

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

December 16, Sunday
3RD SUNDAY OF ADVENT
 8:45AM Worship & Communion
 9:45AM Blood Pressure Checks
 NO Sunday School
 10:00AM Coffee Fellowship &
 Carol Sing
 11:00AM Worship & Communion

December 17, Monday
 10:00AM Quilting
 7:00PM Girl Scouts (LLSR)
 4:30PM Endowment Team

December 18, Tuesday
 11:00AM - OWLS Christmas
 potluck

December 19, Wednesday
 6:15AM Men's Bible Study (GS)
 7:00PM Good Shepherd Choir

December 20, Thursday
 5:00PM Finance Team
 6:30PM Vision council
 7:00PM AA

December 21, Friday
 7:00AM Women's "Son" Rise Bible
 Conversation
 8:00PM AA & AI-Anon

December 22, Saturday

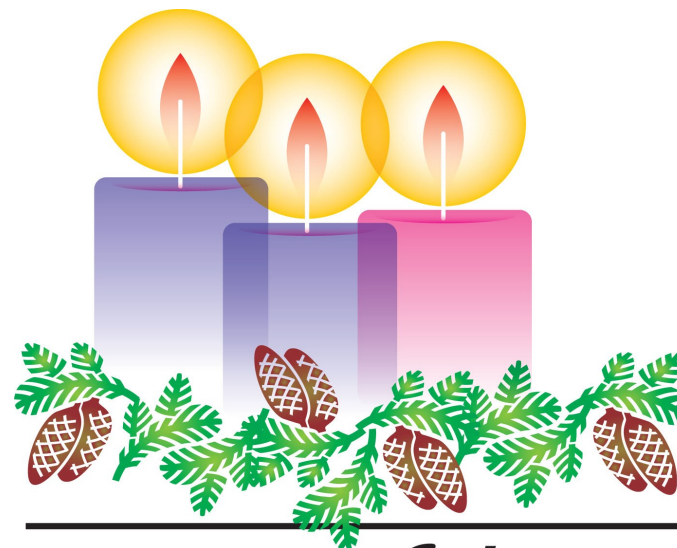
December 23, Sunday
4TH SUNDAY OF ADVENT
 10:00AM Worship
 11:00AM Coffee Fellowship

December 24, Monday
CHRISTMAS EVE
 2:30PM Worship
 4:30PM Worship
 10:30PM Worship

December 25, Tuesday
CHRISTMAS DAY
 10:00AM Worship

Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd

Sunday, December 16th
 Third Sunday in Advent
 8:45am and 11:00am Worship & Communion



THIRD SUNDAY OF *Advent*

LUTHERAN CHURCH OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD

A Community of Christ Experiencing God, Reaching Out, Nurturing Faith
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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;
 Linda Turpening, Organist;

Patti Hallback, Office Manager; Amie Abenth, Communications Coordinator;
 Sydney Fischer, Nursery Director;
 Bob Franseen, Greg Susens, Custodians

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. Communicants will be ushered forward by the center aisle and return by the side aisles. 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.

Daily Lectionary 12/16/18~ Third Sunday of Advent

Sunday	Luke 3:7-9
Monday	Luke 3:10-14
Tuesday	Luke 1:57-66
Wednesday	Luke 1:67-80
Thursday	Luke 2:22-24
Friday	Luke 2:25-35
Saturday	Luke 2:36-40

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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. 10th, 2019, at 9:45 AM.**

2018 CONTRIBUTIONS - Contributions intended for the 2018 tax year must be postmarked or placed in the offering plate on or before **December 31, 2018.** No exceptions can be made due to IRS Regulations.

Church Office hours during the weeks around Christmas and New Year:

Christmas Eve - Closed
Christmas Day - Closed
December, Wed. 26th & Thurs. 27th - 10:00am-1:00pm
December, Friday 28 - closed
December, Monday 31st - 10:00am- 1:00pm
January, Tuesday 1 - closed



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

Welcome Center Susan Sage (8:45); Volunteer needed (11:00)
Greeter Kathy & Cora Kreager (8:45) volunteer needed (11:00)
Acolyte Kate Chura (8:45) Rylee Stevens, Sarah Earley (11:00)
Liturgist Nan Asperheim
Reader Lisa Wilson (8:45); Sue Boman (11:00)
Ushers Jim Skoog, Dave Kreager, Ron Gullicks, Dave Johnson (8:45)
..... Dick & Mary Husby, Kreager family (11:00)
Communion Assistants Nan & Jerry Asperheim (8:45)
..... Volunteer needed (11:00)
Altar Guild Julie & Tom Seidemann
Offering Counters Nancy Cayemberg, Ann McIntosh, Mary Davidson
Accompanist Linda Turpening
Projectionist Jody Keppers (8:45); Chris McIntosh (11:00)
Gathering Space Treats Kathy Gustafson, Katie Greicar,
..... Rosemary Guttormsson, Susan Hall

75th Anniversary Ornaments Cost: \$10 Featuring a beautiful photo of our church, plus a prayer: “God bless this Christmas tree and all who gather near. Help us reflect Your Light in all we say and do. Amen.” Our deepest hope is that this ornament will become part of the family traditions in your home at Christmas time. Imagine family and friends seeing this ornament and the conversations it might inspire. We hope this ornament will be a blessing to you for years and years to come.

