

GOOD SHEPHERD
Annual Report



2025-2026

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Good Shepherd Family,

This year, we celebrate fifty years of God's faithfulness.

Fifty years of worship.

Fifty years of baptisms and funerals.

Fifty years of potlucks and prayers.

Fifty years of ordinary Sundays where the Spirit of God has done extraordinary things.

When a small group first gathered with a vision to become Good Shepherd Church, they could not have imagined all that God would do. They simply said yes. Yes to the gospel, to one another, and to the Spirit's leading. Over five decades, that same "yes" has echoed through every generation that has walked through our doors.

As you read this annual report, you will see numbers—attendance, budgets, ministry milestones. But behind every number is a name. Behind every line item is a story. A marriage strengthened. A prodigal returning home. A child learning to pray. A grieving heart comforted. A life baptized into Christ.

This year has been no exception. We have experienced joy and challenge, growth and pruning. We have celebrated new members and said hard goodbyes. Through it all, the Good Shepherd has remained steady guiding, correcting, restoring, and leading us beside still waters even when the terrain felt uncertain.

Fifty years is a significant milestone, but it is not the finish line. In Scripture, jubilee is not just a celebration of what has been; it is a resetting of vision for what God will do next. Anniversaries invite gratitude, but they also invite courage.

The question before us is not simply, "What has God done?" but

"What is God inviting us into now?"

We believe we are being called deeper; deeper in prayer, deeper in discipleship, deeper in generosity, deeper in mission. The same Spirit who stirred the hearts of our founders is stirring again. The same Christ who has been faithful to build His church for fifty years is not finished yet.

Thank you for being part of this story. Thank you for your prayers, your service, your giving, your presence. Thank you for saying yes.

May this report be more than a record of the past year. May it be a testimony to the faithfulness of God, and a reminder that the best chapters of Good Shepherd's story are still being written.

With gratitude and hope,



Pastor Tara Beth



50 Years of Good Shepherd

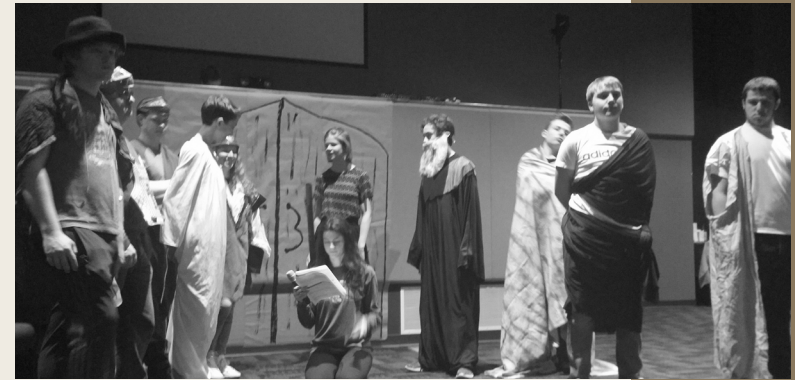
50 years of ministry... it is time to celebrate! Having spent more than half of my ministry here at Good Shepherd, those twenty-four years have been a blessing in my life. As we look back, we give thanks for God has indeed been with us.

We have a lot to celebrate as this body of Christ, Good Shepherd, has been faithful to the direction and leading of God. Yes, it has been a roller coaster ride from time to time, but there is joy in knowing that God has remained faithful.

Give thanks that we have a past filled with proclamation and prayer. Give thanks that we have a past focused on listening to God's voice and following the leading of the Holy Spirit. Give thanks that the many people God has brought to our ministry have had their lives impacted to follow Jesus. Over the years, tens of thousands of people have called Good Shepherd home, not only as a place to worship, but equally a place to be sent. We are a church that is guided by the Great Commandment and the Great Commission!

Where do the next 50 years lead? The next 50 years lead us to know as we hear in Ephesians 3:20, that *"God is able to do immeasurably more than we can hope or imagine!"* People of Good Shepherd, stay faithful, focused on the Gospel of Jesus Christ as we know from the cornerstone of our ministry facility at 1310 Shepherd Drive... *"Jesus Christ the Cornerstone!"*

Pastor Greg



50 Years of Faithfulness

Exciting things are happening around Good Shepherd right now. Of course, we are seeing the transformation of our building. As I walk in the doors every morning, I am filled with anticipation as I consider the voices that will fill the chapel, sanctuary, and the faces that will walk through our front entrance.

But I'm even more excited about the transformation I have witnessed within the people who make up this church.

