



Good Shepherd & Our Saviors Lutheran Parish



THE MESSAGE

March & April 2024

FROM THE CALL COMMITTEE



The Call Committee is excited to announce that Pastor Michael Wright is arriving soon! He will be making the trek from Texas to Minnesota in early May. He has expressed interest in attending church services on Sunday, May 12th, with his first Sunday preaching on May 19th. We look forward to helping him get settled in and feel comfortable in his new home. May we all welcome Pastor Michael and help him shine his light on our parish and community. Please send prayers for safe travels. What an exciting time for all of us!

MESSAGE FROM MARILYN

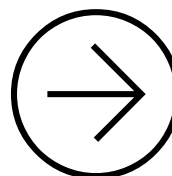
Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

My heart is so full! Thank you to the Good Shepherd/Our Savior's church families for making the past six months an absolutely loving and uplifting part of my faith journey. Your unconditional acceptance of me and my son makes me so happy and so blessed.

Although I won't see you on a regular basis on Sunday mornings, I would like to thank the parish council for giving me the opportunity to continue ministry with you. I will continue visitations and work with Pastor Michael on any project to complement the ministry of your parish.

The majority of my time will be spent with the Shepherd of the Pines parish (Clearwater and Solway). I will serve there as I have served your parish. I found a townhouse to rent in Bagley - Cornerstone Townhomes. Please feel free to contact me at 763-258-9217 or mgrand1000@gmail.com.

Again, thank you so much and may God richly bless each of you.
- Marilyn



Look inside for more info on:
Sunday School - Giving Opportunities
Raise the Roof - Confirmation
Youth Group - Music - Worship
Headwaters Collaboration
Mission Outreach

PROPERTY COMMITTEE

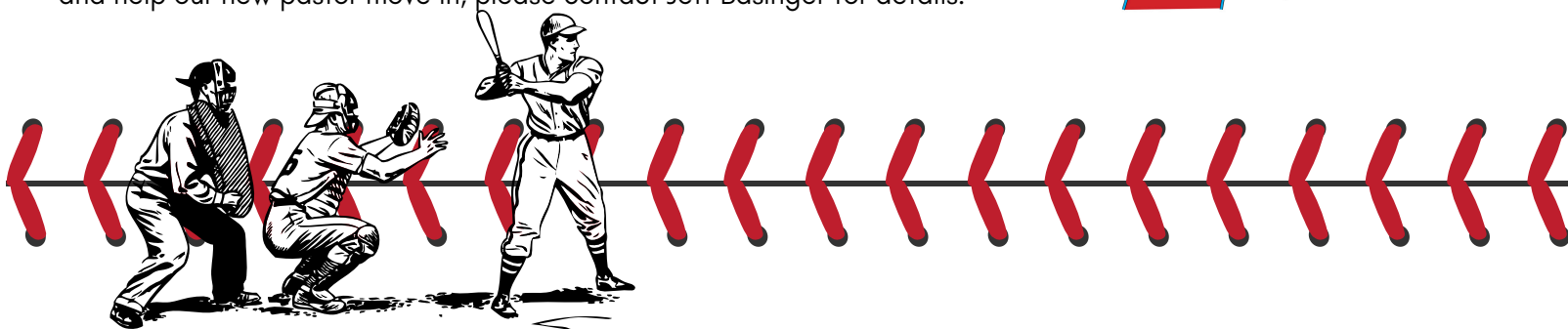
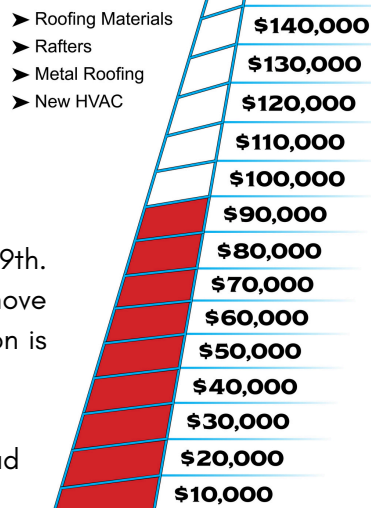
The roof project is moving forward!
We have **currently raised...**

\$ 95,591.80 for the project.
Our goal is \$150,000.00

23.4 rafters have been sold,
we need a total of 52.