LSS DIAPER DRIVE December Diaper Drive collects gift cards and donated diapers (sent via Amazon) Drop donations off at: **LSS Crisis Nursery, 1 E.**

First St., Suite 301 Duluth

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.”

On November 18th, Commitment Sunday, many members of our congregation returned their **Estimate of Giving cards** for the coming year. It was exciting to see so many join in our processional offering to return these cards that describe their commitment to our ministry and giving plans for 2019.

If you haven’t yet submitted your Estimate of Giving 2019, please complete and return it as soon as possible to the office so that we can complete this year’s Stewardship Annual Financial Response program. If you have any questions or concerns, or need to update your Simply Giving® forms, please contact Patti Hallback, office manager at 525-1922. Recurring gifts (monthly, weekly) from your checking account or credit card can also be set up online at www.lcsduluth.org/give.

New Member Classes - Will be held Tuesdays of January 29, February 5th & 12th (6:30 to 8:00), and with the New Member Welcome on Sunday February 24th. Child care is available upon request. Please call Pastor Tim or the church office to register – 218.525.1922.



First Reading: Philippians 4:4-7

⁴Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. ⁵Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. ⁶Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. ⁷And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

Psalm: Isaiah 12:2-6

²Surely God is my salvation; I will trust, and will not be afraid, for the LORD GOD is my strength and my might, and has become my salvation.

³**With joy you will draw water from the wells of salvation.**

⁴And you will say in that day: Give thanks to the LORD, call on God’s name;

make known the deeds of the LORD among the nations; proclaim that this name is exalted.

⁵**Sing praises to the LORD, for he has done gloriously; let this be known in all the earth.**

⁶Shout aloud and sing for joy, O royal Zion, for great in your midst is the Holy One of Israel.

Gospel: Luke 3:7-18

⁷John said to the crowds that came out to be baptized by him, “You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? ⁸Bear fruits worthy of repentance. Do not begin 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. ⁹Even 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.”

¹⁰And the crowds asked him, “What then should we do?” ¹¹In reply he said to them, “Whoever has two coats must share with anyone who has none; and whoever has food must do likewise.” ¹²Even tax collectors came to be baptized, and they asked him, “Teacher, what should we do?” ¹³He said to them, “Collect no more than the amount prescribed for you.” ¹⁴Soldiers also asked him, “And we, what should we do?” He said to them, “Do not extort money from anyone by threats or false

accusation, and be satisfied with your wages.”

¹⁵As the people were filled with expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Messiah, ¹⁶John answered all of them by saying, “I baptize you with water; but one who is more powerful than I is coming; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. ¹⁷His winnowing fork is in his hand, to clear his threshing floor and to gather the wheat into his granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire.”

¹⁸So, with many other exhortations, he proclaimed the good news to the people.

Worship Notes and Announcements

AS WE ARE PRAYING FOR ALL MEMBERS OF OUR CONGREGATION, this week we remember in our prayers: In celebration of all who participate in sharing their musical gifts

OWLS (Older, Wiser, Lutheran) Owls Christmas potluck. Tuesday, Dec. 18; 11am-1pm. Bring a brunch, light lunch, sweet treat, or anything else you would like to share and join us in the fellowship hall at church. We will eat and visit and enjoy our time together, then we will have the chance to play the bell sets that Good Shepherd owns. We will make our own Christmas music and laugh at our trial and error efforts! Everyone welcome!
Questions - Contact Debbie Sanders - debra.k.sanders@icloud.com (218-216-5366)



IF YOU HAD YOUR PICTURE TAKEN FOR THE DIRECTORY AND DIDN'T ORDER ADDITIONAL PRINTS, YOUR FREE 8x10 IS IN THE GATHERING SPACE

Welcome Max Hahn who is playing the organ during the offertory music at the 8:45 service. Max is a Sr. at Marshall and studies organ with Velda Bell. He received an organ scholarship from the Arrowhead Chapter of the American Guild of organists.

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)
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DECEMBER 24 - CHRISTMAS EVE WORSHIP AT 2:30PM; 4:30PM OR 10:30PM
DEC. 30, SUNDAY MORNING 10:00AM WORSHIP

ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE
THIRD SUNDAY IN ADVENT
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 16TH WORSHIP AT 8:45 AND 11:00AM
AT 10:00AM CHRISTMAS CAROL SING AND REFRESHMENTS
FOURTH SUNDAY IN ADVENT
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 23RD AT 10:00AM
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, DECEMBER 30TH
Worship at 10:00 AM



Create, Laugh, Learn! December 4th from 9am-4pm we will continue another session of “Mitten Mania” for charitable donation. If you have **polar fleece** we could use, please bring. We’ll be working in teams again so all are welcome to cut, sew, or finish with buttons. If you have a sewing machine, bring it with. I have an extra and the church has 5. We all felt last month that we were just getting the hang of the mitten pattern. Come learn with us! Mittens will be donated to local shelters! Sue Boutin

