



# Good Shepherd Lutheran Church • School • Preschool

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## 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](http://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

# Third Sunday in Advent

## DECEMBER 15<sup>TH</sup> AND 16<sup>TH</sup>, 2018

The Savior's Message:

**The Lord is Coming! Rejoice!**

### PERSONAL PRAYER UPON ENTERING GOD'S HOUSE

Hymn 3 vs 5

Redeemer, come! I open wide My heart to you; here, Lord, abide!  
Oh, enter with your saving grace; Show me your kind and friendly face.  
Your Holy Spirit guide us on Until our glorious goal is won.  
Eternal praise and fame We offer to your name. Amen

### SERVING AT WORSHIP

**PRESIDING PASTOR**

Philip Henselin

**ORGANIST**

Karen D'Aversa

**OPENING HYMN**

*Arise, O Christian People* | 14

**ORDER OF WORSHIP**

The Common Service with Communion

**STAND**

**M:** In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.



### CONFESSION OF SINS

**M:** Our Father in heaven has called us to be his children and to reflect his love in our lives. But our sinful nature keeps us from always allowing the light of Christ to shine. We need God's forgiveness, and so we join together to confess our sins.

**C:** Almighty God, we confess that we are sinners, sinful from birth, and that our sinful condition separates us from you. We have sinned against you in our selfish thoughts, our unkind words, our hurtful actions and our failure to love others. We have failed to honor your name. We have not been merciful, or humble, or pure in heart. We have not thanked you for the blessed life you give us. Forgive our sins through Jesus and fill our underserving hearts with your love.

**LORD, HAVE MERCY**



**C:** Lord, have mer - cy on us. Christ, have mer - cy



on us. Lord, have mer - cy on us.

**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. Thanks be to God

## PRAYER AND PRAISE

**M:** In the peace of forgiveness, let us praise the Lord.

**HYMN**

**Oh, Rejoice, All Christians, Loudly | 45**

verse 4

**Jesus, guard and guide your members; Make us children of your grace;  
Hear our prayers in ev'ry place.**

**Fan to life faith's glowing embers; Give all Christians far and near  
Holy peace, a glad new year.**

*Refrain:*

**Joy, oh, joy beyond all gladness, Christ has done away with sadness!  
Hence all sorrow and repining, For the Sun of grace is shining!**

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

**M:** The Lord be with you.



**C:** And al - so with you.

**M:** Let us pray

Stir up your power, O Lord, and come. Take away the burden of our sins and make us ready for the celebration of your birth, that we may receive you in joy and serve you always; for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



**C:** A - men.

*Rejoice! The Coming One is our King. He delights in his relationship with us. He will rescue and protect his Church.*

<sup>14</sup> Sing, Daughter Zion; shout aloud, Israel! Be glad and rejoice with all your heart, Daughter Jerusalem! <sup>15</sup> The LORD has taken away your punishment, he has turned back your enemy. The LORD, the King of Israel, is with you; never again will you fear any harm. <sup>16</sup> On that day they will say to Jerusalem, “Do not fear, Zion; do not let your hands hang limp. <sup>17</sup> The LORD your God is with you, the Mighty Warrior who saves. He will take great delight in you; in his love he will no longer rebuke you, but will rejoice over you with singing.”

*Refrain*

Re - mem - ber your mer - cy, O Lord;



re - mem - ber your mer - cy and love.

*Psalm tone*

Out of the depths I cry to you, O LORD;\*  
O Lord, hear my voice.

Let your ears be attentive\*  
to my cry for mercy.

If you, O LORD, kept a record of sins,\*  
O Lord, who could stand?

But with you there is forgiveness;  
therefore you are feared.

*Refrain*

I wait for the LORD and in his Word I put my hope.\*

My soul waits for the Lord more than  
watchmen wait for the morning.

O Israel, put your hope in the LORD,\*  
for with the LORD is unfailing love  
and with him is full redemption.

