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Pastor Lorne and Family

Good Shepherd Calls a New Senior Pastor

Good Shepherd Lutheran Church is excited to announce that Pastor Lorne Hlad has accepted the call to be its next Senior Pastor. We look forward to mid-March when Pastor Lorne begins his ministry at GSLC & ask that you keep Prince of Peace in your prayers as they say goodbye & begin a call process of their own.

Thank you to those that served on the Transition Team (Chris Fitz (Chair), Tara Chapin, Vernon Hartman, Kathy Shuman, Don Robke, Tracey Long, Melissa Gaskey, Peter McCutcheon and Pastor Alex) and Call Team (Hans Schwarz (Chair), Chuck Emery, Kim Smith, Rachael Bea, Nathan Pera, Kyle Heppler, Tim Zaring and Karen Eller). We also thank Katie Zink for her role in the Congregational Survey.

Thank you to the leadership of Church Council during this time of transition and discernment: Sharon Norris, President; Jim Messner, Vice President; Brenda Fuentes, Secretary and council members Mark Buelsing, Dave Dietrichson, Karen Eller, Chris Fitz, Vernon Hartman, Carla Jowanovitz, Kristin Kalsem, Kathy Shuman, and Robin Teeters.

Thank you to the other Pastors and GSLC staff for their work and support during the Call Process.

And finally, thank you to all of you for taking time for prayer and discernment before attending the Congregational Meeting.

This is an exciting time for GSLC! Continue to keep our community in your prayers as we discern the ways God is calling our community to share the Good News of Jesus with the world!

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I hope you are filled with hope and energy for our future together.



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Dear people of Good Shepherd Lutheran Church,

**“See I am doing a new thing! Now it springs up. Do you not perceive it?”
Isaiah 43:19**

I am writing to express my gratitude, excitement, and hope to serve as your next Senior Pastor. With prayerful discernment and trust in the guidance of the Holy Spirit, I am thrilled to accept this new call and join you in God's mission at Good Shepherd.

As I write this opening letter, I wish to share three sentiments with you:

First, my heart is filled with gratitude for the Transition Team's work, the Call Committee's discernment, and the Church Council's dedication, hard work, and support through the call process. I encourage you to find ways to express your gratitude toward these leaders who have given an extra measure of their time and energy during this season.

Second, I am excited about the future and trust that God will continue to do amazing things through Good Shepherd. This year, as Good Shepherd marks 70 years of ministry, may we all trust that God will continue to show us the path forward as we seek to share God's love, grow in faith, and serve our neighbors. I believe the future of Good Shepherd is bright, and I'm confident God's mission will flourish through our witness.

Finally, I am truly humbled at the call you have extended to me to serve as your Senior Pastor. It is a call and responsibility that I do not take lightly. I am overjoyed to serve you and alongside you in the proclamation of the Gospel. I look forward to growing relationships with each of you, and I am excited to learn your stories, share in your pain, and celebrate life together as the Body of Christ.

These next few weeks will be a whirlwind as I travel with my current congregation to the Holy Land in February, ensure a smooth transition at Prince of Peace, say goodbyes, and celebrate the past decade of ministry. Thank you for your ongoing prayers for the Prince of Peace community during their time of transition and change.

Most of all, I pray that you are filled with hope and energy for our future together. My family and I are excited to join you in mid-March as we move forward in faith together!

Peace & Joy,
Pastor Lorne Hlad
GSLC's Next Senior Pastor



Congregational Meeting (January 2023)

Our Mission:

We seek to be a caring,
Christian community
where we share God's
grace, grow our faith,
and serve others.

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Simple Soup Supper (2022)

Simple Soup Supper

You are invited to this year's Simple Soup Supper on Ash Wednesday, February 22 from 5:15 to 6:45 pm (followed by 7 pm worship). The menu will include homemade soup, salad, bread, and drinks. Sign-up in the lobby or online at onrealm.org.