Since September, every week of Theology and Formation Cohorts has been filled with incredible discussions about how we understand scripture, how we think about God, and how we live the mission of God as the Church. I can see these 25 people being formed into smarter, wiser, and more Spirit-formed leaders. **How will God use this group to bless us all as we walk with Jesus?**

Since January a small group of teenage girls have been studying Mark every Wednesday and, instead of adults teaching the group, the girls have been teaching each other. **Where will God send these girls to impact the world?**

Just two examples through the 50 incredible years of walking together as Good Shepherd Church. As I reflect on the last year in this community, it feels so obvious to me... God is up to something **good**. He is building new connections, establishing deeper roots, and slowly but surely preparing us for our next chapter. As the pages of this annual report reflect on the Spirit's work in 2025, I pray we also are stirred to imagine - **God, what are you going to do next?**

Pastor Elisabeth



4%

increase in average attendance year to year, maintaining the growth trends we've seen since 2023



44

Baptisms in 2025



96

students + 10 leaders at Winter Retreat*

PRESCHOOL

159

Current Registrations

415

Kids in Summer Camp



33

communicants in 2025

119

kids registered for the 2025-2026 ministry year

45

preteens in Club 45

31

kids and 14 leaders at Winter Camp



200+300

Advent Night 2025 welcomed over 200 people, and Easter Bash 2026 welcomed over 300 people

400+

kids at VBS

* highest numbers since the pandemic

50 Years of Impact

Almost fifty years ago, Good Shepherd began with a simple but powerful conviction: God calls His people to join Him in His transformational work. What started as a step of faith has grown into a legacy of impact, where today we reach our local community and extend that impact across the globe through our 26 mission partners.

For nearly five decades, this church has refused to keep its faith contained within its walls. Instead, we have lived it—in kitchens and classrooms, shelters and food pantries, prayer circles and packing lines. Time and again, we have witnessed what happens when ordinary people offer their time, gifts, and compassion to God: He multiplies them in ways we could never imagine.

The same Spirit who stirred hearts nearly fifty years ago is still moving today. The needs around us remain real. Hunger persists. Families struggle. Communities, both near and far, continue to seek stability, dignity, and hope. **And we are still called.**

Our history reminds us that meaningful impact is rarely built in a moment, but through steady faithfulness over time. Each hour served, each meal prepared, and each dollar given becomes part of a larger story God is writing through His people.

As we celebrate what God has done, we also look ahead with courage and expectation. What might God do in the **next fifty years** if we continue to say yes and continue to serve boldly, give generously, and love faithfully?

Together, we move forward and we are confident that the best chapters of Good Shepherd's story are still to come.

Jeannine Allen



50 Years of Worship

The past year has been an integral year of spiritual growth and resilience within worship. As Christ-followers, we are called to worship in spirit and truth, no matter the setting, which includes an Activity Center and a Sanctuary in the midst of renovation. Our reverence and celebration of God is not limited to when things are all nice and neat and put together. God meets us in the wild, empowers us by the Spirit, and sends us into the world to be agents of peace.

I personally know of many individuals and families who have chosen to lean into God during very difficult personal times over the past year. And God meets us there, in our brokenness, doubts, as well as on the mountaintops. Our worship is costly, and it should be. God gave us Jesus; how could we possibly out-give that?

With our time in worship as a community, we are each being formed by the liturgy, teaching, prayers, songs, and the Sacraments. I love how Good Shepherd leans into these honored practices and traditions within the Church, and we join our voices and lives with the saints that have gone before.

I'm honored to be a part of this worshipping community that seems to roll with the changes, even though change is certainly stretching us. The very presence of the resurrected Jesus is in our midst, and I'm confident that, because of the goodness of God, the best is still ahead for Good Shepherd. In Jesus' name!

Let's go friends!
Ryan Hammer



53

new members joined
Good Shepherd
in 2025

72

people participated in
"Good Shepherd in 5"
in 2025

228

volunteers gave 612
hours of service and
hospitality at the
Last Fling

600+

people joined us for our
service at the Last Fling



2,400+

meals served to neighbors
experiencing homelessness at
Hesed House

297

children at Cherish Watoto
Kenya received education
through the support of
17 teachers

10M

meals packed since 2012,
providing 27,397 children
with daily meals for an entire
year through Feed the Need

637

children gained access to clean
water through Team World Vision

739k

views on our social media platforms

50 Years of Care

Caring for one another is a significant role we live out as the body of Christ. Scripture tells us that God is *“the Father of compassion and the God of all comfort, who comforts us in our troubles, so that we can comfort those in any trouble with the comfort we ourselves receive from God”* (2 Corinthians 1:3-4). At Good Shepherd, I am in awe of how we comfort and come alongside one another in our adult ministries when we go through life’s ups and downs.

