



Good Shepherd Lutheran Church • School • Preschool

Welcome

We ask all worshipers to help us by signing the *Friendship Register*, a maroon book at the end of the pew.

- If you need assistance of any kind, see an usher.
- Restrooms are located south of the main church lobby.
- Children's bulletins are available from the ushers.
- Audio versions of the service are available upon request.
- Please keep pews in the back of the church open for families with small children.
- Live video of the service is available in the room at the end of the hallway, where parents may calm a child and still hear and see the service.
- If you would like to know more about Good Shepherd, visit our website at www.gsdg.org.
- Believing that Holy Scripture teaches that Holy Communion is intended for those who are truly one in faith, this congregation practices close Communion. That is, we share the supper with those who have confessed their close oneness in faith with us by registering with one of our pastors before worship.

GOOD SHEPHERD'S MISSION STATEMENT

The Mission of Good Shepherd is to sustain each of our members in the faith by working together in harmony for the spiritual growth and health of the congregation and reaching out to bring the gospel of Christ to others.

Seeking the Lost, Feeding the Flock, Serving the Savior



The Baptism
Of Our Lord

FIRST SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

JANUARY 12TH AND 13TH, 2019

This morning's focus: During the Epiphany season we want to get to know Jesus. This Sunday we get to know him by baptism, both his and ours. The baptism of Christ as the inauguration of his ministry is the theme of the day. But as we remember Jesus' baptism we also focus on our own baptisms, by which we are connected to him and his saving work. This work was done on behalf of all people and has the Father's full approval and delight.

PERSONAL PRAYER UPON ENTERING GOD'S HOUSE

REMEMBRANCE OF BAPTISM

Father, Son, and Holy Spirit: in the water of baptism you forgave my sin and delivered me from death and the devil. You raised me to a new life in Christ and clothed me with his merit. Help me rejoice in your washing of salvation and live before you in righteousness and purity forever. Amen.

SERVING AT WORSHIP

PRESIDING PASTOR

ORGANIST

Jon Bergemann

Joan Richmond



The Anointed One!

1 Bap - tis - mal wa - ters cov - er me As
2 I look to Christ up - on the tree, His
3 Lord, may your wound - ed hand im - part Your

I ap - proach on bend - ed knee; My
bod - y bro - ken there for me; I
heal - ing to my bro - ken heart; Your

Fa - ther's mer - cy here I plead, For
lay be - fore him all my sin, My
love a - lone can form in me A

griev - ous sins of thought and deed.
dark - est se - crets from with - in.
heart that serves you joy - ful - ly.

The vital relationship between Holy Baptism and daily repentance and absolution is vividly described in this hymn.

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Tune: KATY (88 88) Kermit Moldenhauer, b. 1949 © 2005 Kermit Moldenhauer. All rights reserved. Used by permission.

A Litany of Confession and Absolution

Minister: The grace of our Lord ✠ Jesus Christ and the love of
God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you.

Congregation: And also with you.

M: Our Savior Jesus Christ commanded baptism when he said:
 “Go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the
 name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.”

All of us are born into this world with a deep need for baptism. From our parents we inherit a sinful nature; we are without true fear of God and true faith in God and are condemned to eternal death.

But Jesus took away our sin by giving his life on the cross. At our baptism he clothes us with the robe of his righteousness and gives us a new life. Our sinful nature need not control us any longer. We recall what baptism means for our daily lives as we speak these words:

C: Baptism means that the sinful nature in us should be drowned by daily sorrow and repentance, and that all its evil deeds and desires be put to death. It also means that a new person should daily arise to live before God in righteousness and purity forever.

M: As baptized children of God we confess our sins:

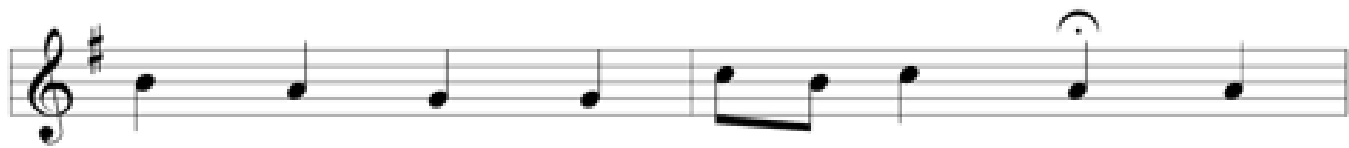
C: Holy and merciful Father, I confess that I am by nature sinful, and that I have disobeyed you in my thoughts, words, and actions. I have done what is evil and failed to do what is good. For this I deserve your punishment both now and in eternity. But I am truly sorry for my sins, and trusting in my Savior Jesus Christ, I pray: Lord, have mercy on me, a sinner.

