

## GOOD SHEPHERD LUTHERAN CHURCH WANTS YOU TO KNOW . . .

### *Things to Do*

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#### **Magi Tree in the Narthex**

Wrapped, tagged gifts for children in the LCS Foster Care Program, survivors of Hurricane Florence, and our adult friends with developmental disabilities this Christmas ***must be returned today***. Contact Janet McCauslin at [mccauslinjanet@gmail.com](mailto:mccauslinjanet@gmail.com), 919-802-8262, with questions.

**Today is the final day to honor the season with a gift** of poinsettias, greenery and special music to bless our Christmas celebration. See the bulletin insert for more information.

#### **Bible Study with Pastors**

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

#### **Mid-Week Advent Vespers**

**Wednesdays through December 19, 7:00 pm** Each Wednesday in Advent, 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!

#### **Sunday Morning Education: Refugee Circle of Welcome**

**Sunday, December 16, 9:30-10:30 am, Sanctuary** Learn from Adrienne Morton of Lutheran Services Carolinas about the pathway to resettlement for people who have been forced to flee their home country to escape persecution, war, or violence. 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@gslchurch.org](mailto:barb.newcomer@gslchurch.org).

## **Worship on Wednesdays (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.

## **Save the Date: Annual Congregational Meeting**

**Sunday, January 27** All confirmed members of Good Shepherd are encouraged to mark your calendars for Good Shepherd's annual meeting. More information to come.

## ***Children and Youth***

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**Middle and High School Youth Group gathers every 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 6<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> graders are welcome!

**Support GSLP** by linking your Harris Teeter VIC card to Good Shepherd Lutheran Preschool (#3503). You must relink your card each school year; and you can link to multiple schools.

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**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](mailto:MelindaDHawkins@yahoo.com).

More information on upcoming events at 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).



*“I volunteer to drive the Family Promise van between the day center and GSLC. I’m often inspired by a loving parent who is speaking calmly to her child about both of their days. It’s stunning how their faith and family bonds overcome what must be an extremely frightening experience,” -Phil Lombardi. For information on volunteering for Family Promise at GSLC, contact Art Pfefferle at [greenpep@nc.rr.com](mailto:greenpep@nc.rr.com).*



## ***Embracing Refugees in Friendship and Love***

The Circle of Welcome is complete when you accompany a refugee family and walk with them as they rebuild their lives and are recognized as productive and contributing members of society.

*“I was a stranger and you welcomed me...”*

*Matthew 25:35*

Good Shepherd is proud to announce our partnership as a Circle of Welcome team with Lutheran Services Carolinas (LSC). If you are interested in being part of the resettlement team or if you would like to learn more, please contact Melinda Hawkins, [mohawknc@yahoo.com](mailto:mohawknc@yahoo.com) or Barb Sibley, [sibley.barbara00@gmail.com](mailto:sibley.barbara00@gmail.com).

**Join us on Sunday, December 16 at 9:30 am  
in Fellowship Hall as Adrienne Morton, LSC Refugee Outreach & Circle of  
Welcome Coordinator, will lead our discussion of this joyful opportunity to  
show Christ's love by supporting the most vulnerable among us.**



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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