



# -EPISTLE-

## Good Shepherd LUTHERAN CHURCH

—SUNDAY, MAY 5 2024—

- 9:15a Sunday Forum (Bible study classroom)
- 11:45a Celebrating Deaconess Debbie
- 12:00p Youth Gathering Meeting (Youth Lounge)
- 1:00p Crop Walk (offsite)
- 1:00p Recital (sanctuary)
- 1:00p Ray of Hope (Bible study classroom)
- 5:30p Recital (sanctuary)
- 7:30p AA (conference room)

**Stay after 10:30 worship to celebrate the 25th anniversary of Deaconess Debbie's consecration as a deaconess!**

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### Pentecost

#### May 19

Good Shepherd choir with guest soloist

Christa Jasmine present *Gospel Mass* by

Robert Ray during the 10:30 service. This

is the culmination of the choir season and an energetic way to celebrate Pentecost. Christa is a featured pop and blues artist in the Chicagoland area who grew up singing gospel music in church. We've added a few additional voices to the choir for this service including members Kellie Campbell who sang this music growing up and Troy Koch who is a soloist on several pieces. Don't miss it!



**FYI: Next Sunday, the ELCA Mission Investment Fund will be sending a photographer to take pictures of our building and worship.**



## Prayers & More Sign In:

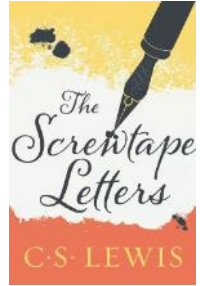
Please take a moment to fill out the paper Prayers & More form and hand it to an usher during the Children’s Message. Pens are available at the back of the sanctuary. You may also submit your prayer requests, make donations, and sign up for upcoming events on the online Prayers & More form using the QR code. Look for the gold stars next to events that will be featured on the Prayers & More form. ★

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### Summer Book Discussion: *The Screwtape Letters* ★

#### Alternating Tuesdays, Beginning May 14, 7p

Looking for something good to read this summer? Join other Good Shepherd readers as we read and discuss *The Screwtape Letters* by C.S. Lewis, an introduction to traditional Christian theology and ethics. The group, facilitated by Dan Eppley, will plan to gather for discussion roughly every other Tuesday evening over the summer beginning May 14. We hope you will join us!



### Daytimers to Devon Avenue

#### Tuesday, May 14, 10a

Daytimers is a group of members and friends who enjoy traveling around our beautiful city and visiting points of interest. On May 14, we will travel to a very vibrant part of Chicago-Devon Avenue. This is the home of many Indian and Pakistani restaurants and shops. We’ll meet at church and carpool together.



### Nature Walk at Thatcher Woods ★

#### Saturday, May 18, 10a

Join us for a nature walk at Thatcher Woods! Good Shepherd member Nicole Radziszewski will lead us as we walk and explore one of her favorite outdoor spaces! We’ll meet at 10a on Saturday, May 18. We’re asking for sign-ups on the Prayers & More form so that we can let you know which area of Thatcher Woods we will explore (depending on how dry the ground is), or if we have to cancel due to inclement weather. Thanks!

## CPR Training ★

Sunday, May 19, 11:45a

The American Heart Association will host CPR and AED training for Good Shepherd in May. Please let us know on the Prayers & More form if you will attend this training or if you've already been trained in CPR.



## Pentecost

Sunday, May 19 ★

One of our Pentecost traditions is reading parts of one of the lessons in various languages. If you can read in a foreign language on Pentecost (Sunday, May 19), please join us. You won't be "on the spot" because we read all the languages simultaneously. If you can help, please let us know on the Prayers & More form.

## A Day in Our Village

Sunday, June 2

Good Shepherd will be participating in the 50th annual A Day In Our Village, Oak Park's annual festival celebrating diversity and community involvement, on June 2nd. We hope you will Save The Date to come visit our table! If you are interested in helping pass out fun giveaway gifts, talking about your experience at Good Shepherd, or tackling some of the behind-the-scenes logistics, please be sure to sign up at [tinyurl.com/GSLCDayinvillage2024](https://tinyurl.com/GSLCDayinvillage2024) or by using the QR code.



## Graduate Sunday ★

Sunday, June 9

We will be honoring this year's graduates in our June newsletter and at our June 9 worship service. If you have information about anyone graduating from 8th grade, high school, college, grad school, or trade school this year, please share it on the Prayers & More form or speak with Gail Frost.



