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SUBSCRIBE TO THE MISSION

"Look at how much money we collected for God!" a boy said as he went back to his family after helping with the Noisy Offering at church last month. He was exactly right! He listened to Deacon Julie share how this money would be used to help kids in Fargo-Moorhead, and he was happy to give. He made the connection that serving others is a way to serve God.

This boy has subscribed to the Good Shepherd Mission!

When you subscribe to the Mission, you are investing in:

- + a living, breathing faith community,
- + your relationship with God and others,
- + and the impact of our collective giving in the lives of people in our community and beyond!

Charitable giving trends show that older generations are more comfortable giving to institutions, while younger generations give directly to an individual when a need arises. At Good Shepherd, you can do both—you are part of a community of givers who have a direct impact on individuals.

More people are subscribing to Good Shepherd's Mission of gathering, growing, and going, so that all may know Jesus! Our goal is to have 100% of our church family subscribing to the Mission—we have climbed over 50% recently! We know that you subscribe to what is valuable. And we hope this church family is valuable to you in tending to your faith life.

We want to show you how valuable you are to us at Good Shepherd! We asked some families who are subscribing to the mission to cover the cost of t-shirts for EVERYONE at Good Shepherd AND matching funds for everyone who starts automated online giving at Good Shepherd.

The church is the people, and we hope you will wear your t-shirt to show how we are all church when we come together and as we go through each day.

If you didn't get your t-shirt, come and pick one up any time. You are valuable to us!

Thank you for making this mission possible.

Pastor Mary

Rev. Mary Suomala Folkerds
Lead Pastor



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Rev. Taylor Wilson
Pastor of
Worship & Mission



Rev. Meggie Bjertness
Pastor of
Adult Faith Formation



Deacon Julie Wilson
Director of
Kids Ministry



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)



DENNIS
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



WELCOME DENNY NELSON!

WARM WELCOME TO OUR NEW FINANCE ADMINISTRATOR

Dennis has been a member of Good Shepherd for 65 years. He and his wife, Sharon, and their two grown daughters have been active members in many areas of church life. Dennis comes to this role after retiring from banking in 2020.

→ Dennis@ktgs.org

gsOFFICE HOURS

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



HAVE YOU OFFICIALLY JOINED THE GOOD SHEPHERD FAMILY?

NEW MEMBER CLASSES

Wednesday, Nov. 29, 5:00-5:45 pm (Chapel)

- Dinner **or**

Sunday, Dec. 3, 9:30-10:15 am (Chapel)

- Muffins, coffee, & juice

RSVP to Linda@ktgs.org

Baptism Class

Sundays // 9:30 am
December 10, January 14, & February 11

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

Dec. 21, Jan. 18, & Feb. 15



Ruby's Pantry & Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd


COMMUNITY FOOD EVENT

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

Volunteer and reserve your food share at RubysPantry.org

\$25 = 2 boxes of food

Connect with Us!



FACEBOOK
INSTAGRAM
SPOTIFY
NEXT STEPS
GIVING

WHAT'S NEXT AT GOOD SHEPHERD?

Gather, Grow, and GO! More opportunities at gsMoorhead.org

HELP PACK 10 MILLION MEALS

Feed My Starving Children MOBILE FOOD PACK Service Event for All Ages

JANUARY 7, 8, 12, & 13

Register with these QR codes,
call the Church Office at 218.233.4980,
or email Linda@ktgs.org.

Sunday, Jan. 7 1-3 pm	Monday, Jan. 8 6-8 pm	Friday, Jan. 12 6-8 pm	Saturday, Jan. 13 9-11 am



VACATION WITH A PURPOSE
Mission Jamaica
JANUARY 20-27, 2024

Good Shepherd (FOR FARGO MOORHEAD)

Please pray for Pastor Meggie, Linda Bartholome, and members of our congregation who will be building homes and serving others on this mission trip!

MARRIAGE RETREAT

**Sunday, January 28
4:30-7:00 pm
Rustic Oaks, Moorhead**

Whether you've been married for 1 year or 61 years, this is for you!
We'll laugh, reflect, and gain tools for marriage.

**\$45/couple (dinner included)
Register at gsMoorhead.org**

HOW DO I SET UP MY AUTOMATED ONLINE GIFT?

