



August 2023

Quarterly Publication of Good Shepherd



CHRISTIANS DON'T TAKE VACATIONS

"Christians don't take vacations—they take pilgrimages!" I heard that statement a few years ago, and it has stuck with me. Christians take pilgrimages, not vacations. We may take breaks from work or other responsibilities, but we don't take vacations from the presence of God. And, every place we go gives us opportunities to see the world, God, and our neighbors in new ways.

Wherever you are going the rest of this summer, know that God goes with you. If you are traveling, you can worship with Good Shepherd online through Facebook or YouTube. And you can find full sermons on the "Life in FM" podcast or read our "Good Shepherd Blog."

If you are in town, we are worshipping outdoors every Wednesday by the campfire on the south side of our property at 7:00 pm. On Sundays, we worship indoors at 8:30 am and 10:30 am!

We look forward to welcoming you back at our Fall Kick-off & Food Truck Festival on Wednesday, August 30, from 5:30-7:00 pm. We will have live music, a service project, food trucks, and fun! Wednesday night meals will resume on September 6 at 5:00 pm, followed by worship and Church School kick-off at 6:15 pm. Confirmation students and Choir will meet at 7:00 pm!

We will continue to gather, grow, and go in faith, so that ALL may know the Good Shepherd!

Thank you for investing in our faith community! Your financial gifts make God-moments happen.

- + Without you, we couldn't welcome 150+ kids to Vacation Bible School for two weeks in a row.
- + Without you, we couldn't collect hundreds of snacks and Spud gear for our local schools as they gear up for fall.
- + Without you, we wouldn't have a beautiful and spacious building to host two traveling groups at the church. They came to our area to serve through Habitat for Humanity and a few other local ministries. And, they appreciated the air conditioning after their long days outside!



Summer Outdoor Worship



Vacation Bible School Closing Session

Whether we see you regularly throughout the summer or not, you matter in this community of faith. Let us know how we can walk with you, pray for you, and share life with you in this season!

God's Peace,

Pastor Mary

Rev. Mary Suomala Folkerds, Lead Pastor

Rev. Mary Suomala Folkerds
Lead Pastor



Rev. Taylor Wilson
Pastor of
Worship & Mission



Rev. Meggie Bjertness
Pastor of
Adult Faith Formation



Deacon Julie Wilson
Director of
Kids Ministry

**CONGRATULATIONS,
LINDA BARTHOLOME!**
Linda will celebrate 20 years
with Good Shepherd on September 1.
Please join us in thanking her for her service!

MEET *the* Good Shepherd team



PASTOR MARY
Lead Pastor



PASTOR TAYLOR
Worship & Mission



PASTOR MEGGIE
Adult Ministry



DEACON JULIE
Kid Ministry



DIANA
Youth Ministry



LINDA
Congregation Engagement



RYAN
Technical Director



STEPHANIE
Marketing (part-time)



DO YOU KNOW THIS PERSON?
Finance (part-time)

CONTRACT STAFF

- Matt Endreson, Choir Director
- Tom Hanson, Traditional Accompanist
- Casey Bartz, Choir Accompanist
- Myrna Hanson, Adult Bell Choir Director
- Joe Lindquist, Ring & Sing Director
- Joan Engeseth, BeFriends Coordinator
- Kathy Kassenborg, Financial Secretary
- Jake Curry, Chef (At Your Service Catering)
- Sonja Teigen, Wedding Coordinator
- David Wirth & Dave Weidner, Custodians
- At Your Service Cleaning, Contract Custodians



JOB



DESCRIPTION



FACEBOOK

Connect with Us!



NEXT STEPS



INSTAGRAM



SPOTIFY



GIVING

gsOFFICE HOURS

Monday–Thursday, 10:00 am–4:00 pm
Friday, 10:00 am–2:00 pm

GOOD SHEPHERD BLOOD DRIVE AMERICAN RED CROSS

Wednesday, August 9, 2023
Noon–6:00 pm

Good Shepherd Gym, 4000 28th St S, Moorhead, MN



REGISTER NOW!

gsMoorhead.org
RedCross.org

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

Email Linda@ktgs.org.



Baptism Class

Sundays // August 13 // September 10 // October 8

9:30 am // Resource Lounge

Children of God are baptized at any age at Good Shepherd.
If you are interested in baptism, email Linda@ktgs.org.

Join Good Shepherd at the next NEW MEMBER CONNECTION CLASS!

Wednesday, Sept. 27, 6:00–6:45 pm (Chapel)

• Dinner provided **OR**

Sunday, Oct. 1, 9:30–10:15 am (Chapel)

• Muffins, coffee, and juice provided

RSVP by emailing Linda@ktgs.org



WHY JESUS?