This past year, we provided over 100 meals to 16 families who needed meal support as they navigated recovery, uncertainties, and change. We extended grief support to over 50 people through weekly grief groups, seminars, and resources. We helped 20 people going through the pain of divorce find hope and healing in Jesus. We launched a new Dementia Support group that meets monthly for the purpose of education, care, and connection. Our homebound congregants receive monthly visits to provide prayer, friendship, and communion. We make spaces for widows and widowers to find their way forward, our prayer team has prayed over hundreds of prayer requests, and we have raised awareness for mental health.

These aren't just programs. They are spaces of compassion and love created for those in need.

These are the spaces where faithful servants and leaders are willing vessels to help, build relationships, and comfort others when it's needed.

Grateful for all of you!

Blessings,
Pastor Pamela



50 Years of God at Work

My first experience with Good Shepherd was a VBS several years ago, before my family and I worshipped at Good Shepherd. From that first VBS to today, we've experienced quite a lot of change together, and I've seen how God's grace has built a foundation of faith in this community that will never change.

One of my favorite experiences over the past year was Last Fling. You, the Good Shepherd family, showed up in such an unbelievable way for that event. You served with the Naperville Jaycee's, you joined the over 650 people in attendance for our worship service and so many of you took part in the Labor Day Parade, which might have been the most fun I had all year with Good Shepherd.

In the middle of all the changes, the faithfulness of this community has continued to blow me, and our entire staff and council, away.

The people that make Good Shepherd such a wonderful community are not satisfied with just showing up on a Sunday in worship, they want to deepen their faith through a class or a group like the Theology Cohorts.

Those who call this place home don't keep their faith to themselves, they are sent to serve and give hours upon hours of their time and resources to our 26 mission partners.

We are celebrating 50 years as a community of faith (our official anniversary is December 21, 2026) and I'm so proud to be a part of Good Shepherd.

Here's to the next 50 years!
Ross Cochran



Budget

In this year's financial recap, you'll see a tremendous jump in revenue (offering) due to the overwhelmingly positive response and support of our Forward Generosity Initiative. I've been so grateful for this community's ability to adapt during the inconveniences of this season of renovation, and it's clear that we are unified about what God has next for us as a church community.

Thanks to your giving, we're not only able to complete this building project, but we've also paid off the smaller of two loans and completed some much needed facility maintenance. We get to look ahead expectantly to what God has for us, thanks to your generosity!

In the FY26-27 Spending Plan, I continue to celebrate the following:

- We have a financially stable budget as we move into our next fiscal year.
- We have unified support from our Council, who discerned the need to set aside healthy reserves for our church's future.
- 1310 Shepherd Drive has just never looked better! The vitality of our community is now better reflected in our building, and I couldn't be more excited!

Thank you for joining with us in what God has for this community. If you still feel like you're on the "outside looking in" to Good Shepherd, please take a step toward a deeper connection today. Join a Life Group, be a part of a serve team, or make a financial commitment. There are exciting things happening at Good Shepherd, and we want you to be a part of them!

Operations Executive Director
Tom Anderson



2026-2027 PROPOSED ONE FUND SPENDING PLAN	2024-2025 ACTUAL	2025-2026 BUDGET	2025-2026 FORECAST	2026-2027 BUDGET
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OPERATING REVENUE

Offering	\$4,915,739	\$3,870,654	\$4,787,470	\$4,200,000
Other	\$48,953	\$35,639	\$72,561	\$67,800
Revenue Total:	\$4,964,692	\$3,906,293	\$4,860,031	\$4,267,800
Benevolence (10% of Total Revenue)	\$(559,176)	\$(312,758)	\$(563,874)	\$(426,780)

OPERATING EXPENSE

Contracted Services	\$(106,947)	\$(113,604)	\$(114,324)	\$(104,400)
Mortgage Interest	\$(76,975)	\$(68,486)	\$(60,583)	\$(214,781)
Communications	\$(9,961)	\$(9,710)	\$(11,221)	\$(17,828)
Property	\$(333,958)	\$(329,435)	\$(342,647)	\$(356,102)
Administration	\$(64,694)	\$(86,200)	\$(85,075)	\$(86,672)
Other	\$(24,685)	\$(33,648)	\$(55,624)	\$(50,600)
Expense Total:	\$(617,220)	\$(641,083)	\$(669,474)	\$(830,383)

