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Good Shepherd Church

MINISTRY CATALOG

GOOD SHEPHERD LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Good Shepherd Church

Mission • Vision • Core Values

Mission

Gathered, Empowered and Sent to share the love of Christ with all people.

Vision

Good Shepherd is a congregation...

Gathered by the Spirit in a community of welcome, worship and grace.

Empowered as a community of risk takers daring to be the face of Christ for the hurting.

Sent on a faith journey, inviting others to share and experience the Good News.

Core Values

Jesus: Jesus is Lord – and we are not!

Jesus meets us in the pain, struggles, and brokenness of our lives and accepts us as we are – no strings attached. We know that the past is not our potential because Jesus, through forgiveness and love, has liberated our future. This is the source of our hope and contagious joy. (Philippians 2:11)

Story: We are each a part of God's story.

Everyone has a story to tell... and each story has value. We are committed to discovering the places where our stories connect with the big story of Jesus and his love. We make these connections through worship, study, prayer, conversations, small groups and social time, growing deeper in faith and discovering where God is actively at work in the world. (Matthew 24:13-35)

Welcome: All people are welcome at Good Shepherd Church.

Jesus welcomed all people...sinners... outcasts... broken people of all places and backgrounds. Because they mattered to Jesus, they matter to us. They *are* us! All are welcome. (Mark 9:37)

Serve: Jesus sends us to love and serve our neighbors.

The original followers of Jesus continued his servant ministry in the world and they changed the course of history. We follow his instruction and the example of those who have gone before us. We continue to serve the hurting and unchurched as present day followers of Jesus. (Matthew 25:37-40)

Laughter: We have a playful and creative God with an incredible sense of humor.

We believe we can hear God laughing in one another and through the beauty and diversity of creation. Our playfulness and the ability to laugh at ourselves is an important part of our identity and our life together. (Genesis 21:6)

Risk: We are called to use our gifts and take risks in order to share the Gospel.

In order to follow Jesus, there are times when we need to risk, step outside our comfort zone and take a leap of faith. Yet, with risk comes reward. Just as Jesus called his disciples to risk comfort, safety and stability to carry out his ministry, our faith community is called to do the same. (Matthew 25:14-29)

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Saturday Services:

5:30pm – Worship

Sunday Services:

8:00am – Worship

9:15am – Education Hour

10:30am – Worship

Wednesday Night *CONNECT*:

5:20-5:30pm – First Word

6:00-6:45pm – Dinner

5:30-6:30pm – Kids Choirs and
Education

6:45-7:30pm – Worship, “CONNECT”

7:30-9:00pm – REMIX, Sr. High Youth

Are you interested in baptism?

Please call the Church Office: 289-1748

Are you interested in getting married at Good Shepherd?

Please check with one of the Pastors: 289-1748

If you are hospitalized:

Call or email the church office or one of the
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gscsecretary@goodshepherdchurch.net

Prayer Chain:

Email Brenda Booth or the Church Office
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If you are interested in becoming a member
at Good Shepherd:

Please contact Pastor Dave at 289-1748 or
pd@goodshepherdchurch.net

WORSHIP

SUNDAY WORSHIP

As a community we gather Sunday mornings for worship, experiencing the grace and forgiveness of God by the hearing of God's Word and the sacraments of Holy Communion and Holy Baptism. We hear God in the reading of Holy Scripture and through preaching, prayer and song. Communion is celebrated every week. We are refreshed, nourished and sent with God's blessing in mission to the world.

- Date and Time:** Every Sunday at 8:00 AM and 10:30 AM
(summer schedule from Memorial Day weekend through Labor Day weekend, 8:00 AM and 9:30 AM)
- Location:** Church Sanctuary
(except summer schedule 8:00 AM service is held outside in the amphitheater on the west side of the building, weather permitting)
- Cost:** None
- Contact:** Pastors or members of the Worship and Music Committee

SATURDAY EVENING WORSHIP

As a community, we gather Saturday evenings for worship, experiencing the grace and forgiveness of God by the hearing of God's Word and the sacraments of Holy Communion and Holy Baptism. We hear God in the reading of Holy Scripture and through preaching, prayer and song. Communion is celebrated every week. We are refreshed, nourished and sent with God's blessing in mission to the world. The Saturday evening service is a somewhat quieter, more casual service of worship with music being led by the piano.

- Date and Time:** Every Saturday evening, 5:30 PM
- Location:** Church Sanctuary
- Cost:** None
- Contact:** Pastors or members of the Worship and Music Committee

WEDNESDAY WORSHIP, "CONNECT"

Wednesday Night "Connect" is an opportunity for the community to gather in worship, hear God's Word and be fed during Holy Communion. All are welcome and invited to experience God's grace and peace for this new worship offering. This highly interactive and participatory worship experience is led musically by our worship band.