M: God, our heavenly Father, has been merciful to us and has given his only Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

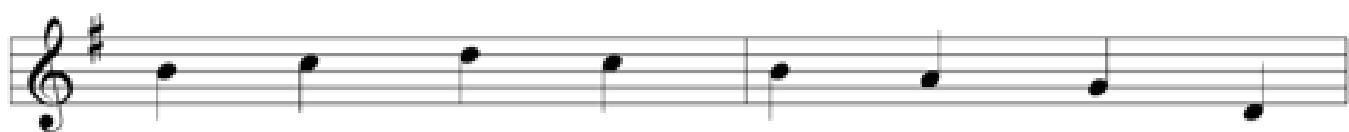
C: Amen.



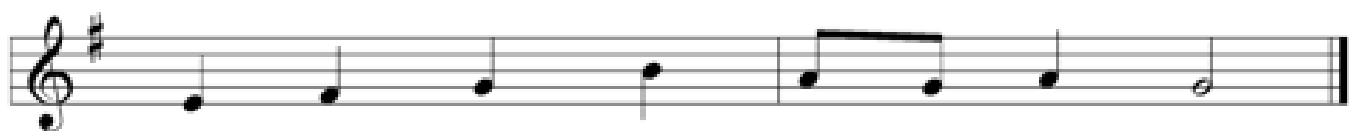
4 From your own mouth comes forth a word; Your
5 Bap - tis - mal wa - ters cov - er me; Christ's



Shep - herd speaks, but you are heard; Through
wound - ed hand has set me free. Held



him your hand now stretch - es out, For -
in my Fa - ther's strong em - brace, With



giv - ing sin, de - stroy - ing doubt.
joy I praise him for his grace.

We Listen

First Reading: Acts 16:25-34

²⁵ About midnight Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns to God, and the other prisoners were listening to them. ²⁶ Suddenly there was such a violent earthquake that the foundations of the prison were shaken. At once all the prison doors flew open, and everybody's chains came loose. ²⁷ The jailer woke up, and when he saw the prison doors open, he drew his sword and was about to kill himself because he thought the prisoners had escaped. ²⁸ But Paul shouted, "Don't harm yourself! We are all here!"

²⁹ The jailer called for lights, rushed in and fell trembling before Paul and Silas. ³⁰ He then brought them out and asked, "Sirs, what must I do to be saved?"

³¹ They replied, "Believe in the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved—you and your household." ³² Then they spoke the word of the Lord to him and to all the others in his house. ³³ At that hour of the night the jailer took them and washed their wounds; then immediately he and all his family were baptized. ³⁴ The jailer brought them into his house and set a meal before them; he was filled with joy because he had come to believe in God—he and his whole family.

Martin Luther's Explanation of Baptism, parts 1 and 2

The Institution of Baptism

M: What is Baptism?

C: Baptism is not just plain water, but it is water used by God's command and connected with God's Word.

M: Which is that Word of God?

C: Christ our Lord says in the last chapter of Matthew, "Go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit!"

The Blessings of Baptism

M: What does Baptism do for us?

C: Baptism works forgiveness of sin, delivers from death and the devil and gives eternal salvation to all who believe this, as the words and promises of God declare.

M: What is God's promise?

C: Christ our Lord says in the last chapter of Mark, "Whoever believes and is baptized will be saved, but whoever does not believe will be condemned."

Second Reading: Titus 3:4-7

⁴But when the kindness and love of God our Savior appeared, ⁵he saved us, not because of righteous things we had done, but because of his mercy. He saved us through the washing of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit, ⁶whom he poured out on us generously through Jesus Christ our Savior, ⁷so that, having been justified by his grace, we might become heirs having the hope of eternal life.

