

## Monthly Newsletter

June 2019



Ten years and counting!!! Time flies when you're having fun (or when you have a deadline)! And I have a deadline each week (it's called a sermon). Maybe that is why these ten years have gone by so quickly! But I am also having fun. I just got back from a pastor's

conference, and I don't think I talked to a single pastor who didn't have significant issues that he was facing. I thought over and over, I am surely blessed to be here at Good Shepherd. You are a congregation that get's it. You understand the value and trustworthiness of God's Word. You understand what it means to live out the gospel, caring for those in need. It has been a blessing to serve here.

But as you know, we ARE going through some pretty significant changes. Sue has retired. (and Ann is doing a wonderful job in her place). Carrie is retiring. What a privilege it has been to work beside her these 10 years. I have learned so much from her over the years as I learned what it takes to be a pastor. And I appreciate her contributions to this congregation. She was very instrumental in moving Good Shepherd forward during my transition years into the ministry and she has continued to be a valuable team member and supporter throughout the years. May God bless her in retirement.

As you may also know, she is planning on leaving Good Shepherd along with Gary. Some have struggled as to why this is necessary. It is an unwritten rule for pastors that you do not retire at a congregation where you have served. This is done out of respect for those who follow. It is a very admirable decision, though we will deeply miss both her and Gary's presence.

Many are questioning what we will do going forward. This will be covered in some detail at the voters' meeting (June 9th). The council has voted and planned for a budget to bring Melanie on full time so she can increase even more her interaction with the children and the youth programming. Also, in the budget is a provision to hire a part time praise team leader to free me up. Over the summer we will be looking at the ministries that Carrie was involved in, and deciding how to move forward. God has truly blessed us over the last 10 years, and he will continue to do so with whomever is here. As Paul wrote to the Philippian church:

*Philippians 1:3-6 I thank my God in all my remembrance of you, always in every prayer of mine for you all making my prayer with joy, because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now. And I am sure of this, that he who began a good work in you will bring it to completion at the day of Jesus Christ.*

May it be so.

Pastor Ted



## Happy Anniversary Pastor Ted!

Please join us on **Sunday, June 23rd** to celebrate Pastor Ted's 10th year with Good Shepherd. We will have a social time between services from **9:30 - 10:45.**

Over the past 10 years Pastor Ted has brought strong Biblically based teaching, an open and easy-going attitude and great musical abilities to Good Shepherd. Of course, he also brought his wonderful wife Jennifer who has been involved in numerous ministries as well.

Please mark your calendars for this date as we take some time to thank Pastor Ted and Jennifer.

# Highlights

## The Ordination of Jesse Baker



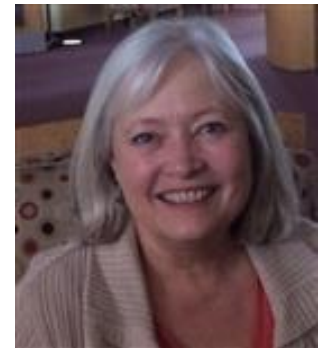
Will be held at Good Shepherd on Sunday, June 2nd!

The Ordination service will be at **3:00 PM**. The Good Shepherd congregation is invited to celebrate with Jesse and his family that day. There will be a light lunch following provided by **WINGS** (Women in God's Service).

### A Note from Carrie

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

I have come to trust when God closes a season in a person's life; He opens another. I have always strived to be ready to do God's will through each of these seasons with the help of our Lord. God's Word reminds us no matter what stage of life we walk through we need to be ready to "preach the word; be ready in season and out of season; reprove, rebuke, and exhort, with complete patience and teaching" (2 Timothy 4:2). I have spent the past year prayerfully considering where God is calling me. I truly believe that He is moving me into a new season of retirement from church work, allowing me more time to spend with my family (grandchildren). My last day as Good Shepherd's Director of Family Ministry will be Sunday, June 16, 2019. It has been an honor to have served the congregation of Good Shepherd these past fifteen years (2004-2019).



As I make plans for retirement Gary and I have decided, with much heartache, that it is essential for us to leave our home congregation to allow Good Shepherd to move forward. I feel this is a necessary step due to the leadership role I have held over these past fifteen years. Our last Sunday with our church family will be June 16, 2019. As we begin the process of relocating, we trust the Lord will bless us with a Church home that will make us feel as welcomed as Good Shepherd has over the years.

I have much enjoyed and appreciated the opportunities I've had in performing my duties as your Director of Family Ministry. I have cherished working alongside the members of Good Shepherd within the children, youth, family, marriage, women's, and Lifetree Cafe ministries, as well as the most recently added outreach ministry the St. Andrews Homeless Shelter. I've learned how special the people of Good Shepherd are over the years; your heart for service has been such a blessing to me. It has been a privilege to have had the chance to work with those that answered the call of service when ministry needs arose and to serve those that attended ministry opportunities. I will treasure the position I have held at Good Shepherd as I prayerfully seek my next opportunity to serve our Lord in furthering God's plan in strengthening families in their roles to raise the next generation of believers.