We are also looking for cooks who are willing to make a pot of soup to share. Please indicate if you are bringing a soup on your registration OR by emailing Kathy Shuman at kathyshuman52@gmail.com. Folks wishing to volunteer to serve or clean-up can also email Kathy.

Finally, we are collecting food at the Simple Soup Supper for the food pantries at Taft Elementary and NEEDS. Each pantry has seen more and more need over the last few months - so your donation of a canned food item gives these pantries the ability to serve more people!

Support The Edge House by Eating Chili!

Help raise funds for The Edge House Campus Ministry at the Chili Cookoff on Saturday, February 4th, 2023 at 6pm in Fellowship Hall!

Cost is \$10/individual OR \$30/family. Sign-up online at onrealm.org to let us know you plan to come. There will also be an auction of a variety of chili bowls that were painted by GSLC youth.

Want a fun way of sampling the chili? **Then bring a muffin tin!** These make great little bowls to sample all the different types of

Save the Date

The Spring Rummage Sale returns on March 11, 2023 from 8 am to 1 pm. Donations will be accepted 3/9 and 3/10. No large item pick-up available. Please no electronics older than 3 years.

Holiday Office Hours

GSLC offices are closed on February 20th in observance of President's Day.

Ash Wed. Worship

Observe Ash Wednesday at either 12 pm (30 min) or 7 pm on February 22 pm. Both services live streamed.

chili. Bowls will also be available on-site.

Finally, we need folks to provide their favorite batch of chili for the event. You can sign-up to provide a batch of chili at the onrealm.org or by contacting Jill Messner at jilly-bean141@gmail.com.

Heidi's Hand-Up & Larry's Legacy

Thank you members of Good Shepherd for faithfully supporting the collection boxes of Heidi's Hand Up, the Joy of Reading and Larry's Legacy. **Both of these collection boxes are now located in the same area, just outside the main doors of the sanctuary.**

Read below to learn how each of these ministries makes a difference in our community:

Established in honor of Pastor Larry Donnor's ministry with GSLC, Larry's Legacy helps folks going through a critical time in their life when they might need extra financial support. Gifts from Larry's Legacy are meant to empower the recipient so they can move forward.

Established in honor Pastor Heidi John's ministry with GSLC, the Heidi's Hand Up box supports literacy at Taft Elementary. The books purchased with your donations not only stock the library, but also books are given to students for them to take home.

Help with Sunday Coffee

Perhaps you've noticed the coffee in the lobby on Sunday mornings. It's because of folks like Mary Naylor, Kathy Shuman, Carolyn Kerscar, Cathy Grabenstein, Julie Zaring, Sue Berkoben, and Nancy

Lougheed that we were able to bring back this ministry of hospitality to those who attend worship at GSLC each week. We are still looking for others to support this ministry in a variety of ways - either by cleaning the equipment or preparing the coffee. Contact Pastor Pat at pbad-key@goodshepherd.com or by talking with Mary Naylor to volunteer a couple times a month to keep this ministry going strong!

Gather Cincinnati Book Club

Gather Cincinnati is a faith community of young adults from the Greater Cincinnati area and is supported by GSLC and other area congregations.

Young adults are invited to their next event, a Young Adult Book Club Kick off on Sunday, February 5th at 5:30 pm at the Rohs Street Café ([2385 Rohs St, Cincinnati, OH 45219](https://www.rohsstreetcafe.com)).

The club will begin with "The House in the Cerulean Sea" by T.J. Klune. This will be the kickoff, and no book is required for this gathering- reading excerpts will be provided. To learn more and sign up, visit www.firstlutherancincy.org/gathercincy.

Taft Elementary Pantry Needs

Taft's Food Pantry is in need of mac & cheese, ketchup, spaghetti sauce, dish soap, chicken noodle soup, paper towels. Please place in Taft barrel.



