



## Good Shepherd Evangelical Lutheran Church

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### What's Happening at Good Shepherd



**December 4 and 5, 2021**

**Today's focus:** *When the Lord Comes Near, He Humbles His People.* People tend to feel a lot of pressure this time of year. We want our houses to look good for out-of-town guests. We want to impress people with the thoughtfulness of our gifts. What a welcome relief, therefore, to hear what is required to meet the Lord: only repentance. You see, Jesus is not someone we need to impress with our good works. Indeed, repentance is the opposite of work. Repentance is the humble admission of our sin combined with the joyful trust that everything needed to bring us close to God has already been done by him.

#### Good Shepherd Members

- ✚ Shepherding Committee would like to make sure **ALL** members who would like to receive our weekly "What's Happening at Good Shepherd" email, inclusive of the weekly service folder, are. If you are not receiving these weekly emails on Fridays, please contact Jen Reynolds in our office at [office@gsdg.org](mailto:office@gsdg.org).
- ✚ **Mask guidelines during worship.**  
**Due to the current CDC recommendation, we ask that everyone wear masks while indoors.**

#### Advent by Candlelight



Ladies – You are invited to join us for a special evening of fellowship and reflection

Theme: This Changes Everything: Messages that Transformed the World

Friday, December 10<sup>th</sup>, 2021 at 7:00pm

Dessert and drinks (coffee/tea/water) prior to the program starting.

Please register at <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20F0E45AFA92CABFA7-advent1>

#### OWLS Christmas Party



The annual OWLS Christmas Party is back. We have lots of fun planned for the day. After the 10:30 service on December 12<sup>th</sup>, we will start out with appetizers and Christmas cookies/desserts. Everyone has a favorite and what a joy to share things we love with good friends. Games and carol singing are also on the agenda. We have a unique gift exchange so bring a wrapped gift between \$5 and \$10 that begins with the letter "L". Having trouble finding something? Don't stress too much about it - anything you find will be a "L"ovely item. Everyone 55 and over is invited. You do not have to be an OWLS member. Sign-up at <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20F0E45AFA92CABFA7-owls> or sign up in the church narthex. Can't wait to see you!

#### Virtual Angel Tree



We would like to ask for your help, as we did last year we would like to give back to those that are in need again.

We have received a list of items for children and their families at Henry Puffer Elementary School, Downers Grove District 58 that do not have some of the much needed winter items (Snowsuits/Snow Pants, Jackets, Hats, and Gloves) that will take them through the winter season.

If you think you can help out by purchasing for one or more of these individuals please select them from the list. We ask that you deliver the unwrapped gift to the Church/GSLA no later than Sunday, December 12<sup>th</sup>, 2021.

Lastly, when you drop off your gift please mark it (example Girl size 13 Snow Boots) to let us know which gift it is intended to be. There we will be large wrapped/boxed items for the items to be placed in.

Thank you for your generosity and blessings on your Christmas.

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## Family Christmas Service

Our Family Christmas Service is being planned for Sunday, December 19th during the 10:30 service. There will be no communion during this service. All Good Shepherd children are invited to participate! We are beginning to practice during BLAST on Sunday mornings from 9:15-10:20a. Please join us to learn the songs and short memory verses. Parents should have received an

email with the words this past week, if you did not please reach out to us at [BLAST@gsdg.org](mailto:BLAST@gsdg.org)

### BLAST Lessons

We will be starting an Advent series on 11/21/2021 looking at why we celebrate Advent and how we show God's love at this special time of year. We will be creating a couple of fun crafts at this time and we may need some donations from our congregation. Here is a list of a few things we will be looking for, there will be a bin at church if you wish to help us:

- 10-12 empty paper towel rolls
- 30-40 small votive candle holders or small jars (do not have to match, clear glass is best)
- Old Christmas cards to be cut up and used for a craft

We thank you in advance for any help you wish to offer.

BLAST is our Sunday morning children's ministry at Good Shepherd. All children, ages 3 years-8th grade, are welcome to join us in the school library on most Sundays from 9:15a-10:20a.

BLAST families, thank you for all your support getting our kids back to in person learning. We are so excited to have them in class. Please remember that all students need to be wearing a mask while they are in BLAST. We are still trying to make time for a brief mask break outside if weather permits. Also, if your children are sick we appreciate that you keep them home. We will miss them, but will look forward to them joining us when they are well.

