

December 3, 2017

Worship 10:30 a.m.

**UPCOMING EVENTS AT GOOD SHEPHERD**

**Sunday, Dec. 3rd - Communion/1st Sunday in Advent**

9:00 a.m. Sunday School/Children's Christmas  
Pageant Rehearsal

10:30 a.m. Worship

1:00 p.m. Communion to Homebound

2:00-4:00 p.m. Birthday Celebration for Lila Karthausser  
(Parlor)

4:00-5:00 p.m. Ripple (K-5th Grade)

5:30-7:30 p.m. Wave Youth Group (6th-12th Grade)

**Monday, Dec. 4th**

7:15 a.m. Daycare

**Tuesday, Dec. 5th**

7:15 a.m. Daycare

**Wednesday, Dec. 6th**

7:15 a.m. Daycare

1:00 p.m. P.W. Holly Tea (Parlor)

5:45 p.m. Worship Team

NO Men's Book Study

7:00 p.m. Christian Education Team

7:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal (Sanctuary)

**Thursday, Dec. 7th**

7:15 a.m. Daycare

7:00 p.m. Faith in Action Team

**Friday, Dec. 8th**

7:15 a.m. Daycare

1:00 p.m. Friendship Group (Parlor)

**Sunday, Dec. 10th/Cookie Sunday/2nd Sunday in Advent**

9:00 a.m. Sunday School/Children's Christmas  
Pageant Rehearsal

10:30 a.m. Worship - Children's Christmas Pageant

2:30 p.m. Christmas Caroling to Homebound Members  
NO Ripple or Wave Youth Group Meetings

**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 is the four week period that leads up to Christmas Day. It is a series designed, not to delay the celebration of Christmas, but to enrich it through anticipation. It's a wonderfully delayed gratification because it culminates in a satisfaction that is all the richer for the waiting.

**2 Corinthians 8:9** "For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though He was rich, yet for your sakes He became poor, that you through His poverty might become rich."

### \*LITANY FOR ADVENT **Jeremiah 33:12-17**.....Liturgist Lori Jones

**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 #40

### "Joy to the World"

*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?"*

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE.....Kitty Fynbu, Beth Languis, & Dorothy Megrue

### \*HYMN #9

### "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel"

LIFE OF THE CONGREGATION.....Pastor Jeff Warrick & John Bailey

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE.....Anna Hanselmann

*Following the children's message the 3-5 year olds may join Shelby Warrick 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.*

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER see Blue Hymnal pg.16

(Traditional version)

Response

"O Holy Night"

Violinist Shealyn Warrick

# Good Shepherd Presbyterian Church

OFFERING MUSIC..... Pianist April Barnes

\*Response Hymn #12      “People, Look East” (verses 1 & 2)

ANTHEM      “*Bethlehem*”      GSPC Choir

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION.....Liturgist Lori Jones

Scriptures: **John 1:1-5, 14-17** (Pew Bible pg. 739)

SERMON      “*What is the Going Rate for Grace?*”

\*HYMN *Good Shepherd Sings!* pg. 46      “O How He Loves You And Me”

INVITATION TO THE LORD’S SUPPER & GREAT THANKSGIVING

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

**People: We lift them up to the Lord.**

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Pastor: It is right and our greatest joy to give You thanks and praise, O God our creator. When we were stubborn and stiff-necked, You spoke through prophets who looked for that day when justice shall triumph and peace shall rein in the human heart. Therefore we praise You, joining our voices with the great celestial choirs and with all the faithful of every time and place, who forever sing to the glory of Your name:

**People: Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of Your glory. Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

Pastor: You are holy, O God of majesty, and blessed is Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord. He took upon himself the weight of our sin and carried the burden of our guilt. We rejoice that in His death and resurrection You set before us the sure promise of new life. According to His commandment:

**People: We remember His death, we proclaim His resurrection and we await His coming in glory.**

Pastor: Pour out your Holy Spirit on us gathered here, and on these gifts of bread and fruit of the vine. Make them be for us the body and blood of Christ that we, as Your people, may be the presence of Christ in the world. Keep us faithful in Your service until Christ comes in final victory. As we receive the bread and the cup empower us by your Spirit to do justice, to love mercy, and to walk humbly with You. - Amen.

Words of Institution

Communion of the People

\*BENEDICTION.....Pastor Jeff Warrick

\*Response Hymn #23      “Angels We Have Heard on High”

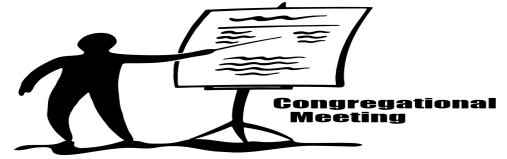
Note: \*Those able to stand are invited to do so.



## 90<sup>th</sup> BIRTHDAY DROP-IN

Please join us for a drop-in Birthday Celebration for Lila Karthaus TODAY from 2:00 – 4:00 p.m. in the church parlor.