CARING FOR ALL MEMBERS (CFAM)

Spotlight on CFAM Ministries: Parish Visitors

You are going to feel wonderful! That's what one of our Parish Visitor

Volunteers told us! She was speaking about the joy of reaching out to one of GSLC homebound members. GSLC has a number of members who are homebound or in assisted living facilities but really want to stay in contact with the church. Parish Visitors/ Callers make a monthly visit to a homebound member and calls them weekly to say "hi" and let them know they are remembered.

Thanks goes out to our Parish Visitor Team Leader Cathy Bresko and to our Team Members for all the caring ministry they do each month.

If you are interested in participating in this important caring ministry you can email Pastor Pat at pbadkey@goodshepherd.com or call her at 891-1700, ext.111. Training provided! Also let Pastor Pat know of anyone that may need the services of these volunteers!



A little about Lent (and Concerts)

Definition: Lent is the forty-day season (excluding Sundays) of penitence and preparation for the Three Days of Holy Week and Easter. In 2023, Lent begins on Ash Wednesday, February 22nd (services at 12 and 7 pm, both live streamed).

A Very Brief History: The term “Lent” originally comes from the Anglo-Saxon word “lencten” which means “spring.” This is the time, in the Northern Hemisphere, when the days are lengthening. The season began as period of fasting leading up to the Vigil of Easter. Catechumens, those preparing for baptism at Easter, would fast and spend days in intense preparation. For those that were already baptized, Lent was a period to be renewed in their faith by studying the Bible, the Creed and the Lord’s Prayer.

Although it was originally only a two-day period of preparation, Lent became a three-week preparatory period in the middle of the fourth century and then this was further expanded into six-weeks, or forty days. By the end of the fifth century, there was a desire to exclude Sundays from Lent since Sundays are always celebrated as feasts of the Resurrection. Thus Lent begins not on Sunday, but on Ash Wednesday.

The current practice of forty days of Lent recall Jesus’ forty-day fast in the wilderness after his Baptism (Matthew 4:2, Luke 4:1-2) as well as Moses’ forty-day fast on Mount Sinai (Exodus 34:28).

A Few Notes on Current Practice: The appointed liturgical color for Lent is purple because purple as long been associated with royalty. In this case, Christ reigns from a cross. Currently, the ancient understanding of Lent as both a time for baptis-

mal preparation and baptismal renewal is being rediscovered in Lutheran rites and practice. Many congregations hold mid-week services during Lent and a baptismal renewal theme is particularly appropriate for these.

Many congregations refrain from speaking or singing the word “alleluia” during Lent. “Burying” the alleluia occurs at the conclusion of worship on Transfiguration Sunday and it is restored at either the Vigil of Easter or Easter Sunday. A Lenten acclamation replaces the alleluia verse in preparation for hearing the Gospel (See ELW, aka Red Hymnal, pg. 103 for one example).

Upcoming Events in the Music in Kenwood Concert Series:

March 5th, 3:00 PM: Organ Plus concert featuring Director of Worship and Music Dr. Kevin Seal and area musicians. Join Dr. Kevin Seal for his annual organ concert. This year the concert will feature works for pipe organ plus other musicians, and Dr. Seal will be joined by guest artists such as Andrew Jeng, Trumpet, and Elizabeth Seal, Soprano.

April 23rd, 3:00 PM: Mendelssohn’s Psalm 42 and Good Shepherd member Doug McConnell’s Songs of Celebration featuring the combined choirs of Good Shepherd and a professional orchestra conducted by Dr Kevin Seal. The first half of the program consists of a work by GSLC member & composer Doug McConnell, “Songs of Celebration”. Doug has been re-orchestrating this 3-movement cycle, 1st written for a church in Connecticut. We are thrilled to share the world premiere performance of his re-write! That is followed by a performance of one of Mendelssohn’s most beloved choral/orchestral works, his setting of Psalm 42.

