

GOOD SHEPHERD LUTHERAN CHURCH WANTS YOU TO KNOW . . .

December 2, 2018

If you are a guest, have a prayer request or want more information about Good Shepherd, please take a moment to complete a connection card found in the pews and place it in the offering plate.

Things to Do

Sunday Morning Education: Young Adults in Global Mission (YAGM) Reflection

Today at 9:30-10:30 am, Sanctuary Bryan Lester recently returned from a year in Mexico with the YAGM program. He will share stories, lessons learned, and key takeaways from his year, as well as provide time to answer questions about his year of service.

Magi Tree in the Narthex

Provide gifts for children in the LFS Foster Care Program, survivors of Hurricane Florence, and our adult friends with developmental disabilities this Christmas! ***Wrapped, tagged gifts must be returned by Sunday, December 9.*** Contact: Janet McCauslin at mccauslinjanet@gmail.com, 919-802-8262.

Today is the Final Day for Mnene Christmas Greetings & Gift Collection

Send Christmas greetings to our orphans and friends in Mnene. Blank Christmas cards can be picked up and returned in the Narthex. Return cards by today.

The Mail For Mnene table for collecting Christmas gift packages will be in the Narthex today. Donations marked "Mnene Postage" can be dropped in the collection plate or Narthex mail slot. Please do not leave monetary donations at the display table!

Mid-Week Advent Vespers

Wednesdays beginning December 5, 7:00 pm Each Wednesday in Advent, join us for Holden Evening Prayer followed by a time of gathering and refreshments.

Christmas Coffeehouse Shared Dinner

Friday, December 7, 6:30-8:30 pm Christmas comes early at Good Shepherd for over 250 guests at our Coffeehouse Shared Dinner. Tables will be set, buffet tables will overflow, and there will be a festive sing-along of favorite Christmas carols. With an event of this magnitude, we need volunteers to provide food, set up, serve during dinner, and more. Learn more and sign up at <http://bit.ly/29lBXGk> (case sensitive) or contact the church office.

Bible Study with the Pastors

Tuesdays, December 11 & 18, 9:30 am, Underwood West Join us for a study of the nativity stories of the Bible.

Sunday Morning Education: Refugee Circle of Welcome

Sunday, December 16, 9:30-10:30 am, Sanctuary Learn about the pathway to resettlement for people who have been forced to flee their home country to escape persecution, war, or violence from Adrienne Morton of Lutheran Services Carolinas. Good Shepherd will be participating in Circle of Welcome in 2019.

Gingerbread House Decorating

Sunday, December 16, 1:00-2:00 pm, Fellowship Hall Children of all ages will not want to miss this sweet fun! Parents, grandparents and older siblings of elementary school age children are encouraged to stay and build memories together. \$5.00 cost includes house and icing; bring decorating candy to share. RSVP on Realm by Thursday, December 13. Questions? Contact barb.newcomer@gschurch.org.

WOW with Pizza Dinner

Wednesday, December 19, 5:15 pm, 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.

Children and Youth

Kindergarten Information Session

Thursday, December 6, 12:30-1:30 pm, Underwood West Join GSL Preschool for this free event for parents, focused on helping you choose the right kindergarten for your child. The presentation by SchoolUp will cover the soup to nuts of kindergarten options in Wake County. Register at <https://tinyurl.com/kinderinfosession>.

Middle and High School Youth Group gathers every 1st & 3rd Sunday evening, 6:30 – 8:00 pm in Fellowship Hall. We gather, share a meal together, break out into small groups, then gather back together for dessert. All 6th – 12th graders are welcome!

Things to Know

Food Barrel: North Raleigh Ministry needs paper towels, dish soap, laundry detergent, all-purpose cleaner, deodorant, feminine hygiene products, diapers, jelly, granola bars, crackers, canned vegetables (no beans), and healthy breakfast cereals in the Food Barrel in the Narthex. Questions? Contact Melinda Hawkins, MelindaDHawkins@yahoo.com.

Advent at Good Shepherd

Advent Worship

Sundays, December 2, 9, 16, 23

Sundays at 8:15 am, 10:45 am and 5:30 pm, hear stories anticipating Jesus as Savior from the Gospel of Mark.

Mid-Week Advent Vespers

Wednesdays, December 5, 12, 19 at 7:00 pm

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

Bluegrass Christmas at Sola

Thursday, December 13 at 7:00 pm

Join Good Shepherd's bluegrass band, Break Even, for an evening of Advent and Christmas songs!

Gingerbread House Making

Sunday, December 16, 1:00-2:00 pm

Children of all ages will not want to miss this sweet fun!

Decorating Party

Sunday, December 23 after the 10:45 am Worship Service

All ages will decorate the Sanctuary for Christmas Eve and enjoy refreshments together!

The Longest Night

Sunday, December 23 at 5:30 pm

Christmas can be difficult for those who are grieving. This service honors them and gives hope in the season. A special piano prelude of *Christmas Eve* by David Lanz, a compilation of Christmas music, will begin at 5:00 pm.

Christmas Eve

Monday, 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.



HONOR THE SEASON WITH A GIFT

*Poinsettias, greenery and special music
to bless our Christmas celebration.*

Your name _____

In honor/memory of _____

In honor of the Christ Child

I would like to order a poinsettia for \$12.

I would like to make a \$_____ donation for Christmas music.

I would like to make a \$_____ donation for Sanctuary greens.

Suggested donation for music and greens: \$10-\$500

Make checks payable to GSLC (with Poinsettias/Christmas in memo line) and place in offering plate or Narthex mail slot *or* pay online (select Other fund and include Poinsettias/Christmas in memo line).

Place this form in the offering plate or Narthex mail slot.

Poinsettia orders must be received by Sunday, December 9.

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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