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son\*  
and to the Holy Spirit,  
as it was in the beginning,\*  
is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

*Refrain*

## SECOND LESSON

Philippians 4:4 – 7

*Rejoicing is a natural part of the Christian lifestyle. Our relationship with God also makes us gentle, prayerful and careful to speak in love.*

<sup>4</sup>Rejoice in the Lord always. I will say it again: Rejoice! <sup>5</sup>Let your gentleness be evident to all. The Lord is near. <sup>6</sup>Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. <sup>7</sup>And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

### Verse of the Day –

Alleluia. I will send my messenger ahead of you, who will prepare your way before you. Alleluia.

STAND

*After the announcement of the Gospel, the congregation sings:*



C: Glo - ry be to you, O Lord!

## GOSPEL

Luke 3: 7 – 18

*Simeon rejoiced to see his Savior in flesh. He prophetically announced the meaning of Christ's birth.*

<sup>7</sup>John said to the crowds coming out to be baptized by him, "You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the coming wrath? <sup>8</sup>Produce fruit in keeping with repentance. And do not begin to say to yourselves, 'We have Abraham as our father.' For I tell you that out of these stones God can raise up children for Abraham. <sup>9</sup>The ax is already at the root of the trees, and every tree that does not produce good fruit will be cut down and thrown into the fire." <sup>10</sup>"What should we do then?" the crowd asked. <sup>11</sup>John answered, "Anyone who has two shirts should share with the one who has none, and anyone who has food should do the same." <sup>12</sup>Even tax collectors came to be baptized. "Teacher," they

asked, “what should we do?” <sup>13</sup> “Don’t collect any more than you are required to,” he told them. <sup>14</sup> Then some soldiers asked him, “And what should we do?” He replied, “Don’t extort money and don’t accuse people falsely—be content with your pay.” <sup>15</sup> The people were waiting expectantly and were all wondering in their hearts if John might possibly be the Messiah. <sup>16</sup> John answered them all, “I baptize you with<sup>[a]</sup> 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<sup>[b]</sup> the Holy Spirit and fire. <sup>17</sup> His 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.”<sup>18</sup> And with many other words John exhorted the people and proclaimed the good news to them.

*After the Gospel, the congregation sings:*



**C: Praise be to you, O Christ!**



## **NICENE CREED**

**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God,  
eternally begotten of the Father,  
God from God, Light from Light,  
true God from true God,  
begotten, not made,  
of one being with the Father.**

**Through him all things were made.**

**For us and for our salvation, he came down from heaven,  
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary,  
and became fully human.**

**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate.**

**He suffered death and was buried.**

**On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures.**

**He ascended into heaven**

**and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

**He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,  
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit,**

**the Lord, the giver of life,**

**who proceeds from the Father and the Son,**

**who in unity with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,  
who has spoken through the prophets.**

**We believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church.**

**We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.**

**We look for the resurrection of the dead  
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

## **HYMN OF THE DAY**

*Now Let All Loudly* | **258**

**Sermon Text** – Zephaniah 3: 14 – 17

**Sermon Theme** – Sing of the King

1. The blessings he brings
2. The perfection of his power
3. The largeness of his love

## STAND

### CREATE IN ME

C: Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re -  
new a right spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a -  
way from your pres - ence, and take not your Ho - ly Spir - it  
from me. Re - store un - to me the joy of your sal - va -  
tion, and up - hold me with your free Spir - it. A - men.

## BE SEATED

### OFFERING

*The offering is an expression of faith and gratitude of the members of Good Shepherd Lutheran Church. Our guests should not feel compelled to give an offering unless moved to do so in response to God's grace.*

## STAND

### PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Eternal Father, throughout the centuries you repeated and affirmed your promise to send the offspring of the woman to crush the serpent's head. Through your prophets of old, you continually directed the eyes of your people to the advent of their Savior.

**We praise you, O Lord, for keeping your promise and sending your Son to destroy the works of the devil.**

As we prepare to celebrate the birth of our King, use your mighty Word to shatter our pride and to rouse us from spiritual slumber and apathy.

