



# Shepherd's

## STAFF

### April 2023 Newsletter

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### Returning to Holy Week:

After a pandemic pause, we are happy to be bringing back some of our Holy Week traditions!

#### Watch Night, April 6, 9:00p

What is Watch Night? In keeping with Jesus' request that his disciples watch and pray with him in the Garden, we keep watch by gathering in the sanctuary at the top of each hour for Bible reading and meditative songs. Then, one designated person remains in the sanctuary for the remainder of the hour for private prayer. The other attendees fill the time with activities such as preparing for Easter breakfast, tending the fire pit, playing games, enjoying conversation, and engaging in faith reflection.

#### Children's Good Friday Service, April 7, 10:00a

This service is designed for preschool and elementary-aged students. The Holy Week story is told in a child-friendly way. We meet in the sanctuary for story, song, and prayer, followed by an activity in Fellowship Hall.

### Holy Week at Good Shepherd

#### April 2, Palm Sunday

8:30a: This service is a quiet telling of the walk of Jesus towards Jerusalem. Along the journey, we hear of the danger that awaits in that center of power. Palm parade is included in the service.

10:30a: This service tells the same story found in Scripture of Jesus walking toward danger, rather than fleeing. We add more drama and special music. The final palm parade includes liturgical dance.

#### April 6, Maundy Thursday

7:30p: Maundy Thursday reminds us of the command to love one another. This message is told in four movements that begin at the door with an optional foot-washing. This service features readings, activity and music, the Lord's Supper, and ends with a dramatic stripping of the altar.

9:00p: Watch Night will begin after worship. The night is grounded in an hourly reading of scripture in the darkened sanctuary as we "keep watch and pray." Throughout the night, participants engage in activities or sit outside by a fire pit, while one person remains in the sanctuary each hour. Sign up to attend.

#### April 7, Good Friday

10:00a: Children's Good Friday Service that features activities and an age-appropriate telling of the Holy Week story. Recommended for Preschool through Elementary students.

12:00-7:30p: Sanctuary remains open for private prayer and reflection.

7:30p: A Tenebrae service of Word and music that ends in somber darkness.

#### April 9, Easter Sunday

8:30a: Simplified but inspiring Easter service with Holy Communion.

10:30a: Get your Easter Bonnets! This celebratory worship service is filled with Alleluias and music, and features a festival choir and trumpet.

#### Other Easter Activities:

8:30-10:30a: Easter Breakfast served; free will offering collected.

9:45a: Children break open the Lenten Pinata.

10:00a: Easter Egg Hunt on the front lawn.



## WORSHIP



### RE-CREATE

**April 21 @ 7:30p**

In April, we pull both from Easter and Earth Day, recognizing that the source of our creation and the reconciliation of all creation comes from God. Whether we engage in activities that heal the destruction of the earth from humanities misuse of creation or we sit in wonder at the birth of a child, we find our connection with something that is both intimately close and vastly beyond us.

Join us on April 21 for live jazz, readings and music. Doors open at 7:10p for refreshments and conversation. The program begins at 7:30p for both live and livestream.

### Scratch Choir, April 30

Join the choir for the 10:30a service. Experience singing in a choir and leading worship. Come to the sanctuary at 10a to learn an easy anthem. All ages welcome.

### Coffee Hour Needs YOU!

Lynell and Karen have arrived early and stayed late every Sunday so that you have refreshments after worship. The task isn't complicated, but the dedication is priceless. We need a team of people to begin helping them each Sunday. While only one team member is needed each week, having a team will ensure that the load is shared. Sign up on the Prayers and More to be a Coffee Team Member.

### Candles for Good Friday

The Good Friday worship experience will include candle-light and the extinguishing of this light as a symbol of Christ's death. To reflect the diversity of God's creation, including the diverse history, experience, and stories of our community, you are invited to contribute a candle from your home to the Good Friday candle display. Consider loaning a candle that has special meaning or a candle that is unique that you would like others to see.



Candles can be brought to the church facility and placed on the steps leading to the balcony. Before doing so, please put a piece of masking tape with your name on the bottom of your candle. Please drop off your candle on or before Palm Sunday (April 2). Our worship team will relocate candles from the balcony steps to areas of Good Friday meditation, light them, and extinguish them during the Good Friday evening service. The candles will be returned to the steps for you to retrieve on and after Easter Sunday (April 9).

