

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

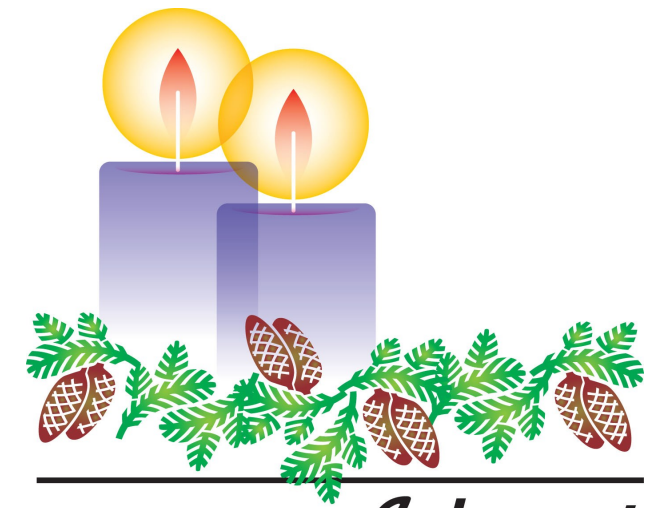
<p>December 4th, Sunday Spiritsong 8:45 AM Worship & Communion 9:45 AM Blood Pressure Checks 10:00 AM Sunday School - Christmas Program practice 10:00 AM Coffee Fellowship 11:00 AM Worship & Communion 11:00AM Advent Workshop 12:00 PM Church Pot-luck 1:30PM Serving Team at Damiano</p> <p>December 5th, Monday 8:30 AM Jazzercise (FH) 10:00 AM Quilting (FH) 5:30 & 7:15PM Yoga (LLSR) 6:30PM Reaching Out Lead. Team 6:00 PM Girl Scouts (LLSR)</p> <p>December 6th, Tuesday 10:00AM Staff Meeting 6:00PM Experiencing God Lead. Team</p> <p>December 7th, Wednesday 6:15 AM Men's Bible Study (GS) 8:30 AM Jazzercise 5:15 PM Sing and Ring 6:00 PM Advent Vespers Worship lead by Confirmation 7:00 PM Good Shepherd Choir</p>	<p>December 8th, Thursday 9:30AM Bible Study (ULSR) Noon - AARP Christmas Lunch</p> <p>December 9th, Friday 7:00 AM Women's "Son" Rise Bible 8:30 AM Jazzercise (FH) 8:00 PM AA & Al-anon</p> <p>December 10th, Saturday 8:30 AM Jazzercise (FH)</p> <p>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</p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; margin-top: 10px;"> <p>Thank you to everyone who helped with and bought Pasties this week!! (at bulletin printing time) We reached our goal of filling 2,000 orders! Funds raised go toward LCGS's Mission and Ministry! Thank you so much everyone!</p> </div>
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Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd
 Duluth, Minnesota



SECOND SUNDAY OF *Advent*

December 4, 2016
 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 the chalice of 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.

ADVENT NIGHT PRAYER

Wednesday Evenings at 6:00 PM

December 7: Candlelight Worship in the Sanctuary led by our Confirmation students.

December 14: Worship in the Upper Lakeside Room

December 21: Worship in the Upper Lakeside Room



OWLS! (Older, Wiser, Lutherans)

- Tuesday, December 20th
- Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd 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 groomo50@callta.com or at 525-5473

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

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!

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

Welcome CenterKaren & Wayne Kragseth(8:45); volunteer needed(11:00)
Greeter..... Geri & Shawn McGivern & Chloe Cederstrom(8:45); Dona Shafer(11:00)
Acolytes Wes Chura (8:45); volunteer(11:00)
UshersCathy Kreft; Will, Heather, Ana, Paige, & Sara Kerola(8:45)
 Bill & Laurel Pagel, Fred Nervick, Karen Guerndt, Cheryl Racine, Mike & Cynthia Bradley (11:00)
Liturgist.....Nan Asperheim
ReadersSulo Kangas (8:45); Lisa Wilson (11:00)
Altar Guild.....
Communion Assistants Ken & Rosie Loeffler-Kemp(8:45)
Casey Fisher(11:00)
Offering Counters Tom Seidelmann, John Boutin, Jim Moseley, Sulo Kangas
Accompanist..... Nona Harkness
ProjectionistBruce Johnson (8:45); Julie Seidelmann; (11:00)
Gathering Space Treats Kathy Gustafson, Rosemary Guttormsson,
 Susan Hall, Lisa Harloff

SUNDAY SCHOOL ANNOUNCEMENTS

TODAY!! Sunday, December 4th - Christmas Worship Practice and Potluck Lunch!

