

The Story

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**GOOD SHEPHERD LUTHERAN CHURCH
ABERDEEN, SD (605) 229-0846**

Making Our Love and Mission Visible

Dear Friends,

Influencers have been around as long as people have been. From the earliest monarchies there have been people behind the throne shaping the way the king or queen made decisions. In my lifetime it has been a forgone conclusion that those big companies with products to sell would hire a famous athlete or the like to influence us to shop a particular brand. This is why every Superbowl champion says they are going to Disney World and why Shaquille O'Neill makes far more money as an influencer than he ever did as an NBA basketball player.



Now that so many people are connected to digital devices the number of influencers has skyrocketed. Influencers are all over social media these days – when we see a person we admire sharing their favorite products, we find ourselves embracing their interests, their hopes and sometimes their lifestyles.

This isn't really a new idea, though.

Jesus called us to use our influence to be his ambassadors, to be his light in a dark world. Jesus understood that people are watching us and can be inspired by us to change the world.

As Easter people we are invited into the role of influencers – those who have something special they cannot wait for others to hear, see, and encounter. It begins in the Bethlehem manger where God breaks into human history, and continues through the moment when we declare in worship Christ is risen! He is risen indeed!! Think about it.

The disciple Andrew is often referred to as the Bringer because he wanted others to experience the grace and mercy he found so readily in Christ's presence. The Samaritan woman at the well shared her encounter with Jesus with all those in her community because she couldn't contain her excitement and wanted others to experience Jesus too. Joseph of Arimathea, the wealthy man who loaned Jesus his tomb, didn't just make his offer out of thin air. He was influenced by the stories he heard of Jesus preaching and teaching. The women who went to the tomb that first Easter couldn't wait to tell their friends what they encountered – from an empty tomb to the gardener telling them Jesus would meet them in Galilee.

You and I are the people of Good Shepherd today because this pattern of influencers has shared the good news – the gospel – of Jesus' love and grace with generation after generation. What will we do with this message of hope, living water, forgiveness, and resurrection? Will we lock it away? Or will you and I take up the mantle and carry the message into our world?

Join us in worship this Easter season as we consider together all the ways we can proclaim to the world around us Christ is risen! He is risen indeed!!

Pastor Leland

ALL THE BUZZ!



(Shortened version of Patrick's Prayer)

May Christ protect me today
Christ with me,
Christ before me,
Christ behind me,
Christ in me,
Christ beneath me,
Christ above me,
Christ on my right,
Christ on my left,
Christ when I lie down,
Christ when I sit up,
Christ when I arise,
Christ in the heart of everyone who
thinks of me.
Christ in the mouth of everyone who
speaks of me,
Christ in every eye that sees me,
Christ in every ear that hears me.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Bridger - 4th

Briggs - 25th

Brom - 25th



Little Lambs Christian Preschool



FLOCK TALK

Dear families -

We've had fun in our "Little Lambs Restaurant", reading many Dr. Seuss books in remembrance of his March 2nd Birthday. We read about Ireland's patron saint Patrick and part of his prayer/poem that speaks about Christ being with us, revealing such great prepositions like; before (in front), behind, beneath, above, etc.

We'll be talking and reading about the true meaning of Easter. Preschool will be closed March 29th for Good Friday and Monday April 1st.

If you haven't heard yet, I will be continuing on as the teacher for the rest of the school year or until God reveals anything differently. Was he chuckling last month when I wrote that March 5th was going to be my last day? "Little do you know, my child, there are other plans in store for you!"

Please visit with me if you have any concerns. I am working on what days & times would work best for conferences. Let me know if you would be interested, or not, in setting one up. If we have them on Tuesday or Thursday afternoon, then we wouldn't have to interrupt our regular class time.

Blessings to all,
Crystal Stolle

Camp Visit at Good Shepherd

Staff from Lutherans Outdoors will be at Good Shepherd on Sunday, April 14th and Wednesday, April 17th to discuss summer camp with church school & Confirmation students! During church school, kids will be able to ask questions and learn about camp! Parents are also welcome to join their kids this day to learn more about camp.