Children's Message



1 To Jor - dan’s riv - er came our Lord, The
2 The Sav - ior came to be bap - tized— The
3 As Je - sus in the Jor - dan stood And
4 Then from God’s throne with thun - d’rous sound Came
5 The Fa - ther’s word, the Spir - it’s flight A -



Christ, whom heav’n - ly hosts a - dored, The
Son of God in flesh dis - guised— To
John bap - tized the Lamb of God, The
God’s own voice with words pro - found: “This
noint - ed Christ in glo - rious sight As



God from God, the Light from Light, The
stand be - neath the Fa - ther’s will And
Ho - ly Spir - it, heav’n - ly dove, De -
is my Son,” was his de - cree, “The
God’s own choice, from A - dam’s fall To



Lord of glo - ry, pow’r, and might.
all his prom - is - es ful - fill.
scend - ed on him from a - bove.
one I love, who pleas - es me.”
save the world and free us all.

6 Now rise, faint hearts: be resolute!
This man in Christ, our substitute!
He was baptized in Jordan’s stream,
Proclaimed Redeemer, Lord supreme.

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Tune: WINCHESTER NEW (LM) *Musicalisch Hand-Buch der Geistlichen Melodien*, Hamburg, 1690, alt.

Sermon: Luke 3:15-17, 21, 22

¹⁵The people were waiting expectantly and were all wondering in their hearts if John might possibly be the Messiah. ¹⁶John answered them all, “I baptize you with water. But one who is more powerful than I will come, the straps of whose sandals I am not worthy to untie. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. ¹⁷His winnowing fork is in his hand to clear his threshing floor and to gather the wheat into his barn, but he will burn up the chaff with unquenchable fire.

²¹When all the people were being baptized, Jesus was baptized too. And as he was praying, heaven was opened ²²and the Holy Spirit descended on him in bodily form like a dove. And a voice came from heaven: “You are my Son, whom I love; with you I am well pleased.”

We Respond

Martin Luther’s Explanation of Baptism, parts 3 and 4

The Power of Baptism

M: How can water do such great things?

C: It is certainly not the water that does such things, but God’s Word which is in and with the water, and faith which trusts this Word used with the water.

For without God’s Word the water is just plain water and not Baptism. But with this Word it is Baptism. God’s Word makes it a washing through which God graciously forgives our sin and grants us rebirth and a new life through the Holy Spirit.

M: Where is this written?

C: St. Paul says in Titus, chapter 3, “God saved us through the washing of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit, whom he poured out on us generously through Jesus Christ our Savior, so that, having been justified by his grace, we might become heirs having the hope of eternal life. This is a trustworthy saying.”

The Meaning of Baptism for our Daily Life

M: What does baptizing with water mean?

C: It means that our Old Adam with his evil deeds and desires should be drowned by daily contrition and repentance, and die, and that day by day a new man should arise, as from the dead, to live in the presence of God in righteousness and purity now and forever.

M: Where is this written?

C: St. Paul says in Romans, chapter 6, “We were buried with Christ through baptism into death in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, we too may live a new life.”

Offering (If you are a guest in our church, please do not feel obligated to participate. We do not want you to think that God or our congregation is soliciting funds from you. You enrich us simply by being here.)

Prayer of the Church

Lord’s Prayer

**C: Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those
who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom
and the power and the glory
forever and ever. Amen.**

BLESSING

M: The Lord bless you and keep you.

