

November 27, 2016

Worship 10:30 a.m.

UPCOMING EVENTS AT GOOD SHEPHERD

Sunday, Nov. 27th - 1st Sunday in Advent

NO Sunday School
10:30 a.m. Worship
NO RIPPLE or WAVE

Monday, Nov. 28th

7:15 a.m. Daycare

Tuesday, Nov. 29th

7:15 a.m. Daycare
7:00 p.m. Stewardship & Budget Team

Wednesday, Nov. 30th

7:15 a.m. Daycare
11:30 a.m. Staff Meeting
6:00 p.m. Men's Book Study (Parlor)
6:30 p.m. DIVE Bible Study (Room 109)
7:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal (Sanctuary)

Thursday, Dec. 1st

7:15 a.m. Daycare

Friday, Dec. 2nd

7:15 a.m. Daycare
4:00 p.m. Townhome Assn. Setting up for Sat.
Meeting

Saturday, Dec. 3rd

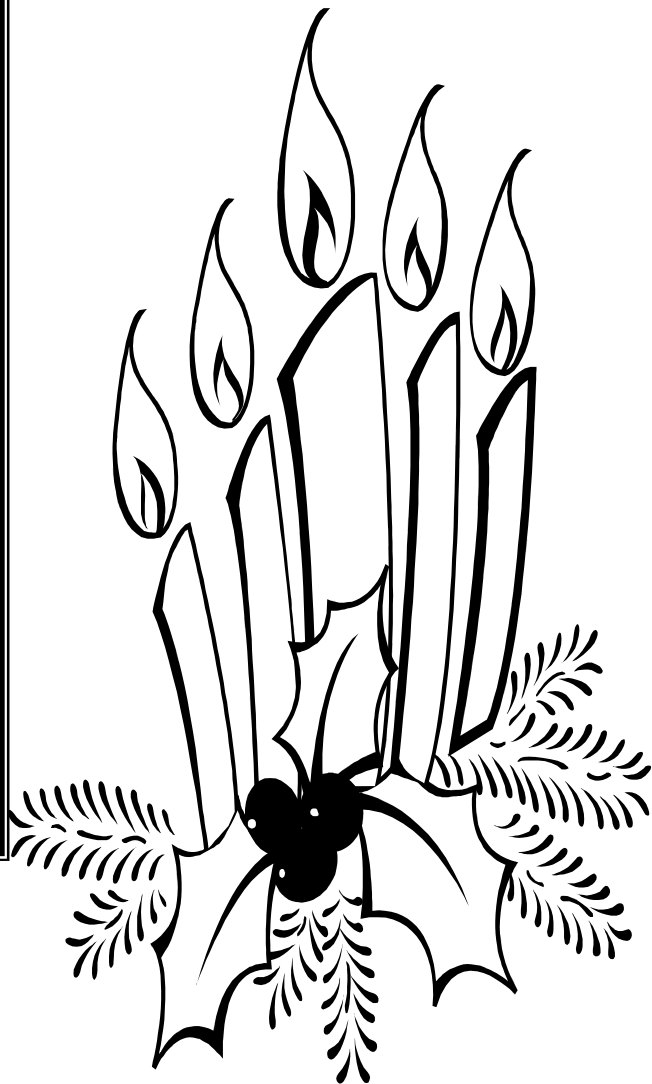
8:00 a.m. Townhome Assn. Meeting (Parlor)

Sunday, Dec. 4th - Communion/2nd Sunday in Advent

9:00 a.m. Sunday School
10:30 a.m. Worship
1:00 p.m. Communion to Homebound
4:00-5:00 p.m. RIPPLE (K-5th Grade)
5:30-7:30 p.m. WAVE (6th-12th Grade)

Good Shepherd Presbyterian Church:

*"Welcomes you into a place of
worship and friendship, where all
generations grow together spiritually
and strive to be more Christ-like."*



ADVENT

Welcome to Good Shepherd Presbyterian Church

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Celebration of Worship

1st Sunday in Advent



ADVENT - the four-week period that leads up to Christmas - is a series of events designed not to delay the celebration of Christmas, but to enhance it. It's a kind of delayed gratification that culminates in a ... satisfaction that is all the richer for the waiting. - Joan Chittister

*LITANY FOR ADVENT **Jeremiah 33:12-17**.....Liturgist Tad Hunt

Leader: "This is what the LORD Almighty says: This land-- though it is now desolate and the people and animals have all disappeared -- will once more see shepherds leading sheep and lambs. Once again their flocks will prosper in the towns of the hill country, the foothills of Judah, the Negev, the land of Benjamin, the vicinity of Jerusalem, and all the towns of Judah. I, the LORD, have spoken!"

