

CHURCH COUNCIL DISCERNMENT for the 2020/2021 Fiscal Year

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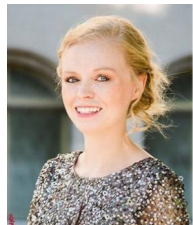
David Campbell

Greetings! My name is David Campbell and I am honored to be a candidate for Church Council. Nearly 10 years ago, my wife, Jill, and I were searching for a church that we could call home together. After nearly a year of visiting countless churches, we were led to Good Shepherd. Jill and I were instantly drawn to the Good Shepherd community as we saw a church that is intentional about reaching new members of all generations to help transform their faith. As our family has grown with the birth of our two children, Jill and I continue to love and appreciate the Good Shepherd community that recognizes we are all spiritually distracted people in need of a Savior.

Throughout my life, I have been fortunate to always be surrounded by faithful believers who have helped to support my spiritual growth. My faith journey began as a child as I grew up in a strong Christian home with a family that loved and worshipped God. I accepted Christ at a very young age and followed the example that my parents demonstrated. My faith became much more personal during my time at Indiana Wesleyan University as I had faculty, mentors, and friends who helped me to grow deeper in my faith. As an adult, I look for God's guidance daily in being the spiritual leader for my wife and children as well as modeling God's love and grace with those I encounter each day.

My faith journey has brought me to a point where I seek to listen to what God is calling me to do so that I can faithfully follow His plan. During my time at Good Shepherd, I have served in the Children's Ministry and the Welcome Team. I have also been involved in the Small Group Ministry as a participant, leader, and mentor. Most recently, I had the privilege of serving on Pastor Mark's Call Team.

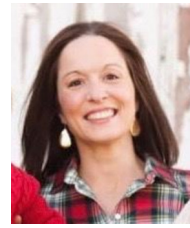
In the last few years, God has helped me to learn more about the importance of trusting His plan as I have taken leaps of faith in areas I felt He was leading me. For me, being a candidate for Church Council is about being open to however God would like to use me next. I am honored to be recommended for service on Council. If I am called by the members of our church, I am ready to faithfully serve.



Kaylene Eschbach

I grew up at Good Shepherd and consider this church my second home and family. My parents joined the church before I was born. I was baptized, got my first Bible, was confirmed, and had my first communion at Good Shepherd. I attended preschool, Sunday school, and went through Fuel & Ignite at this church. In 2016, my husband and I got married at here. As a young adult, I've learned to lean on

the Lord through a few years of big life changes such as graduation, marriage, my first teaching position, a spouse in medical school, and a handful of moves. Throughout the past few years, God has helped me deepen my understanding of His wisdom and His plan for my life and our marriage. I have learned to press into my faith and trust God's plan. My faith journey is a constant process of learning, growing, and re-aligning my life to follow God's call. Good Shepherd has had a tremendous impact on my life growing up and that continues today. Throughout my life I have had the opportunity to serve in a variety of ministries. In elementary, middle, and high school I served in the baptism banner ministry, was an usher, taught Sparks, and served my peers as a student leader in student ministries. After college, I resumed serving in Sparks and began serving on the Young Adult Ministry leadership team. My husband and I also lead the young adult marriage small group. I have experienced and witnessed the impact that Good Shepherd has had on our community and desire nothing more than to see Good Shepherd continue to transform lives and be a light to our community.



Lea Fortcamp

Our family became Good Shepherd members when we moved to Naperville over six years ago. In my professional life, I'm a high school English teacher, community college adjunct professor, and own a small copywriting and web marketing business. My husband Mark and I live nearby with our two children, both of whom attend Welch Elementary School in District 204. (Our daughter, Zoe, also spent three years at GSLP, finishing her time in preschool earlier this spring.)

Our choice to join Good Shepherd was a thoughtful one, informed by my faith journey and by the kind of church community that I knew my young family needed. Following my parents' divorce when I was young, my mother was the driving force in my church life. I was conscious even then that she no longer felt like a full member of our church community as a result of her divorce and subsequent remarriage. My witnessing her sit, unable to receive communion, while I went to the altar is one of my clearest and earliest church memories. I've never wavered in my knowledge of who put me here and in whose image I'm meant to live, but it took time to find a church home that makes ALL feel welcome and included enough to know that same truth.

