

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

**December 10th, Sunday**

Sunday School Christmas  
Worship!  
8:45 AM Worship & Communion  
10:00 AM Family Sunday School  
10:00 AM Coffee Fellowship  
11:00 AM Worship & Communion  
2:00PM Celebration of Light and  
Music @ Camp Hiawatha

**December 11, Monday**

JANUARY NEWSLETTER ARTICLES  
DUE  
8:30 AM Jazzercise (FH)  
10:00 AM Quilting (FH)

**December 12, Tuesday**

6:00PM Ruth Circle (@Susan  
Aulie)

**December 13, Wednesday**

6:15 AM Men's Bible Study (GS)  
8:30 AM Jazzercise (FH)  
11:00AM Circle Christmas Party  
7:00 PM Joyful Noise  
7:00PM Good Shepherd Choir

**December 14, Thursday**

9:30AM Bible Study  
10:45AM Yoga (ULSR)  
**6:30PM Advent Evening Prayer**  
7:00PM Girl Scout Service Team  
(LIB)

**December 15, Friday**

7:00 AM Women's "Son" Rise Bible  
Conversation (GS)  
8:30 AM Jazzercise (FH)  
8:00 PM AA & Al-anon

**December 16, Saturday**

8:30 AM Jazzercise (FH)

**December 17, Sunday**

**THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT**  
8:45AM Worship & Communion  
9:45AM Blood Pressure checks  
10:00AM Carols and Cookies  
11:00AM Worship & Communion

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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, , Custodian

**Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd**

Duluth, Minnesota



**Second Sunday of Advent**

**December 10, 2017**

**Sunday School Christmas Worship**

8:45 & 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 white 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.

### Lectionary Readings for the 2nd Sunday in Advent 12/10/17

Sunday	Mark 1:1-3
Monday	Mark 1:4-8
Tuesday	Isaiah 40:1-5
Wednesday	Isaiah 40:6-11
Thursday	Malachi 3:1-7
Friday	Malachi 3:8-12
Saturday	Malachi 4:1-6



### Wired Word

10am Lower Lakeside Room

British Prince Harry is engaged to an American, biracial, divorced woman. A few decades ago a similar engagement required the future king to abdicate the throne. Today the British Monarchy is embracing Ms. Markle. We will examine how much we hold on to our traditions and think about what perceptions our children may have on them, and where do we find God in the change between generations. Join us!

**LSS DIAPER DRIVE** December Diaper Drive collects gift cards and donated diapers Drop donations off at: LSS Crisis Nursery, 1 E. First St., Suite 301  
Marshall Hardware, 4415 E. Superior St.  
North Shore Bank of Commerce-  
Super One Foods  
Please check with businesses for their open hours.

Checks or gift cards can be sent to the administrative office at LSS Crisis Nursery, 424 W. Superior St., #204, Duluth, MN 55802, and please note "December Diaper Drive."

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

**Welcome Center** .....Kathy Kreager(8:45); Volunteers needed (11:00)  
**Greeter**..... Barb & Derek Olson(8:45) Nancy Cayemberg (11:00)  
**Acolytes** .....Harper Wittmers, Maddison Wittmers-Graves  
**Readers** .....Sunday School Students  
**Ushers** ..... John H. Carlson, Tod Venberg, Brandon Cole(8:45)  
..... Jeff Somrock, Amy & Adam Bergstrom (11:00)  
**Altar Guild**..... Julie & Tom Seidelmann  
**Communion Assistants** .....Marge & Sulo Kangas (8:45)  
..... Cathy Roseth, Kathy Gustafson (11:00)  
**Offering Counters** ..... Doug Carlson, Nancy Cayemberg, Ruth Tryon  
**Accompanist**..... Linda Turpening  
**Projectionist** .....Julie Seidelmann(8:45); Brian Fischer (11:00)  
**Gathering Space Treats** ..... Lisa Harloff, Jena Hart,  
..... Ruth Hemming, Judith Hermans

**AS WE ARE PRAYING FOR ALL MEMBERS OF OUR CONGREGATION**, this week we remember in our prayers: The Salvation Army, Seafarer's Ministry, St. Louis County Jail, our home-bound members

**CHRISTMAS CAROL SING:** Join us in between services (a non-Sunday school day) on **December 17th** to sing Christmas Carol favorites. We will have an informal time of Song, Cider and Cookies in the Gathering Space following first service.

