



Christ the King

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Good Shepherd Evangelical

Lutheran Church

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What's Happening at Good Shepherd

November 20 and 21, 2021

Today's focus: *Lord, keep us joyful in our King!* On this last Sunday of the Church Year, we rejoice in the fulfillment of God's plan for our salvation through Christ our King. We also rejoice because Christ our King reigns—the king who once came as a sacrifice; the king who still shepherds us day by day; the king who one day will conquer all our enemies. Rejoice in his reign and look forward to the day when every knee will bow with us before the King of kings and Lord of lords!

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 and state mandate, we ask that all people wear masks while indoors.



Church Christmas Decorating w/Donuts, Juice & Coffee

Hallelujah! 'Tis the season to deck the church for the holidays. Everyone is invited to help put up Christmas decorations in the Church on Saturday December 4th.

Donuts, Juice & Coffee will be served at 9:00 am, with decorating to follow.

Please email the office @ office@gsdg.org if you plan to help out so that we will know how many people to anticipate.

If you have any questions please contact Sue Mecklenburg

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Thank You - Dear Good Shepherd family; I wish to thank you for your cards of thoughts and well wishes on my 90th Birthday. The many written notes and time to remember me on this special milestone, made this a special birthday. God's blessings, *Joyce Schoenbeck*

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 10th, 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 12th, 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 12th, 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 will be large wrapped/marked boxes for the items to be placed in.

Thank you for your generosity and blessings on your Christmas.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20F0E45AFA92CABFA7-virtual1>



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

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>

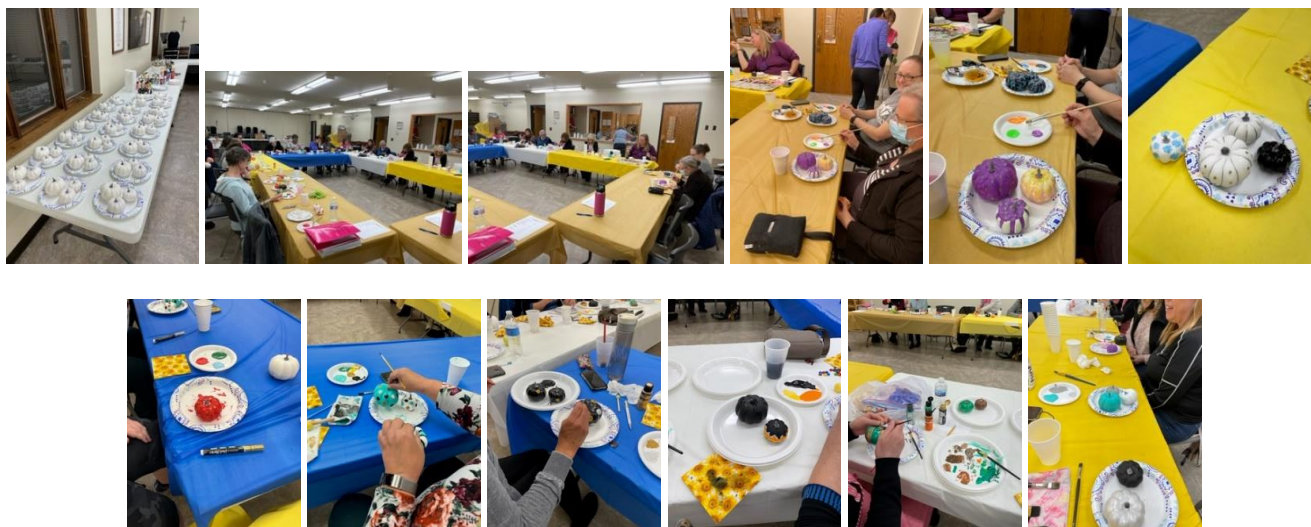
If you have any questions about our program you can reach out to us at BLAST@gsdg.org

Women's Ministry

Pumpkin painting Night: A fun evening was had by all who attended the Women's Ministry meeting. We had sweet and savory snacks, painted pumpkins and elected new officers into Women's Ministry. It was a full and successful evening! The following officers were elected:

Vice President-Lori Abegg
Treasurer-Sarah Rardin
Outreach-Patricia Kinsch/Carol Miller
Shepherding-Paula Danekas

We still have open positions for Property, School and Spiritual Growth. If anyone is interested in filling these open positions, please contact Cindy Oard, President of Women's Ministry at oardcindy@gmail.com. We want to thank all those who served in the past.



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

Nov 17, 2021

Philippians 4:4 Rejoice in the Lord Always!!

Please note Calendar dates/updates

Collecting for Hope's Front Door

Nov 22 - 26 Thanksgiving Break - **No School**

Nov 24 7:00 pm Thanksgiving worship

Nov 25 9:00 am Thanksgiving worship

Nov 30 4:00 pm Basketball practice

Dec 1 7:00 pm Advent worship

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.

The students and staff at GSLA wish you a Happy and Blessed Thanksgiving!

Christmas Celebration is Dec 11, 2021 at 3:00. The students have started 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.

