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March
Newsletter
Deadline:
February 15

Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd

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LCGS IS PRAYING

**Good Shepherd randomly prays for all its members.
During these weeks we are keeping the following in our prayers:**



- Feb 5 Doris Klopp; Adrienne & Kurt Linberg, Annika and Katy; Mary & Larry Hauge; Bonni & Steve Licari
- Feb 12 Deb & Mike Klopp; Jessica & Shane Hehir, Ava, Sophie and Grace; Jen & Eric Helland, Olivia, Maria and Sjoren; Tayler Hebner
- Feb 19 Peter Klopp; Melissa & Brad Christensen, Ethan and Joshua; Bernice Hayes; Brenna & Brent Jordan, Jace, Jenaya and Jayva
- Feb 26 Cassie & Dave Chura, Wes and Kate; Grace & Ted Chura; Marion & John Hedenberg; Alison Lillegaard

Prayer: *For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life. ~ John 3:16*

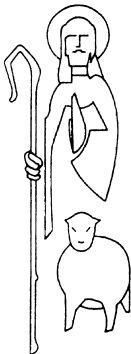
PRAYER REQUEST - If you would like us to pray for a specific concern, please call the office at 525-1922 and your request will be shared with others who care about your needs and believe God will hear and answer. If you have a prayer request emergency and it is after church office hours, please email Patti at office@lcsduluth.org.

PRAYERS FOR HOSPITALIZED PERSONS shared with the Prayer Chain (and in the Prayers of the Church) will begin with "God knows the names of all for whom we pray..." unless permission has been granted by the hospitalized individual or a family member of the individual. This is in keeping with our Privacy Policy. If you have questions/ comments regarding this policy, please feel free to discuss it with one of the pastors.



Are you following Hannah Loeffler-Kemp's Blog?
 Hannah is a member of LCGS and is serving a year with Young Adults in Global Mission through the ELCA! She is serving in Manchester, England.
 There is also a link to support her financially. We continue to send up prayers for Hannah's ministry!
<https://hannahloefflerkemp.wordpress.com/about/>
 Her Mailing address is: St. John's Rectory
 St. John's Road
 Longsight, Manchester M13 OWU UK

Worship Attendance					
	<u>2:30</u>	<u>4:30</u>	<u>10:30</u>		<u>10:00</u>
12/24	229	315	93	12/25	38
	<u>10:00</u>			<u>8:45</u>	<u>11:00</u>
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LCGS IS NURTURING FAITH

Faith@Home

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Sunday School Announcements

There is something exciting happening EVERY SUNDAY this month! Come join us!

- Sunday, February 5th: Annual Meeting and our Annual Movie Day for Sunday School!
- Sunday, February 12th: Kindergarten Prayer Pillow Milestone! All Kindergarteners are invited to attend worship to receive this special gift and blessing!



(Regularly scheduled Sunday School – our last Sunday learning what “Love is...”!)

- Sunday, February 19th: “Spread the Love” Service Project! What a great way to wrap up our time learning about 1st Corinthians 13: Love is patient, love is kind... Love is most important!
- Sunday, February 26th: Family Sunday School: Faith Steps Preview!



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

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."



Reformation 500 - Music! "Notes from the Organist"



"As we enter the 500th anniversary of the Reformation, it is interesting to have preludes, offertories, and postludes that relate to the church music of that time. Two hymnals were printed in Wittenburg in 1524 by Martin Luther and Paul Speratus; the first was so popular that a second larger one was printed in the same year. Many settings of these and other Lutheran hymns are available. Some were written by composers of the past such as J.S.Bach and some are being written today. They celebrate and express the message of the old hymns in many ways. I hope this will add a musical perspective to our observance of the anniversary. " ~Linda Turpening

Summer Camp Registration is now open!



Check out the schedule on our website -
www.VLMcamps.org/summer-schedule



We are also seeking college-aged young adults to serve on our summer staff!
If you or someone you know is interested have them contact us today.

OWLS (Older, Wiser, Lutherans)



Join us for an evening Pot-luck and Conversation! Tuesday, February 21st
Carol Christianson from the National weather Service will join us to talk about climate change. 5:30 Pot luck, Presentation to follow. At LCGS! Invite a friend!

PLANNING AHEAD! LENTEN SUPPER SERVING TEAMS — JOIN IN!