During Sunday School (10:00 am), we will continue practicing our Christmas Worship. We will do a full run through! After practice, stay for:

“The Advent Workshop”

Christmas Crafts and Potluck Lunch!

We will have a variety of gifts and crafts for all ages to create!

And, we'll even have a station for kids to wrap their crafts to give to others!

We'll provide all of the craft supplies.

Please bring something to share for lunch!

Crafts from 11:00 – 1:00 (or whenever you finish...)

Lunch around noon

Feel free to join us after Sunday School or after the 11:00 Worship!

Sunday, December 11th Sunday School Christmas Worship!

8:45 – Sunday School Children Lead Worship

Please arrive at 8:30 to put on costumes and line up!

10:00 – Family Activities

Play Bingo, watch a movie, and eat Christmas treats!

11:00 – Sunday School Children Lead Worship

TREATS NEEDED FOR SUNDAY SCHOOL KIDS - The Sunday School Children will be leading worship on Sunday, Dec. 11! We hope that all families will stay for both worship services – 8:45 and 11:00 – but it helps so much if we can feed the kids in between services. We are looking for people to donate: Christmas Cookies (20 dozen needed!), Gallons of Milk (8 gallons needed!),

String Cheese (10 dozen needed!) Crackers (6 boxes needed!) Apples (2 dozen needed!)

Clementine's (6 dozen needed!)

If you are willing to help, please email Katie Rich (kkrich@lcsduluth.org) with what and how much you are planning to bring.

Donations can be dropped off in the kitchen, as long as they are labeled for the Sunday School Christmas Program. Thanks!



7TH ANNUAL CELEBRATION OF LIGHT AND MUSIC

Sunday, December 11 - 2:00-7:00 p.m. at Camp Hiawatha

This family friendly event includes an afternoon of sleigh rides, cookie decorating, crafts, yummy food demonstrations, and a Christmas carol sing-a-long.

Worship and a festive holiday meal round out the evening.

Cost: \$5 per person for afternoon activities (\$20 family maximum) \$10 per person for meal (1/2 price for ages 6-11) RSVP by December 5 if you plan to join us.

GATHERING

PRELUDE

Nona Harkness

CALL TO WORSHIP

"Prepare Ye the Way of the Lord"

see screen

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

***Confession and Forgiveness**

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Lighting of the Second Advent Candle

***GATHERING SONG**

"Prepare the Way"

see screen

***PRAYER OF THE DAY**

L: Let us pray.

Stir up our hearts, Lord God, to prepare the way of your only Son. By his coming nurture our growth as people of repentance and peace; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

WORD

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Katie Rich, Director of Youth & Family Ministry

(Please sing vs. 1 of: "O Come All Ye Faithful" as the children walk to and from the children's message.)

Isaiah 11:1-10

¹A shoot shall come out from the stump of Jesse, and a branch shall grow out of his roots.

²The spirit of the LORD shall rest on him, the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the LORD.

³His delight shall be in the fear of the LORD.

He shall not judge by what his eyes see, or decide by what his ears hear;

⁴but with righteousness he shall judge the poor, and decide with equity for the meek of the earth;

he shall strike the earth with the rod of his mouth, and with the breath of his lips he shall kill the wicked.

⁵Righteousness shall be the belt around his waist, and faithfulness the belt around his loins.

⁶The wolf shall live with the lamb, the leopard shall lie down with the kid, the calf and the lion and the fatling together, and a little child shall lead them.

⁷The cow and the bear shall graze, their young shall lie down together; and the lion shall eat straw like the ox.

⁸The nursing child shall play over the hole of the asp,

Worship Notes and Announcements



AS WE ARE PRAYING FOR ALL MEMBERS OF OUR CONGREGATION, this week we remember in our prayers: Ann & Chris McIntosh, Alivia and Kellen; Lori & Dan Johnson; Donna Powell; Cheryl & Scott Racine

and the weaned child shall put its hand on the adder's den.
⁹They will not hurt or destroy on all my holy mountain;
for the earth will be full of the knowledge of the LORD as the waters cover the sea.
¹⁰On that day the root of Jesse shall stand as a signal to the peoples; the nations shall inquire of him, and his dwelling shall be glorious.