February at a Glance

Events Every Week

- Mondays | 8 am - Monday Morning Work Crew
- Mondays | 10 am - Pastor Pete's Bible Study (Pg 9)
- Saturdays | 5 pm - Traditional Worship
- Sundays | 9 am - Contemporary Worship
- Sundays | 10:10 am - Good Shepherd Connect (Pgs 8, 13)
- Sundays | 11 am - Traditional Worship
- Sundays | 5:45 pm - Nosh (The Edge House)

Events on a Day*

- Feb 2 | 10 am - 1st Bible Babes (Pg 9)
- Feb 4 | 6 pm - Chili Cook-Off
- Feb 5 | 5:30 pm - Gather Cincinnati Book Club (Pg 5)
- Feb 5 | 2:30 pm - 1st Yoga (Pg 15)
- Feb 7 | 12 pm - 55+ Club
- Feb 11 | 10 am - GS Outdoors Hike (Pg 15)
- Feb 11 | 6:15 pm - GS Film Discussion Series (Pg 15)
- Feb 12 | 8 am - Souper Bowl of Caring
- Feb 12 | 5 pm - 1st Bible in a Year Meeting (Pg 9)
- Feb 15 | 6:30 pm - MOPS (Pg 15)
- Feb 16 | 12 pm - Taft Elementary Visit (Pg 10)
- Feb 20 | 7:30 pm - Literature & Our Faith (Pg 15)
- Feb 20 | All Day - GSLC Offices Closed (Pres. Day)**
- Feb 21 | 7:00 pm - Pub Theology (Pg 15)
- Feb 22 | 12 & 7 pm - Ash Wednesday Worship (Pg 4, 6)
- Feb 22 | 5:5 pm - Simple Soup Supper (Pg 4)
- Feb 27 | 12 pm - Piecemakers (Pg 15)



Bible Milestone for 4th Graders (Jan 2023)



Pastor Lorne Meet & Greet (Jan 2023)



New A/V Room (Jan 2023)

*Any event that starts with "1st" denotes it is a series with other events in that series happening this month. Please read article for details!



February 2023 Adult Connect

February 5th | Graceworks with Mary Adams & Sandra Combs: Graceworks Lutheran Services faithfully cares for the needs of people in challenging and changing circumstances by providing a variety of residential lifestyle and programming options for seniors, as well as adults with developmental disabilities. Since 2020, GSLC has been intentionally building a more direct ministry with residents from the local Graceworks housing facilities.

February 12th, 19th, and 26th | Local Artist & Owner of Painting with the Psalms, Elizabeth Mason: Elizabeth Mason, will facilitate a 3-session, hands-on art series at GSLC on the last three Sundays in February. Elizabeth will give easy to follow step-by-step painting directions that will incorporate scripture to create a visual reminder of God's goodness. NO prior art experience is necessary and she promises that you will be pleasantly surprised at how beautiful your painting turns out! What to wear? It's up to you! Come as you are! Just please keep in mind that we will be painting with acrylics, which can stain clothing. All materials will be provided by Elizabeth and your painting is yours to keep and/or gift. *Please space is limited and each class will build on the previous one, so attending as frequently as possible is encouraged.

Remember that you can watch previous Adult Connect presentations at members.goodshepherd.com/Member-Resources/Adult-Connect-Library.

What is Good Shepherd Connect?

It's an opportunity for you to learn each week on Sundays at 10:10 am.

We do this either as a congregation or in age-specific groups, which are listed below:

Kids Connect (Pg 13) | Meets in Room 100: Similar to Sunday School, kids from preschool through 6th grade learn about the Bible through activities and story.

Parent Connect (Pg 13) | Meets in Room 101: A time of fellowship for parents while their kids are in Kids Connect.

Adult Connect (To the Left) | Meets in Fellowship Hall: Speakers present on various topics related to our Lutheran faith. Testimonials, Lutheran history, and current events are all possible topics.

Include Good Shepherd Connect each week in your worship practice!