**Shopping with Amazon Smile!** You shop. Amazon gives. By shopping through Amazon Smile, Amazon gives 0.5% of the price of your purchase to LCGS. You must log into Amazon Smile and designate Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd as your charity in order for the 0.5% to be passed along to Good Shepherd. Amazon Smile has the same prices, the same products, the same service as Amazon. Login here: <https://smile.amazon.com/ch/41-0872836>

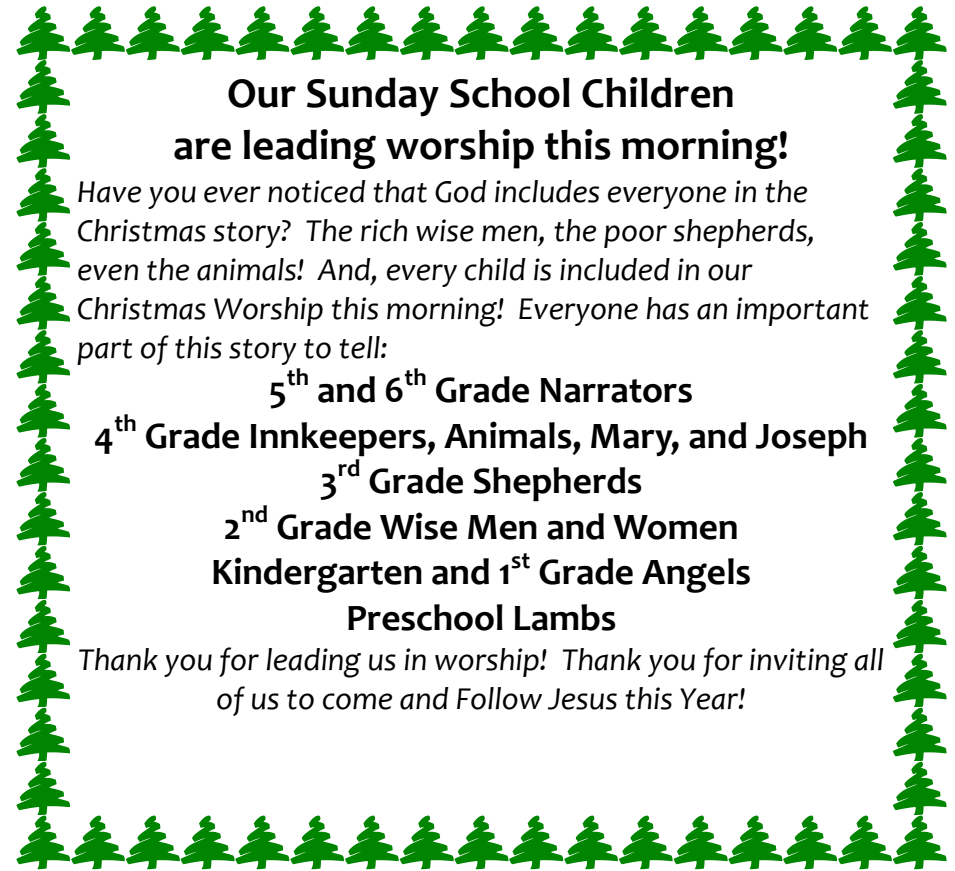
**WE ARE COLLECTING PENNIES** in the pastel plaid can on the Gathering Space Welcome Desk. The designation for the pennies for this next year is PAVSA – the pennies will go to support female victims of violence.

**LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF** kits are collected for all year. These two months, we are collecting for Health kits. See bright yellow box in gathering area. Soap is always in need. Plus bath size towel, toothbrush, sturdy comb and metal nail clippers.

**ANNUAL MEETING OF THE CONGREGATION & ENDOWMENT FUND ANNUAL MEETING** - The Endowment Fund Annual Meeting and the Annual Meeting of the Congregation are scheduled for **Sunday, Feb. 11th, 2018, at 9:45 AM.**

**2017 CONTRIBUTIONS** - Contributions intended for the 2017 tax year must be postmarked on or before **December 31, 2017.** No exceptions can be made due to IRS Regulations.

If you have not had a chance, **please turn in your 2018 pledge card.** It is needed even if you are staying on Simply Giving with the same amount. Extra pledge cards are on the nametag table in the Gathering Space and in the office. Pledges are essential for the Vision Council to plan the 2018 budget. Thanks! And thanks to all who have submitted their pledge already!