People: **"Behold, the days are coming,' says the LORD, 'that I will perform that good thing which I have promised to the house of Israel and to the house of Judah: 'In those days and at that time I will cause to grow up to David a Branch of righteousness; He shall execute judgment and righteousness in the earth. In those days Judah will be saved, and Jerusalem will dwell safely. And this is the name by which she will be called: THE LORD OUR RIGHTEOUSNESS.'**

All: **For this is what the LORD says: David will forever have a descendant sitting on the throne of Israel!"**

*HYMN #177

"Lift Up the Gates Eternal"

Lighting the Candle Of Hope. We have hope because God is faithful and just and will keep the promises made to us. Rom. 8:32 "He who did not spare His own Son, but gave Him up for us all - how will He not also, along with Him, graciously give us all things?"

Welcome to worship at Good Shepherd on this first Sunday of Advent.

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE.....Gary and Karen Heusel

*HYMN #9

"O Come, O Come, Emmanuel"

LIFE OF THE CONGREGATION.....Pastor Jeff Warrick

Good Shepherd Presbyterian Church

HYMN #12

"People, Look East" (verses 1 & 5)

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE.....Dee Hughes

Following the children's message the 3-5 year olds may join Katie Bonness at the back of the sanctuary to go for the Activity Time. Note that we have a nursery on the lower level for children 2 and under should any parents wish to take advantage of it.

THE LORD'S PRAYER see Blue Hymnal pg. 16 (Traditional version)

OFFERING MUSIC

*Response Hymn #16 **"The Angel Gabriel from Heaven Came"** (verses 1 & 2)

ANTHEM

"He Will Come"

GSPC Choir

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION.....Liturgist Tad Hunt

Scripture: **Luke 10:25-37** (Pew Bible pg. 725)

SERMON ""

*BENEDICTION.....Pastor Jeff Warrick

*Response Hymn #23 **"Angels We Have Heard on High"**

Note: *Those able to stand are invited to do so.

If you are a guest with us today, please feel free to stop by The Welcome Information Center at the back of the sanctuary to pick up your gift of a Good Shepherd mug. Thank you for joining us today for worship and we hope to see you back again soon!

NOTICE: There are hearing assist devices on the usher's table at the back of the sanctuary. They are easy to use. If you need hearing assistance, pick one up and give it a try.

Today's Worship Assistants

Acolyte.....Ella Bonness
Ushers.....David Hanselmann, Julie Havener, Larry Bitney, Brad Rikli
Greeters.....Beth Languis & Mary Stout
Offering Counters.....Lyle Bender & Franklin Reis



All women of the Church and guests are invited to attend the **P.W. Annual Holly Tea on Wednesday, December 7, at 1:00 p.m. in the parlor.** This is a great way to start the Christmas season! A program will be provided.

Members, please bring one dozen cookies to share.

Circles do not meet in December. We will continue our study of *What a Difference a Lens Makes* in January.

NEED CANDLE LIGHTER/READERS

Hurry and sign up! If you and a friend, or you and your family would like to be a candle lighter/reader for one of the two remaining Sundays in Advent, December 4th or December 18th, please sign-up on the sheet on the table at the back of the sanctuary.



The GSPC Sunday School is supporting a family in need for the 2016/17 Sunday School year. The family we are supporting consists of a single mother, 7th, 5th, 3rd, & 1st grader plus a kindergartner. We provided a food basket for Thanksgiving, and will be giving them a Christmas they will remember, plus provide a meal and basket for Easter.

Monetary donations can be given to Krystle Anderson, Sunday School Superintendent or mailed to the church office.

The offering we collect each Sunday during Sunday School goes toward the family as well. Any donation large or small is appreciated.

Thank you so much for supporting this outreach project! ...CE Committee.

IF YOU WISH TO ORDER A POINSETTIA TO DECORATE THE CHURCH THIS CHRISTMAS, please fill out the enclosed form and drop it along with your check in the offering plate or mail it to the church office no later than Monday, December 5th. There will be heavy paper grocery sacks available at the Information Station to place the Poinsettias in for protection from the weather when you pick up your poinsettia/s following the Christmas Eve, Christmas Day or January 1st, 2017 services.



We just received the final numbers from the Youth Silent Auction.

The Grand Total is..... Drum roll please..... **\$9,742.25!!!!**

Wow!!!! This is awesome and sets the youth up so well for mission trips for the next two years. Thank you all for supporting our youth!!! ...Connie Hilligoss & Tad Hunt



"HERE WE COME A-CAROLING!"

Save Sunday, December 11th, for Good Shepherd's Christmas Caroling event for our home bound members.