**Move us to take to heart the words of John: "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is near."**

You sent your Son to redeem us from sin. Let this good news be our joy and strength. Use it to cheer the lonely, encourage the fearful, and give hope to the despairing. In these days before Christmas, spare us from

the stress of deadlines and the frenzy of commercialism.

**Fill our lives with the message of your peace and the music of your grace.**

Direct our eyes not only to the manger but also to the skies, where we will see your Son coming again, not as a lowly child but as the Lord of lords.

**Lift up our hearts in joyful anticipation of that day.**

***Special prayers and intercessions may follow.***

Hear us, Lord, as we bring you our private petitions.

***Silent prayer.***

Come quickly, Lord Jesus, in your grace, in your power, and in your glory.  
**Come, Lord Jesus! Amen.**

## **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.**

## **THE SACRAMENT**



*Our Lord Jesus has given us a holy supper in which we receive his true body and blood for the forgiveness of sins and the strengthening of our faith. In this supper we celebrate the gift of his redemption, we bear witness we share as confessors of the truth, and we proclaim his death until he returns.*

**M: The Lord be with you.**



**C: And al - so with you.**

**M:** Lift up your hearts.



**C:** We lift them up un - to the Lord.

**M:** Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.



**C:** It is good and right so to do.

**M:** It is truly good and right that we should at all times and in all places give you thanks, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who promised that wherever two or three come together in his name, there he is with them to shepherd his flock till he comes again in glory. Therefore, with all the saints on earth and hosts of heaven, we praise your holy name and join their glorious song:

### **HOLY, HOLY, HOLY**



**C:** Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of heav - en - ly hosts:



heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san -



na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.



Bless - ed is he, bless - ed is he, bless - ed is he who



comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san -



na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

## WORDS OF INSTITUTION

**M:** Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take and eat; this is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me."

**M:** The peace of the Lord be with you always.



## O CHRIST, LAMB OF GOD

C: O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world;  
have mer - cy on us. O Christ, Lamb of God,  
you take a - way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us.  
O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world;  
grant us your peace. A - men.

## BE SEATED

## PRAYER BEFORE COMMUNION

Lord, I am not worthy to be a guest at your holy table. But you are the friend of sinners, and you will not cast me out. This bread is your body, which bore my sins upon the tree. This wine is your blood, which purifies me from all guilt. At your invitation, I come rejoicing. Receive me, O my Savior. Amen.

## DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

*As Angels Joyed with One Accord* | 5  
*Soul, Adorn Yourself with Gladness* | 311

## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

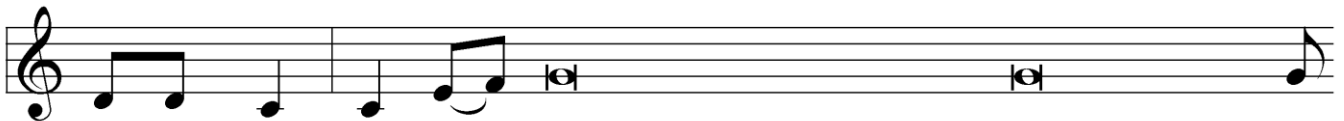
Thank you, Lord Jesus Christ, for nourishing me in this sacrament with your body and blood. You have given me forgiveness, life, and salvation. Let me always remain in you as a branch remains in the vine. Send me out in the power of your Spirit to live and work to your praise and glory. Amen.

**STAND**

## SONG OF SIMEON



C: Lord, now you let your servant de - part in peace ac-cord-ing



to your word. For my eyes have seen your salvation, which you have pre-

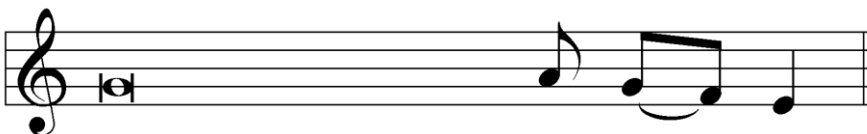


pared be - fore the face of all people, a light to light - en the



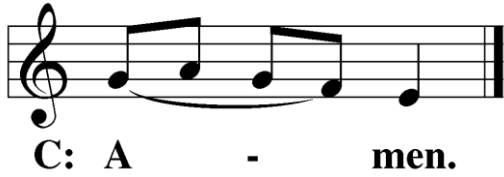
Gen - tiles and the glo - ry of your peo-ple Is - ra - el.