The roof project is progressing nicely. Trusses are scheduled for delivery on April 29th. The roof steel has been ordered. We are currently scheduled for April 30th to move the power from the roof to underground service for the building. Roof construction is set to begin in early May.

If anyone is interested in helping Marilyn move out of the parsonage or help unload and help our new pastor move in, please contact Jeff Basinger for details.



MISSION OUTREACH @ GOOD SHEPHERD

Our Mission Outreach Food Drive began in March and has **raised \$991 through generous donations from our congregation.** 50 lbs of food have also been gathered at the time of this writing for donation to the Clearwater County Food Shelf. Pictured are Sharon & Joann, managers of the Clearwater Food Shelf, with an additional \$250 check from the Thrivent Financial Action Team.



The Mission Outreach team also sponsored a Vitalant Blood Drive in Clearbrook. 43 Individuals donated, with a total of **53 blood products collected.** Nancy Goudge, coordinator of the blood drive said "This was a very successful blood drive!! Thank you to all who donated blood, and all who helped with the snacks, baked goods, and beverages!"

Our Mission Outreach committee is **anticipating a spring Barn Quilt painting project.** Watch and Listen for more information coming soon.

GOOD SHEPHERD STEWARDSHIP

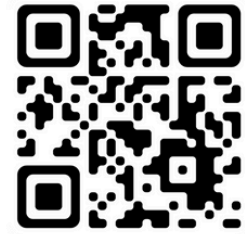
February

Gen. Fund beginning balance 1/31/24
\$ 55,520.84
 Good Shepherd Receipts
\$ 7,009.90
 Our Savior's Receipts
 -
 Expenses
\$ 17,631.37
 Transfer to Other Funds
(\$525)
 End balance 2/29/24
\$ 53,307.20

March

Gen. Fund beginning balance 2/29/24
\$ 53,307.20
 Good Shepherd Receipts
\$ 16,129.05
 Our Savior's Receipts
\$ 2,712.70
 Expenses
\$ 12,014.44
 Transfer to Other Funds
(\$450)
 End balance 3/31/24
\$ 59,684.51

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PASTORAL WORKS

Baptism

@ Good Shepherd
 Callum Gunvalson - 3/17/24



**Easter Offering
 @ Good Shepherd**
\$3060

(Will be split between the Youth & Raise the Roof)



Sunday School Art

Thank you

On behalf of the church council and worship committee we would like to take this time to extend our thanks and gratitude to the call committee for all the time spent searching for the right pastoral fit for our parish. Also, thank you to Donna Rae Jacobson for all the time spent keeping us covered with pulpit supply. Your dedication is much appreciated!



Office Hours

Kay's Hours

In May:

Tuesday - Friday
 8:15 a.m. - 2:15 p.m.

In June:

TBD - watch for her summer hours in the bulletin, website, and Facebook

I AM A
CHILD
OF GOD

Good Shepherd Sunday School

VBS 2024!



Upcoming Events:

May 5th

Sunday School
Celebration

VBS

August 6 -8

In Sunday School this past month, we have been learning about the book of Acts and the power of the Holy Spirit in our lives. We learned about God's love for us through Easter and the meaning of the Resurrection.

The end of our Sunday School year is fast approaching! The last day of Sunday School for this school year is May 5th. This is an important day - we will sing in church and celebrate during Sunday School with a gift and root beer floats! Please bring your student(s) to the **Fireside Room at 8:40 am before church on May 5th**. Students who have completed memory work will present their achievements during church on May 5th as well.

