destructive perspective has thoroughly infiltrated the church as confusion replaces conviction. The way back, the path of hope, starts with knowing God for who He really is.

When you join Chip Ingram in this in-depth study of seven attributes of God - His goodness, sovereignty, holiness, wisdom, justice, love, and faithfulness - you'll see Him in a whole new light. It will change the way you think about God, yourself, and others. You will pray and live with a deep peace and a renewed purpose as you see Him as He longs to be seen.

The Real God eight -session small-group study is video based and designed to encourage meaningful dialogue and practical application through essential scripture passages. The Real God DVD Series Sunday mornings in the Lifetree Café area. Nurse care provided, sign-up sheet found on the Welcome Center.

Sunday Session Titles:

May 5	Wisdom of God
May 12	Justice of God
May 19	Love of God & Faithfulness of God

Questions: contact [Carrie Hoshaw](#) 763-784-8417.

St. Andrew's Family Shelter

It's that time again...we will have the opportunity to serve our neighbors in need at the St. Andrew's Family Shelter in Hug.

Our next date to serve are:

May 5 - May 11

St. Andrew's Family Shelter is the overnight shelter where families, from our own neighborhoods, that are experiencing homelessness stay while receiving case management at the Community Resource Center at St. Andrew's Lutheran Church in Mahtomedi. During our scheduled weeks of service, volunteers are needed for the dinner shift (5:00 - 8:30 pm), and the overnight shift (8:15 pm - 9:15 am).



All volunteers at St. Andrew's Family Shelter are required to have completed a volunteer application for a background check and view a Safe Boundaries training video prior to volunteering. (If you are already signed up to be a part of this ministry, you will receive an email with a link to sign up to serve during this upcoming service week.)

We would love to have you join our group of volunteers! If you have any questions or want more information, please contact Linda Carlson (612) 803-4376 or lcarlson416@gmail.com.

Women's Prayer and Praise Retreat

Mark your calendars!

Friday August 23rd - Sunday, August 25th

Do you need a reason to slow down and really see the beauty in God's magnificent creation?

When was the last time you truly got away from your daily responsibilities and took the time to clear your thoughts and listen to God?

Do you long for a long, uninterrupted time to talk with God in prayer?

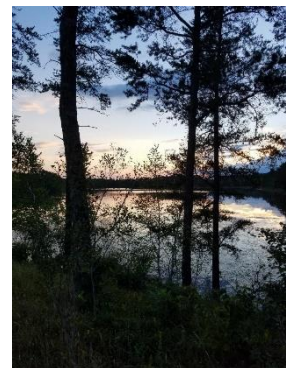
Jesus provided us with an excellent example of the need to "get away" from everyone for a while and have time with our heavenly Father. As women we care for others on a regular basis, we also need a break once in a while.

Invite your mother, daughter, sister, like-a-sister friend to join you.

Plan now to join us for a special weekend in the Northwoods ... just outside

Danbury...where we can enjoy the luxury of a room with a view, hike along wooded trails and

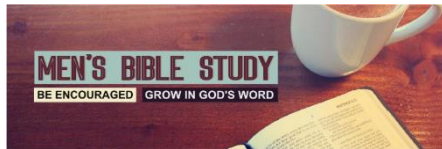
lakes, canoe/kayak, read, rest, soak in a hot tub, make s'mores around a campfire, re-connect with God, and make some wonderful memories with other Christian women.



Cost per person: \$190 for the entire weekend and includes all meals, snacks, planned activities & materials-2 people per lodge room.

Pick up a packet of information and sign up in the lobby. **Registration and deposit due by May 5th to reserve your spot.**

Questions? Ask Eugenia 651-483-1991 or Kristine 612-810-0315



Men's Bible Study

We will be continuing our comparisons of the four Gospels which we began last winter. This study basically takes one person's attempt at putting all four Gospels in chronological order. So far, this has proven to be a very rewarding look at the Bible. We basically take turns reading the various texts and then discussing the differences. We will be finishing up the 2nd year of Jesus' ministry and then moving on to the 3rd year.