We are looking for people to help us with our five Soup Suppers. There will be sign up sheets in the Gathering Space if you would like to be part of a serving team.

As a member of a team, you would most likely be asked to bring a crock of soup and a loaf of bread.

Some members of the team will need to come by 5:00 PM to help set up, and some members will need to stay for clean-up after worship.

"The goal is to have the clean up done in such a way so ALL can attend worship at 6:15pm."

Dates for soup supper are: March 8, 15, 22, 29, and April 5. 5:30-6:15pm

NO supper on Ash Wed. (March 1) or during Holy Week.



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!

Bell Ringing! Christmas is the time when The Salvation Army has the greatest opportunity to do the most good. The Red Kettle campaign is their largest fund raising event. THANK YOU everyone who helped with bell ringing this holiday season - Bill Kovala, Rachel Moseley & Oliver, Roger & Helen Munson, Bob Hill & Kathryn Sislo, Pat & Susan Sage, Heather Kemp & family, Sydney's small group, Jeff & Ben & Cora Kreager, Ella & Joel Abenth, Marge & Sulo Kangas, Erica & Madison & Kendall Wittmers-Graves, Karen Asanovich, Jenny & Madeline & Elizabeth Johnson, and Linda Susens. We covered 17 hours at Cub Foods on two Saturdays in December. People were richly blessed as a result of your generous contribution of time and for your giving spirit during this very busy time of year. Thank you!
Marcia Semerau, Reaching Out Leadership Team

Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd, On behalf of all of us at CHUM, thank you for your congregational gifts received in October and November in the amount of \$212 to support CHUM's work. Your gifts were designated for the Food Shelf and where the need is greatest.
Your support of CHUM in all ways - time, treasure, talent and good will - makes our work possible.
Thank you again. Sincerely,
Lee Stuart, Executive Director
Mary Schmitz, Development Director



ELCA World Hunger Christmas card received from the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America
Come, Lord Jesus, and bring your light to our weary world.
May this light shine upon you and guide your path, now and forever.
Merry Christmas,
ELCA Presiding Bishop Elizabeth Eaton and the Churchwide staff
A personal note was added and signed:
With profound gratefulness for your most generous gifts to ELCA World Hunger. May the God of abundance bless you and grant you peace. Robin Brown Ashley Debihen

Good people of Good Shepherd, Thank you so much for sharing your pasty bounty with Loaves & Fishes! It provided a warm and delicious meal for the multitudes 😊
Blessings, Joel Kilgore

Cookies+ Outreach
Many thanks to Patty Altonen for contacting folks and asking them to make cookies for the Visitation Team to take to our congregation's homebound members. Others benefited from this ministry as well because we were able to give goodies to CHUM, Twin Ports Seafarers, Loaves & Fishes, and the St. Louis County Jail for their holiday celebration. Over 165 dozen treats were delivered for the holiday season. Thank you to all the wonderful bakers who shared from their kitchens and from their hearts and to those making the deliveries. Thank you!
Marcia Semerau, Reaching Out Leadership Team

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FROM PASTOR TIM

A candle flame. It was there for the sake of the one who was gone, the one who had left home, the one who had been away on a journey. To reach through the darkness of the night, a candle was placed at the window.

The light from that candle reached out to make connection with this one still out there, surrounded by the night, surrounded by the dark. The light reached out to find the one who had lost his or her way. And when the flicker of light found its way to us, then we knew – here is home. Even the tiniest flicker streaming into the darkness of the forests or the prairies or of our histories gives promise of home.

In Isaiah 9, there's a verse that says, "The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who lived in a land of deep darkness – on them light has shined."

Our Christmas season has come to a close. We've taken down the Christmas tree, the strings of lights have been coiled up and put in boxes, decorations have all been put away. We are now in the season called "Epiphany."

The word "Epiphany" means "to make known." It means to make known like light shining into a place that was dark. In these weeks in-between Christmas and Lent, we focus on how Jesus, the light of the world, is making God known. We look at how the light of Christ makes its way into our darkness.

Epiphany has its roots in Christmas. In Christmas, we experience a God who has decided not to be distant from us. So God's light is not kept at some distance; the light is born directly into you, directly into your life, directly into your Bethlehem. Just as the light of a candle flame in a window streams into the night, the light of Christ streams into your darkness. On you, Light has shined.

Pastor Tim