

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

December 11th, Sunday

Sunday School Christmas
Worship!
8:45 AM Worship & Communion
10:00AM Healing Service
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 12th, Monday

8:30 AM Jazzercise (FH)
9:00AM Cookie Gifting
10:00 AM Quilting (FH)
5:30 & 7:15PM Yoga (LLSR)
6:30 PM Quilting
7:00 PM Girl Scouts (LLSR)

December 13th, Tuesday

December 14th, Wednesday

6:15 AM Men's Bible Study (GS)
8:30 AM Jazzercise
11:30 AM Circle Christmas Party
5:15 PM Sing and Ring
6:00 PM Advent Vesper Worship
7:00 PM Good Shepherd Choir

December 15th, Thursday

9:30AM Bible Study (ULSR)
5:00 PM RDT
6:00 PM Vision Council

December 16th, Friday

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

December 17th, Saturday

8:30 AM Jazzercise (FH)

December 18th, Sunday

8:45 AM Worship & Communion
9:45 AM Blood Pressure Checks
10:00 AM Cookies & Carols
11:00 AM Worship & Communion

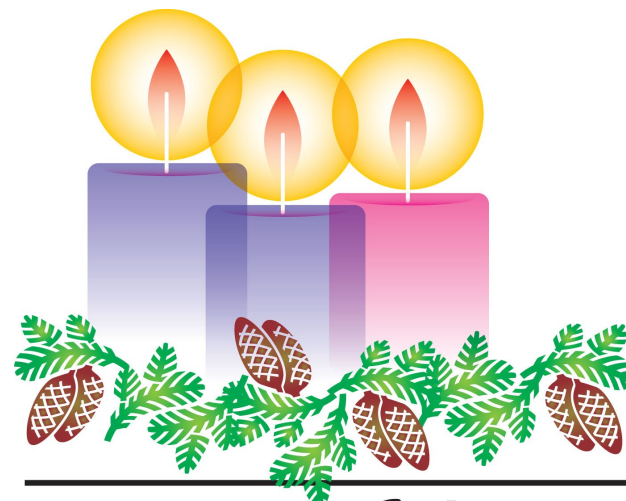
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December 24th at 2:30 PM, 4:30 PM, &
10:30 PM

CHRISTMAS DAY SERVICE
December 25th at 10:00 AM

SUNDAY, JANUARY 1ST
Worship at 10:00 AM

**Lutheran Church of
the Good Shepherd**

Duluth, Minnesota



THIRD SUNDAY OF *Advent*

**Third Sunday of Advent
December 11, 2016**

**Sunday School Christmas Worship
8:45 & 11:00 AM Worship & Communion**

LUTHERAN CHURCH OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD

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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 Kayla! 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 the chalice of 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.

December 11, 2016 Daily Lectionary Readings

Sunday	Matthew 11:1-6
Monday	Matthew 11: 7-10
Tuesday	Matthew 11: 11-15
Wednesday	Matthew 11: 16-19
Thursday	Matthew 11:20-24
Friday	Matthew 11:25-27
Saturday	Matthew 11:28-30

NEW MEMBER CLASSES will be held Tuesday January 17, 31 and February 7 from 6:30 to 8:00 pm. We will Welcome the group on New Member Sunday February 12. Child care is available upon request. Please call Pastor Tim or the church office to register – 218.525.1922

LSS DIAPER DRIVE December Diaper Drive collects gift cards and donated diapers (that resulted in about 45,000 diapers last year!) 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."

USHERS AT 1100 SERVICE: We currently only have small teams scheduled for 2nd, 3rd and 4th weeks of each month. If you attend worship at 1100 and may be available to fill in to help with offering on those short weeks, please speak up and talk to those ushers present.