Net Operating:	\$3,788,296	\$2,952,452	\$3,626,683	\$3,010,637
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Salaries & Benefits	\$(2,155,854)	\$(2,404,244)	\$(2,322,505)	\$(2,704,524)
Salaries % of Offering	43.9%	62.1%	48.5%	64.4%

Cash Flow Before Ministries:	\$1,632,442	\$548,208	\$1,304,178	\$306,113
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MINISTRIES

Missions	Revenue:	\$241,986	\$206,610	\$154,218	\$203,000
	Expenses:	\$(239,466)	\$(212,606)	\$(140,476)	\$(210,000)
	<i>Net:</i>	\$2,520	\$(5,996)	\$13,742	\$(7,000)
Café	Revenue:	\$12,423	\$14,160	\$17,543	\$31,080
	Expenses:	\$(11,693)	\$(13,498)	\$(13,820)	\$(17,368)
	<i>Net:</i>	\$730	\$662	\$3,723	\$13,712
Preschool	Revenue:	\$719,776	\$675,244	\$692,227	\$691,191
	Expenses:	\$(559,218)	\$(600,712)	\$(567,667)	\$(613,990)
	<i>Net:</i>	\$160,558	\$74,532	\$124,560	\$77,201
Children	Revenue:	\$29,620	\$38,460	\$33,551	\$38,900
	Expenses:	\$(29,541)	\$(54,149)	\$(48,088)	\$(54,535)
	<i>Net:</i>	\$79	\$(15,689)	\$(14,537)	\$(15,635)

		2024-2025 ACTUAL	2025-2026 BUDGET	2025-2026 FORECAST	2026-2027 BUDGET
Students	Revenue:	\$64,825	\$67,625	\$71,457	\$73,270
	Expenses:	\$(71,013)	\$(81,850)	\$(84,729)	\$(83,250)
	Net:	\$(6,188)	\$(14,225)	\$(13,272)	\$(9,980)
Disability	Revenue:	-	-	-	-
	Expenses:	\$(5,386)	\$(7,558)	\$(9,133)	\$(9,318)
	Net:	\$(5,386)	\$(7,558)	\$(9,133)	\$(9,318)
Adult	Revenue:	\$11,919	\$13,700	\$10,447	\$18,700
	Expenses:	\$(22,691)	\$(34,686)	\$(25,276)	\$(40,492)
	Net:	\$(10,772)	\$(20,986)	\$(14,829)	\$(21,792)
Outreach	Revenue:	-	-	-	-
	Expenses:	\$(6,423)	\$(6,225)	\$(6,215)	\$(15,305)
	Net:	\$(6,423)	\$(6,225)	\$(6,215)	\$(15,305)
Worship	Revenue:	\$2,537	\$1,200	\$1,010	\$950
	Expenses:	\$(35,294)	\$(34,615)	\$(43,098)	\$(34,940)
	Net:	\$(32,757)	\$(33,415)	\$(42,088)	\$(33,990)
Congregational Care	Revenue:	\$2,485	\$870	\$820	\$800
	Expenses:	\$(4,867)	\$(5,071)	\$(4,473)	\$(5,220)
	Net:	\$(2,382)	\$(4,201)	\$(3,653)	\$(4,420)
Fellowship	Revenue:	\$33,458	\$35,000	\$32,150	\$34,325
	Expenses:	\$(47,289)	\$(43,000)	\$(40,750)	\$(42,479)
	Net:	\$(13,831)	\$(8,000)	\$(8,600)	\$(8,154)
Ministries Total	Revenue:	\$1,119,029	\$1,052,869	\$1,013,423	\$1,092,216
	Expenses:	\$(1,032,881)	\$(1,096,370)	\$(983,725)	\$(1,126,897)
	Net:	\$86,148	\$(43,501)	\$29,698	\$(34,681)
Loan Principal		\$(229,973)	\$(238,460)	\$(527,183)	\$(267,475)
New Loan Principal & Interest		-	\$(138,000)	\$(24,712)	\$(500,000)
Transfer to Capital Reserve / Restricted Account		\$(1,152,090)	\$(108,247)	\$(443,064)	-
One-time Expenses		\$(105,862)	\$(20,000)	-	-
Transfer from Capital Reserve / Restricted Account		\$105,862	-	-	\$1,130,000
FORWARD Initiative Expenses		\$(336,528)	-	\$(338,917)	\$(630,000)
TOTAL CASH FLOW:		-	-	-	\$3,957



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