As we step away, Gary and I have been touched by Good Shepherd's family, and we are very grateful. We have worshiped, served, and lived alongside many of you over the years. Some of you have become our extended family. We raised our three daughters under the wings of this congregation and are thankful for those that shared in providing our children with Christian education and relationships. We have watched many of your children grow with ours into adults and start their own families. We have been blessed to have served those families that joined our church with babies in arms only now to watch them parenting teenagers and young adults. We are also thankful to have had the opportunity to welcome our newest families with our youngest members pursuing God's Word into our church body. The Good Shepherd families have changed over the years, but the one thing that has stayed unaffected throughout it all is the heart this congregation holds to God's Word and His Truth. Good Shepherd Lutheran Church truly is a light on the hill for its surrounding community, "You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hidden. Nor do people light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on a stand, and it gives light to all in the house." Matthew 5:14-15 ESV

My dear friends, hold to God's truth, raise the next generation, and be lights in the World. LIVE your life knowing God loves you, that He made you, and He created you for His purpose. Hold to the truth and know that you are safe in Him because you're a child of our Heavenly Father.

In His Service,  
Carrie



## ...Carrie's Service at Good Shepherd

Join us on **Sunday, June 16th** for a reception at 9:30 AM, between the 8:30 and 10:45 services, as we recognize Carrie (and Gary!) for their years of devoted service to our congregation, celebrate Carrie's retirement and wish them well as they move on to their next season of life.

## 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](mailto: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!) **Volunteer training June 2nd from 9:30-10:30 AM!**
- Donations are welcome! If you have amazon please consider buying something off the [VBS wish list](#).
- **All Church Decoration Party June 15th 10:00 AM.** We will be getting the whole church ready for VBS!

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

# Youth & Children's Ministry

## Youth News

### Confirmation

On May 5th, six young adults confirmed their faith in their Savior Jesus Christ. **Bryce Flink, Trevor Frederickson, Madeline Harley, William Hedervare, Justin Snell, and Laura Zebell** read their faith statements on Wednesday night and enjoyed an ice cream social with their families. On Sunday they participated in the Rite of Confirmation. Congratulations!



## Youth Events

### Update:

- On **May 5th** the youth watched *Cool Runnings* and helping create VBS decorations! THANK YOU!

### Upcoming:

- **June 2nd** Good Shepherd Youth will be having a game day here at church in the youth room Noon-2:00 p.m. We will be playing some board games. If you would like to donate lunch that day please contact Melanie Appelquist.
- **July 14th** Noon-2:00 p.m. (Notice date change) Good Shepherd Youth will be having a messy day! We will be playing games that you will get you messy! Please dress accordingly!



# Children's Ministry

## Sunday School

A **big thank you** to all the Sunday School kids who sang on May 19th. You all did an amazing job! We had a great year of Sunday School, have a great summer **AND we'll see you at VBS.... ROAR!!**



Just a reminder that we have the mystery box the first Sunday of the month - even in the summer! If your family would like to bring in an item for the mystery box please sign up in the Sunday School area. Contact [Melanie Appelquist](#) if you are interested.



## 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](http://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.

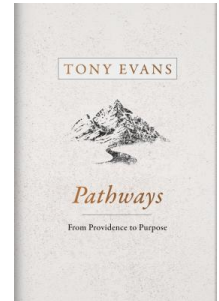
You can help! Any inkjet cartridge with a print head can be recycled, regardless of brand or type.

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!

## VBS ~ June 17-19, 2019

**Cross-Generational Small Group DVD Bible Study**  
During VBS ~ 6:15 PM - 7:45 PM



### **Pathways: From Providence to Purpose** By Tony Evans

God has a purpose for your life, and every action or event that occurs within it has been used to make that purpose a reality.

The story of Esther appears to be a series of coincidences strung together to deliver the Jews from certain death.

However, God selected Esther for a particular purpose at a particular time. Discover your own pathway to purpose through learning principles on providence as Tony Evans takes us on a journey of epic proportions through this book and Bible study.

*Pathways* DVD Series will be facilitated by Pastor Red and held in the Lifetree Café area. Nursery care provided, sign-up sheet found in the Lobby.

### **Session Titles:**

June 17	The Security of Sovereignty & Mile Markers
June 18	Ownership versus Management & Fasting and Prayer
June 19	Keep Going & Divine Reversals

Questions: contact the [church office](#) 763-784-8417.

## St. Andrew's Family Shelter

Thank you to all the volunteers who served at the shelter in May!

Our next week of service is:

**August 11 - August 17**

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 [ljcarlson416@gmail.com](mailto:ljcarlson416@gmail.com).

## WINGS News

WINGS (*Women in God's Service*) will meet on Thursday, June 20th at 6:30 PM in the Lifetree Cafe' area.



The program for the evening is "Day by Day" Hostess for the evening is Mary Lou Anderson. All Ladies are invited to attend.

Proceeds from the rummage sale in April came to \$1,622.25. Projects funded will be new adult pew Bibles and the remainder will be to fund other mission projects under consideration at this time.

A heartfelt thank you to everyone who donated items for the sale, worked the sale, made purchases, and for being a part of funding the projects named above. We couldn't do it without your help and support.

If you have questions in regard to WINGS, please contact Charlene Behne 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 soldiers.

No experience is required. The quilts are made for those who need encouragement and a reminder of how much they are loved and cared about by Jesus Christ, and that he is always with them in their time of trouble.

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.

**June Dates: 6, 13, 27**

**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 6/2 - "How to Live to 100: Advice from those who've done it."
- Week of 6/9 - "**A Father's Power:** How dads shape us - for better or worse."
- Week of 6/16 - "**Can God Love a Mess like Me?:** Exclusive filmed interview wit the author of the best seller **The Shack.**"
- Week of 6/23 - "**Concussions:** A former NFL player speaks out."
- Week of 6/30 - "**Blowing the Whistle on Abuse:** One Courageous Teenage Girl Tells Her Story:"

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.

[Lifetree June Calendar](#)



## Monthly Prayer Meeting

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

**Next Meeting: June 30**

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](mailto: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.