- Date and Time:** Every Wednesday evening, 6:45 PM
- Location:** Church Sanctuary
- Cost:** None
- Contact:** Pastors or members of the Worship and Music Committee

WORSHIP SUPPORT

When we gather for worship at Good Shepherd, many people work together to “make it happen.” From ushers to readers and sound board to greeters, there are many ways to support the worship experience of our congregation. You are invited to serve in worship at GSC in one or more of the following ways: Usher, Greeter, Communion Preparation, Assisting Minister, Reader, Communion Assistant, Sound Board, Musician, Coffee and Hospitality and more.

- Date and Time:** Volunteers serve on a rotational basis at the worship service of their choosing
- Location:** Good Shepherd Church
- Cost:** None
- Contact:** Mike Thilges, 289-1748

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION & YOUTH MINISTRY

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Teaching the faith to new generations is a priority at Good Shepherd and we take great pride in our Sunday School! We provide Christian education and fun for preschool, elementary school and middle school students on Sunday mornings throughout the school year.

- Date and Time:** September through May
*Kindergarten-8th grade- 9:15-10:15
*3 and 4-year olds- Following children’s sermon (10:30 service)
- Location:** Good Shepherd classrooms
- Cost:** No Cost
- Contact:** Pastor Karen Pahl 289-1748 or Cheryl Larson 289-1998

PRAISE LINK

Praise Link takes place on Wednesday evenings during the school year and is an opportunity for our 2nd – 6th grade students to build relationships while making faith/life connections with friends. They start with First Word in the sanctuary and continue with small groups, education, discussion, relationship building and fun.

- Date and Time:** September through May, 5:20-6:30
- Location:** Good Shepherd Church
- Cost:** No Cost
- Contact:** Pastor Karen Pahl 289-1748

CONFIRMATION

Confirmation is a key time when 7th and 8th grade students can gather to learn about God and get to know one another as they grow in faith and prepare to affirm their baptisms. Classes take place Wednesday nights during the school year. We involve many adult mentors and guides to help pass the faith to a new generation. If you are a student or adult volunteer looking to be a part of this fun and rewarding experience, please drop us a line!

Date and Time: Wednesday's September through May
Location: Good Shepherd Church
Cost: None (although there may be occasional costs for special events)
Contact: Pastor Karen 289-1748

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

A fun week for kids ages four through those who have completed second grade that involves songs, crafts, games, and stories from the Bible.

Date and Time: One week in summer determined by the volunteers organizing VBS
Location: Good Shepherd Church
Cost: Suggested donation of \$10.00 per child
Contact: Pastor Karen Pahl 289-1748 or Cheryl Larson 289-1998

SUNDAY ADULT EDUCATION

We believe that growing in faith is a lifelong process. We continue to grow through studying scriptures. One of the best ways to study scriptures is to get together in groups and learn from each other. Every Sunday morning from May till September we do just this in our Adult Bible Study. Everybody is welcome and encouraged to attend!

Date and Time: Every Week September through May, 9:15am-10:15am
Location: Good Shepherd Church
Cost: None
Contact: Pastor Jack 288-1471

WEDNESDAY "AIR," ADULT EDUCATION

We get together Wednesday Nights September through May to make a faith/life connections through scriptures, videos and conversations. We dwell deeply in the questions and try to understand where God might be moving in our lives. You and everybody you know is invited for this Adult Education event!

Date and Time: Every Wednesday September through May
Location: Good Shepherd Church
Cost: None
Contact: Pastor Dave 289-1748

REMIX – SENIOR HIGH YOUTH GROUP

REMIX (Renewing Every Mind In Christ) is our Senior High Youth Group. We meet every Wednesday night throughout the year to hang out, grow in faith and have a good time. We also guarantee at least one cool thing a month! The group does various mission trips and overnight events throughout the year. All kids 9th – 12th grade are invited to come... bring friends... and have fun!

Date and Time: Wednesday Nights, 7:30-9pm
Location: Good Shepherd Youth Room
Cost: None (Except for some special events)
Contact: Pastor Karen 289-1748

MUSIC MINISTRY

Good Shepherd Church has a long history of strong musical leadership in our worship services. As we begin a new school year, all ages are invited and encouraged to participate in one or more of these groups and continue this tradition. You can be guaranteed to have fun, and fellowship as well as expand your musical knowledge! Not only is taking part in the music ministry a meaningful way to serve both God and the church, it also will deepen your own faith. There are no auditions for any of the groups and all directors accommodate flexible schedules. Why not make this the year you give music a try? Give Cynthia McLaren a call (289-1748) or e-mail at gsceducation@goodshepherdchurch.net for additional information on any of these groups.