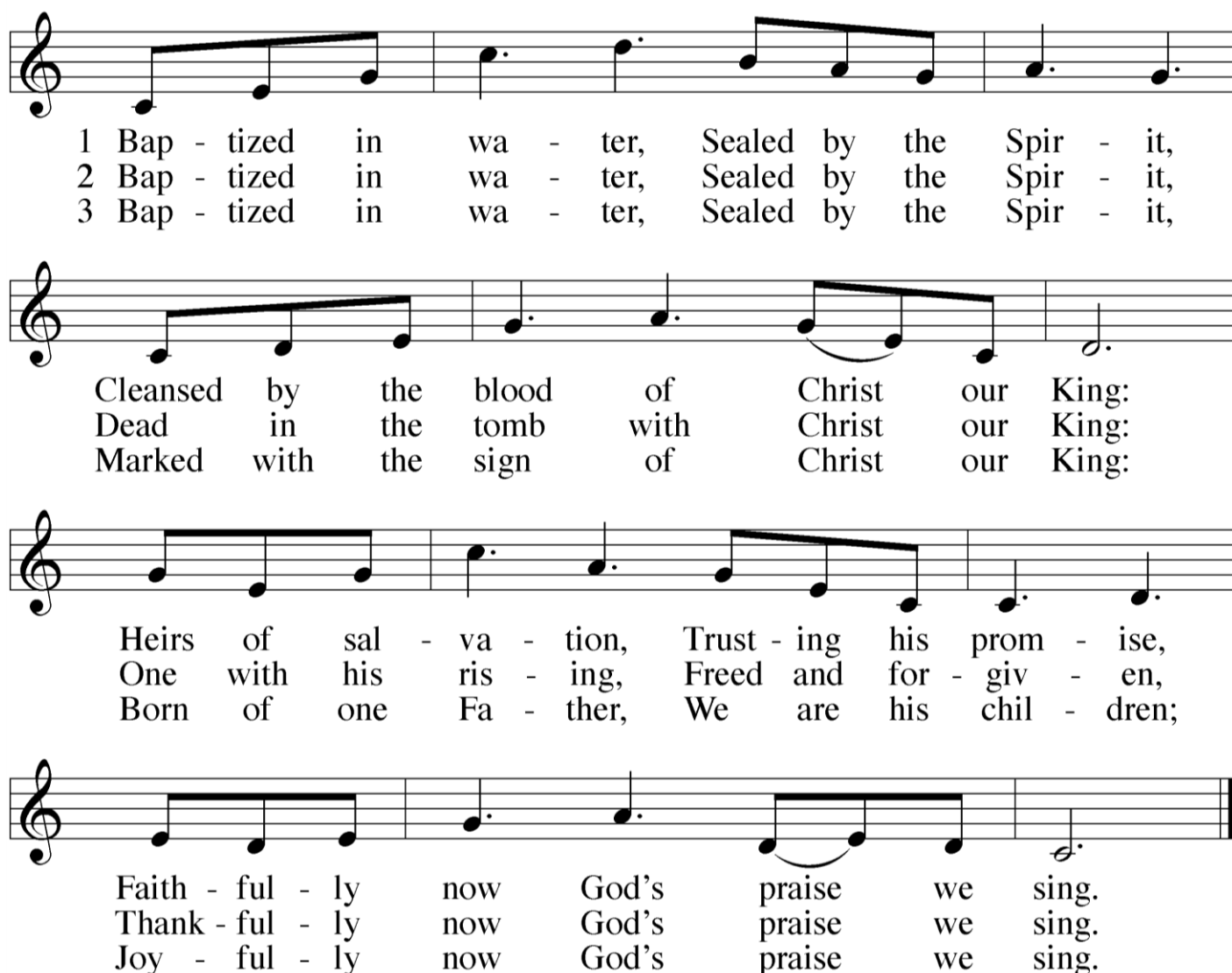
The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look on you with favor and (+) give you peace.

C: *(spoken)* Amen.

CLOSING HYMN

Baptized in Water | 297



1 Bap - tized in wa - ter, Sealed by the Spir - it,
2 Bap - tized in wa - ter, Sealed by the Spir - it,
3 Bap - tized in wa - ter, Sealed by the Spir - it,

Cleansed by the blood of Christ our King:
Dead in the tomb with Christ our King:
Marked with the sign of Christ our King:

Heirs of sal - va - tion, Trust - ing his prom - ise,
One with his ris - ing, Freed and for - giv - en,
Born of one Fa - ther, We are his chil - dren;

Faith - ful - ly now God's praise we sing.
Thank - ful - ly now God's praise we sing.
Joy - ful - ly now God's praise we sing.

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Tune: BUNESSAN (55 8 D) Gaelic melody, 19th century.

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SERVING THE LORD AND US

USHER/S

- 01/12 5:30 pm Ken Hull
- 01/13 8:00 am Andy Rush & Dave Bowen
- 10:30 am Chris Kreugel & Kenneth Jordan Jr
- 01/19 5:30 pm Dave Morgan
- 01/13 8:00 am Dan Schindler & Erik Schindler
- 10:30 am Scott Wolfrum & Joseph Abegg

Greeters

- 01/13 8:00 am Steve Danekas
- 10:30 am Karen Bassler
- 01/20 8:00 am Andy Rush
- 10:30 am Inge Wegner

Altar Care

- 01/19-20 Karen Bassler & Inge Wegner
- 02/02-03 Debbie O’Malley & Fran Piepenbrink

Coffee Schedule

- 01/13 Roxanne Zikis & Lindsey Daehnke
- 01/20 Pam Junkunc & Inge Wegner

Folding Schedule

- 01/13 Chris Hermann
- 01/20 Sherrie & Jay Norco

Communion Assistant Schedule

- 01/20 8:00 am Dave Rardin & Rick Brands
- 10:30 am Ken Jordan & Doug Semenske
- 02/03 8:00 am Todd Paradis & Dave Roekle
- 10:30 am John Roland & Ken Jordan

Live Stream Team

- Sun 8:00 am Kristen Reynolds & Bob Reichert
- 10:30 am Greg Busse

Caring and Sharing

"Let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds" (Hebrews 10:24)

What's New At Good Shepherd?

