

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

December 18th, Sunday

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

December 19th, Monday

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

December 20th, Tuesday

5:00PM Endowment Committee

December 21st, Wednesday

6:15 AM Men's Bible Study (GS)
8:30 AM Jazzercise
6:00 PM Advent Vespers Worship
7:00 PM Joyful Noise Choir

December 22nd, Thursday

9:30AM Bible Study (ULSR)

December 23rd, Friday

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

December 24th, Saturday

Christmas Eve
2:30PM Worship
4:30PM Worship
10:30PM Worship

December 25th, Sunday

Christmas Day
10:00AM Worship & Communion

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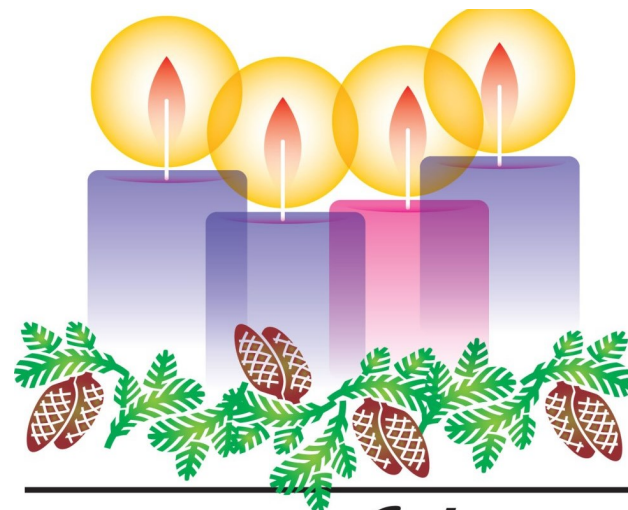
Lead Pastor David E. Mesner

Pastor Timothy P. Berdahl

Katie Kaiser Rich, Director of Youth & Family Ministry; Debbie Sanders, Director Good Shepherd Choir; Amie Abenth Leader Sing & Ring; 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



FOURTH SUNDAY OF *Advent*

December 18, 2016

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 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 18, 2016 Daily Lectionary Readings

Sunday	Matthew 1:1
Monday	Matthew 1:2-6a
Tuesday	Matthew 1: 6b-11
Wednesday	Matthew 1: 12-17
Thursday	Matthew 1:18-25
Friday	Isaiah 7:1-16
Saturday	Luke 2:1-20 (Christmas Eve)

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 11:00 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 Center Mae Nelson(8:45); Dona Schafer(11:00)
Greeter Mae Nelson(8:45) Linda Wick(11:00)
Acolytes Victoria Bell and Matthew Ball (8:45); Nick Jensen (11:00)
Liturgist Kathy Gustafson
Readers Rosie Loeffler-Kemp (8:45); Sue Boman(11:00)
Ushers Mike & Deb Klopp; Pat & Susan Sage; Jerry Asperheim(8:45)
..... Stevens Family, Dona Schafer, Mark Newman(11:00)
Altar Guild..... Chris & Carolyn James
Communion Assistants..... Jody & Bonnie Keppers(8:45)
..... Mark & Grace Monson(11:00)
Offering Counters Linda Susens, Mike Ronchetti,
..... Elizabeth Lundgren, Sandy Scott
Accompanist..... Linda Turpening
Projectionist..... Marcia Semerau(8:45); Chris McIntosh(11:00)
Gathering Space Treats Carolyn James, Lisa Jarvela,
..... Jody Jensen, Julie Johnson

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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!

ADVENT NIGHT PRAYER

Wednesday Evening December 21 at 6:00 PM
Worship in the Upper Lakeside Room

FIRST READING: ISAIAH 7:10-16

¹⁰The LORD spoke to Ahaz, saying, ¹¹Ask a sign of the LORD your God; let it be deep as Sheol or high as heaven. ¹²But Ahaz said, I will not ask, and I will not put the LORD to the test. ¹³Then Isaiah said: “Hear then, O house of David! Is it too little for you to weary mortals, that you weary my God also? ¹⁴Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign. Look, the young woman is with child and shall bear a son, and shall name him Immanuel. ¹⁵He shall eat curds and honey by the time he knows how to refuse the evil and choose the good. ¹⁶For before the child knows how to refuse the evil and choose the good, the land before whose two kings you are in dread will be deserted.”

PSALM: PSALM 80:1-7, 17-19

¹Hear, O Shepherd of Israel, leading Joseph like a flock;
shine forth, you that are enthroned upon the cherubim.