Mark your calendars!! Vacation Bible School at Good Shepherd will be August 6th, 7th, and 8th from 10:00 am - 1:00 pm with lunch. Our VBS theme this year is "SCUBA: Diving Into Friendship With God." Students who have completed Kindergarten through Grade 5 may register for VBS. Registration for VBS will begin May 5th in person or online. Please call the church office with any questions you have about VBS!



CONFIRMATION & YOUTH

Confirmation is wrapping up. We would like to thank Marilyn for stepping in and helping with our class. And, we would like to thank Pastor Mark for his lesson planning and lesson sharing. If your youth still needs to complete sermon notes please help them finish them over the summer. They can also watch past sermons on the church facebook page. See you all next fall!

First Wednesday Schedule

May 8th
June 5th
August 7th
September 4th

1ST
WEDNESDAY
@ GOOD SHEPHERD

VBS August 6 -8

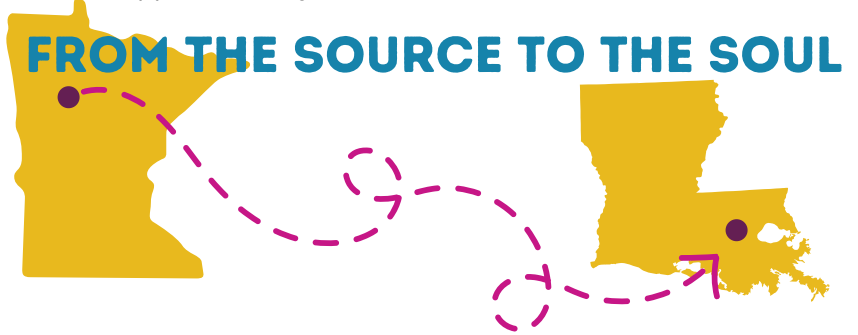
Volunteer to help and earn service notes!



YOUTH @ GOOD SHEPHERD



Wow! This is getting real! We have our flights booked, our hotel rooms reserved, and t-shirts ordered! We are less than 100 days away from this amazing trip. Our parish has 19 people attending the Gathering - including Pastor Michael! We will be traveling with youth from the Headwaters Collab - bringing our total group to 59! And, we are sending a group of 10 to the MYLE (multicultural youth leadership event) - a pre-event! Many thanks to our church family for their support in this great endeavor.



Ben Goudge



Morgan Basinger



Presley Westrum



Callie Erschmann



Aliyah Ballard



Skylar Ballard

HEADWATERS COLLABORATION UPDATE

March 4, 2024 Meeting Summary

Our monthly Headwaters Collaboration meeting was graciously hosted by Zion Lutheran in Bagley.

1. Pr. Rebel dwelled with us in Proverbs 4:1-7. She shared a devotion written by Kathy Levenhagen, Sacred Playgrounds, and we discussed the good soil that our faith was grown in and who helped us grow into who we are today. We shared a little of our own faith stories.
2. Communication: We went through the bulletin insert created last month and discussed how we would best use these to foster good communication with all. An example was shared, and adjustments were made. A representative from each church was identified to receive the monthly bulletin insert.
3. We discussed a shared webpage and calendar. It was determined that there needs to be a smaller working group to work on the details. We will discuss this more next month. Please reach out if you are interested in this work.
4. A Chairperson for the group still needs to be identified. Pr. Rebel is on sabbatical this summer; so if no chairperson is identified, there will not be meetings in June and August. A Chairperson would do the work of convening people, creating an agenda, and finding someone to lead a devotion.
5. Marilyn Grandstrand is discerning staying in the area as a Synod Authorized Minister. For that to happen, she would need a lead on housing. Please let her know if you know of something available.
6. Next meeting: April 16th will be held at Faith Lutheran in Bagley at 5:30 p.m. meal and fellowship and 6:00 p.m. meeting. See you there! Marilyn will lead devotions in April, and Destiny will lead devotions in May.

April 16, 2024 Meeting Summary

Our monthly Headwaters Collaboration meeting was graciously hosted by Faith Lutheran in Bagley.

