

You are invited to this week's activities at Good Shepherd

<p>January 7th, Sunday BAPTISM OF OUR LORD SPIRITSONG 8:45 AM Worship & Communion 10:00 AM Family Sunday School Service Project! 10:00AM Wired Word 10:00 AM Coffee Fellowship 11:00 AM Worship & Communion</p> <p>January 8th, Monday 8:30 AM Jazzercise (FH) 10:00 AM Quilting 10:00AM AARP Board meeting 7:00 PM Girl Scouts</p> <p>January 9th, Tuesday 6:00PM Ruth Circle @ Monson's</p> <p>January 10th, Wednesday 6:15 AM Men's Bible Study (GS) 8:30 AM Jazzercise (FH) 9:15 AM Reb/Miriam Circle (ULSR) 12:00 PM Deb/Priscilla Circle (ULSR) 2:30 PM Experiencing God Team/Seasonal Planning 4:00PM Financial Team 6:00 PM Confirm. Parent/Family night 7:00PM Joyful Noise youth choir 7:00 PM Good Shepherd Choir</p>	<p>January 11th, Thursday 9:30 AM Bible Study 10:45AM Gentle Yoga 4:30PM Resource Development team 6:30PM Epiphany Evening Vespers 7:00PM Girl Scouts</p> <p>January 12th, Friday 7:00 AM Women's "Son" Rise Bible 8:30 AM Jazzercise (FH) 8:00 PM AA & Al-anon Confirmation Retreat @ Camp Hiawatha</p> <p>January 13th, Saturday 8:30 AM Jazzercise (FH) Confirmation Retreat @ Camp Hiawatha</p> <p>January 14th, Sunday 2 YEAR OLD MUSIC MILESTONE Confirmation Retreat @ Camp Hiawatha 8:45 AM Worship 9:45AM Blood pressure checks 10:00 AM Coffee Fellowship 10:00AM Wired Word 10:00AM Sun. School Service Project 11:00 AM Worship</p>
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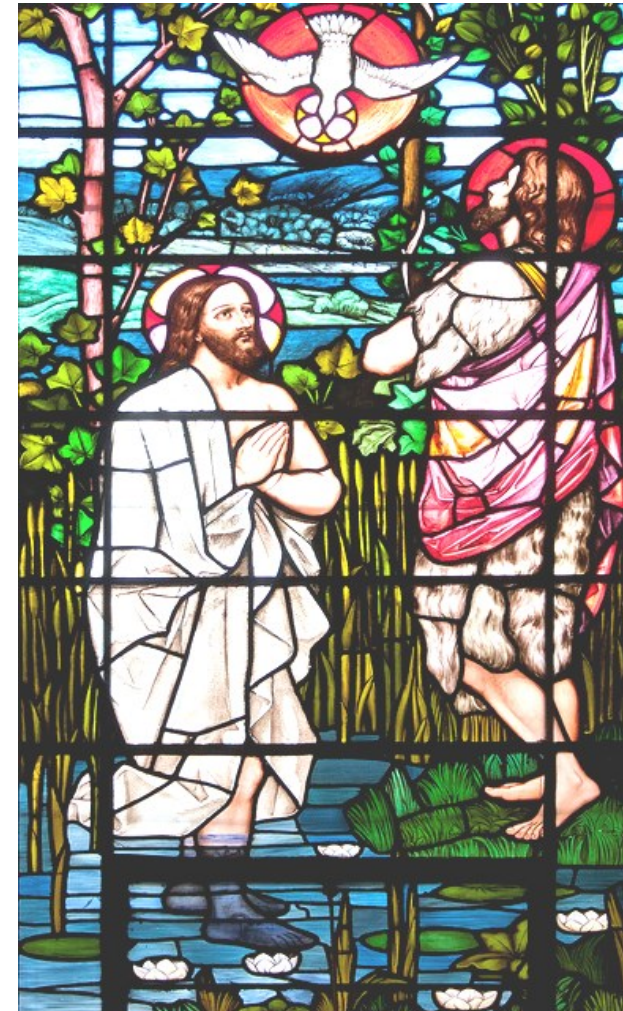
Lead Pastor David E. Mesner

