



Good Shepherd Evangelical
Lutheran Church
Exciting Happenings and Doings of
God's People

**The Festival of St. Michael
and All Angels
October 19th and 20th, 2019
Announcements**

Welcome!

We give a warm welcome to everyone at worship. We are glad that you are here and invite you to return again to celebrate our living Lord. Visit us at 525 63rd Street, Downers Grove, contact us at 630-852-1519 or check us out on the web at www.gsdg.org

BLAST Sunday school

BLAST is our Sunday Morning Children's Ministry program here at Good Shepherd. **All children**, members and guests, ages 3 years old-8th grade are welcome to attend. We begin our lesson at 9:20am in the 3rd & 4th grade classroom at the far end of the school hallway. If you have any questions you may email BLAST@gsdg.org or speak to a teacher. An usher can direct you.

Women's Martial Arts Night

All Women ages 13 and older are invited to attend an exciting evening hosted by our Women's Ministry on November 13th at 6:15 p.m. in Fellowship Hall – Sign up in Narthex along with more details.

Meal Train for Roekle's

David and Hannah Roekle welcomed a healthy baby girl, Ellis Layne, into their family on September 30, 2019.

A Meal Train has been setup to assist the family. Please click on the link to schedule a date if you would like to participate. <https://www.mealtrain.com/trains/64yegg>

Member in Need

Skilled (tradesmen) Volunteers are needed to help refinish a home that had water damage. The request is to install bathroom tile, cabinets, painting and general cleanup. If you can assist with this project, please contact Bob Reichert at 630-985-0070 or 630-263-5039 or reichert2700@gmail.com.

Hope's Front Door: 2019 Holiday Toy Project

HOPE'S FRONT DOOR is currently collecting new and gently used toys to sell at their 11th annual toy sale, December 5th, 6th, 9th, & 11th. All toys will be sold at reduced cost to help their clients, clients of our community partner human service agencies and those in the community in need. The toys are generally priced from 50 cents to five dollars. The idea is to give clients a chance to provide items to their children during the holidays with a sense of ownership and dignity. Family members shop and select items their loved ones will enjoy. We also work with clients who cannot take part in the toy sale to access free items for the holiday.

Please bring toy donations to the HOPE'S FRONT DOOR Office M, W, Th, F; 10 a.m. - 11:45 a.m. or Mondays 6:30 p.m. - 8 p.m. at 1047 Curtiss St., Downers Grove. To arrange a pick up or drop off please email info@hopesfrontdoor.org or call 630.241.0187.

We are also looking for volunteers to help clients shop on December 5th, 6th, 9th, & 11th. If interested in volunteering, please email info@hopesfrontdoor.org.

Seeking Ride to Church

Daria Witte, daughter of former Good Shepherd pastor Dan Witte, is attending Wheaton College and is seeking rides to church. If you are interested in helping, please contact the office or Daria directly at 507-479-1454.

Pastor Bergemann

Servae Christi name change

The women who attend the Women's Event at Good Shepherd on November 13, will be given the opportunity to vote on a recommendation from the Servae Christi Leadership Team to change the name of our women's organization from "Servae Christi" to "Women's Ministry".

Reasons for the change:

Using words that do not need to be translated makes communication more easily understood.

For consistency - no other groups at Good Shepherd use Latin terminology.

"Women's Ministry" is easily recognizable and searchable on Web sites.

All women will feel included in "Women's Ministry".

If you have questions concerning the name change, please contact Servae Christi President Paula Danekas, pkdanekas@comcast.net or phone 630-355-8378.

GSLA T-Shirts on Sale now

Want to show your GSLA Rams pride? We have GSLA Rams T-Shirts on sale for \$12 size S-XL \$14 XXL. You can see them on display in the trophy case by the K3 and K4 rooms. Please see the office if you would like to purchase one... or more!

GSLA Restaurant Fundraiser

Buona Beef restaurant in Darien is hosting our school's next fundraiser on Wednesday, October 23rd. Visit for lunch or dinner and 20% of your dine in or carry out order will be donated to help defray the cost of new jerseys for our school's sports teams. Present a paper or [electronic copy](#) of the flyer when ordering. Paper copies can be found in the narthex and school entryway.

Servae Christi Positions to be elected in November

The Servae Christi (women's ministry) positions that are up for election in November are **vice president, treasurer, property, school, shepherding and outreach**. Please contact Servae Christi President Paula Danekas phone 630-355-8378 or email pkdanekas@comcast.net to learn more about these positions and to express your interest in being part of women's ministry at Good Shepherd.

The **vice president** arranges activities/speakers for two women's events per year and assumes the responsibilities of the president in her absence.