CELEBRATION AND JUBILATION HANDBELLS

Good Shepherd has two handbell choirs, Celebration and Jubilation, which practice weekly. Both children and adults are welcome. Basic understanding of music is a plus but not a necessary requirement to play. The handbell choirs play mostly for worship services, but also for venues such as Hope Lodge and Thrivent Financial events.

Date and Time: Monday Night, September – May
Location: Sanctuary at Good Shepherd
Cost: None
Contact: Michelle Schlicht, 258-0258

JOYFUL NOISE SINGERS

One of our congregation's many music ministries, Joyful Noise Singers is the primary adult choir which sings at Sunday morning worship. Membership is open to all church members of any vocal skill level and experience who are dedicated to making high quality choral church music. Our repertoire represents the entire spectrum of musical styles and eras. Anthems are chosen for their artistic merit and their ability to reinforce and enhance the themes of the individual worship services. Between Labor Day and early June, the choir sings at one of the two Sunday morning services most of the time, and usually at both services on Festival Sundays. Joyful Noise Singers do not sing to entertain but for the glory of God and the deepening of our congregation's worship experience.

Date and Time: Weekly rehearsal Wednesday evening 7:30-8:45 PM, week after Labor Day through mid-May. Sunday morning worship at 8:00 AM or 10:30 AM (both on Festival Sundays)

Location: Church Sanctuary

Cost: None

Contact: Bruce Larson or Cynthia McLaren, 289-1748

PRAISE KIDS

Praise Kids provides music, educational and social opportunities for ages 4 through Grade 1. Music leadership is provided by someone comfortable with teaching and leading songs for this age group. Children sing approximately once per month in worship. Parents take turns organizing a craft and/or story for the group. Fall and spring sessions are scheduled.

Date and Time: Fall session mid-September through December. Winter/Spring session February through April.

Location: Good Shepherd Church classroom

Cost: None

Contact: Cynthia McLaren, 289-1748

RING AND SING

Ring and Sing provides children in grades 2-6 an opportunity to learn both singing and bell ringing skills. The hour is divided into two parts and children participate in both the singing choir and in the bell choir group. The children learn hymns and anthems and sing and play approximately once per month in worship. Fall and spring sessions are scheduled.

Date and Time: Fall session mid-September through December. Winter/spring session mid-January through mid-April.

Location: Sanctuary at Good Shepherd Church

Cost: None

Contact: Cynthia McLaren, 289-1748

CONNECT WORSHIP BAND

The Wednesday Night "Connect" worship service is led musically by our Worship Band. We are always looking for people who have musical gifts to contribute for this ministry. Whether you sing or play an instrument, if you would like to participate in one of our bands, please give us a call!

Contact: Scott Hansen 282-1554
Dates: Wednesday Evenings, 6:45-7:30 (Rehearsals scheduled by the band)
Location: Sanctuary at Good Shepherd Church
Cost: None

COMMUNITY CONCERNS MINISTRY

COMMUNITY FOOD RESPONSE

Community Food Response (CFR) is a local, non-profit organization which provides food to those in need. CFR coordinates the distribution of surplus food from Rochester's restaurants, hotels and food service businesses. Food is distributed each week on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday from 5-6:30 pm at Bethel Lutheran Church in Rochester. Good Shepherd's volunteers serve the program on the 2nd Monday of the month.

Date and Time: Volunteers are assigned periodic 2nd Monday dates within a six month schedule created by the GSC CFR Coordinator. Volunteers work two hour shifts, either 2:30 – 4:30 p.m. (Early shift) or 4:30 – 6:30 p.m. (Late shift).

Location: Bethel Lutheran Church, 810 SE 3rd Avenue

Cost: No Cost

Contact: Cathy Pickett, 507-421-1793

CROP WALK

CROP means Communities Responding to Overcome Poverty. CROP Hunger Walks are interfaith community fundraising sponsored by Church World Service. 75% of the funds raised goes to Church World Service. 25% goes to Channel One Food Bank and Food Shelf. This event is held on one Sunday in October and includes meeting at Peace United Church of Christ and walking 3-5 miles usually to Slatterly Park and then back. Money for the event is collected as walkers arrange for people to sponsor them prior to this day.

Date and Time: One time event each October

Location: Good Shepherd Church

Cost: No cost to participate, but solicitations of sponsors requested

Contact: Donna Caflisch 286-8805, dcaflisch@postbulletin.com

DOROTHY DAY HOSPITALITY HOUSE

The Dorothy Day House gives adults (and occasionally families with children) a place to stay when they do not have a home. Good Shepherd Church volunteers have been preparing and serving Tuesday night dinners at the Dorothy Day House since 1984. Up to 20 people are served each Tuesday.