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Katie Kaiser Rich, Director of Youth & Family Ministry; Debbie Sanders, Director Good Shepherd Choir;
 Heather Honer, Jodi Leonidas, Director Joyful Noise;
 Linda Turpening, Organist; Nona Harkness, Spirit Song Pianist; Patti Hallback, Office Manager;
 Amie Abenth, Communications Coordinator; Sydney Fischer, Nursery Director;
 Bob Franseen, Greg Susens, Custodians

Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd

Duluth, Minnesota



January 7, 2018

Baptism of Our Lord

Spiritsong

8:45 and 11:00 AM Worship & Communion

Welcome to Worship!



We are happy you have chosen to worship at Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd! Please use this bulletin as a guide for today's liturgy, found in the red *Evangelical Lutheran Book of Worship* in each pew.

PARENTS & KIDS: We have a few special things to help children enjoy worship:

- Just outside of the sanctuary, we have a Kids' Corner with a bookshelf filled with Bibles and other activities. You are welcome to bring a Bible into worship with you today!
- In the back of the sanctuary are Joy Bags filled with fun activities for younger kids.
- Come sit in the front of the sanctuary so your child can see everything that's happening!
- In the pews, are "Holy Art" cards for kids of all ages to draw on.
- Please come up front for the Children's Sermon! (*Parents, you are welcome to come up with your child to help them feel more comfortable.*)

We love to have children in worship, but we also understand that sometimes kids (and parents!) need a break. Stop by our church's nursery (near the bathrooms) and say hi to Sydney! She will be more than happy to help!

COMMUNION - You are invited to join us this morning in Holy Communion. We believe that Christ is present in the bread and wine given at the Lord's Supper — a sacrament offered to renew the relationship God began in Baptism. Communion will be served today by Intinction. Communicants should come forward to the two serving stations, receive the wafer of bread and dip it into the chalice of red wine or clear grape juice. Children not yet instructed to receive the Sacrament are invited forward for a blessing. The first two pews on the pulpit side are reserved for people who are unable to go up to the communion rail. Please sit there if you wish to have communion brought to you. Gluten free communion wafers are available, let the communion server know if you would prefer this option.

Have you been looking for something that you lost? It might just be in our office! We have water bottles, mugs, jewelry, glasses, ties, clothes, books, and more! Come to the office and see! We will be donating all the items on February 1st. Thank you!

Daily Lectionary	The Baptism of Our Lord	1/7/18
Sunday	Mark 1:1-8	
Monday	Mark 1:9-11	
Tuesday	1 Corinthians 1:1-9	
Wednesday	1 Corinthians 1:10-17	
Thursday	1 Corinthians 1: 18-25	
Friday	1 Corinthians 1:26-31	
Saturday	1 Corinthians 2:1-5	

Thank you to the following individuals who assisted in today's worship service:

Welcome CenterNan Asperheim (8:45); Joanne Carlson (11:00)
Greeter Carleen & Mike Ronchetti (8:45); Susan & Pat Sage (11:00)
Acolytes..... volunteer needed (8:45); volunteer(11:00)
Ushers..... Kramer Family, Loeffler-Kemp Family (8:45)
 Bill & Laurel Pagel, Fred Nervick, Cheryl Racine, Mike & Cynthia Bradley(11:00)
LiturgistJoe Johnson
Readers.....Debra Sanders (8:45); Kathy Gustafson (11:00)
Altar GuildTom & Julie Seidelmann
Communion Assistants.....Kathy Gustafson, Amber Weterbur (8:45)
 Cyndi Venberg (11:00)
Offering Counters.....Dave Kreager, Scott & Sheila Stevens
Accompanist Nona Harkness
Projectionist..... Cyndi Venberg (8:45); Marcia Semerau (11:00)
Gathering Space Treats.....Jill Kaiser, Karen Keenen, Heather Kemp, Bonnie Keppers

Wednesday, January 10th – Confirmation Parent/Family Night 6:00 in the Fellowship Hall- Please make sure a parent or other caring adult is present this Wednesday! We will be sharing important information about the rest of the Confirmation Year! And, there will be time for family learning/conversation.