We will meet at the church at 2:30 p.m. to split into teams to go caroling, and return to the church afterwards for a soup supper. Please bring cookies or a dessert to share. Soup, sandwiches, and beverages will be provided. **Please sign up on the sheet**

provided on the table at the back of the sanctuary.

...Congregational Outreach Team & The Seekers Group

CELEBRATING 89 YEARS!! - You are invited to an open house drop in for Lila Karthaus on Sunday, December 4th from 1:00 - 4:00 p.m. - Home of Doug & Rhonda Obermeier: 6000 South 114th St. Come and have a piece of cake and wish Lila a Happy Birthday! (No Gifts Please).



- FRIENDSHIP GROUP NEWS -

Friendship Group

The Friendship Group will meet Friday, December 9th, at 1:00 p.m. at the church. This will be our last meeting until April, 2017. The officers will host the meeting. Several children from the Good Shepherd Presbyterian Church Little Lambs Preschool will sing for us with a social time to follow. Visitors are encouraged to attend and members will be called.

Refreshments will be served.

THANK YOU ALL for the prayers, cards and support that has been given for my mom and our family following the car accident my mom was in. It is always so appreciated. We are blessed to have such great thoughtful caring friends and church family.

...Kris Peterson and Family



Activity Time



A HUGE THANK YO to all the individuals in our church who volunteered this past year for activity time! They are: Katie Bonness, Chris Hartley, Peg Moeller and Celeste White, Isaac and John Mousel, Luan Pitsch, Heidi, Makenna and Eli Schmal, Anna Vosicky, and Shaelyn, Shelby and Shannon Warrick. This ministry is so important to our children, ages 3 – Kindergarten, and to their parents as it provides a time to worship - and we could not provide that if it weren't for you! At this time we are

looking to make our list for next year and would like to have some additional names of individuals who would be willing to be in the rotation. You would be scheduled for activity time approximately 3-4 times a year! If you would consider this ministry please let Joani Szudlo, John Bailey or Rhonda Obermeier know and we would love to add you to our list!

The Barnabas store is in need of volunteers. Times to fill are Thursday 9:30 to 11:30 AM to assist in the store during shopping and Thursday evenings and Saturday afternoons for sorting and putting up donations. More information can be provided by contacting Vera Karel 402-464-2642.



Praises & Prayer Requests

. . . . For those with cancer

Continued prayers for **Luan Pitsch's daughter-in-law, Amanda**, who has been diagnosed with papillary thyroid carcinoma. Thyroid removal surgery was performed and further blood test follow-up will determine any further treatment.

Barbara Karel, granddaughter of Vera Karel, is recovering nicely after surgery on Sept. 23rd. She went back to work, but will be scheduled to start radiation treatments later this month. Thank you all for your thoughts and prayers for her and our family. Please continue with prayers as she goes into this next phase of recovery.

Please continue to pray for **Ronda Dix, a friend of Chris Hartley**. She was admitted to the hospital for tests where they found a mass in the side of her brain. Surgery was performed to remove the mass but it was found to be a very aggressive form of cancer. Unfortunately she has been moved to Hospice care and will live out her last days as positively and gracefully as possible. Continue prayers for her and her family

Continued prayers for **Laurie Hedgecock, friend of Sally & Stan Docter**, who is dealing with Stage IV Rectal Cancer with multiple metastases to her liver. Her last two CT scans showed that she is in remission. This is a good thing, however, she's still on chemo via infusion every 3 weeks and oral chemo 7 days on /7 days off. The oral chemo makes her very sick. Please continue your prayers heavenward for **Laurie and her family**.

Continued prayers for healing and strength as my aunt, **Phyllis Meister**, battles cancer.

...Ashley Gregory

Please continue to pray for **Cheryl Havener, sister-in-law of Julie Havener**, as she undergoes chemo therapy treatments for breast cancer. Cheryl began chemo treatments in early August and will continue them through the end of the year.

Please continue to pray for **Grace Fry, 9 year old daughter of Jeff & Mandy Fry and granddaughter of Greg & Sharon Schnasse, friends of Alice Miller**, who has been diagnosed with Leukemia. She was sent to Children's Hospital in Omaha and placed on medication that is making her very weak. Pray that she improves and will feel better soon.

Please continue to pray for **Melissa Rogers & Family, friends of Julie Havener**, as she battles a rare and serious cancer. Melissa has chosen not to treat growth of the cancer in her vertebrae and rib bones, but continues to treat existing tumors with a milder form of chemo. Her courage and optimism inspire everyone.

. . . . For those with other health concerns

* Pray for comfort and peace for **Jackie Meister** who has been admitted to The Monarch, 4201 S. 78th St. under Hospice Care. Visitors welcome.