The **treasurer** keeps the financial records of Servae Christi.

The **property** ministry maintains outdoor plants and decorates for Christmas.

The **school** ministry assists with school activities when requested and plans worker gifts/recognition.

The **shepherding** ministry welcomes new members and supports members through prayers, meals, care boxes, greeting cards, and visits.

The **outreach** ministry maintains the friendship registry at church, has follow-up contacts with visitors, and promotes activities that involve the community.

More complete descriptions of Servae Christi ministries can be found in the pamphlets in the display rack in the narthex. Links to the Servae Christi Guidelines and Activity booklets are also on the Servae Christi page of the Good Shepherd website.

http://www.gsdg.org/site/cpage.asp?cpage_id=140040946&sec_id=140006627

Open Positions for the MCC 2019

Good Shepherd has seven positions open for election to the Ministry Coordinating Council (MCC) at the voters meeting in November. The position descriptions are listed below. Please contact Dean L. Gerdes (708-807-5649), another member of the MCC or Pastor Bergemann (331-238-2378) if you are interested in election to one of these positions or interested in discussing further the open positions. Our congregation depends on our members filling these important roles.

Dean L. Gerdes President / Treasurer

President

The President presides as chairman at all meetings of the Ministry Coordinating Council (MCC), Voters' Meetings and informal meetings of the congregation. The President serves as liaison between members of the congregation and called workers as well as various boards and committees. The President is an advisory member of all committees.

Elementary School Coordinator

The Elementary School Coordinator is responsible, together with the other elected members of the Elementary School Committee, for assuring that the mission statement of Good Shepherd Lutheran Academy is being carried out. This position is elected by the voters and serves on the Ministry Coordinating Council (MCC).

The responsibilities of the Elementary School Coordinator include the following:

- Establish school policy
- Evaluate staffing needs and make staffing recommendations to the congregation
- Communicate with parents of school children
- Report actions of the committee to the MCC and congregation
- Serve as chairman of the Elementary School Committee

School Committee Member

The School Coordinator, along with the other elected members of the School Committee, is responsible for assuring that the mission statement of Good Shepherd Lutheran Academy is being carried out. The positions in the School Committee are elected by the voters and are a two-year term.

The responsibilities of the School Committee include the following:

- Establish school policy
- Evaluate staffing needs and make staffing recommendations to the congregation
- Communicate with parents of school children

Group Life Coordinator

He is responsible for providing opportunities and promoting fellowship among and between various groups in the congregation such as youth, teens, singles, seniors, couples, men, women, etc. The activities under the direction of the Group Life Coordinator shall strive to sustain each of our members in the faith by working together for the spiritual growth and health of the congregation.

The areas of responsibility for the Group Life Coordinator include, but are not limited to: the Pioneer Council, teen program, Servae Christi (women's group), and fellowship groups such as singles, couples, seniors, and men. The nature and dimension of the responsibility includes leadership and staffing. The Group Life Coordinator shall report to the MCC and the congregation meetings concerning the activities under his direction.

Mission Resources Coordinator

He is responsible for identifying, marshaling and coordinating the congregation's resources for its funding. He shall also endeavor to build a strong, informed congregation, mindful of its Christian privileges and responsibilities.

- Report to the MCC and congregation all actions and activities of the Mission Resources Committee
- Chair the Mission Resources Committee, which includes appointed members and ex-officio members Secretary-Treasurer, Financial Secretary and Loan Program Administrator of the congregation
- Report and coordinate the activities of the Endowment Fund committee to the MCC and the congregation
- Develop and initiate programs and instruction on all stewardship activities
- Recruit volunteers for stewardship activities as necessary
- Participate in the preparation of the congregational budget

Spiritual Growth Coordinator

The Spiritual Growth Coordinator is responsible for making provisions for the operation of the Sunday School, Catechism instruction, memory course, Bible classes and other programs which may enhance and promote spiritual growth of congregation members and prospective members.

The scope of responsibility includes:

- Appoint members of the Spiritual Growth Committee and such sub-committees as may be required
- Establish policies regarding various programs for which the committee is responsible
- Appoint a Sunday School Administrator and other volunteer staff as needed
- Report to and make recommendations to the MCC regarding areas of spiritual growth
- In consultation with the pastor(s), evaluate spiritual growth needs and opportunities

Worship Coordinator

He is responsible for assuring and enhancing proper conduct of our public worship services by working closely with our pastors and members of the Worship Committee, within the guidelines of our congregation's Constitution, Articles of Faith, and mission statement.