1. Scan the QR code
2. Enter your gift amount
3. Change the Frequency to "Regularly"
4. Choose "Weekly, Monthly, etc."
5. Finish the form & hit "Continue"

**QUESTIONS?
KNOWTHEGOODSHEPHERD.ORG/GIVING**

MINISTRY GOALS		OCT 2023	YEAR-TO-DATE 2023
Revenue		\$ 109,993	\$ 903,956
OUR EXPENSES		\$ 92,708	\$ 974,482
BUDGET Net		\$ 17,285	(\$ 70,526)

PASTOR MARY RECEIVES GRANT

She Will Walk the 400-Mile Camino de Santiago in Portugal and Spain, Summer 2024

Good Shepherd has received a grant for Pastor Mary to participate in the 2023 National Clergy Renewal Program. Good Shepherd is one of 177 congregations across the United States selected to participate in this competitive grant program, which is funded by Lilly Endowment Inc. The grant allows congregations to support their pastors with a sabbatical from their ministerial duties and responsibilities. Pastor Mary's sabbatical plan is to embark on an ancient Christian pilgrimage. She will walk the Camino de Santiago in Portugal and Spain next summer. This pilgrimage path is a 400-mile trek from Lisbon, Portugal, to Santiago de Compostela, Spain—Comino Portugues on the map. At the end of the pilgrimage, she will meet her family and continue to travel in Spain.





"Sanctuary" by Ellen Jean Diederich

Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd

"It has been an honor to create two paintings that depict the Sanctuary and the Gathering Area of Good Shepherd. These paintings were commissioned by a loving anonymous donor whose goal is to provide a fundraiser to reduce the church home mortgage debt.

The focus of the paintings is the celebration of joy that flows of community and service by its members. With considerable effort these paintings were created to suggest the atmosphere and beauty of the church and even more to show the fellowship, and the power and grace of Good Shepherd as members unite. Many photographs of the congregation were shared with me...you may just be one of the figures shown! It is our hope that you, too, will enjoy and share the cards with your family and friends."
—Sincerely, Ellen Jean Diederich

Depicted are:

- Our Church Home
- Members of our Church Family
- Sacraments of Baptism and Communion
- Prayer and Benediction
- Ministry, Mission, Art & Music

With gratitude, your support of this generous fundraising effort is encouraged. Please see the cards and reproductions in the Gathering Area or inquire with the church office by contacting 218.233.4980 or GoodShep@ktgs.org.

Cards

5 notecards & envelopes boxed – \$15.00

Giclée Reproductions with a torn edge

Large 8" x 30" – \$275.00 Small 6" x 24" – \$120.00

**100% of your purchase of "Sanctuary" cards and 25% of each reproduction will be used entirely to reduce our church mortgage debt!*

CONFIRMATION ELECTIVE LEADERS WANTED!

Share Your Passion with Good Shepherd Youth

January 10–February 7 & April 3–24

Past sessions have included topics such as
crafts, languages, cooking, and carpentry. If you have an idea you
are willing to share, talk to Diana or email Diana@ktgs.org.





CONGRATULATIONS 2023 CONFIRMANDS

George Arnold
Grace Arntson
Evan Benedict
Oliver Carlson
Lainey Caspers
Lauren Cichos
Mallory Conrad

Summer Curry
Jack Dauner
Elli Groves
Izzy Gullickson
Bridger Hanson
Addy Heinrich
Henry Heskin

Carson Hills
Sam Jacobson
Reid Jensen
Brayden Kvamme
Emily Krogen
Reese Lammers
Addie Lange

Jackson Lundbohm
Charlie Martin
Brandon Mickelson
Ava Neznik
Wylie Nordin
Miles Ogaard
Julianna Ringquist

Olivia Roaldson
Haley Skeldum
Mallory Stavenger
Hailey Stelljes
Maren Stumo

SOUNDS OF THE SEASON

Sanctuary Sound System and Organ get an Upgrade

As a part of the On Mission Capital Campaign, the sound system upgrade has been completed! This project involved removing old equipment and wiring and adding new wiring, speakers, sound board, and other equipment. The speaker system provides better coverage to all areas of the sanctuary, especially the choir area and the front right seating area. The sound board and other equipment were upgraded to have more capacity and be more universally compatible with other equipment in the future. Additionally, repairs were made to the sound infrastructure allowing for more choir mics, a more reliable hearing assist system, and expanding the band inputs on the chancel.



New Speakers Offer Better Sound at Any Seat



Upgraded Sound Board Allows for More Sound Options

This summer, the Sanctuary's Casavant Organ received a complete electrical update. The organ was originally built with leather pouches that helped control the wind to the pipes. After nearly 70 years of service at the original Good Shepherd location and at our current site, the leathers finally wore out. Allen Moe at the Moe Pipe Organ Company has been working all summer to upgrade our organ with technology that was not available 70 years ago. With 1,600+ new valves installed, the windchests closed back up, and the wind lines connected, the blower was turned on for the first time earlier this fall. Our organ is back in shape just in time for Advent and Christmas—and of course, we cannot wait to hear the "Hallelujah Chorus" this coming Easter!