Please consider joining us. If you have questions please contact Dan Netland or Pastor Ted.

DATES:

- May 6
- May 20

Ladies Tuesday Morning Bible Study

The Ladies' Tuesday Morning Bible Study meets in the Lifetree Cafe' area from 9:30-11:00am.

We are funushing our study of the book of *"Revelation: Worthy is the Lamb."*

Our next topic to study will be *"Miracles: Signs of God's Glory"* by Douglas Connelly. Most of us could use a miracle. Some physical condition, relationship problem or financial crisis we struggle with could be fixed rather quickly with just one miracle. When we open the pages of the Bible, our desire for a miracle intensifies as we read astonishing stories of God's power in the battles we face everyday. This Bible study will explore the miracles of God to help us discover how he works in our world - - yesterday and today. The cost of the book is \$6.00. If you would like to participate in this study sign up at the Welcome Center. If you have questions, please contact Charlene Behne at 763-784-8320 by April 7.

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May Dates: 7, 14, 21



WINGS News

WINGS (*Women in God's Service*) will meet on Thursday, May 16th at 6:30 PM in the Lifetree Cafe' area.

The meeting will begin with a salad supper. Please bring your favorite salad to share. Beverages and dessert will be provided by hostess Lissa Marcello. The program for the evening is "*Comfort Food.*"

All Ladies are invited to attend.

Please contact Charlene Behne with any questions at 763-784-8320.



Quilting News

Join us as we continue to quilt for Lutheran World Relief and other purposes, and to make pillows for our service personnel.

If you would like to help or provide material, please contact Lissa Marcello at 763-783-3790 or just come on the designated Thursday evenings. Remember, no experience

is required.

May Dates: 2, 9, 23,30

Time: 6:30-8:00pm

Place: Lower level - Sunday School area

Soul Food News

The Soul Food Ministry Team is designed to serve others with the love of our Lord Jesus.

Good Shepherd volunteers periodically gather together and prepare homemade soups. We then freeze them, so they can easily be delivered to individuals and families who could be blessed by the love-gift of a ready-made meal and a short visit.

If you know of someone who may be blessed by the gift of a Soul Food meal delivery, please let us know. Also, if you have a heart to serve in this ministry or have any other questions, please contact Darlene Sandbakken at 763-780-4614 or Val Hicke at 763-807-5562.





**Tuesdays at 7:00 pm
or
Thursdays at 10:30 am**

- Week of 5/5 - "**Love Ya, Mom: Celebrating Mothers.**"
- Week of 5/12 - "**Low-Cost No-Cost Adventures: And enrich your relationships along the way.**"
- Week of 5/19 - "**An Immigrant in the Sanctuary: When faith and politics collide.**"
- Week of 5/26 - "**An Encounter With God: A prime minister's supernatural experience.**"

Invite your friends for conversation. We're also on Facebook!

If you have any questions, please contact: Melanie Appelquist, Darlene or Marty Leiding, or Ann Wellmann.

Reminder: Host and Friendship Teams, please arrive one hour early.



Monthly Prayer Meeting

**The last Sunday of each month at 6:00 pm
in the lobby.**

Next Meeting: May 26

Praying in daily life is as important as breathing. Just as we all need oxygen to live, we need God's presence in us for us to be fully alive.

"We tend to use prayer as a last resort, but God wants it to be our first line of defense. We pray when there's nothing else we can do, but God wants us to pray before we do anything at all. Most of us would prefer, however, to spend our time doing something that will get immediate results. We don't want to wait for God to resolve matters in His good time because His idea of 'good time' is seldom in sync with ours." Oswald Chambers, Scottish teacher, writer and minister, 1874-1917.

Attention: Centennial High School and Middle School Moms!