There is still time to register your child for camp. You can view all of the camps offered by Lutherans Outdoors at losd.org. Good Shepherd youth attending camp may receive a campership. Youth can receive a \$100.00 campership the first time they attend a summer camp. Each year after, youth may receive a \$50.00 campership. Money in your family account, which is earned by helping with fundraisers, may also be used toward the cost of summer camp. Contact Amanda Black by May 1st at amanda@goodshepherdaberdeen.org or 229-0846 to receive a campership or to use money from your family account for camp.

Drive Up Donuts

The next Drive Up Donuts event will be on Wednesday, April 24th from 7:30-8:00am in the south parking lot. On the last Wednesday of each month, donuts, a devotion and a drink are available for pickup at Good Shepherd and Zion Lutheran churches. Everyone is invited to drive into the south parking, pull up to the table and receive a donut, drink and devo to go!



First Communion Milestone

Congratulations to
**Josephine Armbricht, Peyton Lechner,
Eva Olson, Sutton Swenson and
Colton Urlacher**
on receiving their First Communion on
Maundy Thursday, March 28th!



Graduation Sunday

Good Shepherd will recognize graduating high school seniors on Sunday, May 12th during 9:45am worship. **Seniors and parents of seniors:** Please email or bring in a baby or toddler picture and a senior or recent picture along with the future plans of your high school senior to Amanda Black by Friday, April 12th. We will include the pictures in a slide show on Sunday, May 12th. Graduates will be recognized and receive a gift from Good Shepherd during worship. Reception following worship.

Church School & Confirmation Dates to Remember



- April 28th:** Last day of Sunday School classes
- May 1st:** Last day of Wednesday School & Confirmation classes
- May 5th:** Celebration Sunday, church school students meet in choir room at 9:15am
- May 12th:** Graduation Sunday

YOUTH PAGE

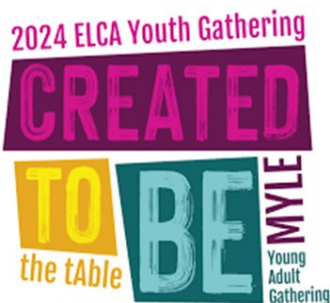
VBS School & Day Camp - Registration Open

Registration is open for VBS and Day Camp June 17th -20th! Youth ages 3 years old through 6th grade are invited to attend Vacation Bible School & Day Camp. Campers will dig into how they are created to be Grace-filled, Authentic, Brave, Connected, and Disruptive. Good Shepherd is excited to welcome staff from NeSoDak Camp for Day Camp!

Elementary aged kids that have completed grades 1-6 are invited to attend Day Camp at Good Shepherd. Day camp will be held June 17th – 20th from 9am – 3pm and will be led by staff from NeSoDak. Preschoolers along with children that have completed Kindergarten are invited to Vacation Bible School. VBS will be June 17th -20th from 9am–11:30am and will be led by Good Shepherd staff and volunteers. Now is the time to sign your child up for a week filled with activities, games, worship, songs and crafts! Please fill out a registration form located on the wall near the church office or contact Amanda Black at 229-0846 to register.

Volunteers will be needed to assist with Day Camp and VBS. Volunteers can help by preparing snacks & lunch or assist the students with crafts, activities and games. We will also need housing for the Day Camp counselors from NeSoDak from June 16th – 20th. If you would be willing to host the Day Camp counselors or assist with VBS or Day Camp, please contact Amanda Black at 229-0846 or amanda@goodshepherdaberdeen.org

Youth Gathering Preparation



Good Shepherd & Zion Lutheran churches are preparing to take 12 youth to the Youth Gathering and pre-Youth Gathering events in New Orleans this July. In preparation for the Youth Gathering, youth have been meeting monthly to dive deeper into the daily themes that we will focus on during the Youth Gathering. The Youth Gathering theme: Created to Be is centered on Psalm 139:14, *I praise you for I am fearfully and wonderfully made*. The first daily theme discusses bravery. We are created to be brave,

to show up with an open mind and heart, willing to be challenged. The city and people of New Orleans are brave. After Hurricane Katrina many stories emerged. Some were stories of bravery and some were not. We know there are times we are brave and times we are not. When we are faced with times we need to be brave, we can remember God will walk with us as we bravely do a new thing.

