



# Shepherd's Staff

## Do Ministry • Pray Daily Summer 2023

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**Amy Stewart**  
**Pastor of Discipleship**

### **Do Ministry - Pray Daily**

*"Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances."  
1 Thessalonians 5:16-18a*

Join us this summer as we offer prayers for every area of ministry within and among Good Shepherd! We will post prayers regularly on Facebook, as well as descriptions for the ministry we are praying for. Even as we might be apart more often this summer, this is a great way for the congregation to join our hearts in unified prayer for our "Kingdom Work" together! If you are interested in any of the ministries you read about and pray for, please reach out to the office for more information on how to get involved.



**Josh Brecht**  
**Lead Pastor**

### **Coming This Fall - Saturday Evening Worship!**

Dear siblings in Christ,

For the past couple of years, Good Shepherd has had two worship services in person on Sunday mornings plus online worship. Many people have expressed a desire for an evening worship experience, and we are excited to announce that we will be launching a new worship service this fall. Beginning on September 9, we will launch an evening worship service at 5:00 on Saturdays.

We know that people have complex schedules, whether for work or activities or family, and this will enable more people to participate in worship in person each weekend at Good Shepherd.

It will be a casual, relaxed atmosphere, yet follow a familiar Lutheran order of worship. We are excited to create this space to utilize a variety of musical styles and talents and provide an alternative time of day for people to gather for worship and prayer. Thank you to the members, staff, and Council for taking the time to prayerfully discern about this ministry opportunity and putting plans in place to start something beautiful and holy together this fall.

What can you do to support this important ministry?

- Serve in worship on Sunday mornings. Some of our regular Sunday leaders are shifting to Saturdays, so we will have more opportunities to volunteer!
- Ask staff members this summer, “What can I do to help?”
- Invite people and help share the word!
- Pray for this ministry and those God will bring.

## **Sabbatical**

*But he would withdraw to deserted places and pray. - Luke 5:16*

I am deeply thankful for the opportunity to have a sabbatical. My time away begins on June 1, and my first Sunday back at Good Shepherd will be August 27. I look forward to spending wonderful time with my family and visiting our extended family (who are scattered all around the country). I cannot wait to get out into nature for times of silence, solitude, and prayer. I will be reading many books and working on a couple of creative projects, as well. Primarily, this will be a time of spiritual growth and renewal as I spend intentional time with God every day.

I have already begun my first two books! I am reading “*Good to Great: Why Some Companies Make the Leap...and Others Don’t*” by Jim Collins and “*How to Pray: A Simple Guide for Normal People*” by Pete Greig.

While I look forward to this time of rejuvenation, I will miss you all and it will be a challenge to be away. However, I know that Good Shepherd is in good hands. We have fantastic council members and lay leaders. We have a gifted staff that will lead incredible ministry over the summer. I give thanks to God for all of you and look forward to seeing the ways the Holy Spirit moves at Good Shepherd over the summer!

May the Lord, our God, bless you and keep you until we meet again.

In Christ, Pastor Josh

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## **Welcome Emily Hintz!**

On June 15th, we welcome Emily Hintz back to the staff!

Emily and Delaney Rhea will serve as part-time Co-Directors of Youth and Family Ministry, partnering to work with middle and high school students and their families. Emily is proud to have finished her treatment for Stage 4 Rhabdomyosarcoma and is excited to be in ministry with Good Shepherd again. Welcome back, Emily!



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