**PLEASE NOTE: THE CONGREGATIONAL MEETING HAS BEEN RESCHEDULED FOR SUNDAY, DECEMBER 17TH, FOLLOWING THE WORSHIP SERVICE.**



**Be sure to mark your calendars for the annual P.W. Holly Tea** which will be held on Wednesday, December 6th, at 1:00 p.m. in the parlor. Members are asked to bring cookies, bars or treats to share. The entertainment will be provided by the singing duet of Vera Karel and Alyce Rae Willey accompanied by Alice Miller, Choir Director. All women of the

church are encouraged to attend and bring a friend to this special and most entertaining social event.

**The Friendship Group** will meet Friday, December 8<sup>th</sup>, at 1:00 p.m. at Good Shepherd Church hosted by the officers.

The entertainment will be provided by the Windy River Players from Beatrice, Nebraska. They play mountain dulcimer music which is always enjoyed by all.



## Friendship Group

Members will be called, and I hope that other members of the congregation will join us in listening to this very special musical program. And, of course, cookies will be served. ...Vera Karel, Moderator



"HERE WE COME R-CAROLING!" ...

**Save Sunday, December 10th, 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 baked potato & chili supper. Please bring a dessert to share.

Congregational Outreach Team & The Seekers Group hosting.

**The GSPC Sunday School is once again supporting a family in need during the 2017/18 Sunday School year consisting of a single mother, three girls ages 15, 13 & 11 and one 18 month old little boy.** We provided a food basket for Thanksgiving, will be giving them a Christmas they will remember and provide a meal & basket for Easter.

If you prefer making a monetary donation, it can be given to Krystle Anderson or Andrea Langrud, Sunday School Co Superintendents.

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

Thank you so much for supporting this outreach project!

...Krystle Anderson, Co Sunday School Superintendent



THE FLOWERS THIS MORNING ARE PROVIDED BY VERA KARL IN MEMORY OF HER BROTHER, HANK.

**BE SURE TO PLAN TO ATTEND THE CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PAGEANT WHICH WILL BE HELD SUNDAY, DECEMBER 10TH ALONG WITH THE WORSHIP SERVICE.**



**INVITATION FROM THE CHOIR** - One of the most beautiful parts of the Christmas season is the music – music of the masters, music of contemporary composers and performers. The GSPC choir enjoys singing the music of the season as we bring its message to the congregation. We invite anyone in the church family to come join us, not to make a long-term commitment but to revel in the joy of the music and the

## MESSAGE INVITATION

friends in the choir during this Advent.

We rehearse Wednesdays 7:00-8:30 p.m. and before service on Sunday morning and we would love to have you join us. Visit with any choir member or Alice Miller or just surprise us and come to rehearsal on November 29th.

**Good Shepherd is blessed with so many volunteers who are serving the Lord in so many ways!** As we reflect on what we are most thankful for we would like to take this opportunity to thank each of you for all that you do in big ways and in small! Our church would not be the wonderful, welcoming, spirit-filled place that it is without all the "silent servants" and the "out front" volunteers who give so generously of their time and God-given talents. There are too many names to list in this "Thank You" but you know who you are! A Great Big Thank You goes out to you for your service! The Worship Team would like to thank all who volunteer as ushers, liturgists, acolytes, children's message presenters, greeters and activity time volunteers!! YOU make our place of worship what it is!! THANK YOU!!!!



## Caps, Shirts & Blankets Sale



**Check out the new GSPC Clothing line!** A variety of styles and sizes to choose from - blankets, caps, long & short t-shirts, crewneck & hoodie sweatshirts - can be found displayed on the table at the back of the sanctuary. Proceeds will benefit the next Intergenerational Mission Trip. Check with Chris Hartley or Tammy Rikli with any questions.

**Shelby Warrick cordially invites you** to come and enjoy some sounds of the season with the UNL Pershing Winds on Friday, December 8th, at 5:00 p.m. in the Kimball Recital Hall. Enjoy classics like Lo! How a Rose E'er Blooming, the snow throwing excitement of Sleigh Ride, Stars and Stripes for Christmas and others. Kimball Recital Hall is located just behind (north side) of the Lied Center.



You're Invited!

## *Praises & Payer Requests*

### *... For those with cancer*

Prayers for a good friend of **Alyce Rae Willey, Jeanie Schroeder**, who has to stop the chemo treatments and be placed in end of life Hospice care. The doctor's say there's nothing more that can be done for her.

Continued prayers for **David Gokie, husband of Hannah Baker, niece of Bill & Jean Baker, and Georgia Raecke**, who is suffering with myeloid leukemia as he recuperates at his home.

Please continue to pray for a friend of Chris Hartley, **Machelle Novotny Oehm's, twin bother Mike Novotny, and family**. The chemo and radiation treatments worked well which enabled him to receive the required operation on his stomach to help build a new esophagus for him. Please pray for his doctors and surgeons, and that he continues to do well following the surgery, which allows him more time with his family.

Continued prayers for **Lucinda**, co-worker and friend of Beth Rainey, who found out that she has breast cancer.