A Prayer to be Brave: O Lord, you are aware of all the ways we need you if we are to be brave. As we seek your way, guide us into the courage needed to face the ideas, places or people we fear. Help us to see your purpose as far more significant than our own comfort. Give us the wisdom to be brave and not foolish. We pray this in the name of our brave Savior, Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.



April 2024



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 OFFICE CLOSED 8:00am - 3:15pm Preschool 7:00pm Esther Circle 7:00pm Men's Chorus	2 8:00am - 11:00am Preschool 1:30pm Staff Meeting	3 7:55am Men at Prayer 8:00am - 3:15pm Preschool 4:45pm - 6:00pm Supper 5:30pm Wednesday School 6:20pm Worship in Chapel 6:30pm Exultation Bells 7:00pm - 7:45pm 7th-9th Grade Confirmation 7:00pm Shepherd's Choir	4 8:00am - 11:00am Preschool 9:00am - 3:00pm Quilting	5 7:55am Men's Fellowship Call 8:00am - 3:15pm Preschool	6
7 9:00am Sunday School 9:45am Traditional Worship 10:45am Adult Study	8 8:00am - 3:15pm Preschool 9:00am Martha Circle 4:00pm-6:00pm Food Pantry 7:00pm Men's Chorus	9 8:00am - 11:00am Preschool 1:30pm Staff Meeting 2:00pm - 8:30pm Church Directory Photos	10 7:55am Men at Prayer 8:00am - 3:15pm Preschool 2:00pm - 8:30pm Church Directory Photos 4:45pm - 6:00pm Supper 5:30pm Wednesday School 6:20pm Worship in Sanctuary 6:30pm Exultation Bells 7:00pm - 7:45pm 7th-9th Grade Confirmation 7:00pm Shepherd's Choir	11 8:00am - 11:00am Preschool 9:00am - 3:00pm Quilting 2:00pm - 8:30pm Church Directory Photos 6:30pm Board Meetings	12 7:55am Men's Fellowship Call 8:00am - 3:15pm Preschool 2:00pm - 8:30pm Church Directory Photos	13 10:00am - 4:00pm Church Directory Photos
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Financials for February 2024	
Income:	\$45,815.14
Expenses:	\$56,756.40

Tables of Eight



The best blessings in life are the gifts we share together. These “together” gifts include friendship, faith, support, laughter, and encouragement. Life is better together! Life is blest when we share these gifts!

Good Shepherd is inviting you to be part of an incredible opportunity to share friendship, faith, and the gifts of community by being part of Tables of Eight!

Tables of Eight

- * Gathers 8 people together once per month in May, June, July, and August to share a meal and build relationship with one another.
- * Is a wonderful way for couples and singles to meet new people and build deeper, more meaningful relationships within the congregation.
- * For each meal a host is selected and people take turns bringing different portions of the meal including hors d’oeuvres, salad, sides, main course, and dessert.
- * Menus and recipes for the four meals can be provided.
- * If you can't attend the kick-off event you can still participate!

Tables of 8 Kick-Off Gathering: Sunday, May 5 at Noon

The kick-off gathering is when you'll meet your "table" and receive suggested menus. Please signup at the Welcome Desk or call the church office to let us know if you wish to participate.

MARCH MADNESS®

Celebrate Christ risen for all people!

Even as the world around us divides themselves into various groups and supporters of different teams, Christ has come for all people, teams, tribes, and nations. Wear your favorite team jersey or color to worship on Sunday, April 7 as a visual reminder that we are united in the resurrection!



Journeys of St Paul & Greek Islands

Have you imagined what it would be like to walk where the Apostle Paul walked? See the ruins of the Philippi, Ephesus, and

Corinth? Join Pastor Leland for a life-changing journey to Greece and Turkey where you will be able to renew your baptism at the river where Lydia, the first Gentile Woman was baptized by Paul. You'll get to explore the cities where Paul established churches, spend time on the Greek Islands, and bring home a richer and deeper understanding of Scripture. Speak to Pastor Leland for more information.

Forgiveness Can Be Difficult



Forgiving what you can't forget

Have you ever struggled to forgive? Ever mumbled a prayer about forgiveness? Wondered what it means to actually forgive?