**M:** O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good.



C: And his mercy endures for - ev - er.

**M:** We give thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us with this holy supper. We pray that through it you will strengthen our faith in you and increase our love for one another. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



**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.



**CLOSING HYMN (SATURDAY)**

*Let Us All with Gladsome Voice* | 64

### **SILENT PRAYER AS THE CANDLES ARE EXTINGUISHED**

Hymn 51 vs 4

I, too, shall sing my Savior's praise,  
My joy, my crown, my Lord;  
For he has made me his own child  
By water and the Word. Amen

**My 2018 Gift for Other Ministries**

(Please place your gift in the offering plate by December 31 in the Benevolence envelope among your 2018 offering envelopes. Please indicate below how you would like your donation to be distributed).

\$ \_\_\_\_\_ WELS Christian Family Solutions

\$ \_\_\_\_\_ WELS Care and Relief Committee

\$ \_\_\_\_\_ WELS Institutional Ministries

\$ \_\_\_\_\_ WELS Mission to the Children

\$ \_\_\_\_\_ Branch Lutheran Schools of Haiti

\$ \_\_\_\_\_ Central Africa Medical Mission

\$ \_\_\_\_\_ Hmong Outreach in Vietnam

\$ \_\_\_\_\_ Lighthouse Youth Center

\$ \_\_\_\_\_ Pregnancy Counseling Center (Mundelein)

\$ \_\_\_\_\_ Hope's Front Door (Downers Grove)

\$ \_\_\_\_\_ Jesus Cares Ministries

\$ \_\_\_\_\_ Martin Luther College

\$ \_\_\_\_\_ Teens 4 Teens

\$ \_\_\_\_\_ Other organization:

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**The number on my 2018 weekly offering envelope \_\_\_\_\_**



## THE ADVENT WREATH

The Advent wreath is a contribution of German and Scandinavian traditions. It developed out of the simple use of an evergreen spray of fir, spruce, balsam, or pine placed near the hearth. The evergreen of the wreath represents the life that is found in Christ. The greens are in contrast to the outdoors, where nature has begun its winter sleep. Midst the drabness of nature the evergreen branch symbolizes the continuation of life. In the home it is placed on a central table. In the church it is usually suspended above the altar or set on a pedestal. The light of the candles reminds us of Christ, the light of the world, so it is not at all strange that the Christian church has given the candle a prominent place in the observance of Advent. It is the living light, the living flame, that gives the candle its meaning, because the gospel light of Christ is itself a living power. This is what makes it more symbolic than artificial lights. Jesus is the light that broke forth on the world on the first Christmas when he was born as Prince of Peace. He is the light that gradually penetrated into all the world. The traditional act of lighting one more candle each week tells of the increasingly brighter light of the Messiah's coming and leads gradually to the blaze of light at the dawning of Christmas.

1st Sunday in Advent Jeremiah 33: 14-16 ( Blue )

The Prophecy Candle honors those who spoke His promises

2nd Sunday in Advent Malachi 3: 1-4 ( Blue )

The Bethlehem Candle symbolizes the preparations made for Him.

3rd Sunday in Advent Zephaniah 3: 14-17 ( Pink )

The Shepherds Candle honors the first to spread the good news.

4th Sunday in Advent Micah 5: 2-5a ( Blue )

The Angels Candle celebrates the joy of Gods grace to mankind.