Casavant Organ Pipes in the Sanctuary



Organ Panel Rewired and Ready to Go



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). Questions? Contact the Church Office at 218.233.4980 or GoodShep@ktgs.org

YOU ARE INVITED TO CHRISTMAS WITH GOOD SHEPHERD



3-weeks | December 1-21 | Study Guide Included

CONNECT GROUP: ADVENT STUDY

- Sundays, 9:30 am
- Wednesday, 5:30 pm
- Thursdays, Noon (via Zoom)
- Fridays, 9:30 am

Register at gsMoorhead.ChurchCenter.com

CHRISTMAS with GOOD SHEPHERD

Good Shepherd
1999 ALBANY, OHIO

Sunday, December 3 // 8:30 & 10:30 am
Wednesday, December 6 // 6:15 pm
 Worship with Noisy Offering

Wednesday, December 6 // 6:15 pm
Sunday, December 10 // 8:30 & 10:30 am
 Wear your Christmas sweater to worship!

Saturday, December 9 // 9:00 am
 Women's Advent Brunch

Tuesday, December 12 // 10:30 am
 Women's Circle Bible Study & Potluck

Wednesday, December 13 // 6:15 pm
Sunday, December 17 // 10:30 am
 Church School Programs

Sunday, December 17 // 8:30 am
 Choir Cantata

Sunday, December 17 // 9:30 am
 Youth Group White Elephant Exchange

Sunday, December 17 // 6:00–8:00 pm
 Carols + Cocktails (Sanctuary Events Center, Fargo)

Tuesday, December 19 // 11:30 am
 Helping Hands Men's Ministry Luncheon

Wednesday, December 20 // 6:15 pm
 Contemporary Christmas Eve Worship

Sunday, December 24
Christmas Eve with Good Shepherd
 10:30 am, Contemporary (+online)
 1:30 pm, Traditional (+livestream)
 3:00 pm, Traditional
 4:30 pm, Contemporary

Wednesday, December 27
 No Worship

Sunday, December 31
 9:00 am, Blended Worship (+online)
It's a pajama party—wear your Christmas pjs!
 11:00 am, WDAY 970 AM (radio)

WEAR YOUR CHRISTMAS SWEATER TO WORSHIP!

Wednesday, Dec. 6 & Sunday, Dec. 10



In Honor or Memory of Your Loved One

CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS

KnowTheGoodShepherd.org/flowers
 or envelopes in the Church Office
 \$15/plant

To be included in the Christmas Eve bulletin, order by Sunday, December 17

GOOD SHEPHERD APPAREL

ORDER ONLINE
SHIP TO YOU OR
PICK UP AT
PERSONAL TOUCH
(MOORHEAD)

ptmark.com/collections/goodshepherd



Book of Luke
CHRISTMAS CHALLENGE

Beginning December 1, read one chapter a day of the Book of Luke in the Bible until you get to chapter 24. On Christmas Eve, you will have read the whole account of Jesus' life and wake up on Christmas morning knowing **WHO** and **WHY** we celebrate Christmas.

Gathering Space
GIVING TREE

Choose an ornament (or two or three) that you would like to purchase, follow the instructions, and return gifts to Good Shepherd by Sunday, December 17.

For Churches United, Lutheran Social Services Foster Care, and members of our Good Shepherd Family

How can we pray for you?

Let's name it—holidays can be hard. The Prayer Ministry Team will pray for you! Send prayers or join our team—GoodShep@ktgs.org or 218.233.4980. All prayers are confidential to the ministry.

YOUTH GROUP WHITE ELEPHANT GIFT EXCHANGE

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 17
9:30-10:15 AM
6-12 GRADES
BRING A GIFT (\$5 OR LESS)
RSVP TO DIANA@KTGS.ORG



Carols + Cocktails

Sunday, December 17
6:00-8:00 PM
Free Admission // All Ages Event
Sanctuary Events Center, Fargo

gsMoorhead.com

SANCTUARY EVENTS CENTER
Good Shepherd FARGO/MOORHEAD

You're invited to Good Shepherd!

WORSHIP

SUNDAYS
 8:50 am, Traditional (+livestream)
 9:30 am, Church School + Confirmation + Fellowship
 10:30 am, Contemporary (+online)
 11:00 am, WDAY 970 AM Radio

WEDNESDAYS
 5:00 pm, Dinner
 6:15 pm, Worship + Church School
 7:00 pm, Confirmation

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THANKSGIVING EVE

with Good Shepherd

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 22

6:15 pm: Blended Worship
 7:00 pm: Pie, Coffee, & Cider Celebration

No supper, Church School, or Confirmation...but there will be PIE!

Please join us!