If so, join us for this six week series on *Forgiving What You Can't Forget* beginning Sunday, April 7 at 10:45am in the Conference Room. We'll walk together through the hurts, the way our bodies want to hang on, the freedom that comes in forgiving, and the new life that awaits us. \$15 for materials. For more information, contact Aleshia Armbright.

Church Directory Photography Event

April is your last chance to be in Good Shepherd's new church directory! Universal Church Directories will be at Good Shepherd to take portraits of congregation members on April 9th – 13th. For your convenience, all photography and portrait viewing will take place in Good Shepherd's chapel. Pets are allowed in portrait sessions. Every household photographed receives a complimentary directory and an 8x10 portrait. During your portrait session, you will have a variety of poses taken and will be able to choose one pose for the directory. You will have the opportunity to purchase additional portraits from your session if you would like to.



To schedule your photography appointment online, simply go to www.ucdir.com, click on photography appointment scheduling login on the right side, enter sd127 in the Church Code field and enter photos in the Church Password field. You can also call the church office at 229-0846 to schedule an appointment.

Rummage Sale



Mark your calendar for Good Shepherd's rummage sale on June 6th & 7th! Good Shepherd's rummage sale will be Thursday, June 6th from 7am – 6pm and Friday, June 7th from 7am-3pm. Items may be donated Monday and Tuesday, June 3rd & 4th from 9am – 6pm and Wednesday, June 5th from 9am -12pm. Please note that furniture, large appliances and televisions won't be accepted. All donations must be in clean and working condition.

Assistance will be needed to help set up the sale on the following dates: Sunday, June 2nd after worship at 10:45am, and Monday – Wednesday, June 3rd -5th from 9am – 6pm. Volunteers are also needed during & after the sale. Contact Amanda Black if you are able to help and earn money for your family account! Thank you all for your support and help with Good Shepherd's rummage!

New Members

As we celebrate our identity as Easter people it is important to have the support and encouragement of like-minded individuals. This is why the Holy Spirit gathers us into community. Those who wish to formalize their connection to the Good Shepherd community are invited to join us for New Member gatherings on Sundays April 14 & 21 at 9:00am in the Conference Room. We will get to know one another better, learn more about Good Shepherd, and consider how the Holy Spirit is leading us into ministry together.

We welcome New Members during worship on Sunday, April 28th. Speak to one of the pastors today if you would like more information.



April is a month of seasonal transitions but also life on campus. As we wrap up our final month of the school year we turn our focus to spiritual wellness and the verse "*I will give you a new heart and put a new spirit in you; I will remove from you your heart of stone and give you a heart of flesh.*" — Ezekiel 36:6. As students prepare for finals, pack up for summer, and plan to head home or into new careers, we will center our minds, community, and prayers on what it means to start fresh with a new heart.

Thank you for your support this school year. Although students will be departing campus the first week in May, the work in campus ministry continues through the summer. We look forward to seeing you at the Synod Assembly and Synodical WELCA Conference. If you know a young person headed to college (anywhere in the US), help us all get connected by referring them on the ELCA LuMin student referral page! luminelca.org/refer-a-student/

Date: February 5, 2024
To: The Good Shepherd Lutheran Church Council and Congregation
From: Audit Committee
Subject: Review of GSLC Financial Records

On Saturday, February 3, 2024, the Audit Committee, consisting of Rob Keil, Mark Mehlhoff, Ron Kaaz and Cindy Tople, met with Pastor Leland Armbricht, Kathie Getty - Treasurer, and Brittney Jung - JH Business Services at the church and reviewed a sampling of the 2023 financial reports for the General Fund, Dedicated Fund, Youth Fund and Preschool Fund. Based on the information provided, we found the following:

- * Accounts are again being reconciled on a monthly basis.
- * All reports and paperwork were available and organized.
- * All funds have been properly recorded and the paper trail is documented for transactions.
- * A good "checks and balance" system is in place regarding bill approval and payment.

Aberdeen Area Men's Chorus 2024 Spring Concert



**Sunday, May 5, 2024
3:00pm
at First Presbyterian Church
4th Avenue S.E. & Kline Street**

Invite Cards

Each of us has influence in our circles of life.
Pick up an Invite Card today at the
Welcome Desk and share Good News with your
friends, neighbors, family, and co-workers.



