

For Generations to Come... **GO!**



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Matthew 28:19–20 is the Great Commission of Jesus to His Church, us. Our shorthand for that Great Commission is *Sharing Christ, Changing Lives!*

We've lived by that mission statement since we built the addition in 2005, but the Great Commission has always been the power behind what the church does.

In our desire to fulfill the Great Commission, we see some wonderful opportunities ahead of us. To enable us to take on those opportunities, we have to confront the challenge of resources. To help us accomplish these goals, we have hired the Lutheran Church Extension Fund (LCEF) as our consultant.

Our Mission

In prayer, we have a heart for the hungry and the homeless. In action, we have helped both. LCEF asks congregations who carry out campaigns to use some of the resources raised to help others. We saw this as an opportunity for our church.

Our leadership team has talked for years about



finding a project that is big enough for all of us to participate.

We've had preliminary discussions with Habitat for Humanity of Ontario County. We would be a major supporter, which would give us some perks



in the house build. We are partners with Family Promise, an organization that helps homeless families to get stabilized. Habitat is willing to consider a Family Promise family for the house we would help build.

Pastor Office Expansion


Although Pastor Bode has declined our call, we know that God has a pastor in mind for us. Our Call Committee is returning to that search. We want to be properly staffed to provide ministry

both within our congregation and into our community. When our next pastor arrives, he will find a congregation energized and engaged in the ministry to which God has called us.

Sanctuary Renovation and Plant Updating

Updating our sanctuary, installing new flooring, and other improvements help convey our respect for God. That's really important. We want our house of worship to be a warm and welcoming place, reflecting what God has done for us. Our hope is that the sixty percent of people in our community who don't know Jesus will find that warmth and welcoming here, as well. This building has been used by many generations. **FOR GENERATIONS TO COME....**, this work will help us welcome new generations.

Jesus gave the command Go! Make disciples **FOR GENERATIONS TO COME!** We know the joy of discipleship. Now is the time to make disciples. At the same time, we don't want to lose sight of disciple-making **FOR GERNERATIONS TO COME....** Now is the time to live "a life worthy of the calling" that Jesus Christ has given us! (Ephesians 4:1) Let's get GOing!

I invite and urge you to join me in *Sharing Christ, Changing Lives!* in the next chapter of Good Shepherd. We want to continue welcoming new disciples **FOR GERNERATIONS TO COME...** in obedience to the command of our Lord  GO! We do this to the Glory of God and our joy and delight!

*Peace in the Lord,
Pastor Don*



Pastor Don Muller



Gayle Hendershot

Dear Friends in Christ,
I have been a member of Good Shepherd since 1963,
before we had a building.

We would go to the Cooperative Extension building on Main Street on Saturday evening to set up chairs for our service on Sunday morning. After the service, we would reverse the process and put the chairs away. Imagine our excitement when we broke ground for our building on Pearl Street! My father, Charles Yarger, was the chairman of the building committee and my family was integrally involved in the construction effort. I come from a family of six children, and my parents made sure we received instruction and were confirmed into membership. Over the years we cleaned the church, my father mowed the lawn with his own mower, my mother was a member of the Ladies Guild, and my father was an Elder. When our congregation outgrew the original building, my husband Don and I spent many hours working alongside our church family and the Laborers for

Christ, who led us in the construction effort. How exciting it was to be part of that! I will never forget having a hand in raising God's House on and I have both served as Elders, and our boys were baptized and then confirmed at Good Shepherd. We raised our family in Newark (where there is a Lutheran Church), but we chose to be members of Good Shepherd here in Canandaigua. I am excited to be part of the Leadership Team for our current Ministry Campaign. I hope you, too, will be excited to move into a new chapter in our congregation's story: to expand our ministry, preserve and repair our building, and continue to provide the opportunity to worship and become disciples of Jesus. This is not just for us; it is for future generations. With God's help, we can do great things. **For Generations To Come...GO!**

In His Love,
Gayle Hendershot, Inform Director



Campaign Leadership Commissioning Ceremony
August 14 and 15, 2021

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Why do butterflies symbolize our current campaign?

Butterflies are a symbol of transformation as God changes the lowly caterpillar into a beautiful, ethereal butterfly. God is transforming each of us and He's transforming our church to break free from our cocoon and reach out into our community. A butterfly lives for the next generation. We believe that God is calling us to **GO** out and care for people in Jesus' name so that the next generation will know and worship Him. 


In what sorts of activities will the children participate related to the butterfly theme?

The children will be making things like butterfly cookies and jewelry to sell at our Butterfly Shop at church. All the proceeds will be donated to the campaign. They will also make some butterflies that will multiply as the campaign progresses!

What do you think participating in the campaign will mean to the children?

It is our hope that the children will learn about how God transforms us and how the things we do can change the lives of other people.

How do you think children's participation in the campaign will impact adults in the congregation?

As butterflies appear in various forms, we hope that the adults will catch our joy! 

Interview with Reilly Figenschler (Youth and Children's Emphasis Director) and Roxann Muller (Preschool Director)



Reilly Figenschler



Roxann Muller





GO!

“Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age.”

Matthew 28:19-20 NIV

Father,

We see how much you have accomplished in the few short years of this congregation. Go before us Father, to lead the way and use each one of us to do Your Will. With Your help and guidance, we will go forth and make new disciples for generations to come.

Lead us now, Father! We will GO!

*In Your Son's Name, we pray.
Amen*

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Important Events

October 9 and 10

- Forums for information and questions:
 - October 9 after 5:30 PM service. Refreshments provided.
 - October 10 after 8:00 and 11:00 AM services. Refreshments provided.

October 9

- Community Pray Around—more details to come!

October 13

- Additional Forum for information and questions at church at 7:00 PM. Refreshments provided.

Every Weekend in October

- Children's Events: There are lots of exciting children's activities and events to come in the month of October, including a butterfly puppet parade and a butterfly store where you can purchase items like jewelry and cookies.

November 20 and 21

- Commitment Weekend and Celebration.

December 18 and 19

- Commitment Dedication and First Gifts.



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