In Good Shepherd, we found a church home where all are included, where opportunities for engagement are plentiful and varied, and where an earnest effort is made to prevent anyone from feeling left out. The simple fact that traditional and contemporary worship exist so happily under one roof is a great example. Rather than accepting that some members will fall away as the church "moves forward," all are heard, valued, and given the opportunity to receive the word in a setting that nurtures their relationships with God.

It's clear, too, that children are valuable members of our church family. Our children, Henry (8) and Zoe (5), see constant examples at Good Shepherd of older children and adults who find joy in serving. Zoe's GSLP teachers, their Sparks and VBS leaders, and many other church helpers provide beautiful examples of what a servant's heart looks like. While understanding Bible stories and the lessons they teach is important, the example we provide by loving each other and supporting one another in faith is, to me, the most effective kind of evangelism.

During Zoe's time at GSLP, I've supported the preschool in various ways, including data entry/online ordering for manna gift cards. Through our neighborhood swim team, on which I serve as Parent Board President, my son and I have volunteered regularly at Feed My Starving Children. Zoe and I also volunteered weekly, for two years, in World Relief Aurora-DuPage's preschool program. This program serves the children of recent immigrants and refugees, enabling their parents to attend ESL classes and more readily integrate into their new communities. As part of a volunteer team, I also helped organize a Q&A session on local refugee issues with World Relief leadership here at Good Shepherd.

I want my children to understand faith as something that's deeply personal and rooted in action. While I'm always happy to talk about my faith, I am, by nature and upbringing, unlikely to shout it from the rooftops. I'm drawn closer to God by carefully watching those who act in ways that glorify Him: serving those in need, raising their children to know Him, and giving generously of their gifts. This, I think, is where I am on my faith journey: seeking and finding evidence of Jesus' hand in my life and praying, teaching, and loving those around me as I work to know Him better.

I joked recently that while some worship as though they're signaling a touchdown--two hands toward the sky--I'm more inclined to worship like I'm riding a roller coaster--gripping the seatback in front of me. It's who I am, how I was raised, and how I'm most comfortable. It's not, though, an indicator of the depth of my faith. God has called me to Church Council so that I can help others know that they needn't have been raised in a particular tradition to find a place at Good Shepherd or to know God. There isn't one "right" way to feel His presence. Passion for the Lord can be loud and extroverted, but it

can also be quiet and introspective—even questioning. If we are to help as many people form personal relationships with God as we can, they must know that however they come, they are valued. I want others to feel, as I have, that once they come in, they're part of our community—no matter which road brought them to the door.



Jackie Froschauer

Along with my husband and three children (ages 17, 14, and 10), I have been a member of Good Shepherd since 1998. For over 20 years, I have primarily served at Good Shepherd through High School and Children Ministries. My husband and I also served on the Beyond Vision leadership team and initial launch of small group ministry with Pastor PJ (2013-2014). While my family lived in London, England (2014 – 2017), we supported Young Life International by serving on the parent committee. I am passionate about learning and growing in Christ and as such, participated in Growth Groups for 6 years, before that Community Bible Study (CBS) and now for over 10 years, I have been part of a small group where we encourage, support and grow in faith together.

Prior to joining Good Shepherd, I was a member of a small Lutheran church in central Illinois, where I was baptized and confirmed. Growing up, I felt closest to God through singing songs of praise, reading the Bible and talking to God. I loved going to youth group and serving in the nursery on Sundays. When my husband and I moved to Chicago area after college, we wanted God and church to be a big part of our lives and God led us to Good Shepherd. We were married at Good Shepherd in May 1999 and I attended CRHP in the fall. CRHP was a spiritual awakening for me. From that point, I was changed; living a life more for Christ. Although I have always felt the presence of God, I am also a very analytical and curious person. I recall sitting in the sanctuary after one Easter and thinking "did Jesus really raise from the dead?"; it sounded crazy to me. I then read several books to more deeply understand the facts and life of Jesus; reading books such as the Case for Christ. I was then able to align my heart and mind that Jesus was indeed risen from the dead and able to share that with others. As I became older, I felt closest to God by serving others. While my husband and I served in high school ministry, we did Group Workcamp. I had never experienced anything like Workcamp; the love and joy of caring for others was an amazing feeling and wonderful seeing so many kids transformed and hearts on fire for Christ – the experience felt like a glimpse of Heaven to me.

