



-EPISTLE-

Good Shepherd LUTHERAN CHURCH

—PENTECOST, MAY 19 2024—

11:45a CPR Training (Fellowship Hall)

11:45a Anti-Racism Meeting (Youth Lounge)

1:00p Ray of Hope (Upstairs Classroom)

7:30p AA (kitchen)

TODAY'S PENTECOST ART INSTALLATION

The doves descending from the heavens above you are origami doves, most made in the spring of 2020 under the leadership of Nola Roth. We thought we'd be moving back into the restored Good Shepherd building (after the fire) that spring, but then COVID came and we were all isolating in our bubbles. Nola recruited volunteers to make the white doves - one for each child and adult member - and then assembled them into a dramatic hanging that we got to see on the online Pentecost worship service. We finally saw it in-person during our "Homecoming" service in September 2021. We don't have good records of all the people who made the doves, but we know that Nola, Barb Hunt, Richard Sehl, and some families, including the Albrecht-Johnson family, made many of the doves. The red doves were made this spring by Carl Heine, Barb Hunt, Jo Mohan, and Sean Daly. Jo also made the banners hanging on either side of the cross, and Mark Ledogar did the installation. Thanks to everyone who contributed to this dramatic reminder of the Holy Spirit who is always enveloping us.



Summer Worship Hours begin next week!

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





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. ★

Serve Lunch at Bethel ★

Thursday, May 23, 10:30a (Carpool at 10:15)

Our partnership in the Bethel feeding program brings 100- 150 warm meals to people in the West Garfield Park neighborhood AND builds relationships with our sister congregation to the east. Carpool leaves at 10:15 from Good Shepherd.

A Day in Our Village

Sunday, June 2

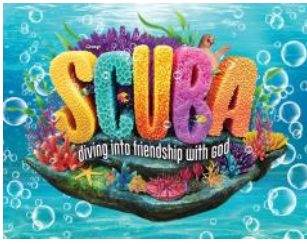
Oak Park's *A Day in Our Village* is a great opportunity for us to share Good Shepherd's mission and ministry to the larger community. **Right now we are in need of people to staff the Good Shepherd table.** Sign up for a 1.5 hour shift, set up, or clean up by going to tinyurl.com/GSLCDayinvillage2024 or by using the QR code.



Transition Experience Share Session ★

Tuesday, June 4, 7p

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. 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@goodshepherdlc.org.



Vacation Bible School

June 17-21, 5-7:30p

Be sure to register your child/ren for Good Shepherd's VBS by using the QR code or going to tinyurl.com/gslcVBS2024.

VBS runs June 17-21, 5-7:30p and is open to 3 year olds through outgoing 5th graders. (If your child isn't ready to stay until 7:30, ask about our early-ending option.) Cost is \$50/child with a family max of \$200. Dinner is included!



—VBS HELP NEEDED—

VBS preparations are underway! We would like to invite families to create sea creatures to help decorate our coral reef. Look on google/YouTube for craft ideas such as DIY sea sponges, coral, sea cucumbers, sea stars. (Links to ideas were included in last week's Wednesday email.) Bright colors are great! All crafts made by families will be incorporated into the reef decoration. Contact Martha Wegener for more ideas or information. Families are also invited to come to the final build of scenery on **Saturday, June 15 at 10a** for the set decorating and after service on June 16 for installation. Do you have:

- * large cardboard boxes?
- * pool noodles?
- * old pool flippers, snorkels, masks? (too old to actually use are perfect!)
- * leftover paint?
- * soup cans or other tin cans with "ridges"?
- * plastic bottles?
- * old large combs?
- * plastic or stuffed water animals? (fish, turtles, sea horses, etc)
- * 5 gallon plastic paint cans?

(Please note: We cannot promise to return anything.)

Oak Park Memorial Day Ceremony

Monday, May 27, 11a

This Memorial Day marks the 80th anniversary of the Normandy invasion, an epic battle that changed the course of history in World War II. D-Day will be remembered in remarks at Oak Park's Memorial Day Ceremony in Scoville Park. The ceremony is organized by GSLC member Brian Flora and includes participation by our Chaplain Kerstin Hedlund and Village President Vicki Scaman.

On Saturday, June 1 at 2p veterans Carl Fisher and Brian Flora will participate in a DAR organized 80th Anniversary of D-Day program at the Oak Park main library. Carl is an experienced Normandy and D-Day sites guide who has led amateur historians, interested tourists and military veterans across the Normandy countryside. After Brian describes his father's role in the first wave at Omaha Beach, Carl will lead a photographic travelogue to highlight the places and people associated with Operation Overlord.

Flock o' Readers

Wednesday, May 22, 2:30p

Join the Flock o'Readers this week for a discussion of books by Pam Janoff.