### Sanctuary Open on Good Friday

Starting at noon on Good Friday (April 7), the sanctuary will be open and available for private reflection, prayer, and meditation. The sanctuary will remain open until evening worship beginning at 7:30p.

We welcome anyone who would like to spend time in the sanctuary on Good Friday – and we will extend this invitation through Good Shepherd's social media channels, website, and signage in front of the church. Join us in extending this invitation to your friends, family, neighbors, and colleagues.

**Hosts are needed** to welcome people into the sanctuary. Please sign up for a one-hour shift during which you will be present in the sanctuary. Sign up at <https://tinyurl.com/gslcGoodFriday2023> or contact Lynn Railsback.

**Wanted:** Altar Guild is seeking someone willing to replace zippers in the fabric bags that protect our communion silver. If you are interested in assisting, contact Barb Hunt.

# FAITH FORMATION

## Easter Activities!

Join us on Easter Sunday for events that the whole family will enjoy:

### 8:30-10:30a Easter Breakfast

Come as you are able to enjoy a breakfast provided by our youth. We'll be serving egg casseroles, fruit, cheese and crackers, and coffee cake. Free will donations will support our youth on upcoming activities.

### 9:45a Pinata Opening

Children take turns hitting our barn pinata to see how much we raised to by chicks through the ELCA Global Barnyard program.



### 10:00a Easter Egg Hunt

We gather on the front sidewalk of the church. Our youngest children will have an area all their own to gather eggs, while elementary-aged students (through grade 5) will hunt for eggs on the side yard. Bring your own basket or small bags will be provided.



## Sunday School

Please note that because of spring break and Easter, Sunday School will not meet on April 2 or 9. We will resume classes on April 16 and wrap up our year on May 14.

## Confirmation/Youth Group

The next meeting of our confirmation (7th and 8th grade) and high school students will be **Sunday, April 16** after the worship service (around 11:45a). Our last meeting of the program year will be after church on May 7. Be sure to sign up to help with the Easter Breakfast!

## Youth Service Trip

There will be a planning meeting for the summer service trip on **Sunday, April 23** at 11:45a. Be sure to sign up to help with the Easter Breakfast as it is an important fundraiser for our trip!

## Communion Celebration

On Easter Sunday, we will recognize those students who have participated in the Communion instruction class, led by Pastor Kathy. For some students, this will serve as a rite of first communion; for others, it will mark a deeper understanding of the sacrament they have been receiving from a young age. Please keep all of these students in your prayers as they mark this step of their faith journey: Dylan, Clara and Ruby, Nora, Owen, and Claire.

## Vacation Bible School 2023

Yes, there will be Vacation Bible School this year! Whether there are 10 children or 100 present, we will be coming together for a week of fun and learning around the theme of Rocky Railway! We are working on adding some flexibility to our schedule this year, to accommodate earlier bedtimes for our younger attendees. So, how can YOU help? So glad you asked!



- Serve on the kitchen crew as we serve dinner each night of VBS
- Help out with the Games rotation
- Serve as a Crew Leader (6th-12th grade) or Crew Chief (adults)
- Sign up to talk about a social or justice ministry that you are passionate about; lead us in an activity that relates to that ministry

VBS will be in the evenings, the week of June 19-23. Talk with Deaconess Debbie for more information.

## Splash

What is Splash? According to the Splash pack - Splash newsletters help children grow in faith from an early age and help connect churches to families for support and encouragement. Plus they provide fun and easy ideas for bringing faith into the everyday life of infants and their families. I am currently mailing newsletters to 11 families with children under the age of 3. No wonder our playground is so crowded Sunday mornings! If you have a child under the age of 3 and are not receiving this newsletter, please let me know so that you can be added to the list! —Gail Frost