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## —TRANSITION TALK—

### Transition Experience Share Session ★

Tuesday, June 4, 7p

Each congregation's transition experience following the departure of their pastor is unique. However, there is great learning that comes from each experience which can bring great value when applied to future periods of transition. To that end, the Transition Leadership Team is eager to gather the input of members of the Good Shepherd community who have previously experienced periods of pastoral transition at Good Shepherd or any other congregation. What occurred during these times of past transition that Good Shepherd should consider incorporating or avoiding in our future planning? Please join fellow members of the Good Shepherd community for this Transition Experience Share Session. We'll gather in person in Fellowship Hall and online via Zoom for those who are unable to join in person. Please sign up on the Prayers & More sheet. Questions? Contact Transition Process facilitator, Mark Ledogar at [events@goodshepherd.org](mailto:events@goodshepherd.org).

### Who to Call

For pastoral care for *life events* such as illness, death, birth, baptism, trauma, transition, etc., please contact Pastor Kerstin [kerstin@goodshepherd.org](mailto:kerstin@goodshepherd.org). In the case of an emergency, Pastor Kerstin can be reached at 614-560-7012.

For any questions related to the *operations* of congregation or facility, please contact Office Administrator Kimberly Adami-Hasegawa at [churchoffice@goodshepherd.org](mailto:churchoffice@goodshepherd.org) or 708-848-4741.

For any questions related to *family and children ministries and general Good Shepherd information*, please contact Deaconess Debbie Speer at [christianed@goodshepherd.org](mailto:christianed@goodshepherd.org) or 708-848-4741.

For any questions or feedback related to this *time of transition*, including suggestions and concerns, please contact Council President Gail Frost at [gsfrost56@gmail.com](mailto:gsfrost56@gmail.com) or Transition Process Facilitation Team leader Mark Ledogar at [mark@theledogroup.com](mailto:mark@theledogroup.com) or 630-742-0460.



Vacation Bible School  
June 17-21, 5-7:30p  
Registration is now open!

*We are diving deeper into our friendship with God this summer at Vacation Bible School!* Register today!  
Use the QR code or go to [tinyurl.com/gslcVBS2024](https://tinyurl.com/gslcVBS2024).



Good Shepherd's VBS at a glance:

- Our VBS is open to 3 year olds (by June 17) through outgoing 5th graders.
- We love our small-group model! Children that have just completed Kindergarten through Grade 5 are thoughtfully placed into small mixed-age groups. Studies and our own experience have shown that children thrive in this model - younger children look up to older ones; cooperation increases and competitiveness decreases.
- 3-5 year olds use the nursery as their home base and enjoy a simplified rotation schedule.
- Our time begins with dinner at 5:00p. Students will go through three rotations (music, games, and bible stories) before we wrap up at 7:30p.
- Each day we learn about and collect offerings for a mission project.
- \$50/child, family max of \$200.

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### **Migrant Ministry**

There is still a need for clothing, linens, and personal items for the migrants staying in the area. Please see the flier in the back and contribute what you can. We will collect donations in the back of church until May 19. *Please only donate items on the list.*

### **Summer Worship Hours**

We will be switching to summer worship hours on Sunday, May 26. Join us for one worship at 9:30a through Labor Day.

**GOOD SHEPHERD  
STAFF & LEADERSHIP**

*Associate Pastor:*  
The Rev. Kerstin Hedlund

*Director of Christian Ed:*  
Deaconess Debbie Speer

*Director of Music:*  
Dr. Carl Heine

*Office Administrator:*  
Kimberly Adami-Hasegawa

*President:*  
Gail Frost

*Vice President:*  
Scott White

*Secretary:*  
Richard Sehl

*Co-Treasurers:*  
Dan Feiertag  
John Jackson

*Financial Secretary:*  
Mitch Theys



**THIS WEEK AT GOOD SHEPHERD**  
May 5 – 12

**SUNDAY Flower Orders Due**

- 8:30a Worship
- 9:15a Christian Ed
- 9:15a Monthly Forum (Bible Study Classroom)
- 10:30a Worship
- 11:45a Celebrating Deaconess Debbie (sanctuary)
- 11:45a Youth Gathering Meeting (Youth Lounge)
- 1:00p Crop Walk (offsite)
- 1:00p Ray of Hope (Bible Study Classroom)
- 1:00p Recital (sanctuary)
- 5:00p Recital (sanctuary)
- 7:30p AA (kitchen)