SEPTEMBER SERMON SERIES

FALL FUN WITH GOOD SHEPHERD

Upcoming events at gsMoorhead.org

Good Shepherd Fall Kick-off & Food Truck Festival



LIVE MUSIC | FOOD TRUCKS | BOUNCY SLIDE | SERVICE PROJECT

August 30, 2023

Wednesday, 5:30-7:00 pm

Good Shepherd East Lawn

4000 28th St S, Moorhead, MN

GSMOORHEAD.ORG | ALL ARE WELCOME

Aug. 17, Sept. 21, & Oct. 19

Ruby's Pantry & Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd

COMMUNITY FOOD EVENT

\$25 = 2 boxes of food

3rd Thursday of Every Month
Good Shepherd South Parking Lot
For ANYONE, no exceptions!

Volunteer and reserve your food share at RubysPantry.org



Good Shepherd #FORFARGOMOORHEAD

BEER + HYMNS

GOOD SHEPHERD PRESENTS

SEPTEMBER 17
6:00-8:00 PM

Family-friendly event for all ages!

MURPHY'S PUB



LUNCH & LEARN

5 Keys to Retiring Fearlessly

Sunday, September 17

- 11:30 am, Lunch
- Noon, Corey Schille, Thrivent Good Shepherd Gathering Space



DONATIONS

for Fall Parades

Greater Moorhead Days (Sept. 8)
Concordia Homecoming (Oct. 14)

Help us be #FORFargoMoorhead!

- wrapped candy
- microwave popcorn

Drop off in the Church Office.





Good Shepherd
Trust Fund
Endowment

SUSTAIN THE CHURCH LONGER

We give regularly to keep this church running right now. And, we give in our will to sustain the church for years. In fact, when you give to the Trust Fund, the money in it is designed to grow in perpetuity, even as we use it to support our mission.

Motivated to keep this place going and growing?

Rev. Keith Pearson, Regional Gift Planner
Keith.Pearson@elca.org // 612.718.4197



MINISTRY GOALS (A.K.A OUR BUDGET)

	JUNE 2023	JUNE 2022	YTD 2023	YTD 2022
Revenue	\$ 72,765	\$ 66,476	\$ 536,431	\$ 519,509
Expenses	\$ 95,683	\$ 86,639	\$ 602,775	\$ 531,204
Net	(\$ 22,918)	(\$ 20,163)	(\$ 66,344)	(\$ 11,695)

In Jan. 2023, we made a \$200,000 Mortgage Principal payment with Capital Campaign funds.

CARD SHOWER FOR

Karen Skarpness

There is still time to wish Karen well.

She is graciously staying until the part-time position is filled.

MAIL OR
DROP OFF AT THE
CHURCH OFFICE

— GOOD SHEPHERD —

Say YES

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED:

USHERS // READERS // GREETERS
COMMUNION SERVERS
BAND // CHOIR // SOUND BOOTH

— LINDA@KTGS.ORG —

Good Shepherd
FOR A GOOD MORNING

Sundays, 11:00 am
WDAY 970 AM

SPONSOR A GOOD SHEPHERD
Radio Broadcast

Honor your loved ones with a
\$250 donation in their name

GoodShep@ktgs.org or 218.233.4980

FAITH RESOURCES

Keep God with You throughout the Week

Good Shepherd is here for you when life is calm and when life gets crazy! We love seeing you in the building, and you can take us with you. Listen to the "Life in FM" podcast in the car, read the Good Shepherd Blog with your coffee, join a group to grow in faith, and tell us how we can pray for you!



- BEER+HYMNS**
Sept. 17 & Oct. 22
Murphy's Pub
- SEAMLESS BIBLE STUDY: FIT THE BIBLE TOGETHER**
Oct. 2-Nov. 13
Mondays, 6:30 pm
- YOUNG ADULT GATHERING**
Sept. 17 (3rd Sundays)
- GUESS WHO'S COMING TO DINNER?**
Nov. 3
- SCOOP ON GROUPS EVENT**
Sept. 24
- CAROLS & COCKTAILS**
Dec. 17
Sanctuary Events Center

SHOW YOUR GOOD SHEPHERD PRIDE

Great for Worship and when You are Out and About in the Community





TRIP TO THE HOLY LAND

with Pastor Mary

EARLY JANUARY 2025 // \$4,300



S'Mores after Outdoor Worship, Summer 2023



Ruby's Pantry, Summer 2023



Family Fun Night: Bingo & Sundaes, July 2023



Summer Bible Camp @ LutherCrest, July 2023



GOOD SHEPHERD COLUMBARIUM

The Columbarium—a monument with niches for funeral urns to be laid to rest—is located south of the Church. Good Shepherd members may purchase a niche for \$1,400/niche (holds up to 2 urns). Contact the Church Office at 218.233.4980 or GoodShep@kts.org.