## GS CONNECTS/ADULT EDUCATION

### APRIL BIRTHDAYS

Brenda Mieczkowski  
Jenae Roadruck Shanley  
Amy Clute  
Emilie Dolan  
June Moreland  
Trevor Dolan  
Jean Peterman  
Ken Snyder  
Kevin Olson  
Ellis Dominis  
EJ Roginic  
Connor Merrill  
Delia Cernak  
Peter Hugh  
Jordyn Washington  
Melissa Ivins-Lukse  
Dylan Novak  
Sarah Risher  
Bill Schwarz  
James Mieczkowski  
Stephen Jackson  
Rich Novak  
Mirabel Duel

### APRIL ANNIVERSARIES

Rich Lessor & Leslie Marino  
Peter Hugh & Christiane Broihier

### Oktoberfest Returns!

*Prosit!* Oktoberfest is back! After the COVID hiatus, Oktoberfest will return to Good Shepherd on September 30. This annual tradition features German food, dancing, and fun for all ages! Be sure to save the date on your calendar. More information will be available this summer.



### Daytimers

As we look forward to warmer weather, Daytimers has plans for a museum visit in April and a walk amongst the flowers in May. On April 3 (note the change of week and day), we will go to the Holocaust Museum in Skokie to view the exhibit, "The Black Motorist Green Book." Lunch will follow at Max and Benny's in Northbrook. On May 9, we will visit the Lilac Fest at Lilacia Park in Lombard. For more information contact Barb Hunt.

### Book Club

Flock o'Readers book club meets monthly to discuss books from a range of authors and themes. On April 26, we will discuss *Mother, Daughter, Traitor, Spy* by Susan Elia MacNeal, and on May 24 we will discuss books set in another country. New members are welcome to join us at 2:30p at Good Shepherd. Contact Barb Hunt.

### Women & Spirituality

The Women & Spirituality gatherings will begin again, starting on Sunday, April 2 (Palm Sunday). This is an open group for any woman interested in exploring or expanding their spirituality with other women. Please join us on April 2 at 4:00p at Leslie Marino's house just south of the church and bring along a poem, music, reading, saying, etc. that speaks to your spirituality. We'll end by 5:30p. Contact Lynn Railsback if you have any questions.

### Circles of Care Groups

There are currently five Circles of Care groups that have been meeting regularly since the fall. These groups spend time together in prayer, study, fellowship, and service.

When we began our Circles of Care, it was with the intention that the groups would have a set end date, so that groups would continue to be accessible to everyone.

Our current groups will be ending in April. In May, we will begin what we are calling "open enrollment" for anyone that is interested in participating in groups that will meet from June-August. Then we will reboot our groups again for the fall.

If you are interested in participating in a Circle of Care small group for the summer months, or if you are interested in serving as a small group leader for this time, please contact Deaconess Debbie at [christianed@goodshepherdlc.org](mailto:christianed@goodshepherdlc.org).



# SOCIAL MINISTRY

## Bethel Lunch Program

Food insecurity continues in the West Garfield Park neighborhood, where Bethel Lutheran Church is located. That is why 110 to 150 hot lunches are served at Bethel every Thursday. After helping on sporadic days, **Good Shepherd is committed to helping the fourth Thursday of every month.** To work the whole shift, arrive at 10:30a and leave at 1p. Partial shifts of any amount are welcome. We carpool from Good Shepherd at 10:15a. The address of Bethel is 130 N. Keeler, Chicago. If you cannot volunteer but wish to donate towards the meal, contact Pastor Kathy. Sign-up on the Prayers and More.

## Housing Forward

Housing Forward is still looking for volunteers to staff and/or provide meals at their emergency shelter at the former St. Catherine/St. Lucy rectory, 38 N Austin Blvd, through the end of April. They need evening hosts (6:30 to 10p), overnight hosts (10p to 5a), and breakfast hosts (5 to 7a). Visit their website at [housingforward.org](http://housingforward.org) to volunteer. Contact Mary Scherer-Emunds with questions.



## Can You Make a Sandwich?

Then you are a candidate to help. Good Shepherd has been providing Housing Forward breakfasts for many years. Now we have moved to lunches. This September, we need new volunteers to add to our current slate and provide lunches. This will involve purchasing grocery items, preparing 30 lunches, and dropping the lunches off on Tuesday nights at The Write Inn on Oak Park Avenue. Lunch includes a sandwich, fruit, snack, and a drink (typically water or juice.) This is a great project for families! To sign up send an email to Bill Peterman.