Psalm 72:1-7, 18-19

¹Give the king your justice, O God,
and your righteousness to the king's son;
²**that he may rule your people righteously
and the poor with justice;**
³that the mountains may bring prosperity to the people,
and the hills, in righteousness.
⁴**Let him defend the needy among the people,
rescue the poor, and crush the oppressor.**
⁵May he live as long as the sun and moon endure,
from one generation to another.
⁶**Let him come down like rain upon the mown field,
like showers that water the earth.**
⁷In his time may the righteous flourish;
and let there be an abundance of peace till the moon shall be no more.
¹⁸**Blessed are you, LORD God, the God of Israel;
you alone do wondrous deeds!**
¹⁹And blessed be your glorious name forever,
and may all the earth be filled with your glory. Amen. Amen.

ROMANS 15:4-13

⁴Whatever was written in former days was written for our instruction, so that by steadfastness and by the encouragement of the scriptures we might have hope. ⁵May the God of steadfastness and encouragement grant you to live in harmony with one another, in accordance with Christ Jesus, ⁶so that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.
⁷Welcome one another, therefore, just as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God. ⁸For I tell you that Christ has become a servant of the circumcised on behalf of the truth of God in order that he might confirm the promises given to the patriarchs, ⁹and in order that the Gentiles might glorify God for his mercy. As it is written,
“Therefore I will confess you among the Gentiles, and sing praises to your name”;
¹⁰and again he says, “Rejoice, O Gentiles, with his people”;
¹¹and again, “Praise the Lord, all you Gentiles, and let all the peoples praise him”;
¹²and again Isaiah says, “The root of Jesse shall come, the one who rises to rule the Gentiles; in him the Gentiles shall hope.”

ALTAR FLOWERS — Today the altar flowers are given by Audrey Madson in memory of her husband Gordy. Thank you! The 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.



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. Last year because of your generosity, we also delivered baked goods to the Twin Ports Ministry to Seafarers. 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 Marcia Semerau at 722-1042. Thank you

Share Your Talent with Us! 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: December 11 (prelude before the Sunday School Christmas Worship); December 18 (during the Carol Sing at 10:00 AM); December 24 (Christmas Eve worship at 2:30 PM, 4:30 PM, or 10:30 PM); December 25 (Christmas Day worship at 10:00 AM in the Gathering Space); and December 27 (10:00 AM worship). Contact Linda Turpening (952-210-4211) or Debbie Sanders (218-724-9065).



Wired Word
10am Upper Lakeside Room

This week saw the passing of Fidel Castro. Some celebrate the end of this sad part of Cuba's history. Others feel that their lives will see no change. We will visit Ecclesiastes which reflects this part of the human condition. The other topic is about Australia's Community garden project and how it has changed eating habits and community outreach! All are welcome for this discussion!

***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

“Lamb of God” (refrain only) #336
“Glorify Thy Name”
“I Will Praise Your Name” See Screen
“Alleluia”

***PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

***BLESSING**

***SENDING SONG** “Soon and Very Soon” #439

POSTLUDE Nona Harkness

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December 4th 2016, Second Sunday of Advent			
Daily Lectionary Readings			
Sunday	Matthew 3:1-6	Thursday	Isaiah: 2:1-4
Monday	Matthew 3:7-10	Friday	Isaiah 11:1-9
Tuesday	Matthew 3:11-12	Saturday	Isaiah 35:1-10
Wednesday	Matthew 3:13-17		

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!!

Join the Serving Team at Damiano: Today!! 1:30 to about 6: 30 p.m. See Hunger Team, signup in gathering space.

¹³May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

***GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

***GOSPEL: MATTHEW 3:1-12**

¹In those days John the Baptist appeared in the wilderness of Judea, proclaiming, ²“Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near.” ³This is the one of whom the prophet Isaiah spoke when he said,

“The voice of one crying out in the wilderness:

‘Prepare the way of the Lord,
make his paths straight.’”

⁴Now John wore clothing of camel’s hair with a leather belt around his waist, and his food was locusts and wild honey. ⁵Then the people of Jerusalem and all Judea were going out to him, and all the region along the Jordan, ⁶and they were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. ⁷But when he saw many Pharisees and Sadducees coming for baptism, he said to them, “You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? ⁸Bear fruit worthy of repentance. ⁹Do not presume to say to yourselves, ‘We have Abraham as our ancestor’; for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children to Abraham. ¹⁰Even now the ax is lying at the root of the trees; every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire.

¹¹“I baptize you with water for repentance, but one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to carry his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. ¹²His winnowing fork is in his hand, and he will clear his threshing floor and will gather his wheat into the granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire.”

SERMON

Pr. Dave Mesner

HYMN OF THE DAY “On Jordan’s Banks the Baptist’s Cry” #249

***PASSING OF THE PEACE**

MEAL

OFFERING OF OUR GIFTS AND TITHES

OFFERING MUSIC “My God is Powerful ” see screen

OFFERTORY RESPONSE

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.