Christmas De-decorating

Saturday, January 12th at 10:00 am - please come to help take down the Christmas decorations and move them back into storage. Coffee and pastries will be provided. Many hands will help to make the process fast and easy.

Prayer Chain

Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God." (Phillipians 4:6)

Our Prayer Warriors would be happy to pray for your request. Your request can be submitted to Joyce Masa at jmasa22369@aol.com.

Interested in becoming a Prayer Warrior? Or are you a Prayer Warrior and not receiving prayer requests?

Contact: Joyce Masa, Prayer Chain Coordinator - [Jmasa22369@aol.com](mailto:jmasa22369@aol.com)

OWLS News

The OWLS had a successful year in 2018. Our outings included:

- Breakfast at Chuck's BBQ
- South Pacific at Drury Lane Theater
- Boat and bus tour at Starved Rock
- Kane County Cougars Game
- Summer Picnic
- Trip to Brookfield Zoo
- A Christmas Carol at Westchester Theater
- OWLS Christmas Party
- Big Band fundraiser at White Fence Farm

In addition we helped with various school and church projects during the year. Our next meeting is Sunday January 13 at noon. OWLS is open to all seniors age 55 and older. You do not have to be a member of Good Shepherd to join. Invite your friends and introduce them to part of your church family. If you cannot attend our monthly meetings, please feel free to join us for our outings. If you have question contact Doug Semenske. dougsemenske@ameritect.net or text to 708-899-9059
Thank you and have a blessed New Year!

Announcing 12th Annual Chili Cook -Off

The date for our 12th Annual Chili Cook-off is scheduled for Sunday, January 27, 2019! The event will be held in the Fellowship Hall following late service (approximately noon). All church members, preschool and school families, and guests are invited to attend!

Following Christmas there will be on-line and hard copy sign-up sheets available. Mark your calendars now and practice those award winning recipes!

Any questions please see or e-mail Bob Tyrrel rdtyrrel@mac.com or Group Life Coordinator Dan Schindler dschindler6422@gmail.com. Merry Christmas!!!

2019 Offering Envelopes Available

The 2019 offering envelopes are now available in the narthex for you to pick up. We encourage you to pick up your box of envelopes so that we may utilize as much space as possible for the additional seating that is set up for Christmas worship.

For those submitting offerings electronically, you are still assigned an envelope number to accurately record your offerings.

If you have questions about your offering envelopes, please contact the office.

SAVE-THE-DATE OPEN HOUSE PRE-K-8

Mark your calendars for January 16th. We will be hosting our annual Open House for the preschool and grades K-8.

Come tour our facilities, meet the staff, observe classes, and speak with current families.

January 16th

8:00 am - 11:00 am or 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm

School Committee News

At the Open Forum hosted by School Committee this past Monday, the MVO (5 year planning document) and the proposed 2019-20 calendar were presented and discussed. Below are links to these documents. If you have any questions or concerns pertaining to either document, please contact Mr. Roekle (david.roekle@gsdg.org) by Monday, January 7th.

Below you will find a short summary of the December School Committee meeting. If you have any questions please contact School Committee Chairman, Rick Brands, or Mr. Roekle.

- We welcomed Pastor Bergemann and Mike Loszach to the team!
- Tuition rates are being calculated and discussed for the 2019-20 school year.
- Advertising for the January 16th Open House is being created.
- SCRIP will be sold between services on Sundays during the Christmas season.
- We are working on the Objectives of our MVO (5 year planning document) for WELSSA accreditation.
- Next meeting: Tuesday, January 8th

SCRIP (SUBSTITUTE CASH REBATE INCENTIVE PROGRAM)

What is SCRIP?

With SCRIP, families can easily earn rebates for our church and schools while they shop purchasing gift cards through national retailers where you already shop.

Why should I consider participating in the SCRIP Program?

- **earn rebates towards the tuition of any student**
- **church general fund**
- **special needs funds**

Note: Some choices allow earned rebates to be tax deductible.

