

December 4, 2016

Worship 10:30 a.m.

UPCOMING EVENTS AT GOOD SHEPHERD

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

- 9:00 a.m. Sunday School
- 10:30 a.m. Worship
- 11:45 a.m. Cong. Outreach Team Meeting (Parlor)
- 1:00 p.m. Communion to Homebound
- 4:00-6:00 p.m. Kid's Christmas Pageant Rehearsal
NO RIPPLE or WAVE

Monday, Dec. 5th

- 7:15 a.m. Daycare

Tuesday, Dec. 6th

- 7:15 a.m. Daycare

Wednesday, Dec. 7th

- 7:15 a.m. Daycare
- 1:00 p.m. P.W. Holly Tea (Parlor)
- 6:00 p.m. Men's Book Study (Parlor)
- 6:30 p.m. DIVE Bible Study (Room 109)
- 7:00 p.m. C.E. Team
- 7:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal (Sanctuary)

Thursday, Dec. 8th

- 7:15 a.m. Daycare
- 7:30 p.m. Child Development Team

Friday, Dec. 9th

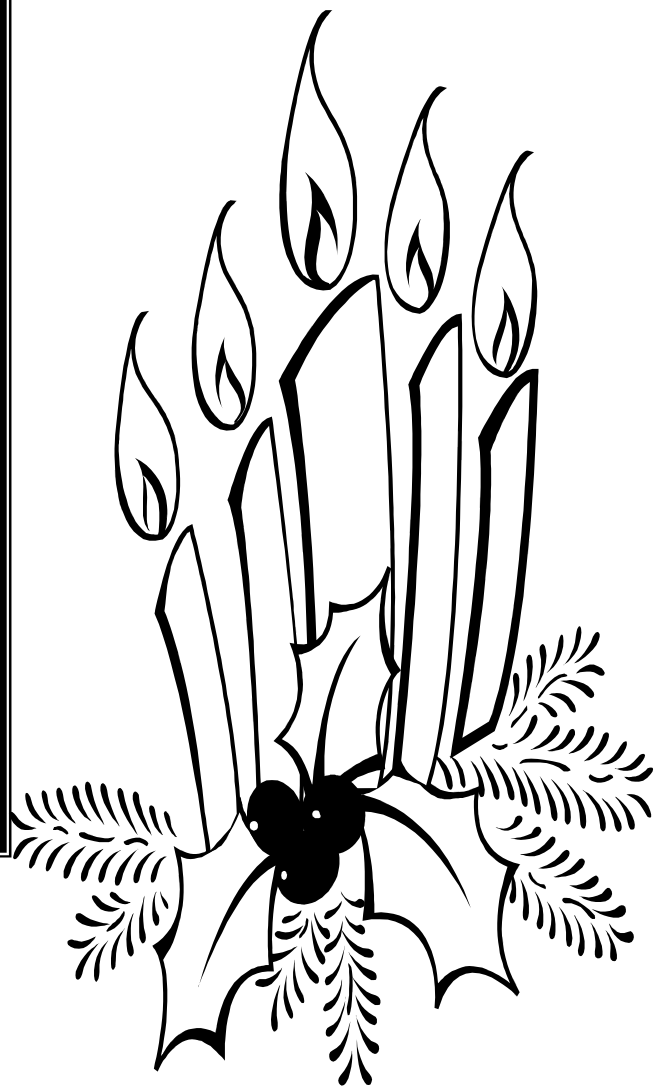
- 7:15 a.m. Daycare
- 1:00 p.m. Friendship Group (Parlor)

Sunday, Dec. 11th - 3rd Sunday in Advent

- 9:00 a.m. Sunday School
- 10:30 a.m. Worship - Kid's Christmas Pageant
- 2:30-7:00 p.m. Caroling Event & Party
NO RIPPLE or WAVE

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

2nd Sunday in Advent



*CALL TO WORSHIP.....Liturgist Shealyn Warrick

Leader: Unto us a Son is given! So don't stop lifting your prayers with thanksgiving. We will sing a song to the One who hears our words and sits with us in our times of silence.

People: **Unto us a Son is given! So don't stop giving your hearts to God. We will sing a song to the Christ Child, to the One who graces us with a peace that surpasses all understanding.**

All: **Unto us a Son is given ! So don't let go of all the reasons to rejoice. – Amen!**

Advent is a season of expectation as we count down the weeks until we celebrate the birth of Jesus on Christmas Day. Today we light the Candle of Peace. It signifies that a day will come when conflicts will cease. For God sent His own Son, the baby Jesus, the Prince of Peace to show us the way.

Welcome to worship of the Good Shepherd at Good Shepherd Presbyterian!

*LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLES

.....Jeff, Laura, Shannon, Shelby, Shealyn, and Liubov Warrick

*HYMN #9

"O Come, O Come, Emmanuel"

LIFE OF THE CONGREGATION

DEDICATION OF A MEMORIAL BENCH (in memory of Ruth Rena).....Pastor Jeff Warrick

Pastor: We gather this day mindful of those who are present in this place of worship, and of those who are absent due to advanced age, sickness, or distance.