## Crop Hunger Walk

In 2023, we continue fighting against disease, disaster, displacement and other challenges that leave people hungry. While there is no community-wide walk this year, a group of walkers from

Good Shepherd will meet at Pilgrim church at 1:30p on May 7 to begin our two mile walk.

The goal for the Oak Park Hunger Walkathon West is \$110,000, of which Good Shepherd hopes to raise \$3,000. To make a donation, or to sign-up as a team member go to [tinyurl.com/GSLCCropWalk2023](https://tinyurl.com/GSLCCropWalk2023)

## Lenten Pinata . . . A Barn-Raising Event!

Help us fill our barn pinata with your coins, bills, and checks! We've been challenged to raise \$1,000—enough to buy 100 chicks through the ELCA World Hunger's Global Barnyard program. Animal projects are used to support communities and alleviate hunger around the world because animals make a greater impact than cash. Animals help people help themselves with products, with agricultural resources such as manure, and with community building. The children will open the pinata on Easter morning.



## Help Us Support a Refugee Family

We have been made aware of a young couple from Ukraine who are seeking refuge in the United States. The opportunity comes, not from one of our partner agencies, but directly through connections of Daniel Scherer-Emunds.

Because this opportunity is a full sponsorship, it is an "all-in" commitment to guide the couple through their first 6-12 months in the US. Housing support will be needed, either through providing housing or providing funds for housing.

If you are interested in helping with this important undertaking, please speak with Pastor Kathy or Mary Scherer-Emunds.



## Newcomer's Class, Sunday, April 23

Are you interested in learning:

- The history and mission of Good Shepherd?
- Our core values and ministries?
- The difference between the ELCA, MCS, and what it means to be a Lutheran?

The class begins at 11:45a in the Fellowship Hall (basement) with a simple lunch. This gathering is conversationally-based with an aim at building connections. RSVP on the Prayers and More form or to Pastor Kathy.

## Guitars Needed

A budding youth ministry to the Latinx community in the Hermosa neighborhood of Chicago needs acoustical guitars. The pastors will be giving guitar lessons to the students in order to recruit them for worship ministry. They already have the students ready for lessons; all they need is a few instruments. Contact Pastor Kathy for details.

## Name Tags

We are blessed with many new members and guests at Good Shepherd! Help us learn each other's names by wearing a name tag every Sunday! If you are in need of a new printed name tag, please speak to Phil or Joan Taylor or contact the church office.



Daytimers visit the Fire Museum of Greater Chicago. Retired fire fighters (two on far left and two on far right in picture below) are passionate docents for the museum.



Good Shepherd students enjoy an active afternoon at Ninja Squad. (Left: Al Theys, shown standing in the far right corner, helps as a coach.)



## That Old Car is Worth Money!

Several members have donated their cars through the NCS Vehicle Donations program. Your car, boat, or riding lawn-mower can bring life to our dreams.



To get started [link to NCS](#), or call the NCS Vehicle Donations at 866-829-2918. Let them know you are donating for Good Shepherd Lutheran Church. The process is swift, and can be done in a *touchless* manner.

For further information, go to [goodshepherdlc.org](http://goodshepherdlc.org). If you have questions, contact Kenn Sinko.

## What is a *PrayGround*?

It's a dedicated space in our church where little ones (suggested for ages 5 and under) can play, color and explore. It's a space where they can see and hear the pastor and worship leaders clearly. And it's a place where the congregation can celebrate the joy that your child, wiggles, noises and all, brings to our congregation!



## Social Media Evangelism

For many of us, social media has become a part of our everyday lives – a way to stay connected; a way to learn about new opportunities and discover new experiences; and a way to express ourselves and share things which are important to us. For faith communities like Good Shepherd, social media plays a similar role . . . and it's increasingly becoming part of our everyday life as a congregation.

In many ways, social media has become a leading strategy in church evangelism – an efficient, effective, and popular method for staying connected with our community near and far, sharing opportunities and experiences and expressing our values and beliefs. But effective evangelism – like engaging social media – is only possible when people embrace it and participate.

