

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Worship on Wednesday (WOW)
 April 18th: Council Meeting
 Re:Vitality on Tuesdays from 6:30-8:00 p.m.

THIS WEEK AT GOOD SHEPHERD

April 7th – April 13th

Today:	Divine Worship	8:00 a.m.
	Sunday School	9:30 a.m.
	Adult Bible Study	9:30 a.m.
	Contemporary Worship.....	10:46 a.m.
Monday	Heart, Mind and Soul.....	9:00 a.m.
Tuesday	Fit4Mom.....	8:30 a.m.
	ReVitality Session.....	6:30 p.m.
	NA	7:00 p.m.
Wednesday	Worship on Wednesday (WoW)	6:15 p.m.
Thursday	Roots and Wings	8:00 a.m.
	TOPS.....	5:30 p.m.
	Elders' Meeting.....	7:00 p.m.
Friday	AA.....	7:00 p.m.
	Fit4Mom	7:00 p.m.
Saturday	AA.....	10:00 a.m.

	8:00 Divine	10:46 Contemporary	6:15 Worship on Wed.
Elder	John DeBruzzi	Karl Gess	John Hiller
Sun. Assist.	Shirley Jones	Dottie Pampel	
Acolyte	Michael B.	Kyle Gess	
Door Greeter	Barb Martin	Milli Herbst	
Door Greeter	Connie Molthan	Paul Herbst	
Power Point	Paul Molthan	Liz Lyman	
Altar Guild	Linda Tuller		
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Organist	Sharon B.		Sharon Bettenhausen
Live Stream		Ralph Sangmeister	

10:46 Worship team: **Drums:** Ty Foster **Guitar:** Jordan Foster, Curt Murff
Vocals/Guitars: Andy Foster, Bernie Glim, **Keys and Vocals:** Karen Glim



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This week's memory passage is:
 "But God demonstrates his own love for us
 in this: While we were still sinners, Christ
 died for us." – Romans 5:8

April 7, 2024 – Second Sunday of Easter

Welcome to all: who worship with us today – especially those visiting! We pray that God will touch your life through worship and that you will visit regularly. We appreciate you leaving your name, address, phone number and email so we can be in contact.

The 8:00 a.m. and 10:46 Worship services are projected on the screen. Outlines of the service are included in this folder.

SUNDAY – 8:00 DIVINE SERVICE gets its name from the fact that worship is most importantly God serving us. We come at his invitation not to do God a favor, but to receive from him what he alone has to offer, after which we respond in praise. 8:00 Divine Service uses a variety of rich, beautiful, and often ancient traditions of the church found in the hymnal accompanied by the organ, as well as piano and other various instruments on special occasions.

SUNDAY – 10:46 WORSHIP gets its name from Acts 10:46 where it mentions that the apostles “heard the Gentiles speaking in tongues and praising God” – which could well describe this time of worship where God is present, and his people are responding. 10:46 WORSHIP blends the best of both ancient tradition and modern music and instruments recognizing the ongoing, present-day work of the Holy Spirit in our lives. Beginning at 10:46 AM also suggests a more casual worship where you’re invited to come just as you are.

WORSHIP ON WEDNESDAYS (W.O.W.) – 6:15 is another opportunity for worship. Services are every Wednesday evening beginning at 6:15 p.m. Each Wednesday uses the previous Sunday’s sermon and hymns in a more relaxed and simpler format.

WELCOME TO THE LORD’S TABLE

There will be communion at all the 8:00 a.m. Worship service today.

The Lord’s Supper should reflect our unity in faith and doctrine (see 1 Corinthians 1:10 & 10:17). St. Paul urges us, “*One should examine himself before he eats of the bread and drinks of the cup*” (1 Corinthians 11:28).

To receive the blessing of this Sacrament, ask yourself the following questions:

1. **Am I truly sorry** for my sins and so desire God’s forgiveness?
2. **Do I believe** that Jesus is my Savior and that He gives me His true body and true blood with the bread and wine – to forgive all my sins and to assure me of eternal salvation?
3. **Do I plan**, with the help of the Holy Spirit, **to change** my sinful life?

ALL WHO COMMUNE: If you are communing with us for the first time, please speak to the Pastor prior to the service, if possible.

AT COMMUNION, an Elder carries the tray of individual cups, and the Pastor invites you to drink either from the cup you have taken or from the common cup which he carries. Cups in the center circle of the trays contain non-alcoholic wine for those who prefer it.

Next Week’s Sermon: Text: **Psalm 46:1-11** Theme: “Refuge”

Next Week’s Memory Passage “God is our refuge and strength, an ever-present help in trouble.” – Psalm 46:1

SUNDAY SCHOOL: The Lord is my Rock. Ps 18:2. Today we begin to learn what God taught us through Jesus about how to pray and what we are to pray for. The Lord’s prayer teaches us to look to God for all that we need as it begins “Our Father....” Read Luke 15:11-32 to learn about who God is to us and Psalm 148 to see how all of creation responds.

