

Staff Updates

Assistant Rector



I am Derek Larson and I'm incredibly excited to join the Good Shepherd community as Assistant Rector! For the last six months my family and I have been praying, "God, prepare a place for us and prepare us for a place," and now God is answering our prayer through your own words, "We have a place for you." What a powerful affirmation of the power of prayer! I am looking forward to getting to know you soon.

I come to you with my beloved wife, LauraAnn, and our 5 year old son, Bear. I have BA and MA degrees in theology and am graduating this month from the Seminary of the Southwest with a Master of Divinity. I've served for 10+ years in the areas of music ministry, youth ministry, and school chaplaincy. As a Franciscan tertiary, I am passionate about bridging prayer and action, working with the poor and oppressed, finding joy in the simplicity of everyday things, and most of all, about Jesus, our Good Shepherd. See you soon

Part-Time Technology Coordinator

Erik Pariseleti has accepted the position of Technology Coordinator for Good Shepherd. In this role, Erik will develop, train, and oversee a volunteer staff of operators for the audio and streaming of services and events at Good Shepherd. Erik has been integral to our delivery of online worship since the very first weekend we had to close the campus and pivot to recorded services. He has also guided our transition to livestream and, time and time again, has demonstrated his commitment to ensuring anyone with an internet connection can worship with us.



Erik and his wife, Michelle, and their grown children, have been parishioners at Good Shepherd since 2005. A real estate agent and music aficionado, his company — Erik Rocks Real Estate — has provided guidance to Good Shepherd in everything from property acquisition to event production and promotion. We are thrilled to have him on staff to apply creativity and coordination to our essential technology functions so that we may connect with people wherever they are.

Part-time Digital Media Assistant



Evelyn Seely has joined Good Shepherd as part-time Digital Media Assistant. In this role, Evi will be assisting with communications efforts in web, content creation, illustration, social media channel monitoring and posting, and email marketing. She holds a B.A. in Political Science from Florida International University and for the past few years has been living in Brooklyn, NY. She currently resides in Baltimore, Maryland, and will fulfill this role remotely.

If the name sounds familiar that's because you may already know her as Pete and Merike Seely's daughter. Evi has been part of the Good Shepherd family since she was 3 years old and has been through our Sunday School, Youth Group, Acolyte, and Confirmation programs. She has participated in annual mission trips and many special events over the years. Her artistic and design interests have led her to digital illustration, and she also takes on writing and editing projects. We look forward to the perspective, creativity, and much needed assistance she will bring to Good Shepherd as we strive to communicate our mission to be a beacon of faith, hope, and love to everyone, everywhere.