



Good Shepherd Evangelical
Lutheran Church
Exciting Happenings and Doings of
God's People

Jan 20th-21st, 2018

SECOND SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

Jesus said, "You believe because I told you I saw you under the fig tree.
You shall see greater things than that." John 1:50

CALL SpBAM Date Change:

Due to a scheduling conflict in April, CALL SpBAM has been moved from April 14th to **Saturday, April 21st** at Jerusalem, Morton Grove.

Science Fair Date Change:

Since CALL SpBAM has been moved to Saturday, April 21st. The Science Fair for grades 3-8 will be moved back one week to Saturday, April 28th. Information about this event will be sent home with your child this week!

Thank you to all who donated Poinsettia's for Christmas this year. With so many opportunities to give in a variety of ways during the Christmas season it was nice to be able to fill both poinsettia trees again. Thanks also to Cindy Grunze for helping with the set-up on the 23rd. The help and company as we worked together was much appreciated! To God give the glory for the wonderful things he has done! Fran Piepenbrink

11th Annual Chili Cook-off – Sunday, January 28th after late service

Please sign up on the sheets in the Narthex this weekend. If you have any questions regarding the Chili Cook-off, please contact the Tyrell's.

Lenten Meals

The Season of Lent is approaching fast we are in need of families or groups to host Lenten meals. If this is something you would be willing to do please use the signup sheets in the narthex. If you have any questions please contact Sue Mecklenburg or Kristina John.

Cookies for Puerto Rico Thank You - A big thank you to everyone who made Cookies for Puerto Rico a success. We made and sold 106 jars of cookies and raised \$843 for Christian Aid and Relief Puerto Rico. Thank you to those who came out and helped put the jars together, thank you everyone who purchased jars or made donations and thank you LWMS Chicago Area Circuit and Thrivent. Their grants allowed us to purchase all the needed supplies.

Ladies: With each passing year, Christians of all ages continue to take comfort from Jesus' promise that he has overcome the world. Jesus' words state, "In this world you will have trouble." Trouble is a result of sin and takes so many forms in our lives. Trouble raises its ugly head in personal relationships; economic hardships; physical challenges; raising Christian children; defending our faith in public, academic and professional settings. The list goes on and on. Yes, we are surrounded by trouble on every turn, but there's reason to rejoice: Jesus has overcome the world. No other solution is necessary, Jesus has done it all – for us! This message will be shared at the **24th Annual Today's Christian Women's Retreat**, April 13-15, 2018 in Auburn Hills, Michigan. Retreat details and registration information can be found

at www.tcwr.org or on the bulletin board in the hallway. Do you have questions? Please see Patty Warner or reach out to her at pwarner50@comcast.net or [630-701-8139](tel:630-701-8139). She has attended these retreats in the past and will be attending this year's retreat. Please see Patty Warner or reach out to her at pwarner50@comcast.net or [630-701-8139](tel:630-701-8139). She has attended these retreats in the past and will be attending this year's retreat.



New Bible Study Opportunities –

Something new is the Sunday Morning Bible study. Using clips from the recent Martin Luther movie, we will look at and discuss these three great Bible concepts: By Grace Alone! By Faith Alone! By Scripture Alone! Vital to every Christian, and especially to Lutheran Christians, those concepts were long hidden behind much tradition and history, but were rediscovered by Martin Luther. This study will be held in the fellowship hall beginning about 9:25.

Something renewed is our midweek morning Bible study. Starting today (January 10) we again take up the study of 2 Corinthians, looking at questions like what should a Christian congregation's Gospel ministry really be, look and sound like and what are the marks of a good Gospel minister? Opinions about and answers to those questions vary widely today. They will be considered and discussed in this study, which will run until the start of Lent. Studies begin at 10:00 and will conclude by 11:15. They will be held in the fellowship hall. Printed materials will be distributed for participants at the beginning of each session.

