

Church of the Good Shepherd

Annual Parish Meeting Agenda

January 11, 2026

- 1) Opening prayer - 2 minutes
- 2) Introduction: Rev. Kooperkamp - 3 minutes
- 3) First Bible Study: Matthew 4: 18 - 22 - 15 minutes
- 4) Discussion time: Discipleship - 25 minutes
 - What does being a disciple mean to you?
 - How do you follow Jesus as a disciple?
 - How can our community as a congregation help you as a disciple?
- 5) Leadership - 15 minutes
 - Vestry
 - Diocesan convention delegates
- 6) Resources - 15 minutes
 - Stewardship report
 - 2026 Budget
- 7) Reflections, questions, comments - 20 minutes
- 8) Second Bible Study: Matthew 28: 16 - 20 - 15 minutes
- 9) Closing prayer - 2 minutes

We are gathered by God through Jesus Christ to witness to the presence of God in our lives, to teach and to learn the Good News of Jesus Christ and to care for others in and outside of this church.

First Bible Study: Matthew 4: 18 - 22 and Discussion time

- Have someone read the passage:

Jesus Calls the First Disciples

18 As he walked by the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon, who is called Peter, and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the lake—for they were fishermen. 19 And he said to them, ‘Follow me, and I will make you fish for people.’ 20 Immediately they left their nets and followed him. 21 As he went from there, he saw two other brothers, James son of Zebedee and his brother John, in the boat with their father Zebedee, mending their nets, and he called them. 22 Immediately they left the boat and their father, and followed him.

- Go around the table, ask each person to say a word or phrase that stood out to them.
- Have someone read the passage again (slightly different translation):

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- Go around the table again, ask each person to say how God is calling them today.
- Invite the whole table to move into a discussion about what does being a disciple mean to them.
- After 10 minutes or so, move on and invite all to discuss more specifically how do they follow Jesus as a disciple.
- After another 5 minutes or so, move the discussion to the question of how our congregation can help them in particular and others in being disciples.

Second Bible Study: Matthew 28: 16 - 20

- Have someone read the passage:

The Commissioning of the Disciples

16 Now the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had directed them. 17 When they saw him, they worshipped him; but some doubted. 18 And Jesus came and said to them, 'All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. 19 Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, 20 and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age.'

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