If willing to fill in a team, let me know (525-6610) or dalin48@charter.net.
Thanks, Linda Susens

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

Welcome CenterKathy Kreager(8:45); Volunteers needed (11:00)
Greeter.....Rachel & Jim Moseley(8:45) Barb Skogg (11:00)
Acolytes..... Kyle Peterson(8:45); volunteers needed (11:00)
Readers.....Sunday School Students
Ushers.. John H. Carlson, Tod Venberg, Erik Julsrud, Brandon Cole(8:45)
.....Jeff Somrock, John & Sue Boutin (11:00)
Altar Guild.....Kathy Gustafson
Communion Assistants..... John Carlson, Cathy Roseth(8:45)
..... Youth (11:00)
Offering Counters..... Dave Kreager, Scott & Sheila Stevens
Accompanist..... Linda Turpening
Projectionist..... Cyndi Venberg (8:45); Brian Fischer (11:00)
Gathering Space Treats Jena Hart, Ruth Hemming, Judith Hermans,
.....Katie Hill

AS WE ARE PRAYING FOR ALL MEMBERS OF OUR CONGREGATION, this week we remember in our prayers: Deb & Mike Klopp; Beth & Bob Lee; Amy & Cal Loken; Pat & Bruce Johnson

CHRISTMAS CAROL SING: Join us in between services (a non-Sunday school day) on **December 18th** to sing Christmas Carol favorites. We will have an informal time of Song, Cider and Cookies in the Gathering Space following first service.

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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 LSS – Center for Changing Lives – the pennies will go to support what will go on in the Center with the youth.

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. 5, 2017, at 9:45 AM.**

2016 CONTRIBUTIONS - Contributions intended for the 2016 tax year must be postmarked on or before **December 31, 2016.** No exceptions can be made due to IRS Regulations.

If you have not had a chance, **please turn in your 2017 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 2017 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:

5th and 6th Grade Narrators

4th Grade Innkeepers, Animals, Mary, and Joseph

3rd Grade Shepherds

2nd Grade Wise Men and Women

Kindergarten and 1st Grade Angels

Preschool Lambs

Thank you for leading us in worship! Thank you for inviting all of us to come and adore Christ the Lord!

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, for planning today’s worship, as well as last week’s Advent Workshop AND all the Sunday School events throughout the year! Lara Ahrens, Ann McIntosh, Corrie Hackbarth, Brianna Solberg, and Tricia Schmalz 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 18** - Between services we will have a carol sing!
- **December 24** - We are seeking prelude music for the 2:30, 4:30, and 10:30 PM Christmas Eve Worship Services.
- **December 25** - We are seeking prelude music for the 10:00 AM Christmas Day Worship Service.

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We have lost a set of keys!! During the Marketplace. There are car key fobs on it. If you find them, please bring them to the office! Thank you!!

COOKIES FOR OUTREACH — You can help brighten someone's holiday season! Good Shepherd's Visitation Team is collecting cookies for our home-bound members as well as for the CHUM Drop-in Center and the St. Louis County Jail. Please put your homemade cookies on the counter in the church office by 9:00 Monday morning, December 12th. To assure proper delivery, mark them "Visitation." We bring a smile to many faces with this ministry; the Jail's annual program serves over 235 people including inmates, staff and volunteers. Please leave all items in the church office. 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

OWLS! (Older, Wiser, Lutherans)

- Tuesday, December 20th—LCGS Fellowship Hall
- 11:30 a.m. catered lunch by Sara Mae Catering (a.k.a. Bill Hyde)
- \$10.00 includes rolls, meatballs, mashed potatoes & gravy, vegetable, Cole slaw, relish tray
- Dessert - bars & cookies provided by OWLS members
- Amie Abenth will teach us the ring part of "Sing and Ring"
- "Hosted" by Arlene Olson. Reservations & payment to her no later than Wednesday, December 14th. Questions contact her at groamo50@callta.com or at 525-5473



ADVENT NIGHT PRAYER

Wednesday Evenings at 6:00 PM

December 14: Worship in the Upper Lakeside Room

December 21: Worship in the Upper Lakeside Room