Scratch Choir

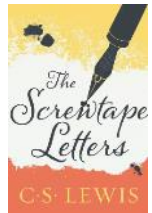
Sunday, May 26, 9a

Join the choir for a day! Come at 9 and learn a song to sing at the 9:30 service. This summer, scratch choir practice will be on the third Sunday of the month.

Summer Book Discussion: *The Screwtape Letters*

Next meeting, Tuesday, May 28, 7p

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. It's not too late to join!



Pentecost geraniums given by:

Judy Beisser

in memory of Jerry Pepler who was
ordained on Pentecost

The Campbell family

Kerstin, Karene, Kaia, and Eli

Laura Knitt & Nat Pozorski

in memory of our parents
& grandparents

Susan Kurtenbach

Amelia Mutso &

Mark Maienschein-Cline

in memory of our grandparents

Elizabeth Overland & Gene Collerd

in thanksgiving for the gift of the
Holy Spirit

Sue Priebe

Lynn Railsback

Diane Julitz and Addie Railsback

Fred & Tecla Reklau

in thanks for the staff and people
at Good Shepherd

Joan & Phil Taylor

Linda Thomas

in memory of my mom, Corrine,
my dad, Alex, my brother,
Frankie, and my nephew, Tracy

Lynn Zamora



About today's service:

Today's service features selections from Robert Ray's Gospel Mass. This musical work debuted in 1979 at the University of Illinois-Urbana, with a chorus of Ray's students. It was intended for a one-time performance, but it caught on as a seminal example of African-American music and has been performed around the world by choirs ever since.

In addition to our choir, our presentation features soloists Christa Jasmine, a local gospel and pop singer, and our own Troy Koch, as well as keyboard, bass, and drums. The festive, toe-tapping music will be heard throughout the service in place of our usual Kyrie, Gloria, Gospel Acclamation, Sanctus, and Agnus Dei. Words are included in the bulletin for your reflection.

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THIS WEEK AT GOOD SHEPHERD
May 19 – 26

SUNDAY Pentecost

8:30a Worship
9:15a Bible Study (Fellowship Hall)
10:30a Worship
11:45a CPR Training (Fellowship Hall)
11:45a Anti-Racism Meeting (Youth Lounge)
1:00p Ray of Hope (Upstairs Classroom)
7:30p AA (kitchen)

MONDAY

11:00a Staff Meeting (office)
12:00p Worship Planning (zoom)
7:00p Council (Fellowship Hall/zoom)
7:30p AA (kitchen)

TUESDAY

7:00p Finance (zoom)

WEDNESDAY

7:30a Matins (offsite)
2:30p Flock o' Readers (conference room)
7:15p Choir Rehearsal (sanctuary)

THURSDAY

10:30a GS to Bethel (offsite)

FRIDAY OFFICE CLOSED

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

SATURDAY

8:00a Men's Group (Youth Lounge)

SUNDAY Summer Worship Hours Begin

9:00a Scratch Choir
9:30a Worship
1:00p Ray of Hope (Fellowship Hall)
7:30p AA (kitchen)

**PLEASE
NOTE..**

The office will be closed
May 24 & May 27.

May 12 Prayers

Rose Mabwa – for Lynn’s recovery from her medical procedure

Barb Hunt – Candice, Eric, Erin

Judy Beisser – for an end to extreme partisan politics in our country, for an end to gun violence, for the Longinotti family

Janet Morrison – Pamela, Louise, Huey, George

Bob & Joan Pope – Hank

Lynn Zamora – Vicki, Doug, Anna, Laura, Linn, those in constant pain, those who are mourning

Liz Lemke & Dan Feiertag – healing for Richard, JoAnn, Paul, Ingrid, Gloria, Janette, Randy

Prayers of Thanks

Gail Frost – thanksgiving for 45 years of marriage

Pentecost readers:

Judy Beisser - German

Linda Bostrom - Italian

Kellie Campbell - Spanish

Dean Ennes - Spanish

Brian Flora - Romanian

Rose Mabwa - Kiswahili

Stefan Prestinary-Emunds - Portuguese

Susy Prestinary-Emunds - Spanish

Mary Scherer-Emunds - French

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!



SERVING TODAY:

Worship Leader:

Rev. Kerstin Hedlund

Bread Baker:

Communion Set-Up:

Kellie Campbell

Reader: Gail Frost

Prayer: Carl Fisher

Communion Assistants:

Charity Anne Caldwell,

Linda Thomas, Gail Frost

Usher:

Acolyte: Miguel Vasquez

Coffee Hour:

Counters: Lars Bostrom, Joan Taylor, Phil Taylor

SERVING MAY 26:

Worship Leader:

Rev. Kelly Nieman Anderson

Bread Baker:

Communion Set-Up:

Kellie Campbell

Reader: Judy Beisser

Prayer: Paul Pedersen

Communion Assistants: Judy Beisser

Usher:

Acolyte: Dylan Cane

Coffee Hour: Gail Frost

Counters: Rose Mabwa, Erik Wegner, Tom Jurczak

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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