Date and Time: A rotating schedule provides dinner every Tuesday Night.
Location: The Dorothy Day House, 703 First Street SW, Rochester
Cost: Reimbursements for food available upon request
Contact: Mike Thilges 289-1748 or Evie Augeson 951-6494

GREEN TEAM

Are you someone who has an interest in protecting the environment around you? The long term goal of the Green Team is to engage and include the GSC community in sustainability efforts both at church and at home. Help us discover ways that we can work together to care for God's creation.

Date and Time: The First Tuesday of the month.
Location: Good Shepherd Church
Cost: None
Contact: Donna Caflisch 286-8805

INTERFAITH HOSPITALITY NETWORK (IHN)

Through the Interfaith Hospitality Network, Good Shepherd serves as a host church providing temporary shelter and meals to homeless families (at least one child and one parent). We use our building for overnight shelter and provide meals for up to 14 people for one week at a time, four times a year. Two buddy churches, Evangel Methodist and Church of the Savior, partner with us to provide staff for a host week. Families receive supper, lodging, and breakfast at the church. At Day Center, social workers assisted by volunteers help the families in finding housing, getting the children enrolled in school, applying for jobs, and other services. At least 2 volunteers are present for each shift.

Date and Time: Four weeks per year, on a rotating basis
Location: Good Shepherd Church
Cost: None
Contact: Mike Thilges, 289-1748

MEAL MINISTRY

Meal Ministry volunteers deliver a meal to families after surgery, during an illness, birth of a child, etc.

Date and Time: As the need arises
Location: The place of residence, which will be provided from the church office
Cost: The cost of a meal
Contact: Mike Thilges, 289-1748

EVANGELISM AND FELLOWSHIP

SECRET GREETERS

Help extend our hospitality ministry and welcome people as they come to worship on Sunday mornings!

Date and Time: Ongoing, ½ hour before the service you choose
Location: Narthex
Cost: No Cost
Benefit: Priceless
Contact: Cathy Eidem 273-8090

NEW MEMBER SPONSORSHIP

Help us welcome new members to our faith community as they join the church. You will be a friendly and familiar face as well as a resource for new people as they enter in to life at Good Shepherd.

Date and Time: 2-3 times a year
Location: Good Shepherd
Cost: No Cost
Benefit: New Friendships
Contact: Gaylene Ryan 285-1043

LENTEN SOUP SUPPERS

Join us for a time of fellowship for five weeks during Lent. We serve a variety of soups, breads, crackers, desserts, and beverages before the Lenten service. Come and enjoy dinner and/or bring a pot of soup to share!

Date and Time: During Lent, 5:00-7:30pm
Location: Fellowship Hall
Cost: No Cost
Benefit: Fellowship and supper
Contact: Sheila Bennett 990-6179

WELCOME CENTER HOST

Our building is used regularly on evenings throughout the year. Help us communicate our welcome and be good hosts for the groups utilizing our facility during the week.

Dates and Time: Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday 6-8
Location: Welcome Center
Cost: No Cost
Benefit: Provide Direction
Contact Person: Sheila Bennett 990-6179

NATIONAL NIGHT OUT

We have our annual *AWARD WINNING* Neighborhood Night Out to encourage safety and awareness in the neighborhood. Activities include eating food, music, games, bouncy house, fire truck, and much more. Help us achieve our goal of getting neighbors to know one another!

Date and Time: 1st Tuesday in August, 5-9 rain or shine
Location: Church Lawn or Fellowship Hall
Cost: Donation of a non-perishable item for Channel One
Benefit: We do the cooking for you
Contact: Scott Skalisky 282-6717

PIG ROAST

We have our annual Pig Roast picnic on the 1st day of Sunday school in September. Help us get the school year launched in style with games, food and friends. You and everyone you know is invited to join us!

Date and Time: 1st Sunday after Labor Day 4-9
Location: Church Lawn or Fellowship Hall
Cost: Free Will Offering
Benefit: New educational Faith Journey for the Entire Family for the Year
Contact: Janis Evers 281-9613

THANKSGIVING PIE FELLOWSHIP

We celebrate Thanksgiving with a pie, coffee and conversation every year. Fellowship is served up with fresh pie, ice cream, various toppings, coffee and great conversation

Date and Time: Wednesday evening before Thanksgiving, 6-9pm
Location: Fellowship Hall
Cost: No Cost
Benefit: Grateful Heart and Stomach
Contact: Kirstie Poppe 529-1525 or Lynda Hyberger 288-6073

SMALL GROUPS

STAY AND PLAY

A playgroup geared toward parents and caregivers with preschool aged children but open to all who would like to participate.

Date and Time: Wednesday at 9:30 to 11:30
Cost: No Cost
Location: Good Shepherd
Contact: Lisa Feenstra, 421-5855