1. Marilyn Grandstrand, SAM, led the devotion time with us, dwelling on Acts 6, connecting the seven leaders with our seven congregations, our devotion to God, our commitment to prayer, and our care from the community.
2. We discussed our communication plan through bulletin inserts and how those were received.
3. We are so excited for Good Shepherd and Our Saviors at the calling of Pr. Michael and Shepherd of the Pines (Clearwater and Solway Lutheran) have signed contracts with Marilyn Grandstrand to be their Synod Authorized Minister Part-time. Marilyn will continue serving part-time at Good Shepherd and Our Saviors at this time.
4. VBS: All are invited (K-6) to join Vacation Bible School (VBS) at Good Shepherd in Clearbrook on August 6-8th from 10-1 (lunch included).
5. We have 59 youth and adults headed to New Orleans for the Youth Gathering in July! This includes a group of 10 attending MYLE. Our theme: From the Source to the Soul!
6. Our group determined our focus when we gather in August:
 - Shared Calendar
 - Home Visits and Pastoral Care
 - Shared Ministry
 - Young Adults & Young Parents
 - Youth Group & Confirmation
7. We will take a break from gathering for the summer and will reconvene on August 29th at Clearwater Lutheran Church. SEE YOU THEN!



“A Christian lives not in himself, but in Christ and in his neighbor. He lives in Christ through faith, in his neighbor through love.”



Martin Luther, The Freedom of a Christian

May 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>5 Good Shepherd 9 am Worship</p> <p>Our Saviors 10 am Sunday School 11 am Worship</p>	<p>6 Good Shepherd Church Council 7 pm</p> <p>Rosemaling @ Our Saviors</p>	 <p>7 Bible Study @ GS 6:00 – 7:30 pm</p>	<p>1 Confirmation @ Good Shepherd 6:30 – 7:30 pm</p>	<p>2 Men's Breakfast 8 am Bible Study @ Faith 10 am</p>	<p>3</p>	<p>4</p>
<p>12 Good Shepherd 9 am Worship</p> <p>Our Saviors 11 am Worship</p> <p><i>Happy Mother's Day</i> <i>in honor of Youth</i></p>	<p>13 Good Shepherd Church Council 7 pm</p> <p>Rosemaling @ Our Saviors</p>	<p>14 Bible Study @ GS 6:00 – 7:30 pm</p>	<p>8 Confirmation @ Good Shepherd 6:30 – 7:30 pm</p> <p>NELL Program @ GS Coffee @ 9:00 am Program 9:30 – 12 noon</p>	<p>9 Bible Study @ Faith 10 am</p>	<p>10 Cemetery Clean-Up 5 pm</p>	<p>11</p>
<p>19 Senior Sunday! Good Shepherd 9 am Worship</p> <p>Our Saviors 10 am Sunday School</p>	<p>20</p>	<p>21 Bible Study @ GS 6:00 – 7:30 pm</p>	<p>15</p>	<p>16 OS WELCA Bible Study @ Faith 10 am</p>	<p>17 Cemetery Clean-Up (Backup/Rain Date) 5 pm</p>	<p>18</p>
<p>26 Good Shepherd 9 am Worship</p> <p>Our Saviors 11 am Worship</p>	<p>27 <i>Happy Memorial Day</i></p>	<p>28 Bible Study @ GS 6:00 – 7:30 pm</p>	<p>22</p>	<p>23 Bible Study @ Faith 10 am</p>	<p>24</p>	<p>25 <i>2024 Class of</i></p>

June 2024

Sunday Monday Tuesday Wednesday Thursday Friday Saturday

							
2 Good Shepherd 9 am Worship Our Savior's 11 am Worship	3	4	5	6 Men's Breakfast 8 am @ the D&R in Bagley	7	8	1
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23 Good Shepherd 9 am Worship Our Savior's 11 am Worship	24	25	26	27 OS WELCA @ 2:00 p.m. Our Savior's Church Council 6 pm	28	29	
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