NORTHERN PLAINS WOMEN OF THE ELCA SPRING GATHERING

The Northern Plains Women of the ELCA Spring Gathering will be held on Saturday, April 13, 2024 from 9:00am to 2:00pm at Our Savior's Lutheran Church, 1514 East 1st Street in Redfield, SD. Registration is \$15.00; first time attendees \$10.00. If you want a ride or more information, please contact Peggy Serfoss at (605) 824-2010.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

04/01	Forkel, Rick	04/09	Haugen, Paige	04/20	Schmierer, Gabriella
04/03	Jung, Benjamin	04/09	Flagtvedt, Sig	04/21	Salfrank, Linda
04/03	Bosanko, Kay	04/09	Sheffield, JoAnn	04/22	Douglas, Zoe
04/03	Landon-Arnold, Susan	04/10	Axlund, William	04/22	Jung, Justin
04/03	Malchow, Emma	04/10	Meyers, Carmen	04/22	Mork, Todd
04/04	Husby, James	04/11	Wigdahl, Angela	04/23	Weishaar, Robert
04/04	Schnabel, Cindy	04/11	Punt, Erin	04/24	Schentzel, Logan
04/05	Anderson, Lisa	04/12	Jung, Jordan	04/24	Fauth, Gayle
04/05	Allen, AnnMarie	04/12	Kolb, Cassandra	04/24	Spitzer, Lori
04/05	Fredrick, Kay	04/13	Dutenhoffer, Rayven	04/25	Mattson, Deb
04/06	Eisenbeisz, Tom	04/13	Lang, Gaylan	04/25	Fauth, Nancy
04/06	Byram, Kimberly	04/14	Tiede, Lori	04/25	Auske, Denise
04/06	Anderson, Sharlene	04/14	Larson, Pamela	04/25	Getty, Connie
04/06	Peterson, Alicia	04/14	Bergan, Shannon	04/26	Armbricht, Josephine
04/07	Mattson, Ryan	04/14	Jones, Braydon	04/26	Dykema, Barbara
04/07	Ringgenberg, Colleen	04/14	Torbert, Makayla	04/27	Reif, DeAnn
04/07	Jacobson, Twila	04/14	Burt, Roy	04/28	Brink, Gabriel
04/08	Hellwig, Brayden	04/15	Osman, Gayle	04/28	Mork, Haylee
04/08	Kapfenstein, Roger	04/17	Adolf, Greta	04/29	Jepsen, Branden
04/08	Hansen, Shelley	04/19	Jensen, Robert	04/29	Sudenga, Mike
04/09	Fink, Carol	04/19	Dunlavy, Nicole	04/30	Urlacher, Carson
04/09	Buechler, David	04/19	Greenhalgh, Bruce	04/30	Wensmann, Taylor



Staff

Pastor-Leland Armbricht

Lay Pastor-Micah Sieg

Visitation Pastor-Mike Jacobson

Secretary-Barb Daberkow

Financial Secretary-

Youth/Family Coordinator-Amanda Black

Custodian-Todd Black

Music Coordinator-Dr. Christopher Stanichar

Preschool Director/Teacher-

Organists/Pianists-Tammy Wahl, Monica Jacobson

Choir Directors-Bells/Cheryl Ulmer

Accompanist- Adult and Children's Choir/Monica Jacobson

Praise Band -Alicia Peterson

Who Do I Ask About

Good Shepherd Women-Peggy Serfoss

Good Shepherd Men-Clay Dykema

Ushers/Communion Assistants-Carl Anderson

Reception Coordinators:

Funeral-Mona Kapfenstein, Deb Nerland

Wedding/Anniversary-Renea Wensmann

Library -Dorothy Brown, Peggy Serfoss

Altar Guild - Sandy Cahoy

Food Pantry-Marty Axlund

Evangelism-

Youth-Amanda Black

Executive Council

President-Gary DeVries

President Elect-

Treasurer-Kathie Getty

Secretary-Jessica Ringgenberg

Boards

Evangelism

Life and Missions

Nominations

Properties

Stewardship

Worship

Youth

Worship Schedule

September-May: Sundays: 9:45am

Wednesday: 6:20pm (Sanctuary)

June-August: Sunday 9:30am

Wednesday 6:20pm (Chapel)

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