The responsibilities of this position include:

- Arranging for ushers, usher training, scheduling, backups, list of duties, etc.
- Coordinate scheduling (usher support/backup)
- In conjunction with the pastor, assure that musical accompaniment for worship services is scheduled and provided
- Evaluate and make recommendations to the MCC regarding worship service enhancements as well as special services, assuring strict adherence to our congregation's Articles of Faith, as well as considerations of worship improvements
- Report regularly to the MCC and congregation

SCRIP (Substitute Cash Rebate Incentive Program)

Order Release Schedule

- TBD

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On-Hand Inventory (\$25 denomination cards) - In addition to being able to order from over 750 retailers from SCRIP online, we have a limited supply of the cards listed below. We accept cash or check payment made payable to Good Shepherd Lutheran Church. If you are interested in purchasing any of these cards, please contact Carlene Derickson or Clint Daehnke.

- Kohl's
- Target
- Jewel
- Home Depot

Christmas Service Times

Mark your calendars! This year, the Children's Christmas Program will take place during the 10:30 regular worship service on Sunday, December 22nd. On Christmas Eve, services will be at 4:30 and 7:00 p.m. There will be a service on Christmas Day as well. This should allow more children the opportunity to participate in the Children's Program and families to worship together on Christmas Eve. More details to follow in the upcoming weeks!

CALENDAR

TODAY

8:00 am Worship Service with Communion
 9:20 am Adult Bible Study / **BLAST Sunday school**
 10:30 am Worship Service with Communion
 11:30 am Girl Pioneers
 12:00 pm Boy Pioneers
 1:00 pm Trunk or Treat
MONDAY 10/21 3:30 pm Faculty Curriculum Meeting
 7:00 pm PMM Meeting
TUESDAY 10/22 8:10 am Chapel
 9:30 am Women's Bible study
 6:30 pm Public School Catechism
 7:15 pm Adult Choir
WEDNESDAY 10/23 9:30 am Classroom Music Classes
 11:30 am Early Dismissal
THURSDAY 10/24 NO School Teacher Conferences
FRIDAY 10/25 NO School Teacher Conferences
SATURDAY 10/26 5:30 pm Worship Service
SUNDAY 10/27 8:00 am Worship Service
 9:20 am Adult Bible Study / **BLAST Sunday school**
 10:30 am Worship Service

SAVE THE DATE

Oct 30 6:30 pm Forensics Night
 Oct 31 11:30 am Early Dismissal PreK-8th Grade
 Nov 1 No School Parent Teacher Conferences
 Nov 3 Daylight Saving Time ends
 Nov 5 8:30 am Picture Retakes
 Nov 6 3:30 pm Faculty Meeting
 Nov 8 6:30 pm Bedtime Stories
 Nov 10 9:30 am Open Forum
 11:30 am OWLS Meeting
 Dec 6 7:00 pm Advent by Candlelight

WORSHIP ATTENDANCE IN GOD'S HOUSE (10/12-13/19)

Saturday – 33
 Sunday Early – 77
 Sunday Late – 86
 Live Streaming –
 Weekend Total – 196

WEEKLY OFFERINGS FOR GOD'S WORK

	Week Ending	Weekly Offering	YTD Offering	YTD Budget	% of Budget
Week 15	10/13/19	\$10,473.90	\$175,679.02	\$195,000.00	90.1%

STEWARDSHIP ENCOURAGEMENT FROM GOD'S WORD

Deuteronomy 8: 17, 18 – You may say to yourself, "My power and the strength of my hands have produced this wealth for me." But remember the Lord your God, for it is he who gives you the ability to produce wealth.

Serving in Worship

Pastor: Jon Bergemann

Organist: Jan Henriksen

Ushers

10/19	5:30 pm	Ken Hull
10/20	8:00 am	Steve Danekas & Paul Kippes
	10:30 am	Randy Weaver & Dale Graefnitz
10/26	5:30 pm	Dave Morgan
10/27	8:00 am	Bob Reichert & Gary Henriksen
	10:30 am	Bill Merchantz & Daniel John

Altar Care

10/20	Kathy Oedzes & Fran Piepenbrink
11/03	Ellen Zank & Cindy Oard

Coffee Schedule

10/20	Sue Mecklenburg & Carol Miller
10/27	Roxanne Zikis & Lindsey Daehnke

Folding Schedule

10/20	Roxanne Zikis
10/27	Mary Moore

Communion Assistant Schedule

10/20	8:00 am	David Roekle & Dave Rardin
	10:30 am	Ken Jordan & John Roland
11/03	8:00 am	Todd Paradis & Rick Brands
	10:30 am	John Roland & Ken Jordan

Live Stream Team

Sun	8:00 am	Kristen Reynolds & Bob Reichert
	10:30 am	Greg Busse