



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

THE FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER EASTER

MAY 18TH – 19TH, 2019

Today's theme: Having come from God and now preparing to return to God, Jesus gives his disciples the command to love one another. Disciples of Jesus are marked by their love for each other. For it is a reflection of the same love our now glorified Savior has for us.

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

Celebrating 35 Years of Service – Miss Ellen Zank

Miss Ellen Zank graduated from Dr. Martin Luther College in 1984. She was assigned to teach at Salem in Loretto, MN where she served for six years. She then took a call and served St. John's in Baraboo, WI for nine years before accepting the call to teach Kindergarten - 2nd grade at Good Shepherd in 1999. Miss Zank has now served faithfully at Good Shepherd for 20 years! During her time with us she has served as athletic director and continues to coordinate the Peewee/Junior Soccer Tournament in the fall and Field Day in the spring and assist with Vacation Bible School.

A few quotes from Miss Zank:

"My favorite memories are just remembering the many people, both young and old, that I have been blessed to know, teach, serve with and worship with throughout the years!"

"My favorite part about teaching is getting to share the great love of Jesus our Savior every day during Christ Light and throughout the day in all different subject areas. Christ centered teaching and learning is a wonderful blessing!"

"I will never forget my very first day of teaching 1st and 2nd grade at Salem, Loretto, MN. a rural school surrounded by farmers' fields about 25 miles west of Minneapolis. There I was sitting on a chair and all the children were sitting on the carpeted area right in front of me so we could get better acquainted. They are all staring at me waiting patiently and even though they didn't say a word, I knew their big, bright, questioning eyes were asking, "What are we going to do now?" I remember smiling as I'm looking at all these little faces and thinking, "Wow, now I really have to do this!" I quickly prayed to the Lord for help and guidance and I survived my first day, that has now become 35 years. I am thankful, the Lord is faithful."

We thank Ms. Zank for her faithful service to the Lord for 35 years! We ask for God's continued blessings as she serves the lambs of Good Shepherd.

Celebration of Ellen Zank's 35 Years in the Teaching Ministry

Please join us on Sunday, May 19th as we celebrate Ellen Zank's 35 years in the teaching ministry! In between services there will be cake and coffee in the Narthex. Thank you to Ellen for her continued service to our Lord and school!

Appreciation for Continued Beautification of Property

Thank you to Karen Bassler, Laurie and David Bowen, Beth DuFore, and Debbie O'Malley for coordination and planting of flowers and Canna Lily bulbs this month and tree pruning work.

In thankfulness for the Christian education received, the 8th graders of Good Shepherd Lutheran School planted a Norway Spruce tree. Planting a tree or shrub is an annual tradition that takes place on Arbor Day in which the entire school and volunteer parents help clean up and spread mulch around the property.

In God's name we plant. Property Committee

"...see how the lilies of the field grow. They do not labor or spin." Matthew 6:28

"I went down to the grove of nut trees to look at the new growth in the valley, to see if the vines had budded or the pomegranates were in bloom." Song of Solomon 6:11

Change for Life for New Beginnings

If you did not get a baby bottle on Mother's Day or if you could use another bottle, there are extra bottles available in the Narthex. Bottles are to be returned on Father's Day, June 16th. **All bottles must be returned as they are on loan to us.** If you would like to return your bottle early, there is a box in the Narthex for that purpose. Any checks should be made out to Good Shepherd with "Change for Life" or "New Beginnings" on the memo line. Ideally you should put your checks or bills in a baby bottle. However, as an alternative, you may put the check in an envelope, write "Change for Life" or "New Beginnings" on the outside of envelope, and put it in the lock box in the Narthex. If you have any questions, please contact Doris Holcomb (630) 355-2487. Your donation will make a big difference in the lives of moms and children at New Beginnings!

LWMS National Election

Ladies, you are invited to vote in the LWMS national board member election. Information and ballots can be found by the LWMS tri-fold display in the narthex. Ballots are due May 19th. Please make sure you get your vote in this weekend! If you have any questions please contact Kristina John 630-649-3495, kmkjscp@gmail.com. Thank you!

Watering Crew

We are looking for several volunteers to be on the team that keeps the beautiful pots of flowers watered this season. Please contact Debbie O'Malley. 630-309-2526.

Marketing Experience Needed

Good Shepherd Lutheran School is looking to expand its community presence and outreach so more families are aware that our wonderful school is an option for their kids. We are seeking an individual with a heart for marketing to help with this endeavor. If you are interested, please contact Mr. Roekle at david.roekle@gsdg.org.