People: **May our prayers and worship embrace all, that they might know and feel the Light of Christ's love through our prayers.**

Pastor: We give thanks for the years that this church has been a place of worship and hospitality. We give thanks for the many hands that have maintained, repaired, and enhanced this house of worship. And we give thanks for those wonderful saints who have set an example for us and have gone on to be with the Lord and are now a part of the great cloud of witnesses.

People: **We thank you Lord for the witness of Your saints.**

Pastor: Today we dedicate this new bench for the entryway to the church, praying that it will give rest and comfort to many. We pray that its beauty will bring joy to all who enter God's house. Bless this bench dear Lord and let it call to mind the warmth, joy, and friendship of Ruth Rena.

People: **We dedicate ourselves to you, O God of Love.**

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Pastor: **Colossians 3:12-16** *“Therefore, as God's chosen people, holy and dearly loved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience. Bear with each other and forgive whatever grievances you may have against one another. Forgive as the Lord forgave you. And over all these virtues put on love, which binds them all together in perfect unity. Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, since as members of one body you were called to peace. And be thankful. Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly as you teach and counsel one another with all wisdom, and as you sing psalms, hymns and spiritual songs with gratitude in your hearts to God.”*

*Response Hymn #38 **“It Came Upon the Midnight Clear”** (verses 1, 3 & 4)

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE.....Joni Calkins
Following the children's message the 3-5 year olds may join Anna Vosicky 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.

OFFERING MUSIC

*Doxology #53 **“What Child Is This”** verse 3

ANTHEM **“No Golden Carriage, No Bright Toy”** GSPC Choir

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION.....Liturgist Shealyn Warrick
Scripture: **Isaiah 9:2, 6-7** (Pew Bible pg. 479); **Matthew 7:28-8:1** (Pew Bible pg. 679)

SERMON **“Incomparable”**

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S SUPPER & GREAT THANKSGIVING

(The Lord's Supper is open to all baptized faithful who profess faith in Jesus Christ, regardless of your denominational affiliation)

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.

*Hymn **“The First Nowell”** (verses 1 & 6)

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INVITATION TO THE LORD'S SUPPER & GREAT THANKSGIVING - Continued

Pastor: Gracious God, pour out Your Spirit upon us and upon these Your gifts of bread and fruit of the wine, that the bread and cup we bless may be the communion of the body and blood of Christ Jesus our Lord.

People: **Make us one with Christ and with all who share this feast. Unite us in the common bond of faith, encourage us with hope, inspire us to love neighbor, that we may serve as Your faithful disciples until we feast with You at Your table in glory.**

Pastor: Through Christ, with Christ, in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honor are Yours, almighty God, now and forever. And now as our Savior Christ taught us we are bold to pray:

All: **Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name, Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread and forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.**

Words of Institution

Communion of the People (please hold the bread and cup and we will take together)

*BENEDICTION.....Pastor Jeff Warrick

*Response Hymn #31 **"Hark! The Herald Angels Sing"**

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.....Charlie Clifton
- Ushers.....Stan & Sally Docter, John Bailey & Beth Languis
- Greeters.....Chris Hartley & Verneil Shamburg
- Offering Counters.....Myles & Rose Dymacek



NOTICE - THERE WILL BE A SHORT MEETING OF THE CONGREGATIONAL OUTREACH TEAM IN THE PARLOR FOLLOWING THE WORSHIP SERVICE TODAY TO DISCUSS THE CAROLING EVENT PLANS.

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.





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.



POINSETTIA ORDERS



Activity Time

A HUGE THANK YOU 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 Shealyn, 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!

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.** ..Cong. Outreach Team & The Seekers



- FRIENDSHIP GROUP NEWS -



Friendship Group

to attend and members will be called. Refreshments will be served.

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

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

* Prayers for a **young lady who attends the same violin studio as Shealyn Warrick**. She attempted to commit suicide this week and nearly succeeded. Praises that she is still alive and prayers for **her and her family** going forward.

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.

* Prayers for quick healing and successful rehab for **Lila Karthaus** who fell Friday, November 25th, suffering leg injuries. She is at the Madonna Rehabilitation Center, 5401 South St., Room 420A.

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 **Annette Kliever, Julie Havener's mother and Lindsey Kliever'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

Continued 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.

...Praises

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

THANKS TO THE DEACON'S for the nice bag of goodies. We're enjoying it very much!

...Don & Jo Hobbs

* 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
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Mark Langrud (2017)	Stewardship & Budget
Codie Meehan (2017)	Little Lambs Child Dev. Center
Rhonda Obermeier (2017)	Christian Education
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Peg Moeller (2017)	Clerk of Session
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Tammy Rikli (2018)	Faith in Action
Connie Hilligoss (2018)	Little Lambs Child Dev. Center
Maggie Horak (2018)	P.W. Representative

Deacons - Deacon on Call (Dec. 4th-17th) - Alyce Rae Willey

Paul Bartlett (2016)	Nominating
Thelma Mahlman (2016)	Funerals
Mary Stout (2016)	Meals
Alyce Rae Willey (2016)	Cards/Funerals
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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