**MONDAY**

- 10:30a Staff Meeting (office)
- 12:00p Worship Planning (zoom)
- 7:30p AA (kitchen)

**TUESDAY**

**WEDNESDAY**

- 7:30a Matins (offsite)
- 7:15p Choir Rehearsal (sanctuary)

**THURSDAY**

- 4:00p Transition Team (Youth Lounge)
- 7:30p WMA (zoom)

**FRIDAY**

- 5:30p Recital (sanctuary)
- 8:00p AA (Fellowship Hall)

**SATURDAY**

**SUNDAY**

- 8:30a Worship
- 9:15a Christian Ed
- 10:30a Worship
- 1:00p Ray of Hope (Bible Study Classroom)
- 7:30p AA (kitchen)

**Geranium orders are due today!**



## April 28 Prayers

Barb Hunt – Peace and safety for people of Israel and Palestine  
Judy Beisser – for the Longinotti family  
Lynn Zamora – for Paul Lindblad who had a heart attack on Friday  
Elizabeth Overland – traveling mercies for all who are on journeys  
Pete Chapman – Lissette and Sergio, Jenna and David and their newborn baby  
Dan Feiertag – healing for Paul, JoAnn, Richard, Randy, and Janette  
The Knitt & Pozorski family – Dennis and Ann’s niece, Jennifer, who has been hospitalized  
Lynda Jeppesen – healing for Dominic, Chris, and Ana

## Prayers of Thanks

Lynn Zamora – for those helping with Bevin’s funeral service on Saturday, all are welcome  
Scott & Stacey White – for graduates and new opportunities  
Linda Thomas – thank God for His unconditional love



Support the ministry of the Lutheran Diaconal Association by donating in honor of Deaconess Debbie's 25th anniversary! Go to [thelda.org/donations](http://thelda.org/donations).

## Coffee Hour Help Still Needed!

Do you enjoy coffee hour? We need people to bring treats, help serve, and help clean up. Sign ups are easier than ever—we’ve combined all Sunday help into one form—find it by using this QR code! →

## SERVING TODAY:

*Worship Leader:*  
Rev. Kelly Nieman Anderson  
*Bread Baker:*  
*Communion Set-Up:*  
*Reader:* Tim Clute  
*Prayer:*  
*Communion Assistants:*  
Debbie Speer, Gail Frost,  
Linda Bostrom, Sue Olson  
*Usher:* Linda Thomas  
*Acolyte:* Dariusz Radziszewski  
*Counters:*

## SERVING MAY 12:

*Worship Leader:*  
Rev. Anna Roper  
*Bread Baker:*  
*Communion Set-Up:*  
*Reader:*  
Meinrad Scherer-Emunds  
*Prayer:* Debbie Speer  
*Communion Assistants:*  
Meinrad Scherer-Emunds,  
Debbie Speer  
*Usher:* Linda Thomas  
*Acolyte:* Nathan de Groot  
*Counters:*



Would you like to lend your talents to help with worship or coffee hour? Sign up using the QR code below or see Judy Beisser or Joan & Phil Taylor for details!



## If you are visiting, we welcome you!

- As a diverse congregation, we welcome all in the spirit of Christ, celebrating differences in race, nationality, marital status, family composition, sexual orientation, gender-identity, socio-economic status, and physical ability, inviting all to participate fully in the life and ministry of our congregation. More information about Good Shepherd is available from an usher or today's Visitor Host.
- Communion is open to all who wish to participate.
- For families with children: Toys and child seats are found in our Prayground on the front left side of the sanctuary. Since children learn through play, noise is expected. Pew activity bags are available in the back of the sanctuary for children not in the Prayground. We offer a staffed nursery (on the east side of the basement) at our 10:30a service. If needed, a changing table is found in the nursery bathroom.
- We have a family-sized, accessible restroom available for all near the sanctuary entrance. On the basement level at the far end of the building, you will find another single-stall, accessible restroom as well as multi-stall men's and women's restrooms.
- Hearing assistance is available. If you have a hearing aid with a t-coil, set your device to this setting. If you do not have a hearing aid with a t-coil, there are individual hearing devices available. Ask an usher or soundboard volunteer for one.

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God's creation and celebrating  
our oneness in Christ.*



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