

**Lutheran Church of
the Good Shepherd**

Duluth, Minnesota



Second Sunday of Advent
December 6th, 2015

8:45 & 11:00 AM Worship & Communion

Worship Notes and Announcements

AS WE ARE PRAYING FOR ALL MEMBERS OF OUR CONGREGATION, this week we remember in our prayers: Julie & Don Verelius and Jenna; Molly & Doug Thompson; Kayla Hoeft; Patricia Anderson

ALTAR FLOWERS — Today the altar flowers are given by *Audrey Madson in Memory of Gordy Madson*. 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.

SUNDAY SCHOOL CHRISTMAS PROGRAM PRACTICE — TODAY!! We will continue practicing our Christmas Worship. We will do a full run through! After practice, stay for the Advent Workshop and Potluck Lunch.

Everyone is invited to come create beautiful Christmas crafts and gifts! Potluck begins at noon; crafting will go until 1:30 (or until you are finished).

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 13** - Kids, have you learned a carol and want to share it with the congregation before the Sunday School Christmas Program? Please contact Linda Turpening.
- **December 24** - We are seeking prelude music for the 3:00, 5:00, and 10:30 PM Christmas Eve Worship Services.
- **December 25** - We are seeking prelude music for the 10:00 AM Christmas Day Worship Service.

START YOUR 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>



Cemetery Lots for Sale

Eight cemetery lots at Sunrise Cemetery were donated to LCGS many years ago by two congregation members. The donors made it clear the lots could be sold at a time determined by the church.

A decision has been made to sell the lots, and use the proceeds to help balance the 2015 budget. Congregation members will be given the first opportunity to purchase the lots, before advertising to the public.

The lots are located at Sunrise Cemetery, 4798 Miller Trunk Hwy, in Lot 47, section 21, spaces 5 – 12. Each lot is valued at \$1200.00, however the lots are being offered to congregation members for \$900.00 each.

If you are interested in purchasing one or more lots, or want additional information, please contact Susan Sage @218-213-8279 or sage_susan@yahoo.com.

Consider this a **win/win** opportunity!! You can purchase lots at a discounted rate, and at the same time, help the church balance the 2015 budget.

SERVING TEAM — TODAY! We will be serving at Damiano from 1:30-6:30. Sign up in the Gathering Space.

LAST SUNDAY FOOD DONATIONS — On the last Sunday of each month, the Hunger Team will be promoting food donations. There will be a cart in the front of the sanctuary for your donations (place in cart before worship or youth will pick up donations during offering). A box will be available for monetary donations. Food donations to CHUM are always welcome! A list of “preferred” items is posted on the cart. Thank you!

TODAY! The Arrowhead Chapter of the American Guild of Organists Presents A Christmas Concert at Sacred Heart Music Center at 3:00 pm Featuring LCGS student Jace Jordan! As well as the East High School Sterling Strings Chamber Orchestra with Morgan Wittmers-Graves and Maggy Leider! And a Christmas Carol sing-along led by Pastor David Tryggestad! A great Advent Tradition! \$10 at the door



Christmas Market & Silent Auction
December 6-13, 2015

Country Market
Bake Sale
Kid's Gift Center
Vintage Corner
Silent Auction
Raffle

in the church library
December 6th-13th

*The Silent Auction and Raffle
will close at 12:30 PM on
Sunday, December 13th.*

OUR MARKET STARTS TODAY!!

Christmas Market and Silent Auction from LCGS crafters, sewers, bakers and woodworkers! You will find some amazing treasures and gifts!

SHOPPING HOURS

The Christmas Market will be open for shopping, and raffle tickets will be sold during the following hours:

- Sun, Dec 6th - 8:00 AM to 2:00 PM
- Wed, Dec 9th - 5:30 PM to 7:30 PM
- Sun, Dec 13th - 8:00 AM to 1:30 PM

Update from the 2015 Budget Forums

Thank you members of Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd for the outpouring of ideas on how LCGS can work to improve our potential 2015 budget shortfall. The ideas generated were varied in scope, in timing, in complexity, and in "out of the box"-ness. What a blessing to have so many diverse ideas.

All suggestions were compiled into a list and presented to the Finance Task Force. This committee evaluated the list with the criterion of "what can we do that will impact 2015 budget" as the first sweep. Using this criterion, six suggestions were tagged as likely to have impact in 2015.

These six suggestions were then presented to the Resource Development Team. RDT agreed that these six ideas could be tackled this year and individuals and teams agreed to be responsible for launching them.

RDT then shared these ideas with the Vision Council who fully supported the efforts.

As you read this, five of the efforts are already underway. They are:

- The Christmas Market and Silent Auction, which will run from Dec 6-13
- Sale of 8 cemetery plots owned by LCGS, which will be offered to LCGS members at a reduced rate (see page 8)
- Music Concert featuring Christa Overson, our choirs, and other members, planned for January (scheduling conflicts require a 2016 date)
- Amazon Smile designation for LCGS, allowing anyone to set aside a portion of their Amazon purchases to support LCGS
- An end of year appeal

There are many more excellent ideas on the list which can be implemented in 2016 to supplement our ongoing mission.

Thank you for supporting LCGS' mission by sharing your time, talent, treasure, and ideas.