Believe it or not, we are looking at plans for our Family Christmas Service. Below you will find a link to a Google form. Please help us plan our program by filling out the brief 4 question survey. Thank you for helping us prepare for a joyous holiday season. <https://forms.gle/6eTURB17qPDL9Kti9>

If you have any questions about our program you can reach out to us at [BLAST@gsdg.org](mailto:BLAST@gsdg.org)

### Rummage Sale

Coming in the spring.....

Planning has begun for a church wide rummage sale next spring. Details will follow but for now, find a corner and start saving those clothes that don't fit anymore, toys/games/etc. that you have outgrown and those "what was I thinking when I bought that" items. We are hoping to reach out to the community and provide information on Good Shepherd Church and Academy during the event. Proceeds from the sale will probably be given to a local food bank. Until details are finalized, do not bring items to church. But thinking about spring will help us get through the winter ahead.



## Good Shepherd Lutheran Academy

### News and Notes

Dec 1, 2021

**Philippians 4:4 Rejoice in the Lord Always!!**

### Please note Calendar dates/updates

Dec 8 8:10 am Kid's Connection

12:00 pm Band Lessons

3:00 pm Band Practice

Dec 9 10:00 am Piano Lessons

Dec 10 Hot Lunch

Dec 10 7:00 pm Advent by Candlelight

Dec 11 Christmas Celebration

**Our theme this year is "Rejoice in the Lord always" from Philippians 4:4.**

**We can rejoice in the many ways God has blessed us.**

**We can rejoice that God made each of us unique in our talents, abilities, interests, and appearance.**

**The GSLA students and staff will strive to use their words and actions to show their love for God.**

**We know there will be times when we fail to use our words and actions in a God-pleasing way.**

**We also know that we have a loving God who sent his Son to be our Savior from sin.**

**We are forgiven! Rejoice!**

Our theme this year is "Rejoice in the Lord always" from Philippians 4:4. We rejoice in the many ways God has blessed us. The students at GSLA are focused on thankfulness this week. Each day they are adding a link to our chain of thankfulness. Check it out in the school hallway.



### **Christmas Celebration**

GSLA Christmas Celebration is Dec 11, 2021 at 3:00. The students are rehearsing for this event. Due to Covid, we are asking your immediate family only to attend. Masks will be required. The event will be live-streamed.

As you can see EVERYONE is working hard.



### **Thank you**

Thank you to everyone who participated in last month's restaurant fundraiser at Chipotle. Over \$330 was raised for GLSA!

Thank you to Chris Herrmann for telling us about the LWMS mission project of Outreach to the Roma. Your child may bring his or her offering to school anytime in December or January. Please use the mission box provided.

### **Annual Gift Giving to Others in Need**

Christmas is a time of giving and just as we have done in the previous years, our children will not exchange gifts with one another, but instead will share with others who are less fortunate. 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 Friday, December 10. 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. (Flyer attached)

### **Beautiful creations made by GSLA students**



### **Now Hiring- Preschool Aide Position**

Good Shepherd Lutheran Academy is now accepting applications for a preschool aide position beginning on January 6, 2022, as Mrs. Melissa Darovic will be leaving us to begin her maternity leave. This position is needed Wednesday through Friday from 7:30 AM to 3:15 PM. Below you will find links to the job description and the application.

[GSLA Aide Job Description](#)

[Employment Application](#)

If you are interested in this position, please submit a completed application along with your resume and forward it to the office in an envelope addressed to "School Committee". Questions? Please contact Rick Brands or Kat Blumer ([schoolcommittee@gsdg.org](mailto:schoolcommittee@gsdg.org)) or Mrs. Blumer ([kat.blumer@gsdg.org](mailto:kat.blumer@gsdg.org)).

### **Sports Schedule:**

Basketball will be starting up with the first practice at St. Mark's Coptic Church on Tuesday, November 30th from 4-5:30. If you have any questions, please direct them to Miss Rosenbaum. Thanks! [elise.rosenbaum@gsdg.org](mailto:elise.rosenbaum@gsdg.org)

### **Advent by Candlelight**

Good Shepherd Lutheran Church invites you to the Women's Advent by Candlelight Event

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20F0E45AFA92CABFA7-advent1>

### **Virtual Angel Tree**

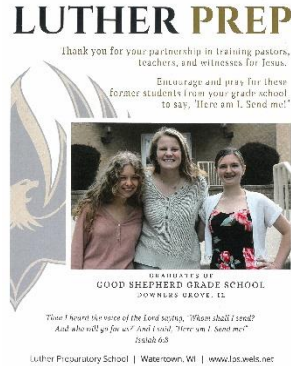
Last year we were able to help others in the community that were in need, we have reached out again this year. District 58 responded with a list of families / items that would be helpful. If you would like to participate in the Angel Tree project please select the individual(s) that you will be buying for. After you have purchased item(s) please return them to GSLA unwrapped and with a note as to which selection you purchased for, there is a wrapped box marked Virtual Angel Tree ready to receive these gifts. Thank you in advance for your generosity.