Family challenge: Say the Lord’s prayer together at the beginning of your day. Talk about one word at a time in the part of the prayer that was learned in Sunday School this week.

FIFTY IN ’24 is the sermon series for 2024. Memorize fifty Bible passages in 2024. That’s the goal. Why? Hebrews 4:12 makes it clear that the Word of God is alive, active and pierces our souls. Why not commit some passages to heart so God can work in and through us? Or consider Jesus who defended himself against the assault of Satan by quoting Scripture. He had memorized Scripture, so he was equipped to do spiritual battle. The apostle Peter instructs believers to be ready with an answer for our hope and faith in Jesus. This often involves referring to Scripture. God has attached his promise and blessing to his Word. When you store away Scripture in your heart and mind, you can use it personally and with others to fight doubt and discouragement, to soothe sorrow, to give direction and for discernment, and in the full array of life’s circumstances. The fifty passages in ’24 aren’t the only great verses in the Bible. You may have your favorites that aren’t here. But it’s a good place to start. With one passage each week for a year, you will have God’s Word in your heart. And the sermon each week will provide us with insight and application.

ORDERING FLOWERS FOR DISPLAY IN CHURCH is one way to recognize and celebrate with your church family a special day (i.e., birthday, anniversary) or significant event (i.e., birth of a child) or in honor or memory of someone. Call the church office (815-469-2549) if you want to order flowers.

REVITALITY ON APRIL 9th Strategic planning workshops number 3: *God’s Provision*, and number 4: *Core Values* are intended to include members of the congregation at large. We learn from short videos and case study, then actively participate in an exercise. You are welcome to come!

MEN OF INTEGRITY: on Tuesday April 9 has been postponed so the men may attend Re:Vitality sessions at 6:30 that evening.

SAVE THE DATE! Matthew 5:16, "...let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven." **Saturday, April 20, 2024, 8:30 – 11:30 A.M** Good Shepherd shines for Jesus at **Camp Manitoqua Spring Workday!** Sign up for more information and a t-shirt in the main office or sundayschool@goodshepherdfrankfort.org or drop in during any of the hours.

Do you have something you would like to do that week to shine for Jesus? Let us know and we will help recruit a team. Some ideas: Care for children while parents enjoy a day or evening out - Host a sing-along or devotion time at a nursing home - Host a dinner for your neighbors.

THE PHANTOM OF THE OPERA Lincoln-Way East High School presents their Spring Musical! Come support these amazing young students as they take on this world-famous musical! Performances are Friday, April 12 at 7:00 p.m., Saturday, April 13 at 1:00 and 7:00 p.m., and Sunday, April 14 at 2:00 p.m. Tickets are \$15 and \$18 and can be purchased at lincoln-way.ticketleap.com. Lincoln-Way East is located at 201 Colorado Avenue in Frankfort. Please contact Hanna Samawi at hsamawi@lw210.org with any questions!

25 YEARS AS PASTOR of Good Shepherd have been and continue to be a blessing! Being a pastor is a job – a vocation. But it is also my life and Good Shepherd is my family. That's why it means so much to me for this congregation to recognize the 25th anniversary of my ministry here. Thank you to everyone who shared kind words and thoughtful and heartfelt gifts! I remember those who have been part of Good Shepherd but have been transferred to the church in glory. And I am grateful now for those who call Good Shepherd home. I have always sincerely tried to do my best to serve God's people at Good Shepherd. I fully intend to continue doing that. May God bless this congregation and me in my ministry for another 25 years or whatever God's plan is! – Kevin, Pastor

GOOD SHEPHERD IN MISSION

Attendance:

Maun. Thurs.: 44 comm.: 40, Good Fri.: 41
Easter Sunrise: 12, comm.: 9 - Divine: 72, comm.: 62
Contemp.: 69, comm.: 51
Wed., April 3rd: 10

Offerings:

Maundy Thursday & Good Friday – \$895.00
Easter Sunday – \$3,685.00

Mission Commitments:

- LCMS Northern Illinois District: \$5,000/year
- Lutheran Bible Translators/Federwitz: \$3,000/year
- Lutheran Church Charities: \$2,000/year
- Voice of Hope: \$1,500/year
- Voice of Care: \$1,500/year
- PASS: \$1,000
- Journey: \$1,000

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Watch worship live stream on YouTube

(Look for: Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, Frankfort, IL)

www.GoodShepherdFrankfort.org is the place to go to keep current about events at Good Shepherd. Some of the things available are:

- Current and upcoming events at Good Shepherd (Events Tab)
- Sermon Audios and videos of services at church (Connect Tab)
- Directory of members and frequent attendees
- Church News (Connect Tab)
- E-Giving information

Check out www.GoodShepherdFrankfort.org and share your comments and suggestions with Lori and Isaac in the church office at (815) 469- 2549.