YOU are invited to become an active contributor to Good Shepherd's social media evangelism effort – and all it takes is for you to include Good Shepherd in your social media activities, including:

- “Liking” and “Following” Good Shepherd on Facebook, Instagram, LinkedIn and YouTube
- “Sharing” Good Shepherd events and posts with your network on each of these social media channels
- “Commenting” on Good Shepherd's social media posts so that your voice is added to Good Shepherd's digital presence

An informative video has been created to provide you with some helpful tips and tricks to become a Good Shepherd social media evangelist. The video is organized into a handful of quick segments so that you can choose to watch the entire video in one sitting or return to it several times and view it in shorter segments. After watching this video, you will gain a better understanding of:

- Where to find Good Shepherd on Facebook, Instagram, LinkedIn and YouTube
- How to “like”, “follow” and “share” Good Shepherd and Good Shepherd's posts and events
- How to use these channels to receive information and updates from Good Shepherd and participate in Good Shepherd's online community

Click the link to watch the video: <https://youtube/ghYFKOx96vo>. Questions and comments are welcomed – and your participation is valued and appreciated.

—Mark Ledogar, Evangelism Champion and Coach



# SUSTAINABILITY



Earth Day is  
Saturday,  
April 22

## Updates from Healing Our Earth/ Sustainability Committee:

### Quarter One

- Solar panels approved by vote at special congregation meeting. A contract has been signed with Ailey Solar. Installation should begin within the next two to four months, dependent upon weather and coordination with ComEd.
- One Earth Film Festival watch party hosted at Good Shepherd on March 7. At least 80 people attended in-person, and people were connected with other attendees and hosts via live stream. Thirteen vendors and community groups also participated in the Green Home Vendor Fair prior to the viewing party. Thanks to Michelle Sukup Jackson and her team for making this event happen.

### Quarter Two

- Planning for a rainbow flowerbed in the corner bed. Applied for West Cook Wild Ones Gardening for Nature Grant to offset costs.
- Looking forward to further development of our Bee Lawn on south side of building. Why a Bee Lawn?
  - ◇ Reduces the need for mowing and watering
  - ◇ Colorful, low-growing, flowering plants provide additional pollen and nectar for bees.
  - ◇ Year 2 after planting is when we can expect to see non-grass/sedge species.
  - ◇ Contains fine fescue, Dutch white clover, self heal, and creeping thyme
- Signage will be added to our plant beds, etc to help people know what is in our lawns and flowerbeds. This helps to promote understanding of things like bee lawns and native plants.

## Good Shepherd Selected for 2023 Garden Walk

The work in our garden has been recognized! The Garden Club of Oak Park and River Forest has selected the Good Shepherd garden as the community garden that will be on display during the 2023 Garden Walk in June! During the 2022 Garden Walk, more than 800 community members joined the tours of the private and community gardens. This spring we will be working to prepare the garden so that it will be a showcase during the walk.

**Watch for more details on a work day coming soon!**

## Family and Friends Nature Walk

ALL are welcome to join us for an Earth Day nature walk at Fullerton Woods, 1st Ave and Fullerton in River Grove. We'll meet at 1:00p on April 22, and walk a roughly mile-long trail which ends at a great playground! Contact Deaconess Debbie or Nicole Radziszewski for more information. Let us know you're coming so we can set up our meeting spot!

## Did you know that Styrofoam can be recycled?

The One Dart Container Corp does Styrofoam recycling. Their facility is located on 76th Street in Chicago. The drop-off dumpster is on the north side of 76th Street just east of Kostner Ave. Look for the sign and big metal cage. Drop-off is available 24/7 rain or shine.

They accept polystyrene foam (Styrofoam) in any form except for packing peanuts. Coolers, cups, foam packing blocks, egg cartons, clean plates, and to-go containers are welcome.

Polystyrene foam can be recycled into some surprising things like picture frames, baseboards, and crown moldings.

<https://www.recyclebycity.com/chicago/brief/where-can-i-recycle-styrofoam-in-chicago>



## PASTOR'S PAGE

Lent – It's almost over.

Lent – It's just beginning.

