

DECEMBER 10, 2017

GOOD SHEPHERD LUTHERAN CHURCH WANTS YOU TO KNOW . . .

## *Things to Do*

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### **Annual Congregational Meeting**

**Today, 9:15-10:30 am in Fellowship Hall** Be inspired by all that has happened at GSLC in 2017 and get informed about the strategic direction of our church for the coming years. All confirmed members of Good Shepherd are encouraged to attend. A light brunch will be provided.

### **Interested in Good Shepherd? Want to know more about religion in general?**

**Wednesday, December 13, 6:00-7:00 pm in Fellowship Hall** Join us for the Way of the Shepherd all-church study. We'll gather for food and conversation on the topic "What is Faith?" Everyone is invited, but especially those who may be interested in formally joining Good Shepherd this year. For more information, contact Cortney Tyson, [cort.tyson@gmail.com](mailto:cort.tyson@gmail.com) or Ben Crane, [wbc2346@gmail.com](mailto:wbc2346@gmail.com).

### **Bluegrass Christmas with Break Even**

**Thursday, December 14, 7:00-9:00 pm, Sola Coffee Café** Bring your family and friends to this Christmas singalong with Good Shepherd's own bluegrass band, Break Even.

### **Youth and Adult Volunteers Needed for Gingerbread House Construction**

**Saturday, December 16, 9:00-11:00 am in Fellowship Hall** Please join us for this time full of conversation and fellowship. No experience required! RSVP on The City by Thursday, December 14. Questions? Contact [barb.newcomer@gslchurch.org](mailto:barb.newcomer@gslchurch.org).

### **O' Holy Night at Camp Agape**

**Saturday, December 16 at 7:00 pm** A fun evening of fellowship with light appetizers, walking the lit camp trails and watching the "greatest story ever told" unfold; all under the night sky. Tickets are \$12/person with a \$45 family maximum (children under 5 free). A limited number of tickets are available, so reserve yours early. Sign up on The City or contact Barb Newcomer.

### **Gingerbread House Decorating**

**Sunday, December 17, 1:30-2:30 pm in Fellowship Hall** Kg-5<sup>th</sup> graders will not want to miss this sweet fun! Grandparents, bring your grandchildren and build memories together. \$5.00 cost includes house and icing; bring decorating candy to share. RSVP on The City by Thursday, December 14. Questions? Contact [barb.newcomer@gslchurch.org](mailto:barb.newcomer@gslchurch.org).

## **Worship on Wednesdays (WOW)**

**December 20 in Fellowship Hall** This monthly worship service is geared towards families with small children but all are welcome! Join us for pizza at 5:15 pm followed by a family-friendly worship at 5:30-6:00 pm.

## **ROMEO (Retired Older Men Eating Out) Lunch**

**Thursday, December 21, 11:45 am, Manchester's Bar and Grill** Join us for this monthly lunch to share in conversation and enjoy a meal together. Open to all men, so bring a friend. Transportation can be arranged. Contact: George Rusincovitch, [grusincovitch@gmail.com](mailto:grusincovitch@gmail.com).

## ***Things to Know***

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**Does thinking of the Christmas season leave you feeling harried, hurried and spiritually hungry?** Good Shepherd is using *All I Really Want: Readings for a Modern Christmas* by Quinn G. Caldwell as our Advent devotional this year. Discussions will be held in Tuesday Morning Bible Study and Wednesday evening groups beginning the week of December 5. Feel free to start a small group if these times don't work for you! Speak to Pr. Marsha or Pr. Tim to start/join a group!

**Link your Harris Teeter (3503) and Kroger (91161) shopper cards to support our preschool.** Our preschool earns money when you buy store-brand products.

**Food Bank of NC needs non-perishable food!** Canned fruit or small cups (individual servings), canned vegetables (green beans, corn), peanut butter and jelly, canned pasta with meat sauce, boxed dinners, individual packets of grits and oatmeal, healthy and individually wrapped snacks, sugar and flour, 7.5 oz cans or larger (water packed) tuna, Ramen noodles and cooking oil. Questions? Contact Melinda Hawkins, [MelindaDHawkins@yahoo.com](mailto:MelindaDHawkins@yahoo.com).

More information on upcoming events can be found at [www.gslchurch.org](http://www.gslchurch.org) and in the Friday Faithprints e-newsletter. If you do not receive Friday Faithprints and would like to, contact the church office at [info@gslchurch.org](mailto:info@gslchurch.org).

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# *Advent at Good Shepherd*

## **Advent Worship**

*Sundays, December 3 - 24*

Each Sunday at 8:15 am, 10:45 am and 5:30 pm, hear stories anticipating Jesus as Savior from the Gospel of Mark. Advent Sunday worship culminates with **Lessons and Carols on December 24 at 9:30 am**; this will be our only morning worship service on this day.

## **Bluegrass Christmas at Sola**

*Thursday, December 14 at 7:00 pm*

Join Good Shepherd's bluegrass band, Break Even, for an evening of Advent and Christmas songs with others in our community!

## **The Longest Night**

*Sunday, December 17 at 5:30 pm*

Christmas can be difficult for those who have lost someone recently or around the holidays. This service honors them and gives hope in the season.

## **Mid-Week Advent Vespers**

*Wednesdays, December 6 - 20 at 7:00 pm*

Each Wednesday, join us for Holden Evening Prayer. These services will be followed by a time of gathering and refreshments.

## **Decorating Party**

*Sunday, December 24 after the 9:30 am Worship Service*

We'll decorate the Sanctuary for Christmas Eve and enjoy refreshments together!

## **Christmas Eve**

*Sunday, December 24*

*5:00 pm* - Come celebrate the birth of Christ with our family service.

*7:00 & 9:00 pm* - Come celebrate the birth of Christ at one of our candlelight worship services.

## Our Staff

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### Our Mission

*Growing a Christ-Centered Community through Life-Changing Service*

### Our Values

+ Embracing All God's Children + Connecting with God and Others + Developing Life-Long Disciples  
+ Serving with Compassion