Do you worry about your children? Come experience God's peace and hope when you pray alongside other moms. Moms in Prayer International (formerly Moms In Touch), gathers moms together to



pray for God to transform our children and schools. Won't you join with us in prayer for this next generation?

Please contact Leanne Abraham at 651-766-7442 or MIPICentennial@gmail.com for information about our local group. For more information about Moms in Prayer International visit their [website](#).



Prayer at Good Shepherd

How do I submit a prayer request?

1. Fill out a prayer request card (found in the pew) and place it in the offering plate during the offering on Sunday. OR
2. Go to the [website](#) and click on "Prayer Request" at the top. OR
3. [Email](#) or Phone (763-784-8417) your request in.

Do you have compassion for others? Are you a Prayer Warrior?

- Join the **Prayer Team** on the 4th Sundays at 6pm

(You can bring your requests and those of other to the meeting. You can pray with the group or just listen and support at the group prays.)

- Consider joining **Moms in Prayer**

- Sign up to be an email prayer chain member

1. Send an email to office@goodshepherdlink.org indicating your interest in being a part of the prayer chain.
2. You will be added to the email list and receive emails with requests to add to your personal prayer time.

Anyone who has a heart to pray for others is invited.

The power of prayer is an instrumental way to lift up your brothers and sisters in Christ who are requesting prayers. Good Shepherd invites and encourages you to be part of the Prayer Chain. This can be done in your own private prayer time.

These prayers would come from those submitted from Sunday Worship as well as prayers emailed or called in directly to the church.

What is the Power of Prayer?

Never underestimate the power of prayer. When you are praying according to God's will, your prayer is unstoppable. Therefore, we should never give up or back down. We need to keep

praying. That is why Jesus said, "Ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you" (Matthew 7:7).

Mark 11:25 - Therefore I tell you, whatever you ask in prayer, believe that you have received it, and it will be yours.

1 John 5:14-15 - And this is the confidence that we have toward him, that if we ask anything according to his will he hears us. And if we know that he hears us in whatever we ask, we know that we have the requests that we have asked of him.

Get Connected & Keep Connected

Help us keep up-to-date on your current contact information.

Keeping connected to your church home and family is crucial to busy day-to-day schedules.

Forms are available on the "Welcome Center" in the church lobby for whenever your information changes (address, phone, email, etc.).

If you would like to include or update your picture in the directory, just send it via your smart phone or computer to the church office at office@goodshepherdlink.org. We also know not everyone has the capability to send it electronically. Just call the church office at 763-784-8417 to arrange a time for us to take your picture for you.

Thank you for helping us keep you CONNECTED to Good Shepherd!



Contributions made simple. Good Shepherd wants to remind you that we offer electronic giving as a way to automate your regular weekly offering.

When travel, illness or other circumstances prevent you from attending services, would you find it helpful to have your offerings debited directly from your bank account as you probably do with other obligations? We highly recommend "Simply Giving" for members who wish to support the church now and throughout the year. To set-up electronic donations, simply complete an Authorization Form and place it in the drop off box, both are located at the Welcome Center.



The Centennial Community Food Shelf is located at 200 Civic Heights Drive (in the lower level City Hall building).

Good Shepherd continues to work with the Food Shelf and would like to thank everyone for their generous volunteer support and contributions.

Good Shepherd has a drop box for food donations located by the coat rack in the lobby. If you would like to make a financial donation to the local food shelf, please make checks payable to: Centennial Community Food Shelf and mail to:

Centennial Community Food Shelf
c/o Gethsemane United Methodist Church
7330 Lake Dr
Lino Lakes MN 55014

The food shelf provides emergency foods (3-5 days supply) for about 250 local households each month. Volunteers are always needed to serve on the first Thursday of the month from 3:45-6:15 at the Centennial Food Shelf. Team members come together with a driving compassion to serve the community by meeting the needs of others.

Please contact Darlene Leiding at 651-484-0119 if you are interested in becoming a volunteer.