Grace-Hmong outreach in Vietnam – Mission Offering Update

WELS members have offered our Savior more than \$1 million toward the \$2 million goal to fund the land purchase, building construction, and the first two years of operational costs for the theological education center in Hanoi, Vietnam. Thank you for your support of this amazing mission opportunity! This funding will allow WELS to purchase the land and complete construction. Additional funds are still needed to furnish the facility and pay for the initial two years of operational costs. Please continue to support this opportunity with your prayers and financial gifts. Learn more at wels.net/vietnamhmongoutreach.

Just to note, WELS asks that we not share the dollar amount raised anywhere online- website or Facebook so as not to interfere with upcoming construction negotiations.

Vacation Bible School Registration is Open

Registration for Vacation Bible School is now open. Join us June 17-21. We will be meeting each day from 9:00 am-11:30 am.

- Bible Truths, Games, Songs, Crafts, Snacks

Invite a friend to join you. We look forward to seeing you!

Accepting New Student Admission Applications

Good Shepherd Lutheran School is now accepting new student applications for the 2019-2020 school year. For more information, please contact the school office at office@gsdg.org or by calling 630-852-5081.

SCRIP

Order Release Schedule

Orders and payment must be received by noon on the following days:

- Monday, 5/20 @ noon; delivered by Friday, 5/24

Plan using SCRIP for gift giving for Mother's Day, Father's Day, graduations, weddings, and also make use for summer travel-gas, hotel, and food cards! The possibilities are endless with so many choices to choose from.

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.

Serving at Worship

Pastor: Jon Bergemann
Organist: Joan Richmond
Pianist: Paula Danekas

Ushers

05/18 5:30 pm Dave Morgan
 05/19 8:00 am Rick & Luke Bauman
 10:30 am Randy Weaver & Dale Graefnitz
 05/26 8:00 am Paul Kippes & Ed Boron
 10:30 am Bill Merchantz & Daniel John

Greeters

05/19 8:00 am Steve Danekas
 10:30 am Rick Brands
 05/26 8:00 am Andy Rush
 10:30 am Greg Busse

Altar Care

05/19 Aggie Rardin & Joan Richmond
 06/03 Debbie O'Malley & Michal Meek

Coffee Schedule

05/19 Kathy Paradis & Carol Miller
 05/26 Pam Junkunc & Doris Holcomb

Folding Schedule

05/19 Joan Richmond
 05/26 Sherrie & Jay Norco

Communion Assistant Schedule

05/19 8:00 am Todd Paradis & Dave Roekle
 10:30 am Ken Jordan & Doug Semenske
 06/02 8:00 am Rick Brands & Dave Rardin
 10:30 am Doug Semenske & John Roland

Live Stream Team

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

WORSHIP ATTENDANCE IN GOD'S HOUSE (05/11-12/19)

Saturday – 22
 Sunday Early – 144
 Sunday Late – 95
 Live Streaming –
 Weekend Total – 261

WEEKLY OFFERINGS FOR GOD'S WORK

	Week Ending	Weekly Offering	YTD Offering	YTD Budget	% of Budget
Week 46	05/12/19	\$6,253.75	\$561,405.22	\$630,980.00	89.0%

STEWARDSHIP ENCOURAGEMENT FROM GOD'S WORD

James 1: 17 – Every good and perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of the heavenly lights.

CALENDAR

TODAY

8:00 am Worship w/communion
9:20 am Adult Bible Study /
BLAST Sunday school
10:30 am Worship Service w/communion
11:30 am Boy Pioneers
12:00 pm Girl Pioneers

MONDAY 05/20

7:00 pm Core Team Meeting
Voters' Meeting

TUESDAY 05/21

9:30 am Women's Bible Study
6:00 pm Catechism
7:15 pm Adult Choir

WEDNESDAY 05/22

THURSDAY 05/23

FRIDAY 05/24

Preschool Graduation & Last Day of Pre-K

SATURDAY 05/25

5:30 pm Worship

SUNDAY 05/26

8:00 am Worship Service
9:20 am Adult Bible Study /**BLAST Sunday School**
10:30 am Worship Service

SAVE THE DATE

Monday May 27

No School K-8th

Tuesday May 28

2:30 pm Spring Band Concert

Thursday May 30

10:30 am Class of 2019 Will & Prophecy

11:30 am Early Dismissal

7:00 pm Graduation

Friday May 31

10:00 am PreK – 8th Grade Picnic

Sunday June 2

Confirmation Sunday

June 17-21

Vacation Bible School

June 20

7:00 pm MCC Meeting