Good Shepherd
#FORFARGOMOORHEAD

gsKids & gsYouth

2023-2024 Programming Calendar

Julie@kts.org (gsKids) | Diana@kts.org (gsYouth) | gsMoorhead.org



AUGUST/SEPTEMBER 2023						
S	M	TU	W	TH	F	S
		27	28	29	30	31
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OCTOBER 2023						
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NOVEMBER 2023						
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DECEMBER 2023						
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JANUARY 2024						
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FEBRUARY 2024						
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MARCH 2024						
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APRIL 2024						
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MAY 2024						
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JUNE 2024						
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AUGUST

- 23 & 27, 3-year-old Milestone: Welcome to Church School!
- 30, Fall Kick-off & Food Truck Festival

SEPTEMBER

- 6, First Day of Wednesday Programming
- 8, Greater Moorhead Days Parade
- 10, First Day of Sunday Programming
- 17, Beer+Hymns @ Murphy's 20 & 24, 3rd Grade Bible Milestone
- 20, Youth Group
- 20 & 27, 10th Grade Recap

OCTOBER

- 4, gsKids Worship w/ families + 10th Grade Recap
- 11, 10th Grade Faith Papers Meeting + Youth Group
- 14, Concordia Homecoming Parade
- 15, Confirmation Sunday
- 18 & 22, No Programming
- 22, Beer+Hymns @ Murphy's
- 25, Parent/Student Session
- 27, Trunk or Treat

NOVEMBER

- 1, gsKids Worship w/ families
- 15, Youth Group
- 22, Thanksgiving Eve Worship
- 22 & 26, No Programming
- 29, Parent/Student Session

DECEMBER

- 6 & 10, Wear Your Favorite Christmas Sweater
- 13, Youth Group
- 13 & 17, Christmas Programs
- 17, Carols & Cocktails @ Sanctuary Events Center
- 20, Christmas Eve Preview
- 20-31, No Programming
- 24, Christmas Eve Worship (11 am, 1:30 pm, 3 pm, & 4:30 pm)
- 27, No Worship

JANUARY

- 3, gsKids Worship w/ families + Electives Start (for 6 weeks)
- 5-15, Feed My Starving Children Mobile Food Pack Event

FEBRUARY

- 7, gsKids Worship w/ families
- 13, VBS Registration Opens + Bible Camp Early Bird Deadline
- 14, Ash Wednesday (No Programming)
- 14, Lenten Mentoring Starts
- 21, Youth Group

MARCH

- 6, gsKids Worship w/ families + Youth Group
- 20 & 24, First Communion Milestone Learning Event
- 23, Easter Festival
- 24, Palm Sunday + Palm Parade
- 27 & 31, No Programming
- 28, Maundy Thursday + First Communion Milestone
- 29, Good Friday + gsKids Service (6:30 am, 8 am, 9:30 am, 11 am)
- 31, Easter

APRIL

- 3, Electives Start Again
- 10, gsKids Worship w/ families + Youth Group

MAY

- 1 & 5, Last Days of Church School + Last Days of Confirmation

JUNE

- 3-6 & 10-13, VBS Sessions (Youth Volunteers Needed!)

All Ages
gsKids (age 3-Grade 5)
Confirmation (Grades 6-9)
or gsYouth (Grades 6-12)
No Programming
Special Events



YOU'RE INVITED!

WORSHIP

with Good Shepherd

SUNDAYS (IN-PERSON+ONLINE)
 8:30 am, Traditional
 9:30 am, Church School
 + Confirmation + Fellowship
 10:30 am, Contemporary
 11:00 am, WDAY 970 AM Radio

WEDNESDAYS (IN-PERSON)
 5:00 pm, Dinner
 6:15 pm, Worship + Church School
 7:00 pm, Confirmation

STARTING SEPT. 6

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 gsMoorhead.org | @GSMoorhead | #FORFargoMoorhead

RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

Nonprofit Organization
 U.S. POSTAGE
 PAID
 Permit No. 343
 Moorhead, Minnesota

WEDNESDAYS, 6:15 pm or SUNDAYS, 9:30 am

CHURCH SCHOOL

Age 3 (by Sep. 1) to Grade 5

WEDNESDAYS, 7:00 pm or SUNDAYS, 9:30 am

CONFIRMATION

Grades 6-9

REGISTER FOR 2023-24 CHURCH SCHOOL & CONFIRMATION

gskids

gs Youth

SHINE

