

Delight Uncovered: God Delivers
More Than We Ask, Not Less

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What's Happening at Good Shepherd

UNCOVERED

Epiphany 2

January 15 and 16, 2022

Theme of the Day: *Delight Uncovered: God delivers more than we ask, not less.* Are the pursuit of God and the pursuit of pleasure two separate paths? Many make that assumption—that life with Jesus is a boring, sterile experience. They are dead wrong. Jesus came to undo everything that is wrong with our world as a result of sin's curse. He also came to multiply our joy and deliver delight beyond our wildest dreams. Note that when Jesus begins to reveal his glory, it isn't by going to a hospital to cure every ailment. Instead, he starts at a local wedding, one of the greatest sources of joy in this life. The truth uncovered for us this week is that life with Jesus is not a life with less delight, but infinitely more.

Series Theme: UNCOVERED

We are in the season of the Church called Epiphany, a Greek word that means "to appear." Salvation has appeared in the person of Jesus Christ. In Epiphany, the Church explores everything that Christ makes apparent about God. You see, we need God to appear to us and make himself known to us. For not only is God beyond our understanding, his works and his ways are contrary to mankind's natural assumptions about him. In other words, the truth about God cannot possibly be discovered by us. Rather, it needs to be uncovered for us. That's what the Spirit is doing for us during this season of Epiphany. Week after week, surprising truths about Jesus our King and life in his kingdom will be uncovered.

January 15/16	<i>Delight Uncovered: God delivers more than we ask, not less</i>
January 22/23	Reception Uncovered: Rejection is not the exception but the rule
January 29/30	Agenda Uncovered: What must be said, not what others want to hear

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.

✚ **Mask guidelines during worship.**

Due to the current CDC recommendation, we ask that everyone wear masks while indoors.

The Offering Envelopes have been delivered and are in the Church Office.

Again this year there are no numbers on them, if you are in need of your offering envelope number please let Jen know, and she will set aside a box for you with your name and number written on it. For the members that do know your Offering envelope numbers please just pick up an unlabeled box from the counter for your use during 2022 the next time you are in church. office@gsdg.org

I will place a box of 2022 Envelopes in the Narthex as well for people that may have difficulty making it to the church office.

Please when you make your Offerings include your name and offering number on your envelope or check.

Please remember you can also make online offering payments, access this method via our website www.gsdg.org

Stamps for the Wounded

Please don't stop bringing in your stamps, many Wounded veterans find great enjoyment in stamp collecting. Thanks to the Lions' Club and many devoted volunteers, this postage stamp program gives these hospital or wheelchair-bound veterans something to do, and something to look forward to. Trading duplicates also connects them with other collectors. A thank you note is posted on the Military board in the hallway.

Leave about ½ inch border or 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.

Pregnancy & Life Resources

The board and staff of Pregnancy & Life Resources thanks you for your continued support and wishes everyone a Blessed Christmas! It has been another challenging year for all of us with social distancing and limits on how many can attend church together. Yet BLESSINGS from our Lord have still been given to us. We continue to help those in need. We see so many thankful women and children who depend upon us. We have not been able to visit any churches again this year, but continue to see donation from different sources than our normal Fundraiser events. We hope to be able to do these again in the coming year. Please consider a Christmas donation to our center during this joyful time of year! Please send your donations to WELS Lutherans for Life, 359 Cambridge Dr, Grayslake, IL 60030.

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

Jan 13, 2022

Philippians 4:4 Rejoice in the Lord Always!!

Please note Calendar dates/updates

Jan 12 8:10am Kid's Connection

AIMSweb testing

Jan 13 YMCA , Basketball Practice

AIMSweb testing

Jan 14 Band Lessons and Practice

AIMSweb testing

Jan 15 Worship 5:30pm

Jan 16 Worship 8:00am

Adult Bible Study / BLAST 9:15am

Worship 10:30am

Jan 17 No School - MLK Day

Jan 18 Chapel, YMCA, Basketball Practice

MAP testing

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

This time of year we are rejoicing in the birth of our Savior, Jesus.

We sing praises to God for all the gifts he has given us.

Thank you

Thank you for the lovely Christmas gifts and cards at Christmastime. I can't wait to shop with all those gift cards, especially at Starbucks. Have a Blessed and Safe New Year!

Mrs. Koch

Portillo's Fundraiser

On Tuesday, February 10th from 5-8 p.m. Portillo's off of Route 83 in Willowbrook will donate 20% of your dine-in or takeout order to GSLA when you show a print or electronic version of the [fundraiser flyer](#). Drive through orders apply, but you must give the first order-taker your fundraiser information. Not valid with online, app or phone orders. Cheer on the GSLA Rams basketball team as they play nearby against Resurrection school at St. Mark's Coptic Church in Burr Ridge. B team: 4:30-5:30 p.m. A team: 5:30-6:30 p.m.

Mission Offering boxes

These may be returned in early January. The offering supports mission work with the Roma.

Science Fair

The students in Grades 3-8 will participate in the GSLA Science Fair on March 18-20, 2022. Mrs. Koch and Miss Rosenbaum have handed out information packets. Entry forms are due January 21. The school has white tri-fold boards available for your child to use.