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### **GSLA Graduates**

Please pray for our Graduates as they study at Luther Prep in Watertown, WI

***Ella Bergemann, Harper Brands and Bella Blumer "Here am I. Send me!"***



### **Zoup Fundraiser**

On Thursday, December 16th from 5-8 p.m. Zoup! off 75th street in Woodridge will donate 20% of your dine-in, carryout or delivery order to Good Shepherd Lutheran Academy when you show a print or electronic version of the [fundraising flyer](#) to the cashier. If ordering online use code **ZOUPLOVE** to apply your purchase to the fundraiser. (Funds raised will be used to purchase math manipulatives to enhance our curriculum.)

### **Hot Lunch**

Hot lunch menu options from Buona Beef are now available to order through the end of February. Orders must be placed no later than the Monday prior to each hot lunch date. Hot lunch options are available for all students every Friday when school is in session. Please pack a drink or any sides that your child may want to eat with their hot lunch.

Directions for setting up an account and placing orders are [linked here](#). If you are creating a new account use the code **GSL**. Contact Cathy Jaeger with any questions: [dewey020@gmail.com](mailto:dewey020@gmail.com)



### December: Usher Schedule

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<b>5</b> E Boron 8:00 am J Roland 10:30 am	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b> 7:00 pm	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b> D Graefnitz 5:30 pm
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### December: Communion Setup – Cleanup

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# CALENDAR

## TODAY

SUNDAY 12/5	8:00 am	Worship
	9:15 am	Adult Bible Study/BLAST
	10:30 am	Worship
MONDAY 12/6		
TUESDAY 12/7	4:00 pm	GSLA Basketball Practice
WEDNESDAY 12/8	8:10 am	GSLA Kid's Connection
	12:00 pm	GSLA Band Lessons
	3:00 pm	GSLA Band Rehearsal
	7:00 pm	Advent Worship
THURSDAY 12/9	4:00 pm	GSLA Basketball Practice
	7:00 pm	Advent by Candlelight Rehearsal
FRIDAY 12/10		Gift Collection for Wisconsin Due (Boxes by Church office)
	7:00 pm	Advent by Candlelight
SATURDAY 12/11	8:00 am	Men's Bible Study
	3:00 pm	GSLA Children's Celebration
	5:30 pm	Worship
SUNDAY 12/12		Angel Tree Gifts Due (Boxes in Church and by Church office)
	8:00 am	Worship Service
	9:15 am	Adult Bible Study
		BLAST Sunday school
	10:30 am	Worship Service
	12:00 pm	OWLS Christmas Party
MONDAY 12/13		
TUESDAY 12/14	8:10 am	GSLA Chapel
	4:00 pm	GSLA Basketball

## Serving in Worship

**Pastor:** Jon Bergemann  
**Organist/Organist:** Jan Henriksen  
**Cantors:** Carol Miller and Debi Vose  
**AV Team:** Bob Reichert, Joe Garetto, Kristen Reynolds & Greg Busse

### Contact Information

Pastor Jon Bergemann

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Church Secretary Jennifer Reynolds

Church office: 630.852.1519

School office: 630.852.5081

Cell phone: 630.399.3648

Office Email: [office@gsdg.org](mailto:office@gsdg.org)

### Worship Attendance in God's House

Saturday (5:30) – 28

Wednesday (7:00) – 37

Sunday (8:00) – 29

Sunday (10:30) – 50

Weekend Total – 144

### WEEKLY OFFERINGS FOR GOD'S WORK

	Week Ending	Weekly Offering	YTD Offering	YTD Budget	% of Budget
Week 21	11/21/2021	\$2,965.00	\$181,531.02	\$206,500.00	87.9 %

### STEWARDSHIP ENCOURAGEMENT FROM GOD'S WORD

Psalm 24: 1 – The earth is the Lord's and everything in it.