Rachael Perlinger, Vision Council President



Wired Word

10am Upper Lakeside Room

The international climate change convention convened in Paris this week. Polls indicate that we are divided on this topic. For this installment of TWW we are going to consider how our beliefs and leanings in other areas affect how we view issues. We will be concerned with epistemology—the investigation of what distinguishes justified belief from opinion. The second topic discusses the recent executive order by the Kentucky Governor restoring the right to vote to convicts who have completed their sentences. We take this opportunity to explore how rights and privileges of individuals who have caused harm in society may be restored



Good news! Lutheran Social Service of MN was accepted as an official Charity Partner for the 2016 Grandma's Marathon!

What that means is that people can run the half or full marathon for LSS and raise funds for LSS youth services in Duluth. (you get guaranteed free entry to the HALF and FULL marathons! So if you missed the Half entry, now is your chance!!)We are now recruiting people to join our team! The Lutheran Social Service of MN (LSS) team will run to raise funds for LSS youth services in Northern Minnesota.

Forms are on the Welcome Center and a link is on our website. Email them to robin.maxwell@lssmn.org, no later than **December 15th, 2015**.

Giving Tree

We have the opportunity to make Christmas brighter for others in our community at Safe Haven Women's Shelter and Teen Lifehouse. Please select a tag from our Christmas Tree in the Gathering Space. Write your name and phone number on the sheets near the tree. Then, shop for a gift according to the suggestions on the tag and say a prayer for the recipient. Please keep items for Lifehouse to \$10 and items for Safe Haven to \$25 or less. Leave donation in a gift bag with your tag attached under our Christmas Tree in the Gathering Space by Sunday, December 13th.

You may still order **Poinsettias!** Forms for Poinsettias and CHUM Christmas donations are on the Welcome Table!
 Deadline is NOON—TOMORROW! December 7th!



SALVATION ARMY BELL RINGING DECEMBER 5TH & 12TH —

Sign up today in the Gathering Space for one or two one-hour time slots to ring bells indoors at Cub Foods (on Central Entrance) on December 5th & 12th (10:00 AM to 8:00 PM). Call Marcia Semerau at 722-1042 with questions.

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 (marked “Visitation”) on the counter in the church office by 9:00 **Monday morning, December 7th**. 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 to the following individuals who assisted in today’s worship service:

- Welcome Center**Grace Chura(8:45); volunteers needed (11:00)
- Greeter**..... Jena Hart (8:45) Nancy Cayemberg(11:00)
- Acolytes** Evan Leonidas (8:45); volunteers needed (11:00)
- Liturgist**Linda Susens
- Reader**..... Rachel Moseley(8:45); Susan Heskin (11:00)
- Ushers**Jay & Kathy Kreft, Kerola Family, Steve & Susan Aulie (8:45)
 Bill&Laurel Pagel, Fred Nervick, Karen Guerndt,
Cheryl Racine, Mike & Cynthia Bradley (11:00)
- Altar Guild**..... Chris & Carolyn James
- Communion Assistants**..... Cal & Amy Loken (8:45)
Amber Westerbur, Rosemary Guttormsson (11:00)
- Offering Counters**Tom Seidelmann, John Boutin, Jim Moseley
- Accompanist**..... Nona Harkness
- Projectionist** Marcia Semerau (8:45); Kayla Nyenhuis(11:00)
- Gathering Space Treats**..Patricia Johnson, Anita Jones, Jennifer Julsrud,
 Jill Kaiser

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

SUNDAY, December 6th

Second Sunday of Advent/Spirit Song

8 AM—2 PM Christmas Market
 8:45 AM Worship & Communion
 10:00 AM Wired Word
 10:00 AM Sunday School
 10:00 AM Coffee Fellowship
 11:00 AM Worship & Communion
 11:00AM Advent Workshop
 12:00 PM Potluck; Advent Workshop continues

MONDAY, December 7th

Poinsettia Deadline

8:30 AM Jazzercise
 10:00 AM Quilting
 7:00 PM Girl Scouts

TUESDAY, December 8th

6:00 PM Ruth Circle at Seidelmann's

WEDNESDAY, December 9th

6:15 AM Men's Bible Study
 8:30 AM Jazzercise
 9:30 AM Circle Christmas Party
 5:15 PM Sing & Ring
 6:00 PM Advent Night Prayer (Confirmation lead)
 7:00 PM Joyful Noise
 7:30 PM Peer Ministry

THURSDAY, December 10th

9:30 AM Bible Study
 12:00 PM AARP Christmas Lunch

FRIDAY, December 11th

7:00 AM Women's "Son"rise Bible Conversation

8:30 AM Jazzercise

8:00 PM AA & Al-anon

SATURDAY, December 12th

JANUARY NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

8:30 AM Jazzercise

SUNDAY, December 13th

Third Sunday of Advent

8 AM—2 PM Christmas Market
 8:45 AM Sunday School Christmas Worship
 10:00 AM Family Sunday School —
 10:00 AM Coffee Fellowship
 10:00 AM Wired Word
 11:00 AM Sunday School Christmas Worship

CORRECTION — If you receive the newsletter by mail, please note that there was an error in worship times for Christmas Eve Worship (the correct times are 3:00, 5:00 and 10:30 PM)

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