Pastor at Conference on Monday and Tuesday

Pastor Bergemann will be attending the Chicago Pastoral Conference's Winter Conference at Our Savior's Lutheran Church in Zion, Illinois on Monday and Tuesday this week (January 17-18). He will return to the office on Wednesday.

Winter Testing

The students in Grades K-8 will start the winter round of testing next week. All students will take the AIMSweb test. Grades 3-8 will also take the MAP test the following week.

High School Recruitment

Representatives from the high schools will be visiting GSLA in the next couple of weeks. The students in Grades 5-8 will meet with recruiters from Illinois Lutheran in Crete, IL, Luther Preparatory School in Watertown, WI, and Michigan Lutheran High School in St. Joseph, MI.

Christian Education Week

GSLA is celebrating Christian Education from January 23-30. The students in PreK-Grade 2 will sing in the 10:30 service on January 23. During the week we will be sharing events on our social media sites, including a Family Reading Night. On January 30, the students in Grades 3-8 will sing in the 8:00 service.

GSLA Music Recital

Music Recital is February 18 at 6:30. The students will be showcasing their musical talents, individually and as a class. More information will be coming out soon. At this time, we are asking immediate family members to attend. We will live stream this event.

Gingerbread Houses

The GSLA Marketing team will be meeting to finalize the judging of the Gingerbread Houses, winners will be announced soon. See the attachment for all of our entries, thank you for all of your hard work everyone did a great job.

Sports Schedule:

Basketball practices will resume Tuesday, January 11th.

Tournament Canceled

The tournament in LaGrange was just canceled for next weekend. Unfortunately, many schools had to drop out. Plan is still for practice to resume on Tuesday, January 11th, and hopefully we'll be all set to go for our first game on the 21st in Aurora!

Luther Prep Tournament - Hotel Information

A block of rooms is being held for Good Shepherd Lutheran Academy **and** Resurrection Lutheran School. Room block is for rooms with 2 queen beds, non-smoking, for 3/10-3/13 (arrive Thursday; checkout Sunday). The hotel is Comfort Suites in Johnson Creek. Address: 725 Paradise Lane Johnson Creek WI 53038
Comfort Suites phone: (920) 699-2800

For those planning on attending the tournament, we encourage you to contact the hotel to reserve your room--you will be required to give them your credit card number. Once the block of rooms have been released, there is no guarantee a room will be available nor at the rate of \$129/night.

Group Name: Good Shepherd Room Block

Block Released: 2/10/22

Hot Lunch

Remember to place your [Buona Beef order](#) today to participate in hot lunch this Friday. Menu options are available to order through the end of February. 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



January: Usher Schedule

26 S Danekas 8:00 am D Graefnitz 10:30 am	27	28	29	30	31 B Reichert 5:30 pm	1 5:30 pm
2 P Kippes 8:00 am J Oard 10:30 am	3	4	5	6	7	8 B Reichert 5:30 pm
9 E Schindler 8:00 am T Oard 10:30 am	10	11	12	13	14	15 S Danekas 5:30 pm
16 D Schindler 8:00 am J Abegg 10:30 am	17	18	19	20	21	22 E Guldborg 5:30 pm
23 E Boron 8:00 am D Graefnitz 10:30 am	24	25	26	27	28	29 E Boron 5:30 pm
30 A Rush 8:00 am J Roland 10:30 am	31	1	2	3	4	5 J Abegg 5:30 pm



January: Communion Setup – Cleanup

26	27	28	29	30	31 J Richmond	1
2 F Piepenbrink	3	4	5	6	7	8
9	10	11	12	13	14	15 I Wegner
16 I Wegner	17	18	19	20	21	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
30	31	1	2	3	4	5 D O'Malley

CALENDAR

TODAY

FRIDAY 01/14	12:00pm	Band Lessons/Rehearsal
SATURDAY 01/15		Dibb wedding
	5:30 pm	Worship
SUNDAY 01/16	8:00 am	Worship
	9:15 am	Adult Bible Study/BLAST
	10:30 am	Worship
MONDAY 01/17		GSLA No School
TUESDAY 01/18	8:10am	GSLA Chapel
WEDNESDAY 01/19		
THURSDAY 01/20	7:00pm	MCC Meeting
FRIDAY 01/21	12:00 pm	Band Lessons/Rehearsal
SATURDAY 01/22	9:00am	SHAPED Class
	5:30 pm	Worship

Serving in Worship

Pastor: Jon Bergemann
Pianist: Paula Danekas
Cantors (Saturday): Barb Koch & Valerie Adegunleye
AV Team: Bob Reichert, Joe Garetto, Kristen Reynolds & Greg Busse

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Worship Attendance in God's House

01/08 (5:30) – 26

01/09 (8:00) – 25

01/09 (10:30) – 26

Weekend Total – 77

WEEKLY OFFERINGS FOR GOD'S WORK

	Week Ending	Weekly Offering	YTD Offering	YTD Budget	% of Budget
Week 26	12/31/2021	\$14,275.00	\$306,784.18	\$316,500.00	96.9 %

STEWARDSHIP ENCOURAGEMENT FROM GOD'S WORD

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