With over 20 years of professional experience as a finance leader for a multi-national company, I have a track record of leading and building teams through change and ambiguity, with a strong acumen to identify opportunities and synergies to effectively execute to drive revenue, growth and efficiency contributions. I identify as an authentic servant leader. I value building open and honest relationships, the input of others and acting with integrity. I am experienced in strategic planning and execution, managing change, people and culture, and financial operations.

I enjoy reading, traveling, exercising, watching my boys play sports and eating my daughter and husband's tasty cooking.

I resonate with the vision of Good Shepherd because it is action oriented and connects to the greatest commandment to love God and others. The vision not only applies to serving each other as a church but also the community. Good Shepherd is a special place for me and my family and if called, I would be honored to actively serve on Church Council. I feel I would bring a unique perspective through the various ways my family and I have served and how we have been beautifully blessed by Good Shepherd over the years. I feel God has called me to use my love for Him and others and my leadership experience for His purpose.

**Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind.
Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is—his good, pleasing and perfect will.**

Romans 12:2 (NIV)



Michael Mutrie

Hello, my name is Michael Mutrie. I was born and raised in Western New York, with my younger brother and parents who practiced a casual faith. Growing-up, my family did not have a consistent spiritual following and it was not until I met my wife that I began to hunger for a deeper relationship with God and Jesus.

I have lived in a few different states while pursuing a manufacturing operations career. I currently hold a General Manager position for a manufacturing company in Downers Grove which was the initial reason my wife, daughter, and I relocated from Southern California to the mid-west in 2013. My wife and I have been happily married since 2004 and we are blessed with a strong-minded teenager who keeps us young.

My hobbies include watching and playing sports, spending time with family and friends, and most recently studying God's Word. Our family became members of Good Shepherd in 2015 and we have participated in many of the GS programs.

We typically attend services in the Worship Center and we joyfully serve the GS church community. As part of my serving and discipleship at GS, I was led by God to attend CRHP 32 in 2017 and was honored when discerned as Lay Director for CRHP 33. I continue to be actively involved with the men I have met in the program. In 2019, I ran (and finished!) with Good Shepherd's Team World Vision group in the Chicago Marathon and raised funds for this great cause. I also serve routinely with Fusion (Buddy Break) with my daughter, Hospitality (parking), Marriage Ministry, small group, and the host/Communion team every 3rd Sunday in the Worship Center. Outside of church I have donated my time, talents, and treasures to programs such as Feed My Starving Children, Loaves and Fishes, and other worthwhile charities. I have been so blessed that God has given me the physical strength and longing to serve in so many capacities.

As with most people, my faith journey has been filled with blessings and challenges. We, too, have had to deal with difficult times over the past few years but most recently some of our prayers were answered. My family have been bestowed additional blessings that I know with conviction was God's will and plan. My family's 'Faith over Fear' mindset every day along with prayer, devotionals, and time in scripture strengthens our relationship with God. My faith journey still wanders and weaves but as a husband and father it has become a joyful responsibility to guide our family in God's light and keep us all on His path.

In my personal discerning process for the Church council, it was my alignment with Good Shepherd's vision that brought me into this process. Our focus to help "spiritually distracted" people of all ages is a welcoming value that is much needed in our world today. I love and support the fact that GS has multiple programs that assist and provide outlets to grow our spirituality. Even though we are a fairly large congregation, GS promotes and nourishes spiritual connections and relationships that support and advance each individual's faith journey. I also love the fact that GS loves kids of all ages and provides programs to help our younger generation begin/advance their faith journey.

I have done extensive praying individually and with my family to understand this calling. In my conversations with God, I continue to ask for God's guidance and growth in my discipleship and how to better-serve others, utilizing my leadership talents. I am hopeful that this serving opportunity is God's will and thus can help with God's visions for Good Shepherd Church Council to move into the future. Thank you for your consideration.



Beth Sack

Hi, my name is Beth Sack. I have been part of the Good Shepherd family for the last 8 years. I serve at Good Shepherd as part of the HOPE for Mental Health Ministry. I was asked to participate in this ministry from the beginning, due to my background as a therapist. I also represent Good Shepherd as a board member for SamaraCare Counseling for the past 3 years.