Lenten Study | Seeking: honest questions for deeper faith

This Lent, Good Shepherd will engage in the spiritual practice of seeking – seeking to live more fully as disciples of Jesus by examining questions of faith. Our Lenten Devotional will guide us through the Lenten Lectionary together where we will read many stories of Jesus encountering people who are also seeking seeking connection, seeking justice, seeking deeper faith. Like the characters in our biblical lectionary, we are also seeking ... seeking our calling, seeking new beginnings, seeking how to live our life as a disciple of Jesus. While our questions may not lead directly to answers, they can help us find clarity and a new perspective, which ultimately leads us more deeply into the grace of God.

How do I engage in this Lenten practice of seeking? A printed Lenten Devotional will be available in the GSLC starting on Ash Wednesday.

This daily Lenten Devotional includes art, reflections, and poetry for the season of Lent. There will be weekly opportunities to gather as a community for deeper reflection, conversation and prayer on **Tuesday evenings in-person from 6:30pm – 7:30pm AND on Wednesday mornings via Zoom at 11am - Noon**. Hoping for a small group option? Leader Guides are available – just connect with Jen Jarman.

More details to be shared throughout the month of February via GSLC Announcements and email.

May this spiritual practice of seeking help us stay curious, open and nimble to what God is seeking for us in our life of faith together.

Continuing Adult Bible Studies

Reading the Bible in a Year is a new group started by Amanda and Chris Fitz. The Bible started as an oral tradition where God's people gathered to hear God's Word and discuss their meaning. Amanda and Chris are restarting that tradition at Good Shepherd through a group that will read the Bible in a year and provide opportunities for discussion. **We will meet on the second and fourth Sundays at 5:00 for about an hour to discuss the readings. Learn more and register online at www.onrealm.org.**

The Prophets According to Pastor Pete: The prophetic voice is every bit as relevant today as it was in Old Testament times. **Join us for “The Prophets According to Pastor Pete” on Monday mornings at 10:00 in room 100.** Come as you can, participants do not need to attend every session to learn and grow in their faith.

Bible Babes is a bi-monthly Bible Study for women which meets on the 1st and 3rd Thursday of the month at 10 am. Contact Anne Miller at ran-co@cinci.rr.com for more information.



Bible Babes (2021)

Baptisms

Are you hoping to have your child baptized? Are you wondering what baptism is all about? Pastor Alex would be happy to connect with you about this incredible means of grace! As the programming year begins we will be returning to our pre-COVID baptism schedule of baptisms being held on the second Sunday of the month and the third Saturdays of the month. Interested in learning more? Email Pastor Alex (ahoops@goodshepherd.com) if you have any questions or would like to set up a time to chat.

New Member Classes

Why should you become a member of Good Shepherd? As a member of the congregation, you'll be able to help shape the ways that Good Shepherd lives out its mission in the world. You'll do that through voting for Church Council members, serving on Church Council, attending Synod or ELCA events as a representative of our congregation, or voting on called clergy members. Light refreshments provided for all attendees! Contact Pastor Alex at ahoops@goodshepherd.com for more info!



Home Dedication in 2022

Habitat for Humanity

For 36 years Good Shepherd members have volunteered at Cincinnati Habitat and part of various activities, including construction of over 100 new homes. Good Shepherd has included Cincinnati Habitat in our Annual Budget for at least 20 years - enough to cover 10-15% the cost of a new home.

In 2022, Cincinnati Habitat completed construction on 17 new homes, with plans for 18 in 2023. Homes are located throughout the counties of Hamilton, Butler, and Kenton. We typically work in Bond Hill, College Hill, and Lockland. Homes are one story with basements, 3 bedrooms & two baths. Cost of the homes are between \$135,000 to \$145,000.

GSLC is part of the 11-member East Side Coalition of Churches, who work together at specific build sites. Habitat also provides several "Rock the Block" events which provide families a way to support Habitat's mission of "seeking to put God's love into action, Habitat for Humanity brings people together to build homes, communities and hope".