**Our Sunday School Children  
are leading worship this morning!**

*Have you ever noticed that God includes everyone in the Christmas story? The rich wise men, the poor shepherds, even the animals! And, every child is included in our Christmas Worship this morning! Everyone has an important part of this story to tell:*

**5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Narrators**  
**4<sup>th</sup> Grade Innkeepers, Animals, Mary, and Joseph**  
**3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Shepherds**  
**2<sup>nd</sup> Grade Wise Men and Women**  
**Kindergarten and 1<sup>st</sup> Grade Angels**  
**Preschool Lambs**

*Thank you for leading us in worship! Thank you for inviting all of us to come and Follow Jesus this Year!*

Many, many thanks to all of the adults helping organize the chaos this morning! We could not hold this service without you!

A special “thank you” to the Sunday School Leadership Team, the many Sunday School teaches, and all the volunteers, including youth! You make Sunday School possible! We are grateful for your time.

Thank you to everyone who brought treats for the Sunday School Children in between worship services, and thank you to everyone who came to worship with us today!

What a blessing! Merry Christmas!

- Katie

## Today's Schedule:

8:45 – Sunday School Children Lead Worship  
After Worship— **Family Sunday School!**

- **Special treats in the Fellowship Hall**
- **Play Bingo in the Fellowship Hall or relax and watch a movie in the Lower Lakeside Room**

10:45 – Line Up and Get Ready!

11:00 – Sunday School Children Lead Worship

After worship, please return all costumes to Rm 108- Thank you!



**SHARE YOUR MUSICAL TALENTS!** The gift of music is a wonderful way to celebrate the birth of our Lord Jesus! We will have several opportunities for you or your child to share a musical offering during the Christmas Season. Please contact Deb Sanders (debra.k.sanders@icloud.com or call 724-9065) or Linda Turpening (linda@archdirect.com, call 952-210-4211, or see Linda on Sunday morning)



**DECEMBER 17 - (DURING THE CAROL SING AT 10:00AM)**

**DECEMBER 24 SUNDAY MORNING 10:00AM WORSHIP,**

**DECEMBER 24 - CHRISTMAS EVE WORSHIP AT 2:30PM; 4:30PM OR 10:30PM**

**DEC. 31, SUNDAY MORNING 10:00AM WORSHIP**

### **ADVENT EVENING PRAYER**

**THURSDAY, DECEMBER 14TH AT 6:30PM**

### **FOURTH SUNDAY IN ADVENT**

**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 24TH AT 10:00AM**

### **CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICES**

**December 24th at 2:30 PM, 4:30 PM, & 10:30 PM**

### **CHRISTMAS DAY SERVICE**

**December 25th at 10:00 AM**

### **SUNDAY, DECEMBER 31ST**

**Worship at 10:00 AM**



**DUE TOMORROW!! COOKIES FOR OUTREACH** — Please put your homemade cookies on the counter in the church office by 9:00 Monday morning, **December 11<sup>th</sup>**. Because of food allergies, if you bake with nuts, peanut butter or coconut, please label your cookies accordingly. Questions, contact Patty Altonen at 525-1807 or Marcia Semerau at 722-1042. Thank you

### **JOIN US THIS WEEK FOR:**

## **ADVENT EVENING PRAYER**

**THURSDAY, DECEMBER 14TH 6:30PM - ADVENT READINGS AND BIBLE STUDY IN THE GATHERING SPACE**

**Are you a Thrivent Member?!** Please contact Katie Rich as soon as possible. This January, the Sunday School kids will be experiencing “Service Project Sundays”. Three weeks of hands-on learning and making a difference in the community. Did you know... If you are a Thrivent Member, you can help us apply for a Thrivent Action Team Grant? We can help you fill out the paperwork – it will cost you nothing! – but Thrivent could give us up to \$250 to purchase supplies for a “Service Project Sunday”. It’s a great opportunity, but if you are a Thrivent Member, I need your help! Thanks! - Katie

It's time for our **Annual Giving Tree for Safe Haven and Life House.**

When you take a tag from the tree in the Gathering Space, please write your name on the sheet next to the number of the tag you selected. When you bring your gift back please have it in a gift bag or the knit stocking with the gift tag attached. It is important for the agencies to be able to see what is in the bag so they can match it with the right recipient. Gifts for Safe Haven usually cost \$25 or less and the gift cards for Life House run between \$10-\$15. Please make sure to have all gifts back to the church no later than Friday, December 15th. That way they can be delivered in time for the Christmas parties at these places. If you have questions you can call Cathy Kreft at 218.391.7310.