



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

THE FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER EASTER
MAY 11TH – 12TH, 2019

The Change for Life Program Starts Mother's Day

Our congregation is participating in the Change for Life program to support New Beginnings - A Home for Mothers. Since 1993, New Beginnings has literally been a new beginning for hundreds of mothers and their children. The ministry provides a place for a single mother to live with her child, learn to care for her child, and, most importantly, learn about God and the salvation He provides in Jesus.

On Mother's Day, on the way out of church you will be given a baby bottle from New Beginnings. Put your donation inside the bottle. Coins, bills, and checks are all welcome. If you are writing a check, make it out to Good Shepherd, put "New Beginnings" on the memo line, and put the check in the baby bottle. At the end of the program, Father's Day, June 16, return your bottle to church, where the money will be collected and sent to New Beginnings. Your donation will make a big difference in the lives of moms and children at New Beginnings!

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!

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 OMalley. 630-309-2526.

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.

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.

Voters' Meeting

All male communicant members over the age of 18 are eligible to become a voting member. If you would like to become a voting member, please contact the Pastor, church President Dean Gerdes or Recording Secretary, Diane Buchholz (dbuchholz1210@gmail.com) with your intention. Your intention must be made prior to the Voters Assembly.

FISH Pantry

The Downers Grove Area FISH pantry is a Christian organization that began 50 years ago providing many all volunteer services to those community members in need of assistance. FISH provides a food and clothing pantry (Mon & Fri 9 to 11am); financial aid towards rent, car repair; and transportation for medical care. No government aid of any sort is accepted, but through the generosity of others. Good Shepherd has a collection box available in the Narthex year round for any canned goods, dry goods and hygiene products.

FISH is located in the Downers Grove Township building at 4340 Prince St 630.964.7776 (24 hr phone line) www.downersgrovefish.org.

Thank you,
Laurie Bowen FISH church representative

Thank You – Easter Flowers

Thanks to the members of Good Shepherd who brought their offering of Easter Flowers to surround the altar on Easter Sunday. The joy of Easter Morning was reflected by your donations.

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BOGO Scholastic Book Fair

The Buy One Get One Book Fair is upon us.

Hours (hosted in Fellowship Hall)

May 10 - 3-3:30 pm

May 12 - Between Services

May 13 -16 7:30-8 am, and 3:00-3:30 pm

May 17 - 7:30-8 am

We are looking for volunteers if you are willing to help before or after school. The 7th and 8th grade students will run the register. We just need adult bodies to help. Contact Rebecca Stiglitz at rstiglitz@gsdg.org.

Spring Band Concert

The school Spring Band Concert will take place on Tuesday, May 28th at 2:30 PM in the church! All are welcome to attend.

Women's Ministry Conference Highlights Being Living Stones

As you come to him, the living Stone-rejected by humans but chosen by God and precious to him-You also, like living stones, are being built into a spiritual house to be a holy priesthood, offering spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. 1 Peter 2:4-5

The focal point of the upcoming **2019 WELS Women's Ministry Conference**, being held at Luther Preparatory School, Watertown, Wis., July 18-20, is "living stones" and how Christian women are called to be a part of something bigger.

At the end of the conference, Dawn Schulz (conference presenter) hopes women walk away feeling more confident in their purpose as a part of God's spiritual house. She says, "This conference is going to nurture women in God's Word, encourage them by bringing them together with other Christian sisters, and equip them with resources."

For more information on the Women's Ministry Conference and to register, visit wels.net/wmconference.

Questions? Call or Text Lonnie Weaver at 209-617-2416 or email lonnie_weaver@yahoo.com

Spring Choir Concert

Voices of Peace, a ministry partner with Zion Lutheran Church in Crete and chamber choir, is holding its Spring Concert on Friday, May 17, 2019 at 7:00pm.

"Voices of Peace is holding its Spring Concert, "A Light in the Dark," on Friday, May 17, 2019 at 7:00pm. It will be held at Zion Lutheran Church, 1610 Main Street, Crete, IL. The concert will feature music exploring the themes of light and dark, featuring pieces by Johannes Brahms, Daniel Elder, and William Byrd, as well as the premieres of "I Will Lift Up Mine Eyes," by Artistic Director Clayton J Horath, and "God Be in My Head," by Joshua Zaher. Voices of Peace is a 10-voice chamber choir made up of adults and high school students from within WELS and WELS-fellowship congregations, and is a ministry partner of Zion Lutheran Church in Crete, IL."

Clayton J Horath Artistic Director, Voices of Peace

DuPage OWLS (this is now our official name) will be hosting an afternoon tea at Tea Canal at Yorktown Center on Friday May 17 at 2:30 pm. The cost is \$8.99 which includes a pot of tea and a plate of assorted goodies. If you would like to join us, please respond to Doug Semenske at dougsemenske@ameritech.net or 708-899-9059. As with all our events the only requirement is that you are 55 and older, you do not need to be a member of DuPage OWLS or Good Shepherd to participate. Feel free to bring your friends or neighbors with you.

Thanks, Doug

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!

Visit our website at www.gsdg.org

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.

- Kohl's
- Target
- Jewel
- Home Depot

[SCRIP-to-GO Order Form](#) - Use this form if you do not have an online shopwithscrip account. Payment is due with your order. A SCRIP Agreement is still required to be on file.

Serving at Worship

Pastor: Jon Bergemann
Organist: Karen D'Aversa

Ushers

05/11 5:30 pm Ken Hull
 05/12 8:00 am Steve Danekas & Bob Reichert
 10:30 am Bob Vicker & Joe Abegg
 05/18 5:30 pm Dave Morgan
 05/19 8:00 am Rick & Luke Bauman
 10:30 am Randy Weaver & Dale Graefnitz

Greeters

05/12 8:00 am Diane Buchholz
 10:30 am Cindy Oard
 05/19 8:00 am Steve Danekas
 10:30 am Rick Brands

Altar Care

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

Coffee Schedule

05/12 Roxanne Zikis & Lindsey Daehnke
 05/19 Kathy Paradis & Carol Miller

Folding Schedule

05/12 Karen Bassler
 05/19 Joan Richmond

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 (05/04-05/19)

Saturday – 34
 Sunday Early – 57
 Sunday Late – 91
 Live Streaming –
 Weekend Total – 182

WEEKLY OFFERINGS FOR GOD'S WORK

	Week Ending	Weekly Offering	YTD Offering	YTD Budget	% of Budget
Week 45	05/05/19	\$12,127.24	\$555,151.47	\$617,480.00	89.9%

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
9:20 am Adult Bible Study /
BLAST Sunday school
10:30 am Worship Service

MONDAY 05/13

BOGO Scholastic Book Fair

TUESDAY 05/14

BOGO Scholastic Book Fair

BOGO Scholastic Book Fair

9:30 am Women's Bible Study

6:00 pm Catechism

7:15 pm Adult Choir

WEDNESDAY 05/15

BOGO Scholastic Book Fair

7:00 pm Worship Committee Meeting

THURSDAY 05/16

BOGO Scholastic Book Fair

FRIDAY 05/17

BOGO Scholastic Book Fair

12:00 pm Field Day

SATURDAY 05/18

5:30 pm Worship

SUNDAY 05/19

8:00 am Worship Service 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

SAVE THE DATE

Monday May 20

7:00 pm Core Team Meeting

7:00 pm Voter's Meeting

Friday May 24

Preschool Graduation and Last Day

Monday May 27

No School K-8th

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