Continued prayers for **Ed Schnabel** who is recovering from knee replacement surgery.

Prayers for **Capt. Mark Gaudet**, deployed to Korea, and **his wife, Lindsay, and two young sons** while he is away. Lindsey is the niece of **Lyle & Ivette Bender**.

Continued prayers are requested for **the Andy & Chanel Smriga Family, friends of Anna Hanselmann**, for health and continued strength for their premature daughter, Quinn. Sympathy as well to the family as **Quinn's twin sister, Harper**, passed away.

* Pray for **Tad Hunt, GSPC's Youth Director**, who is suffering with a Crone's disease attack. This causes him great pain and distress. Pray that he gets relief very soon.

* Prayers for **Cecil Moreland** who was admitted to Bryan/West Hospital, Room 601. Tests are being conducted to determine what course of action will be taken in his recovery.

Please continue to pray for **Norma Bailey** who suffered a broken hip and foot from a fall. She has been moved to the Tabitha Rehabilitation Center, 4720 Randolph St, Room 116, north entrance.

Please continue to pray for **Annette Kliewer, Julie Havener's mother and Lindsey Kliewer's grandmother**, who has been struggling with severe back pain. Please pray for relief from the pain and for physical therapy to be successful.

Continued prayers for **Jason Heusel, son of Gary and Karen**, who is continuing ongoing kidney dialysis treatments while beginning the process to undergo a kidney transplant.

* **Brin Jinright** (Freshmen in high school), (**Tammy Mousel's, Supervisor's Daughter**) is doing a little better. She is at home and getting Peritoneal Dialysis at home. On 11/14 she started her Freshman year with the rest of her classmates. At this point she is going for 1/2 the day. In the next week or two she will try going all day as she's able to tolerate it.

Thank-you for the continued prayers and thoughts.

...For those who mourn

* Prayers for comfort for **Jan Hughes, Dee Hughes, Family & Friends** on the death of Dave Hughes Sunday, November 13th. Services were held at the church, Wednesday, November 16th.

* Indicates new prayer or updated information since last publication.



Elders (Session Board)

Jean Baker (2016)	Congregational Outreach
Jane Basoco (2016)	Worship
Sally Docter (2016)	Building & Grounds
David Hanselmann (2016)	Personnel
Chris Hartley (2016)	Faith in Action
Josiah Anderson (2017)	Building & Grounds
John Bailey (2017)	Christian Education
Gary Heusel (2017)	Worship
Mark Langrud (2017)	Stewardship & Budget
Codie Meehan (2017)	Little Lambs Child Dev. Center
Rhonda Obermeier (2017)	Christian Education
Teri Vosicky (2017)	Congregational Outreach
Peg Moeller (2017)	Clerk of Session
Franklin Reis (2018)	Stewardship & Budget
Bob Pitsch (2018)	Personnel
Tammy Rikli (2018)	Faith in Action
Connie Hilligoss (2018)	Little Lambs Child Dev. Center
Maggie Horak (2018)	P.W. Representative

Deacons - Deacon on Call (Nov. 20th- Dec. 3rd) - Kay Schwindt

Paul Bartlett (2016)	Nominating
Thelma Mahlman (2016)	Funerals
Mary Stout (2016)	Meals
Alyce Rae Willey (2016)	Cards/Funerals
Dawn Bonness (2017)	Moderator
	Beth Languis (2017) Vice Moderator
Dorothy Megrue (2017)	Funerals
Marcia Moreland (2017)	Cards/Funerals
Bill Baker (2018)	Funerals
Tim Calkins (2018)	Secretary
Karen Heusel (2018)	New Arrivals
Kay Schwindt (2018)	Treasurer

Foundation Board

Doug Obermeier (2016)	Moderator
Stan Docter (2016)	Vice Moderator
Becky Hartley (2017)	Secretary
Georgia Raecke (2017)	Member at Large
Betty Bartlett (2018)	Treasurer
Kim Moeller (2018)	Member at Large

Staff

Carole Beach	Adm. Church Secretary
Alice Miller	Choir Director/Pianist
Terry Hostetler	Church Treasurer
Tad Hunt	Director of Student Ministries
Mandi Haumont	Little Lambs Director/Teacher
Sarah Schneider & Miatta George	Little Lambs Teachers
Norma Christiansen, Jessa & Tyler Newby	Little Lambs Asst. Teachers
Maggie Zimmerman	Little Lambs Asst. Teacher
Frannie Calkins	Nursery Supervisor
The Reverend Jeff Warrick	Pastor
April Barnes	Pianist (Sept.-May)
Luan Pitsch	Webmaster