Thankfulness Week Nov 15th - 19th

Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good. His love endures forever. Psalm 136:1

GSLA students and staff will be celebrating Thankfulness Week from November 15-19. The purpose of Thankfulness Week is to encourage an "attitude of gratitude" in our students and staff. We are so blessed by our God and we want to take the five days before Thanksgiving Break to thank him for the many blessings that he has given us. Students will be taking part in a variety of activities and here are a few that you can look forward to during Thankfulness Week:

1. **GSLA will be collecting household and toiletry items for Hope's Front Door.** This not-for-profit organization acts as a "first responder" to neighbors who are facing financial and/or medical crises. You can find a list of the items we will be collecting attached below.

If GSLA students fill six boxes with the household and toiletry items by the end of the week, Mrs. Blumer & Mrs. Koch will greet the students in costume.

2. KIDS C.A.R.E. Presentations in the Church - **Tuesday, the 16th at 8:15 (Grades 3-8) and 8:45 AM (Grades PreK-2).** Our mission offerings this first semester are going to KIDS C.A.R.E.- Outreach to Roma. Good Shepherd member Miss Chris Herrmann, a member of the Lutheran Women's Missionary Society, will be presenting about this mission that students have the opportunity to contribute out of thankfulness for all God has done for them.

3. Chipotle Fundraiser - ~~November 17th from 4-8 p.m.~~ Chipotle on Ogden Ave. in Downers Grove will donate 33% of your carry-out or dine-in order to Good Shepherd Lutheran Academy when you show a paper or [electronic version](#) of the fundraiser flyer. Use code PJ8YWK4 in the promo field if you order ahead online for pickup. The pickup time selected must be between 4-8 p.m. to count towards the fundraiser. Be sure to share with friends and family, and enjoy your dinner for a great cause!

4. Family Reading Night - ~~Thursday, the 18th at 6:30 PM.~~ Sponsored by Illinois Secretary of State and State Librarian Jesse White, and the Illinois Center for the Book, Family Reading Night is an annual statewide event held on the third Thursday in November to encourage families to spend quality time reading together. Please upload your family reading night photos to our Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/gsladg>

5. **Friday, November 19th** - Teachers dress up if six boxes filled with donations

YMCA

November 16th and 18th are our first days to attend the YMCA this school year. Please remember to send your child with a clean pair of shoes to keep in their locker for YMCA days.

Sports Schedule:

Basketball will be starting up after Thanksgiving with the first practice at St. Mark's Coptic Church on Tuesday, November 30th. Miss Rosenbaum sent out an email last week with an attached schedule to families that signed up on TADs. Each child also brought a printed schedule home. If you have any questions, please direct them to Miss Rosenbaum. Thanks! elise.rosenbaum@gsdg.org

Hot Lunch

Hot lunch options from Buona Beef are available for all students every Friday when school is in session. Weekly menu selections are limited to entrees only, so please pack a drink or any sides from home that your child may want to eat with their hot lunch. Orders must be placed no later than the Monday prior to each hot lunch date. You are welcome to order multiple weeks at a time. Directions for setting up an account and placing orders are [linked here](#). If you ordered hot lunch in the past, your previous account is still active. If you are creating a new account use the code GSL. Contact Cathy Jaeger with any questions: dewey020@gmail.com



November: Usher Schedule

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



November: Communion Setup - Cleanup

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

CALENDAR

TODAY	8:00 am	Worship Service
	9:15 am	BLAST / Adult Bible Study
	10:30 am	Worship Service
	11:30 am	Advent by Candlelight - Rehearsal
MONDAY 11/22		GSLA Thanksgiving Break
TUESDAY 11/23		GSLA Thanksgiving Break
WEDNESDAY 11/24		GSLA Thanksgiving Break
	7:00 pm	Thanksgiving Worship Service
THURSDAY 11/25		GSLA Thanksgiving Break
	9:00 am	Thanksgiving Worship Service
FRIDAY 11/26		GSLA Thanksgiving Break
SATURDAY 11/27	5:30 pm	Worship
SUNDAY 11/28	8:00 am	Worship Service
	9:15 am	Adult Bible Study
		BLAST Sunday school
	10:30 am	Worship Service

Serving in Worship

Pastor: Jon Bergemann
Organist/Organist: Jan Henriksen
Pianist (Saturday): Paula Danekas
Cantors (Saturday): Casey Kippes and Valerie Adegunleye
AV Team: Bob Reichert, Joe Garetto, Kristen Reynolds & Greg Busse

Contact Information

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Worship Attendance in God's House

Saturday (5:30) – 37

Sunday (8:00) – 16

Sunday (10:30) – 39

Weekend Total – 92

WEEKLY OFFERINGS FOR GOD'S WORK

	Week Ending	Weekly Offering	YTD Offering	YTD Budget	% of Budget
Week 18	10/31/2021	\$15,702.67	\$163,806.02	\$173,500.00	94.4 %

STEWARDSHIP ENCOURAGEMENT FROM GOD'S WORD

I Timothy 6: 6 – 8 – Godliness with contentment is great gain. For we brought nothing into the world, and we can take nothing out of it. But if we have food and clothing we will be content with that.