Great benefits from not all that much time! A great new year's resolution! ~ Pastor Rutschow

January BLAST Newsletter

Thank you for supporting our Children's Ministry Program BLAST at Good Shepherd. Our mission is to lead an engaging hour of "Believe, Learn, and Seek Truth" to our little lambs. We are so happy your children are with us and we welcome you to join us for lesson and activities!

Upcoming Dates:

Sunday, 1/14 @ 8:45am: Volunteer Organization Meeting - Open to anyone who is interested in helping with BLAST. Come find out how you can be a part of this ministry.

January FrOGS Meeting Canceled

Dear Parents and Friends of Good Shepherd,

Due to scheduling that was beyond our control, we need to cancel the FrOGS meeting originally scheduled for Saturday 1/20/2018 at 9am. We will still plan for our meeting on Thursday evening 3/15/2018 at 7pm. All are welcome.

Please see article in school section below for more information about upcoming events and volunteer opportunities. Questions? Please contact Teresa Schindler at frogs@gsdg.org.

Men's Breakfast Bible study

Our next Men's Breakfast Bible Study will meet on **Saturday, January 27th**, at 8 am. This will be the last in our study of "Idols We Never Knew We Had." **Please note the change in date due to the every member ministry seminar being held on Saturday, January 20th.** We hope you can still join us for food, fellowship, and continued growth in God's Word!

Befriend a Mission



Good Shepherd befriends Missionaries Jeffrey and Stephanie Heitsch who serve in Nigeria and Cameroon.

Follow their blog at <https://jsheitsch.wixsite.com/africa>.

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. View retailers [here](#).

Order Schedule: Orders and payments due by 12pm

- Monday, January 22nd; delivered Friday, January 26th

CALENDAR

TODAY	8:00 am	Worship Service
	9:20 am	Adult Bible Study / Children's Sunday School
	10:30 am	Worship Service
	12:00 pm	Boy Pioneers
MONDAY 01/22	12:00 pm	SCRIP Orders Due
	3:45 pm	Basketball Practice @ St. Mark
TUESDAY 01/23	6:00 pm	Catechism
	7:15 pm	Choir
WEDNESDAY 01/24	10:00 am	Midweek Bible Study
THURSDAY 01/25	3:45 pm	Basketball Practice @ St. Mark
FRIDAY 01/26	4:30 pm	Basketball Game "B" Morton Grove
	5:30 pm	Basketball Game "A" Morton Grove
SATURDAY 01/27	8:00 am	Men's Breakfast Bible Study
	5:30 pm	Worship Service
SUNDAY 01/28	PreK – 4 th	Sings in Church
	8:00 am	Worship Service
	9:20 am	Adult Bible Study
	9:20 am	Children's Sunday School
	10:30 am	Worship Service
	12:00 pm	Chili Cook Off

SAVE THE DATE

Monday 01/29	8:30 am	Hearing & Vision Rescreen
	3:45 pm	Basketball Practice @ St Mark
Saturday 02/03	10:00 am	Preschool Open House
Wednesday 02/07	3:30 pm	Faculty Meeting
Saturday 02/10	8:00 am	LWMS Reporters Meeting
Friday 02/16	6:30 pm	Music Recital
Sunday 02/18	12:00 pm	Boy Pioneers
Monday 02/19		No School PreK-8 th Grade

USHER/S

01/20	5:30 pm	Daniel John	01/27	5:30 pm	Dave Morgan
01/21	8:00 am	Paul Kippes & Ed Boron	01/28	8:00 am	Erik Gulgburg & Ryan Schindler
	10:30 am	Todd & Jacob Oard		10:30 am	Bill Merchantz & Daniel John

COFFEE SCHEDULE

01/21	Pam Junkunc & Inge Wegner
01/28	Kathy Paradis & Doris Holcomb

ALTAR CARE

01/20	Deb O'Malley & Fran Piepenbrink
02/03	Karen Bassler & Inge Wegner

GREETERS

01/21	8:00 am	Andy Rush	01/28	8:00 am	Laurie Bowen
	10:30 am	Greg Busse		10:30 am	Cindy Oard