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## SERVING THE LORD AND US

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### USHER/S

12/15	5:30 pm	Daniel John
12/16	8:00 am	Steve Danekas & Bob Reichert
	10:30 am	Randy Weaver & Dale Graefnitz
12/19	7:00 pm	Ed Boron & Bill Merchantz
12/22	5:30 pm	Ken Hull
12/23	8:00 am	Rick & Luke Bauman
	10:30 am	Todd & Jake Oard
12/24	4:30 pm	Erik Guldberg & Chuck Rhodes
12/24	6:30 pm	Dave Bowen & dale Graefnitz
12/25	9:00 am	Dan Schindler & Kenneth Jordan Jr

### Greeters

12/16	8:00 am	Dave Rardin
	10:30 am	Dave Roekle
12/23	8:00 am	
	10:30 am	

### Altar Care

12/16	Karen Bassler & Joan Richmond
12/25	Lindsey Daehnke
12/31	

### Coffee Schedule

12/16	Pam Junkunc & Cindy Grunze
12/23	Sue Mecklenburg & Carol Miller

### Folding Schedule

12/16	Mary Moore
12/23	Debbie O'Malley

### Communion Assistant Schedule

12/16	8:00 am	Rick Brands & Todd Paradis
	10:30 am	John Roland & Dave Roekle
12/25	9:00 am	Doug Semenske
12/31	5:30 pm	Dave Rardin

### Live Stream Team

Sun	8:00 am	Bob Reichert & Kristen Reynolds
	10:30 am	Greg Busse
Wed	7:00 pm	Bob Reichert & Kristen Reynolds

# *Caring and Sharing*

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

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## What's New At Good Shepherd?

### **Christmas & New Year's Eve Worship**

All are welcome to join us for Christmas and New Year's Eve worship and praise!

12/24 - 4:30 PM - Children's Christmas Eve Program

6:30 PM - Candlelight Worship (**Please note earlier time.**)

12/25 - 9:00 AM - Christmas Day Worship

12/29 - No Worship

12/31 - 5:30 PM - New Year's Eve Worship

### **Pastor Bergemann in North Carolina**

Pastor Bergemann is traveling to conduct a wedding in North Carolina. Pastor Philip Henselin will be serving as guest Pastor.

### **School Band Concert**

All are invited to attend the school band concert on Tuesday, December 18 in the church from 2:30 pm to 3:00 pm.

### **December School Committee Meeting Notes**

Below you will find a short summary of this month's 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 16<sup>th</sup> 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 8<sup>th</sup>

### **Culver's Fundraiser Night**

Join us on Thursday, December 20th for a restaurant fundraiser at Culver's in Darien from 4-8 p.m. 10% of your order will be donated to the school to help defray the cost of classroom Smartboards when you present a hard copy or electronic version of the flyer.

### **Christmas for Kids Thank You**

Thank you to all of the helpers who helped with Christmas for Kids this past Saturday, including Lindsey Daehnke, Chris Herrmann, Sue Mecklenburg, Jim & Martha Milbourn, Sarah Rardin, Dave and Hannah Roekle, Doug Semenske, various 6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> graders, and the puppet troupe from our sister church, Trinity Lutheran, Crete, IL. We had 30 kids in attendance who had a great time singing songs, doing projects, playing games, and watching a puppet show all while learning about the birth of our Savior Jesus under the theme Shepherds Worship Baby Jesus.

### **Thank You – Stamps for Wounded Veterans**

As we approach the Christmas card giving season, if you are able, we ask you to continue to recycle the stamps from your own mail to "brighten someone's day!" Leave about a 1/2 inch border of envelope around the perforations of the stamp. Do not remove the stamp from the envelope it is glued to. The veterans prefer to do that themselves. It's part of their fun. Please place your cancelled stamps in the marked container by the church and school office.

Please see the our military bulletin board in the hallway where a Thank You letter has been posted for stamps already donated as well as for more information about the program.

Questions? Contact Laurie Bowen.

### **PLEASE HELP CONTINUE TO RECYCLE**

Downers Grove offers a weekly recycling pick-up free of charge. Please continue to utilize the designated recycling bin located in the kitchen under the shelf where the coffee urns are stored. Recycle clean items such as glass, plastic, paper, aluminum, and cardboard (see the Do's and Don'ts posted). Items may be commingled.