GSLC Member Roy Johnson provides a more in-depth overview of Habitat on our website at [goodshepherd.com/News-Events/](https://www.goodshepherd.com/News-Events/). Events for 2023 will be announced soon! Contact Roy with questions about volunteering at rjohnson138@cinci.rr.com, phone (513)262-6480.



Home Dedication (2022)



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Taft Elementary

Our volunteers met with the students in our four classes in the new library to focus on careers. We had a discussion with the students about what we wanted to be when we were children compared with what we actually ended up doing for our careers. Thanks to Carolyn and Tim for sharing their careers with the students! The students also did a bit of product comparison with various Cheez It's products. It was fun to learn which product they liked best and why. It was great to see their surprise when they learned which brand or store product they liked better.



Taft Elementary (Jan. 2023)

Our next visit will be February 16 from 12:00-2:00 when we will focus on kindness. Pastor Alex will tell a story & students will make paper quilt squares that focus on an act of kindness. The quilt will be assembled and hung in the school for all to see. The students will be receiving Valentines treat bags. **If you would like to donate a package of juice boxes or a bag of wrapped candies, please leave them in the Taft barrel on or before February 12.** All are invited. Contact Sue Matz (sgmatz13@gmail.com) or Kathy Peterson (Peteramund@hotmail.com) to sign-up.

Diaper Packing Event

Families can serve together by packing diapers for those in need. **The event happens at Sweet Cheeks Diaper Bank in Price Hill on February 25th from 10 am to 12 pm.** Register by emailing Jill Messner at jillybean141@gmail.com. Post-service event lunch at Price Hill Chili! Email Jill with any other questions you may have.

Graceworks

While delivering gifts to several [Graceworks Enhanced Living](#) group homes for people with disabilities (as part of GSLC's annual Christmas Gift Program), we learned of the need for oversized bibs. Bibs are frequently worn by both residents and staff at mealtimes to help keep clothing clean and unstained. In January Sue Matz made 10 bibs for two homes in Mt. Healthy. The staff was over-joyed to receive them; great big bear hugs ensued!

Do you have sewing skills? We are investigating the need for bibs at other Enhanced Living homes and want to make more if we learn that other sites are short on this used-daily item. Sewers are needed and you can help! Please contact Mary Adams if you would like to get involved in this, or any other aspect of, Good Shepherd's ministry to Graceworks (adamsmarydmjk@gmail.com, 513.767.8029).



Example of bib

Reverse Lenten Collection Drive

Instead of giving up something this Lent, intentionally give a needed item each day in Lent to support the increased need at the Taft Elementary Food Pantry and the NEEDS Food Pantry. How can you help? Pick-up a Reverse Lenten Collection Drive calendar from the GSLC lobby on or after Ash Wednesday. Then follow the calendar and place the donated items in a sturdy box, bag, or bin. Finally, bring the collected items with you to GSLC on Easter for a blessing and to be delivered to Taft/NEEDS. **At the end of the Lenten season, each box will have over 40 items to help keep the shelves at each of these pantries stocked!**

Souper Bowl of Caring

We'll again be raising money for the NEEDS Food Pantry on Super Bowl Sunday with the Souper Bowl of Caring. Donations of food and money can be dropped off at GSLC before or after worship on February 11th and 12th. Tweens will be available on Sunday, February 12th to help collect and box up donations.



Souper Bowl (2022)



Flock swag (January 2023)

Preschoolers

Worship Workshop on Saturday, February 11th from 10-11 am. This special Faith Milestone is designed for current Kindergarten and 1st grade youth to attend with their parents learn why do what do when we do it during a typical Lutheran worship service. An invitational email with more details was sent at the end of January. Please RSVP by Feb. 8th to Jen Jarman at jjarman@goodshepherd.com.