²**In the presence of Ephraim, Benjamin, and Manasseh,
stir up your strength and come to help us.**

³Restore us, O God;
let your face shine upon us, and we shall be saved.

⁴**O LORD God of hosts,
how long will your anger fume when your people pray?**

⁵You have fed them with the bread of tears;
you have given them bowls of tears to drink.

⁶**You have made us the derision of our neighbors,
and our enemies laugh us to scorn.**

⁷Restore us, O God of hosts;
let your face shine upon us, and we shall be saved.

¹⁷**Let your hand be upon the one at your right hand,
the one you have made so strong for yourself.**

¹⁸And so will we never turn away from you;
give us life, that we may call upon your name.

¹⁹**Restore us, O LORD God of hosts;
let your face shine upon us, and we shall be saved.**

SECOND READING: ROMANS 1:1-7

¹Paul, a servant of Jesus Christ, called to be an apostle, set apart for the gospel of God, ²which he promised beforehand through his prophets in the holy scriptures, ³the gospel concerning his Son, who was descended from David according to the flesh ⁴and was declared to be Son of God with power

according to the spirit of holiness by resurrection from the dead, Jesus Christ our Lord, ⁵through whom we have received grace and apostleship to bring about the obedience of faith among all the Gentiles for the sake of his name, ⁶including yourselves who are called to belong to Jesus Christ,

⁷To all God's beloved in Rome, who are called to be saints:

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

GOSPEL: MATTHEW 1:18-25

¹An account of the genealogy of Jesus the Messiah, the son of David, the son of Abraham. ²Abraham was the father of Isaac, and Isaac the father of Jacob, and Jacob the father of Judah and his brothers, ³and Judah the father of Perez and Zerah by Tamar, and Perez the father of Hezron, and Hezron the father of Aram, ⁴and Aram the father of Aminadab, and Aminadab the father of Nahshon, and Nahshon the father of Salmon, ⁵and Salmon the father of Boaz by Rahab, and Boaz the father of Obed by Ruth, and Obed the father of Jesse, ⁶and Jesse the father of King David. And David was the father of Solomon by the wife of Uriah,

¹⁸Now the birth of Jesus the Messiah took place in this way. When his mother Mary had been engaged to Joseph, but before they lived together, she was found to be with child from the Holy Spirit. ¹⁹Her husband Joseph, being a righteous man and unwilling to expose her to public disgrace, planned to dismiss her quietly. ²⁰But just when he had resolved to do this, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, "Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary as your wife, for the child conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. ²¹She will bear a son, and you are to name him Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins." ²²All this took place to fulfill what had been spoken by the Lord through the prophet:

²³"Look, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall name him Emmanuel,"

which means, "God is with us."²⁴When Joseph awoke from sleep, he did as the angel of the Lord commanded him; he took her as his wife, ²⁵but had no marital relations with her until she had borne a son; and he named him Jesus.

AS WE ARE PRAYING FOR ALL MEMBERS OF OUR CONGREGATION, this week we remember in our prayers: Marge & Sulo Kangas; Karen & John Keenan; Mara & Todd Falteisek, Ella and Mac; Kathy & Dave Kreager

A couple of months ago, Bob and Yvonne Franseen sponsored flowers without recognition. Today we honor them on this, the actual date of their 50th Wedding Anniversary!

TODAY! 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.

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!!

Constitution Update - The Vision Council proposes the following motion to be decided at our February 5, 2017 Annual Meeting: "Be it resolved that the Constitution, ByLaws, and Continuing Resolutions of the Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd be amended to bring them into conformity with the Model Constitution for Congregations of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America as most recently amended (Summer 2016) by the Churchwide Assembly."

Mark your Calendar for the LCGS Annual Meeting on February 5th, 2017

CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICES

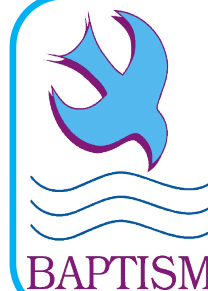
December 24th at 2:30 PM, 4:30 PM, & 10:30 PM

CHRISTMAS DAY SERVICE

December 25th at 10:00 AM

SUNDAY, JANUARY 1ST

Worship at 10:00 AM



Today we welcome
Ashley & Chris Rengstorf's son
Ryder Allan Rengstorf
into the body of Christ and into the mission
we share. Join us in giving thanks and
praise to God!