Please continue prayers for Codie Meehan's sister, **Katie's father-in-law, Bruce Kosch**. He is losing his battle with cancer and they have spoken with Hospice to make plans for his comfort in his final days. Also, for his **wife and children** as they face the grief of losing someone they love so much.

Also, for Codie Meehan's **sister-in-law Audra's mother, Sandra**, who was diagnosed with a rare form of liver cancer that has already spread. She started chemotherapy immediately.

Please continue to pray for **Melissa Rogers & Family, friends of Julie Havener**. Melissa has been courageously battling a rare and serous cancer for the past few years and has begun Hospice care in her home.

### *... For those with other health concerns*

\* Prayers for **Al Christiansen** who had to enter the hospital with bladder infection last week. However, he was able to go back home Thursday. Please pray for continued healing and comfort for both **Al & Norma**.

Prayers for quick healing and comfort for **Kay Schwindt** who had back surgery at Bryan West Hospital, Wednesday, November 22nd.

Continued prayers for **Tim Calkin's uncle, Clayton Johnson (Claryce's brother)**, from O'Neill who had surgery as a result of an automobile accident that occurred on Nov.16th. Unfortunately, Clayton's wife, Lois, did not survive the accident. Please pray for Clayton's recovery from surgery as well as God's comfort on the loss of his wife and for the **whole family** on the loss of Lois.

Continued prayers for **Gary Heusel** as he recuperates from knee replacement surgery.

Continued prayers for **Betty Fisher** who has been placed in Hospice care at the Martha House at Tabitha.

Thank you for your continued prayers for **Annette Kliewer, Julie Havener's** mom. She has suffered from severe diabetic neuropathy which has taken away her ability to walk and even get out of her home. Please pray for improvements, healing, and for God to uplift her spirits and give her hope that healing is possible.

Continued prayers for **Bryce Bonness, Andy's Dad**, who fell and broke four ribs. Please pray for his comfort and quick healing.

Continued prayers for **Jean Baker** while she continues to recuperate at home.

Continued prayers for **Karen Heusel's sister, Eileen Johnson**, who is continuing rehab treatments as she recovers from back surgery.

*... For those who mourn*

\* Please pray for the **family** of Julie Brown, **friends of Tim & Joni Calkins**, who passed away Wednesday, November 29th after a long fight with brain cancer. Please pray for God's peace and comfort.

Many of you knew **Norma Bailey**. She was a member at Good Shepherd for many years and lived at the Legacy Estates for most of the last decade, moving to New Mexico for the last year of her life. She passed away recently at 95 years of age in Rio Rancho, NM. Please lift up **the family** in your prayers.

Prayers for the **family and friends** of Virginia Dietz who passed away Wednesday morning November 15th. Funeral services were held at Good Shepherd Church Monday, November 20th.

\* Indicates new prayer or updated information since last publication.



*If you are a guest with us today, please feel free to stop by The Information Station 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!*

**Today's Worship Assistants**

- Acolyte.....Ella Bonness
- Ushers.....Doug Obermeier, Luan Pitsch, Lyle Bender, Beth Languis
- Greeter.....Al Schwindt
- Offering Counters.....Rose Dymacek & Gary Heusel

## *Elders (Session Board)*

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 Development 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 Development Center
Maggie Horak (2018)	P.W. Representative
Jean Baker (2019)	Congregational Outreach
Chris Hartley (2019)	Faith in Action
Dee Hughes (2019)	Worship
Vera Karel (2019)	Building & Grounds
Brian Peterson (2019)	Personnel

## *Deacons - Deacon on Call (Dec. 3rd-16th) - Mary Stout*

Dawn Bonness (2017)	Meals
Clara Calkins (2017)	Member at Large
Beth Languis (2017)	Moderator
Dorothy Megrue (2017)	Member at Large
Bill Baker (2018)	Vice Moderator
Tim Calkins (2018)	Secretary
Karen Heusel (2018)	New Arrivals
Kay Schwindt (2018)	Treasurer
Kitty Fynbu (2019)	Funerals
Luan Pitsch (2019)	Member at Large
Ed Schnabel (2019)	Member at Large
Mary Stout (2019)	Cards

## *Foundation Board*

Becky Hartley (2017)	Secretary
Georgia Raecke (2017)	Member at Large
Betty Bartlett (2018)	Treasurer
Kim Moeller (2018)	Vice Moderator
Doug Obermeier (2019)	Moderator
Stan Docter (2019)	Member at Large

## *Staff*

Carole Beach	Adm. Church Secretary
Alice Miller	Choir Director/Pianist
Terry Hostetler	Church Treasurer
Open	Director of Student Ministries
Koya Dorner	Little Lambs Director/Teacher
Miatta George & Traci Mitchem	Little Lambs Teachers
Norma Christiansen, Dianne Mota,	Little Lambs Asst. Teachers
Tyler Newby, Alyssabeth Rodriguez	Little Lambs Asst. Teachers
Katie Bonness	Nursery Supervisor
The Reverend Jeff Warrick	Pastor
April Barnes	Pianist (Sept.-May)
Luan Pitsch	Webmaster