What stores sell cards through SCRIP?

Over 750 retailers to choose from such as Walmart, Meijer, Target, Kohls, Amazon, Speedway, AMC Theatres, iTunes, Home Depot, Walgreens, CVS, Panera, Chipotle, Applebee's, Best Buy, Southwest Airlines, and many more.

Visit www.shopwithscrip.com to learn more and see "What's New" with SCRIP and view "Specials" (increased rebates for a limited time).

SCRIP Agreement - in order to participate, a completed SCRIP agreement must be on file. Completed agreements should be placed in the SCRIP mailbox in the church/school office. Then contact the SCRIP Coordinator for our Enrollment Code that is needed when creating your SCRIP account.

On-Hand Inventory (\$25 denomination cards) - Contact Carlene Derickson if you are interested in one of these cards.

- Kohl's
- Target
- Jewel
- Home Depot

Order Schedule:

Orders and payment must be received by noon on the following days:

- Monday, 1/14; delivered by Friday, 1/18
- Monday, 1/28; delivered by Friday, 2/1

Questions? E-mail our SCRIP Coordinator, Carlene Derickson, at scrip@gsdg.org or 630-852-1519 for more information.

A MEASURE OF OUR LOVE

The true treasure of our church is Jesus Christ our Savior, growing in our knowledge of him, and making him known to all people. The cheerful and generous freewill offerings of God’s people not only support the work God has given us as a church, school, and preschool, but also provides for the training of future pastors and teachers and supports world mission work being carried out through our synod, the WELS. The information below is a summary of how the Holy Spirit has moved the hearts of God’s people to make use of their time in attending worship and make use of their treasures to support the work God has given us as a congregation.

WORSHIP ATTENDANCE IN GOD’S HOUSE (01/5-6/19)

Saturday – 22
Sunday Early – 82
Sunday Late – 103
Weekend Total – 207

WEEKLY OFFERINGS FOR GOD’S WORK

	Week Ending	Weekly Offering	YTD Offering	YTD Budget	% of Budget
Week 27	12/30/18	\$10,722.00	\$335,968.17	\$365,080.00	92.0%

STEWARDSHIP ENCOURAGEMENT FROM GOD’S WORD

James 1: 17 – Every good and perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of the heavenly lights.

CALENDAR

TODAY	8:00 am	Worship Service
	9:20 am	Adult Bible Class / BLAST Sunday school
	10:30 am	Worship Service
	12:00 pm	OWLS Meeting
	12:00 pm	SCRIP Orders Due
MONDAY 01/14		
TUESDAY 01/15	4:15 pm	Basketball Practice
	6:00 pm	Catechism
WEDNESDAY 01/16	8:00 am	Open House PreK – 8 th Grade
	6:00 pm	Open House PreK – 8 th Grade
THURSDAY 01/17		St John’s LaGrange Basketball Tournament
FRIDAY 01/18		St John’s LaGrange Basketball Tournament
SATURDAY 01/19	5:30 pm	Worship
SUNDAY 01/20	8:00 am	Worship Service
	9:20 am	Adult Bible Class / BLAST Sunday school
	10:30 am	Worship Service
	11:30 am	Boy Pioneers
	12:00 pm	Girl Pioneers

SAVE THE DATE

January 21		No School PreK- 8 th Grade
January 22	3:30 pm	Faculty Curriculum Meeting
	4:15 pm	Basketball Practice
January 24	4:15 pm	Basketball Practice
January 25	1:30 pm	Geography Bee
	6:30 pm	B-Team Basketball
	7:30 pm	A-Team Basketball
January 27	8:00 am	PreK – 4 th Grade sing in church
	10:30 am	PreK – 4 th Grade sing in church
	12:00 pm	12 th Annual Chili Cook-Off
January 28-31		MAP Testing Grade School
January 28	12:00 pm	SCRIP Orders Due



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Seek the Lost + Feed the Flock + Serve
our Savior

If you are new to our area or looking for a church to call your own, please accept our invitation to meet with our pastor. Please feel free to return to worship with us again!

Good Shepherd Evangelical Lutheran Church is part of a group of more than 1200 churches called the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod, or WELS. The WELS is a world-wide church body with congregations across the United States as well as in Mexico and Canada. The WELS also serves over 26 foreign countries through world mission work. We are united in faith and teaching with the other churches of the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod as well as churches of the Evangelical Lutheran Synod, or ELS.

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