Tweens (4th - 6th Grades)

- **Kids Connect Tweens:** Each Sunday at 10:10 am in Room 100.
- **Souper Bowl of Caring:** February 12th from 8:30 am to 12:30 pm.

Confirmation (7th and 8th Grades)

- **Confirmation Connect:** Each Sunday at 10:10 am in Room LL02 (except February 26th).
- **Winter Retreat Registration is DUE!**
- **Parent Zoom Check-In: Monday, February 6th from 7pm – 8pm.** Meeting link will be emailed by Pastor Pat to all parents.
- **Winter Retreat: Saturday, February 25th from 8:00am – 9:00pm at Camp Kern.**



Souper Bowl of Caring (2022)

Senior High, aka The Flock (9th through 12th)

- **Flock Connect:** Each Sunday at 9:08 am in Room 108 (except January 1st).
- **Flock Laser Tag: February 10th.** Time and Location TBD



Holy Bible Faith Milestone (Jan 2023)

Families

Kids Connect in February: The month of February will focus on stories involving both Jesus and water. We will hear about how Jesus calmed the storm and how he walked on water too. We will learn that amazing things are possible when we trust in Jesus.

Advanced registration for Kids Connect is not required - parents can register children new to Kids Connect on any Sunday morning in Room 100.

Kids Connect is also a great way to mentor the youth in their faith. Sign-up to take a turn at helping at <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20F0D4BAFAF2AA75-kids1>.

Parent Connect meets each Sunday in 10:10 am in Room 101. Parent Connect provides you the opportunity to build relationships with other parents. Drop the kids off in Kids Connect and head down the hall for coffee and friendship. Questions? Contact Emily Hoops at emilyjhoops@gmail.com or Jill Messner at jillybean141@gmail.com.

Vacation Bible School–2023: The dates for Vacation Bible School at GSLC are set for June 12th through the 16th. VBS happens each day from 9 am to 12 pm. VBS is open to children ages 3 years-old through 6th Grade.

Early registration for VBS for GSLC members begins on April 1st. Community Registration opens April 15th.

Learn more at goodshepherd.com/News-Events/.



Holy Bible Faith Milestone (Jan 2023)

Pictures from Middle School Mix (Jan 2023)





Focus on Small Groups: Pub Theology

A bunch of men from wildly different backgrounds and faiths sitting in a pub drinking beer and discussing God: what could possibly go wrong?

Other than getting occasionally lost, it turns out not much.

Pub Theology began as part of Good Shepherd's men's ministry, Men Doing Life, but isn't confined to just GSLC or even the Lutheran denomination. Over the years we've had Catholics, Jewish men, agnostics, Presbyterians, and a host of other denominations. What we have in common is a desire to eat spicy chicken wings and examine the broad, deep, and profound questions of life. Some of us even skip the wings.

Theology, as a discussion topic, extends way beyond one evening in a pub. We've covered the waterfront, from the Garden of Eden to the Winter Solstice.

When you come to PT, expect a warm welcome.

We meet on the third Tuesday of the month, starting around 7:00-ish (there's a big emphasis on the "ish" part) with general chatting and ordering food and drinks for those who want something. By 8:00 we roll into the discussion, based on questions provided, but going down rabbit trails of interesting side topics is known to happen. We're typically done before 9:00 PM.

Our very first get together was at Chicken on the Run in Deer Park. The Chicken (as it's called) can be crowded in the evenings, with multiple groups.

It was true that first night, and since several of us didn't recognize each other, or really look around much, we wound up at two separate tables in two separate rooms.



We've since changed locations to the MVP Sports Bar & Grille but from time-to-time – like during basketball playoffs – we may have to call an audible on our location.

Now, I'm not saying that men don't ask for directions, but we've become a lot more careful about leaving clues to our whereabouts. And if you're looking for us... it's the side room at the MVP, to the right as soon as you walk in the door.

