

CANDIDATES FOR GSLC CHURCH COUNCIL

SAMANTHA LACHENMEIER



Hello! My name is Samantha Lachenmeier. Through baptism, I became a member of Good Shepherd and have since been confirmed in my faith and have continued to be an active member in this church.

From musical contributions to service opportunities and to my most recent involvement with Good Shepherd's Community Engagement Committee, I strive to share the Shepherd's love and serve others. Good Shepherd Lutheran Church is a pivotal part of my life and my faith journey which has led me to want to be involved in more ways in the church. That is why I am seeking to be a part of the Church Council.



MATALYN LUND



Matalyn Lund is from Bismarck, North Dakota and is currently a 4th grade teacher at Lincoln Elementary School in Lincoln, North Dakota and coaches soccer for Simle Middle School. She is a 2015 Bismarck High

School graduate, a 2017 Bismarck State College graduate and a 2020 Minnesota State University Moorhead graduate. While in high school Matalyn was an active member of Good Shepherd's youth group having participated in numerous volunteer opportunities and wilderness excursions, two international mission trips to El Salvador and three National Youth Gatherings - two as a participant and one as a chaperone. If she wasn't on a trip, one could often find her 'living' at the youth room on Monday and Wednesday nights doing homework, watching movies and building community with her peers through their devotional discussions. Her involvement with Good Shepherd introduced her to Camp of the Cross Ministries where she was a summer camp counselor from 2016-2018.

DEANA WIESE



Deana Wiese and her husband, Russ, have called Good Shepherd Lutheran Church their church home for more than 15 years. Both of their sons, Bridger (12) and Brodie (8), were baptized at Good Shepherd and have partic-

ipated in youth programs over the years. Deana has taught church school and regularly serves as a confirmation table leader. She looks forward to the opportunity to further serve the Good Shepherd community that has contributed so much to her family's faith growth journey.

In addition to being a wife and mother, Deana is the CEO of Clearwater Communications, an association management firm in Bismarck, and she and Russ also have a rental property business. She has served on numerous boards in the community including the Missouri Valley YMCA and International Association of Business Communicators Great Plains Chapter. She is also a graduate of the Bismarck-Mandan Leadership Program and has been recognized through Prairie Business's 40 Under 40 and Bismarck Tribune's 40 Under 40. In her spare time, Deana enjoys spending time with family and friends doing anything outdoors, traveling or volunteering.

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CANDIDATES FOR GSLC ENDOWMENT COUNCIL

JENNIFER MCGREGOR



Good Shepherd member for 20 years, husband Stephen, daughter Megan, has worked for Medcenter/Sanford for 20 years,

1 Golden Retriever named Ellie, likes outdoors and working out.



VANESSA MARTELL

Vanessa Martell has been a Financial Advisor with Edward Jones since 2014. She first opened her branch office in Thief River Falls, Minnesota and relocated to Mandan in 2018. She currently serves as the Women's Inclusion Leader and is on the Growth Team for Edward Jones. Vanessa is married to Kaine Martell and has four children.

Prior to Edward Jones, Vanessa was an Instructor of Music at Northland College in Thief River Falls and East Grand Forks for 15 years. In that capacity, she taught music lecture courses and well as directed the NCTC Chamber Choir and numerous musicals through her tenure at Northland College. Vanessa also served as the Assistant Director of UND Varsity Bards Choir. Vanessa has been selected a guest conductor for many Honor choirs throughout Northern Minnesota.

Vanessa received her Undergraduate degree from Northeastern Illinois in Vocal Performance and her Masters in Choir Conducting from University of North Dakota. Vanessa and her family are members of Good Shepherd. Vanessa occasionally helps in music ministry for our church and also serves on the Endowment committee. She also volunteers at Touchmark as their choir director for the "Touchmark Tempos."

Vanessa believes that everyone has a voice and that singing feeds the soul!



SUSAN HOEFS

Felt a calling to become a member of the Horizon Worship Team when it began. I love being part of a team. Have been with the team since it started, 17+ years. Was a Foster Parent for 12 years. During my time working full time in supply for 20 years, managing budget unit received for supplies on a quarterly basis. Received a Security Clearance during this time. I know and understand about confidentiality. Retired from the National Guard and am a Desert Storm Veteran. Enjoy playing card and board games. Always willing to learn new and adventurous things.



HEIDI WAHL-MCDONALD

My name is Heidi Wahl-McDonald and I have been a member of Good Shepherd Lutheran Church for 22 years. I am married to my husband Greg and have 2 children Faith and Tyler. Faith is a junior at UND in Grand Forks and Tyler is a sophomore at Bismarck High School. While at Good Shepherd I have been involved in many different groups and activities such as Sunday School teacher, Youth Group event lender, Angel Tree Lead, Finance Committee member, and Endowment Committee member. I also serve communion, read, and usher at services when needed. I am a Mortgage Manager at a local bank for 22 years and in my spare time enjoy Bison football, exercising, and spending time with family and friends. I wanted to serve another term on the Endowment Committee as I enjoy reviewing the grants and helping promote the Endowment Fund to all members of our congregation.



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