Sunday School Announcements:

Join us in January for Sunday School Service Project Sundays!

-January 7th -January 14th -January 21st

We will have hands-on projects for the whole family to help make a difference in our community.

Then, join us on Sunday, January 28th as we kick-off our Faith Steps Unit with Cinnamon Rolls!

Upcoming Milestones:

2 Year Old Music Milestone – Sunday, January 14th – All 2 Year olds will receive music CDs

Kindergarten Prayer Pillow Milestone - Sunday, January 28th – All Kindergarteners will receive prayer pillows with a special prayer book tucked inside.

To receive these special gifts; please join us in worship at either 8:45 or 11:00 services.



“We are very excited to announce The Saint John’s Bible will be arriving at the Benedictine Living Community of Duluth on Tuesday January 2, 2018. We have several events to celebrate this Gift of Art. This tour of The Saint John’s Bible is provided by the Benedictine Health System to honor the 125th anniversary of the Sisters of the St. Scholastica Monastery. January 2, through January 19, 2018. Hope to see you there.”

A Blessing of The Saint John’s Bible will be Monday, January 8th at 10:00am

Merry Wallin, Foundation/Marketing Director
Benedictine Living Community of Duluth



GATHERING

PRELUDE

Nona Harkness

CALL TO WORSHIP

"Take My Life" (vs 3 and 4)

#583

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

***GATHERING SONG**

"Cry of My Heart"

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***PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Children’s Message

Katie Rich, Director of Youth and Family Ministry

(Please sing “Jesus Loves Me” as the children walk to and from the children’s message.)

WORD

FIRST READING ISAIAH 42:1-4

1Here is my servant, whom I uphold,
my chosen, in whom my soul delights;
I have put my spirit upon him;
he will bring forth justice to the nations.
2He will not cry or lift up his voice,
or make it heard in the street;
3a bruised reed he will not break,
and a dimly burning wick he will not quench;
he will faithfully bring forth justice.
4He will not grow faint or be crushed
until he has established justice in the earth;
and the coastlands wait for his teaching.

PSALM 2:1-7

1Why do the nations conspire,
and the peoples plot in vain?
2**The kings of the earth set themselves,
and the rulers take counsel together,
against the LORD and his anointed, saying,**
3"Let us burst their bonds asunder,
and cast their cords from us."
4**He who sits in the heavens laughs;**
the LORD has them in derision.

5Then he will speak to them in his wrath,
and terrify them in his fury, saying,
6"I have set my king on Zion, my holy hill."
7 I will tell of the decree of the LORD:
He said to me, "You are my son;
today I have begotten you.

***GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

"ALLELUIA"

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GOSPEL: MARK 1:1-11

1The beginning of the good news of Jesus Christ, the Son of God.
2As it is written in the prophet Isaiah,
"See, I am sending my messenger ahead of you,
who will prepare your way;
3the voice of one crying out in the wilderness:
'Prepare the way of the Lord,
make his paths straight,'" 4John the baptizer appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. 5And people from the whole Judean countryside and all the people of Jerusalem were going out to him, and were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. 6Now John was clothed with camel's hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. 7He proclaimed, "The one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to stoop down and untie the thong of his sandals. 8I have baptized you with water; but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit." 9In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. 10And just as he was coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit descending like a dove on him. 11And a voice came from heaven, "You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased."

SERMON

PASTOR DAVE MESNER

HYMN OF THE DAY

"You Are Mine"

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***PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

***PASSING OF THE PEACE**

MEAL

OFFERING OF OUR GIFTS

OFFERING MUSIC

"GO TELL IT ON THE MOUNTAIN"

Mark your Calendar for the LCGS Annual Meeting on February 11th, 2018

Congregational Forums

You are invited to congregational forums hosted by the Vision Council. The purpose of these forums is to provide an opportunity for conversation on the proposed Budget for 2018, as well as any questions, suggestions, and affirmations that you would like to raise.

The forums will be held in the Upper Lakeside Room. We hope to see you there!