Small Groups | Sign-Up at goodshepherd.com/News-Events

55+ Club: February 7th at 12 pm. The Club welcomes Chris McKeowan from Bloomin Garden & Landscaping Center. Contact John VanOsdol (jvanosdol@cinci.rr.com) for more information.

Good Shepherd Outdoors: Hike in Edge of Appalachia (OH) on Feb 11, 2023. Explore mature OH forests on this longer hike offering. Hike will be in the 5 mile range and folks can expect some hills. Learn more and sign-up at goodshepherd.com/News-Events. Contact Scott Puthoff (sputhoff@goodshepherd.com) with questions.

Good Shepherd Film Discussion Series: “The Sea Inside” (2004), February 11th at 6:15 pm. A diving accident leaves young Ramón Sampedro paralyzed from the neck down; he will have to depend on his family for the rest of his life. Years later, he finds this situation to be no longer tolerable and petitions the court for the right to end his life. Ramon’s family and friends are devastated by his decision. Should they support him? Starring Javier Bardem, the film is inspired by a true story; it won an Oscar for Best Foreign Language film.

Snacks are provided! Tables are provided for those who need to bring dinner with them! Bring a friend!

Connect with film notes, the movie trailer, and sign-up at <https://members.goodshepherd.com/Member-Resources/Film-Series>.

Literature & Our Faith: February 20th at 7:30 pm in the GSLC Library. Please join Literature and Our Faith in February to discuss “Lessons in Chemistry” by Bonnie Garmus. *Meet Elizabeth Zott: a “formidable, unapologetic and inspiring” (PARADE) scientist in 1960s California whose career takes a detour when she becomes the unlikely star of a beloved TV cooking show in this novel that is “irresistible, satisfying and full of fuel”.*

We read “Small Victories–Spotting Improbable Moments of Grace” by Anne Lamott for March & “Two Old Women: an Alaskan Legend of Betrayal, Courage and Survival” by Velma Wallis in April.

We meet each 3rd Monday of the month at 7:30 pm. Contact Karen Mazzei (kmazzei@hotmail.com or 513-290-8819) to sign-up. Reading the book is never a requirement for a great conversation!

Moms of Faith: Moms of Faith is a group of moms whose children are school aged and older. Meetings are Tuesday afternoons at 12:30 p.m. for mutual support and encouragement. The 4th Tuesday

of the month will be a Bible Study. The 2022–2023 study is “Fight Back with Joy” by Margaret Feinberg. For more information about Moms of Faith and confirm the latest plans, please contact Lisa Meili at larm@cinci.rr.com.



MOPS: Meets on February 15 at 6:30 pm. Moms are invited to find fellowship, rest, & friends at this monthly meeting. More information is available via email or their FB page (www.facebook.com/GSLCMOPS/). Childcare requests or questions can be sent to Lori at GSLCMOPS513@gmail.com.

Piecemakers: February 27th at 12 pm. Turning previously loved fabric into quilts and blankets that provide comfort to those in need. No experience necessary. The fourth Monday of each month September through May at 12 pm (except December). Contact Pat Stratman (513.319.4201) or Tina Morawski (513.293.6741) with questions.

Pub Theology: Join Men Doing Life on February 21st at 7 pm for a beer and discussions about life, faith, and current events. Folks can expect a variety of topics that deepen your relationship with God and others. Pub Theology meets the third Tuesday of every month at 7 pm at MVP Sports Bar & Grille in Silverton (6923 Plainfield Rd, 45236). Contact Pastor Alex at ahoops@goodshepherd.com with questions.

Yoga: Yoga is EVERY SUNDAY in February at 3:30 pm in the Fellowship Hall. Christy Plaughter, GSLC Member and certified yoga instructor, leads us through a practice that is centered in the breath and seeks to improve the connection of the mind, body and faith. The practice is open to all. There is still no cost to attend. Contact Pastor Pat pbad-key@goodshepherd.com with questions.

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