

NOVEMBER 26, 2017

GOOD SHEPHERD LUTHERAN CHURCH WANTS YOU TO KNOW . . .

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

Crossing Borders SME

Sundays through December 3 at 9:30 am, Sanctuary Michael Dickson has just returned from a year of work in the ELCA service program where he lived and worked with our Lutheran brothers and sisters in the border region. While traveling back and forth between El Paso, TX and Ciudad Juarez, Mexico, he came face-to-face with the realities of immigration and the border today. Come to listen, share, and discuss!

Magi Tree in the Narthex

Provide gifts for children in the LFS Foster Care Program and our adult friends with developmental disabilities this Christmas! Wrapped, tagged gifts must be returned by Sunday, December 3. Contact: Janet McCauslin at mccauslinjanet@gmail.com, 919-802-8262.

Family Promise Week at Good Shepherd

We will be hosting four families in transition November 26 – December 3. Volunteers are needed to serve, so sign up in the Narthex or on The City.

Mnene Christmas Greetings & Gift Collection

Send Christmas greetings to our orphans and friends in Mnene. Blank Christmas cards can be picked up and returned to the Narthex. Return cards by Sunday, November 26.

The Mail For Mnene table for collecting Christmas gift packages will be in the Narthex Sundays, November 12-26. Donations marked "Mnene Postage" can be dropped in the collection plate or Narthex mail slot. Do not leave monetary donations at the display table!

Book Study: *A Man Called Ove* by Fredrik Backman

Thursdays, November 30 & December 7 at 10:00 am, Underwood West Join us on for a lively book discussion. Questions? Contact Jayne Rusincovitch, jayne.rusincovitch@gmail.com.

Parents' Morning Out

Saturday, December 2, 10:00 am – 2:00 pm in Fellowship Hall It's a morning of crafts, cookie-decorating, a movie, and playground time with our youth and adults for potty-trained toddlers through 3rd graders! RSVP on the City or contact Andrew Buck, andrew.buck@gslchurch.org.

Suggested donation of \$20/child will support the youth going to the 2018 ELCA Youth Gathering.

Preschool Christmas Toy Exchange

December 4-8 at Good Shepherd Lutheran Preschool Get ready for the holidays by bringing an unwrapped new toy to donate to Families Together along with your gently used toys to swap. Contact the preschool office at 919-846-5060 to learn more.

Christmas Coffeehouse Shared Dinner

Friday, December 8, 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 the Wittenberg Information Center.

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 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.

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-5th 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.

Things to Know

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. A few copies are available in the church office for \$7, or you can order it online. 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.

GSLC's Food Barrel this month supports First Night Bags, a Girls Scout Silver Award Project developed by Cadette Scouts Renée Lombardi and Ella Greengrove. The following *new* items for children of all ages as they enter the foster care system are needed: personal hygiene items (diapers, pacifiers, etc.), sleepwear (pajamas, t-shirts, etc.), and comfort objects (books, stuffed animals, etc.). A complete list of needed items and more information on First Night Bags is available on The City.

More information on upcoming events can be found at www.gslchurch.org and in the Friday Faithprints e-newsletter. If you do not receive Friday Faithprints and would like to, check the box on your connection card to receive church-wide emails or contact the church office at info@gslchurch.org.

Advent at Good Shepherd

Advent Worship

Sundays, December 3 - 24

Each Sunday, 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.

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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