Thank you for helping be good stewards of God's creation.

Questions? Contact Laurie Bowen

### **FISH Food Pantry**

The Downers Grove FISH food pantry has been serving Downers Grove and surrounding communities for 50 years. Remember those less fortunate by donating items to the pantry. Canned goods, toilet paper, and paper grocery bags are always needed. The paper grocery bags are used to pre-pack much needed items for those in need.

If you are able to participate, please place your donations in the collection box located in the narthex near the information table.

Questions? Contact Laurie Bowen.

### **Advent Suppers and Worship Services**

Advent is a time for us to prepare our hearts to meet our Savior as He appears in the flesh at Christmas. All are welcome to join us for Midweek Advent Services beginning Wednesday evening, December 5th. Good Shepherd will be participating in an Advent rotation with Pastors Schupmann (Resurrection) and Free (Abiding Peace). In addition to our Advent services, we will also be offering simple suppers before each service.

### **Food for the body will be served from 5:30 PM-6:30 PM.**

Wednesday, December 5th hosted by Servae Christi

Wednesday, December 12th hosted by MCC

Wednesday, December 19th hosted by Good Shepherd Lutheran School

In order to help plan for the meals, if you are able, please sign-up on the sheets in the narthex. Please consider bringing a dessert to share on any of those Wednesday evenings. Questions? Contact Sue Mecklenburg at 630-691-1567, [suzymeck@gmail.com](mailto:suzymeck@gmail.com). Thank you

### **Food for the soul will be served beginning at 7 PM:**

Wednesday, December 5th - Wonderful Counselor (Pastor Bergemann)

Wednesday, December 12th - Mighty God (Pastor Schupmann)

Wednesday, December 19th - Everlasting Father (Pastor Free)

We invite and encourage you to make the most of these opportunities to worship and praise our Advent King!

### **CHRISTMAS GIFT GIVING COLLECTION**

Christmas is a time of giving and just as we have done in the previous years, the school children will not exchange gifts with one another, but instead will share with others who are less fortunate.

### **St. Marcus Lutheran, Milwaukee, WI**

We are asking for donations for Good Shepherd Alumni Brittany Chantamany's 4th grade classroom. St. Marcus is an urban choice school for low income families. The toy you donate may be the only Christmas gift these children will receive.

### **Emmaus Lutheran Church**

This WELS congregation is located in Chicago. Pastor Mike Borgwardt from Crossroads in Chicago is serving as their vacancy pastor. They do not have the financial resources to call a full time pastor. The Emmaus leadership has been very active in reaching out to children with God's Word.

If you are able to participate, the gift should be new and unwrapped. We are collecting toys and hats, mittens, and gloves. You may place your gift in the boxes in the school entryway. Collection boxes will be available until Wednesday, December 19.

Grades 3-4 are sponsoring this gift drive. Please direct any questions to Barb Koch. Thank you for reaching out and showing Christ's love to those in need.

### **SCHOOL OPEN FORUM SCHEDULED**

On Monday, December 17th, the School Committee will host an open forum at 6:30 PM to discuss the School Calendar for the 2019-2020 school year and how it aligns with surrounding school districts. We'd love to hear your feedback as we are in the process of developing it. There will also be a short presentation of the school's Mission, Vision, and Objectives (a 5 year planning document) that has been created while going through our WELSSA re-accreditation process.

### **CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE PRACTICE**

Please remember to mark your calendars. We will be having practice for the Children's Christmas Eve Service on Sunday, 12/23.

11:30 am - Lunch will be provided in Fellowship Hall.

12:00 pm - 2:00 pm - Practice in the church.

It is very important that the children attend as this will be our last practice.