My faith journey truly began in my late 30's. I was looking for a change after being raised in another denomination. I began "church shopping" and found Good Shepherd. I had never been to such a powerful service. I admit I was a bit uncomfortable at first, it was so different from services I was used to. In my first year of attending Good Shepherd my mom died suddenly in a car accident on the way home from my house. Good Shepherd helped in my grief and guilt. I cried at every service for at least a year. The music and messages were so powerful, it was exactly what I needed. I also attended CRHP, and had an amazing weekend and met some women that I feel blessed to call sisters in Christ. These sisters supported me through a divorce and most recently a cancer diagnosis. God has been an integral part of my life since beginning at Good Shepherd.

I believe in the vision of Good Shepherd. It is stated simply, but encompasses so much. To reach and transform spiritually distracted people so we all love and serve God. I believe we all become spiritually distracted at different times in our life. Good Shepherd is there to partner with its members, to walk alongside them in their faith journey. My experience has been that it is done in a loving, caring, non-judgmental way.

Currently I feel strong in my faith journey. I feel connected to Good Shepherd through the services offered as well as the friendships I have developed. I love the work we do on the Mental Health Ministry and the SamaraCare Board but feel I am supposed to do something more. During CRHP 2.0, I prayed for some guidance and awareness of where I could best serve. A few weeks after the retreat I received a call regarding a possible nomination to the Church Council. I was asked to pray on it, which I did, but I already knew this was the answer to my prayers from CRHP 2.0. It is an honor to be considered and a little overwhelming but I feel that this is the next step in my faith journey. I would like to serve on our Church Council because I want to take part in the direction our church is headed. Thank you for considering me.



Patt Schiewitz

My wife Carol and I joined Good Shepherd in November 2015. Since joining, we have both worked in the Cornerstone Café; I serve as an usher, serve on the Missions Committee and am joining the Welcome Ministry Team. Carol serves on the Serve Team. Carol attends the Tuesday women's Bible study and I attend the Wednesday men's Bible study. We have two beautiful daughters, Kristin and Kimberly, and three delightful grandchildren, Brodie (4), Shea (2) and Miles (2 months).

Prior to joining Good Shepherd, Carol and I were members of a church in Lombard for 22 years. While there, I was Co-Chair of the Restructure Committee to sell church expansion land and restructure the Church's problem loan. Shortly thereafter, the Pastor asked the Co-Chairs to develop a "Vision Statement" for the church. After interviewing the 22 "small groups", we produced a "Vision Statement". Carol and I participated in a Small Group (which we continue to meet with after 27 years). Additionally, I served communion and was an usher. Prior to that church, I served as Council President for a year at a church in Dallas.

I was baptized and raised in Edna, Texas and Carol was baptized and raised in Lombard. Starting a family and raising children (what a blessing) were the start of my "faith" journey. My wife and I realized that we couldn't raise children by ourselves. Our Lord and Savior provided great comfort during our early years together. We could not have raised our children without the love and guidance of Jesus. My "faith journey" got a boost when I went on my first mission trip to Honduras with World Gospel Outreach. I feel that the Lord led me to WGO. Seeing our Lord Jesus Christ through the eyes of the children of Honduras and Belize is powerful.

Of all the churches that we have been a part of, Good Shepherd's "Vision" is most compelling. "Transforming spiritually distracted people" is what Jesus asks us to do as followers. I believe that a majority of people raised in a Christian society would be more devout followers if they were not so spiritually distracted. Although it may be uncomfortable at times, Jesus calls us to reach out to the "spiritually distracted" and bring them to Him.

My faith journey has become more enriched with every passing day. Quiet time with the Lord has become a regular part of my life. Attending the weekly men's Bible study (when in session) has also become a helpful addition to my life. My active membership as a Board Member of the World Gospel Outreach ministry and From the Heart ministry has become very uplifting.

After prayerful consideration, I felt the Lord calling me to become more actively involved in the two ministries previously mentioned. Although we felt comfortable at our last church, I felt that HE led us to Good Shepherd. In my prayers, He continually asks me, "What are you going to do next for the Kingdom"? I believe that I'm now being "called" to apply to be a member of the Good Shepherd Church Council.