- ◆ **January 21st 10 AM— forum**
- ◆ **January 28th 10 AM— forum**
- ◆ **February 4th 10 AM— form**
- ◆ **February 11th, 9:45 AM—Annual Meeting**



Wired Word

10am Upper Lakeside Room

All are welcome for this discussion! The tax bill recently passed by Congress is causing concern in the church and non-profit community because it raises the standard deduction, a move that will cause fewer people to itemize their deductions on their tax returns. Many believe that this will lead to an overall reduction in charitable giving. For our next class, we're going to focus on what the Bible tells us about generosity, stewardship and the religious obligation to give.

"Create, Laugh, and Learn"

As we celebrate Christ's birth and the promise of a new year, so too, we continue to grow and change in our church ministry. "Create, Laugh, and Learn" will be changing to welcome new talents and opportunities for our church members. This year we will focus on our church member's gifts. It may be a musical skill, a hobby, a cooking technique, a musical talent, a travel adventure, a sport. Try something new. Perhaps you will try it and never do it again, but you will not be sorry that you made time for the experience. Our hours will be varied as several congregation members have requested an evening time for them to participate. Our January activity rings in with the theme, "Finding Your Spirituality in Yoga". Lois Opseth will guide us through exercise, wellness practices, and prayer that you can incorporate in each day. What better way to connect to God than through the magnificent body in which we dwell. Come join us Tuesday, January 16th at 10-11:30AM or 6:00-7:30PM in the Upper Lakeside Room. Bring a mat or sit in a chair for joint friendly stretching. Please call Sue Boutin for questions @525-3994.

Worship Notes and Announcements

AS WE ARE PRAYING FOR ALL MEMBERS OF OUR CONGREGATION, this week we remember in our prayers: Amy & Shane Bubacz, and Spencer; Cheryl & Douglas High; Sara & Jon Hendrickson, Sam and Greta

ALTAR FLOWERS — The 2018 flower calendar is posted on the bulletin board outside the sanctuary. Sign up to sponsor altar flowers in honor of or to memorialize loved ones, or celebrate a special event. The cost is \$35

Thank you Spiritsong Team for leading worship today! If you would like to sing or play an instrument with Spiritsong, we are always looking for new members! Spiritsong leads worship on the first Sundays of every month! Please contact Grace Monson or talk with any of the Spiritsong members!

Good Shepherd Choir Join us! If you enjoy singing in a fun and relaxed atmosphere contact Debbie Sanders at debra.k.sanders@icloud.com for details and rehearsal times. Experience is not necessary!

Lutheran World Relief kits: donations welcome January and February Baby Care kits: cotton tshirts (no onesies), gowns or sleepers, receiving blankets (up to 52" sq), cloth diapers (flat fold) jacket, sweater, hoodie (baby caps used if not hood), socks, bath size bars gentle soap, diaper pins. Donation box is located in the Welcome Area. Thank you!

January 12th – 14th – Confirmation Retreat

Led by our Peer Ministers at Camp Hiawatha! Always the highlight of our Confirmation year! We'll be sharing more information and logistics on Jan. 10th

Please hold our Confirmation Students, Peer Ministers, and Adult Leaders in your prayers – especially during this special retreat time.

Snow Cancelations

It's that time of year again! We want to make sure everyone is safe out on the roads! If Schools are cancelled, we cancel all youth activities. Otherwise, we will use our weekly email and our Facebook page to announce weather related closings at LCGS. If you are not already receiving emails, text "LCGS" to 22828 to be added to our email list. Please take a moment to "Like" our PAGE at facebook.com/lcgsduluth

OFFERTORY PRAYER

L: Let us pray.

C: **Gracious God, thank you for everything you have given us, a sign of your love. Receive these offerings for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

*WORDS OF INSTITUTION

*THE LORD'S PRAYER

C: Our Father in heaven,

hallowed be your name, your kingdom come,

your will be done, on earth as in heaven.

Give us today our daily bread.

Forgive us our sins

as we forgive those who sin against us.

Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.

For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours,
now and forever. Amen.

*DISTRIBUTION

(Please be seated)

COMMUNION HYMNS

"Emmanuel"

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"What Child Is This?"

"Alleluia"

*PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

*BLESSING

*SENDING SONG "How Can I Keep From Singing" (Steve McConnell solo first verse) see screen

POSTLUDE

Nona Harkness

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