Questions? E-mail [blast@gsdg.org](mailto:blast@gsdg.org)

### **GRADUATE STUDENT SEEKING SPRING HOUSING**

Do you have a spare room or know of someone who might be interested in hosting a student. Corianne Strupp, a member of St. Paul Evangelical Lutheran in Slinger, WI, is looking to stay with a church family while completing two unpaid physical therapy internships. She'll be at NovaCare in Palatine beginning January 7th. For the second half of the semester (March-May 3<sup>rd</sup>) she'll be placed at ARC Therapy in Elmhurst.

Interested members may call or text Corianne at: 262-224-7964 to discuss potential housing for a half or full semester.

### **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 retail stores 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](http://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:**

Will resume in January

Questions? E-mail our SCRIP Coordinator, Carlene Derickson, at [scrip@gsdg.org](mailto: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 (12/8-9/2018)**

Saturday – 23

Sunday Early – 98

Sunday Late – 84

Advent – 110

Weekend Total – 315

**WEEKLY OFFERINGS FOR GOD’S WORK**

	Week Ending	Weekly Offering	YTD Offering	YTD Budget	% of Budget
Week 24	12/09/18	\$12,293.75	\$267,201.92	\$309,280.00	86.4%

**STEWARDSHIP ENCOURAGEMENT FROM GOD’S WORD**

Deuteronomy 8: 17, 18 – You may say to yourself, “My power and the strength of my hands have produced this wealth for me.” But remember the Lord your God, for it is he who gives you the ability to produce wealth.

# Donate While **YOU DINE**

**Good Shepherd Lutheran School  
Thursday, December 20<sup>th</sup>  
4:00-8:00 p.m.**

**Proceeds to help defray cost of classroom Smartboards**

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## CALENDAR

<b>TODAY</b>	8:00 am	Worship Service with communion
	9:20 am	Adult Bible Class / BLAST Sunday school
	10:30 am	Worship Service with communion
	3:00 pm	PreK- K Christmas Program
<b>MONDAY 12/17</b>	3:00 pm	Girl Pioneers
	6:30 pm	School Open Forum
	7:00 pm	PMM Core Team Meet
<b>TUESDAY 12/18</b>	2:30 pm	Band Concert
	6:00 pm	Catechism
	7:15 pm	Adult Choir
<b>WEDNESDAY 12/19</b>	5:30 pm	Advent Supper
	7:00 pm	Advent Worship (Faculty sings)
<b>THURSDAY 12/20</b>	4:00 pm	Culver's Fundraiser (4 – 8 pm)
	7:00 pm	MCC/SC Meeting
<b>FRIDAY 12/21</b>	11:30 am	Early Dismissal Pre-K – 8 <sup>th</sup> grade
<b>SATURDAY 12/22</b>	5:30 pm	Worship
<b>SUNDAY 12/23</b>	8:00 am	Worship Service
	9:20 am	Adult Bible Class / BLAST Sunday school
	10:30 am	Worship Service
	11:30 am	Lunch – Children's Christmas Eve Program Practice
	12:00 pm	Children's Christmas Eve Program Practice

### SAVE THE DATE

December 24 – January 4		Christmas Break
December 24	4:30 pm	Children's Christmas Eve Service
	6:30 pm	Candlelight Worship
December 30		NO Blast Sunday School
December 31	5:30 pm	New Year's Eve Worship
January 7	8:10 am	PreK – 8 <sup>th</sup> Grade Classes Resume
January 12	9:00 am	PreK Muffins w/ Mom
January 16	8:00 am	Open House
	6:00 pm	Open House
January 20	11:30 am	Boy Pioneers
	12:00 pm	Girl Pioneers
January 21		No School PreK- 8 <sup>th</sup> Grade
January 22	3:30 pm	Faculty Curriculum Meeting
January 27	8:00 am	PreK – 4 <sup>th</sup> Grade sing in church
	10:30 am	PreK – 4 <sup>th</sup> Grade sing in church



Welcome!

The mission of Good Shepherd Evangelical Lutheran Church 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

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 one of our pastors. 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.

Good Shepherd Evangelical Lutheran Church, School, and Preschool  
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