In its earliest days, the time before Easter was primarily a time for fasting, though the length of time shifted by region. Earliest fasts were a short one or two days, lengthening to six days to three weeks by the mid-third century. There was nothing different about these fasts from those taken at other times, though some church leaders preferred to use them for instruction to catechumenes who were baptized on Easter. After the Council of Nicaea in 325, the Lenten fast was set at 40 days.

As we enter April, our 40 days of Lent are coming to a close. Holy Week with all of its drama is about to unfold; the culmination is a joyous Easter celebration the likes of which we haven't seen in a few years. This year we are blessed to return to an Easter Egg Hunt with a gaggle of children gathered clutching their baskets. Youth will be serving a hot breakfast with egg casseroles, fruit, and plenty of hot coffee. The choir will be singing in full voice without masks muffling their melodies. The end of Lent, Alleluia!

Yet, Lent is just the beginning too.

The word "Lent" comes from the Middle English word *lente*, meaning "springtime," which is itself descended from the Old English *lencten*. We've had a mild winter; hyacinths are already emerging from their dark sleep in the earth that was cold and hard for so long. Spring is found in the love songs of birds that are finding their mates and making their nests. We smell spring in the wonderful loamy aroma of a verdant earth after the rains that quench the thirst of awakening blades of grass.

Much like the role that winter plays in preparing for the exuberance of spring, so too the Lenten season is not just about penitence and introspection for its own sake. Rather, Lenten quietness is the preparation for the body's and soul's awakening to new possibilities. Having taken stock of our finitude on Ash Wednesday,

as well as our attitude during the other 39 days, we are ready to experience a resurrection of sorts in our lives. The stone is rolled away not just from Christ's tomb, but our entombed joy of communion with the Divine.

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Pentecost are a time to release the delight experienced in noticing God in the little things all around us.

You are invited to take part in a short daily devotion that is meant to spark joy. It is called, "Fifty Days of Spiritual Practice." Many days these take a few minutes. For instance, the Wednesday after Easter you are instructed to make funny faces in the mirror for 2 minutes and see if joy is welling up in

your heart. There is a week of noticing colors, a different one each day, culminating in a prayer for the rainbow. You'll be asked to notice the moon or stars at night before bed or birds flying in the day. The "Fifty Days of Spiritual Practice" comes to us from Traci Smith who creates Treasure Box Tuesday for youth and family ministry. Most prompts are relatable to children without any adaptations. "Fifty Days of Spiritual Practice," will be available in the church throughout Holy Week, as well as on the weekly Enews sent via mailchimp.



Pastor Kathy Nolte

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## Community

So you've joined Good Shepherd - or you've been a member for a few years or like some of us, a lot of years! It's a wonderful community of believers but how does one go from just worshipping to really feeling like they belong? How does one become an involved member?

Being in a community takes work. It takes work to get to know one another. In order for our community to be effective it takes us and our time and treasures and talents. It's a give and take, we give of ourselves and our community is the stronger for it. As a community we worship together, we help others, we make meals together, we teach, we bring others into our community. Our offerings go to help our worshipping community and out beyond our doors.

What does the Good Shepherd community mean to you? How can we, each of us, feel like we are a part of this community? How do we make sure we are a successful community? How do we strengthen our ties with each other? One way is to join our activities outside of worship - whether it's a small group, a shared meal or an outing. Volunteering to be on a committee or in an activity is a good way to get to know others in our community. Coming to Bible study or singing in the choir joins us with fellow members. So does participating in Sunday school or helping out with the many worship tasks. Try reaching out to get to know that person next to you that you don't know and introduce yourself. Participate in this community - you'll be glad you did!

—Gail Frost, Council President



### TITHE.LY: Give Anywhere from Any Device

Tithe.ly is an easy way for you to donate to Good Shepherd. Download the app on your smartphone or go to your computer and search for Tithe.ly. Once you have found the app and logged on, look for Good Shepherd Church. Use it to make your contributions to the church via mobile, text, or web.

### Website Version of Newsletter

Please note that the website version of our monthly newsletter is edited to remove any personal information about our members. If you are connected to Good Shepherd and would like a full version of the newsletter by mail or email, please contact the church office at [churchoffice@goodshepherdlc.org](mailto:churchoffice@goodshepherdlc.org).

\*Pastor Kathy will be on vacation from April 10-16.