

News for the week of December 10, 2017

To prepare for worship next week read:

- **Wed, December 13** – Luke 2:25-35
- **Sun., December 17th** – 1 Peter 2:9-10 and Luke 2:8-12, 16-18

Sunday 9:15am Bible Study - Social Hall

- **Dec. 10** - “Hinges”- Inspiring Worship, led by Steve Rasp
- **Dec. 17** - “Hinges”- It’s Back to Our Biblical Roots, led by Pastor Greg

Visiting Good Shepherd? - Stop by the Welcome Center in the Gathering Area and pick up a welcome packet. Thank you for worshipping with us today!

Be That Friendly Smile! - We are looking for people to help extend a warm welcome to all the guests and regular attendees that come through our doors on Sunday morning. We are looking to add more greeters, coffee servers and ushers to the teams, serving approximately one Sunday a month. If you are interested, please give your name and contact information to the Welcome Center and you will be contacted. Thank you!

Would you like to share music at the next Advent Meal?

You are invited to share informal dinner music during the Advent Meal on Wednesday, Dec. 13, from 5:15 - 6:05pm. If you play an instrument and have a Christmas piece prepared, you are welcome to perform. Contact Sue at 507-213-8718 .

Prayer at Good Shepherd - People are available to pray with you between services in the Prayer Room located east of the Gathering Area. Look for someone wearing a red lanyard, they would love to pray with you. Prayer requests can be submitted by filling in the gold insert in this bulletin and hand to an usher. You can also submit your prayer request at goodshepherdprayer@msn.com.

Youth Group Announcements

- **Wednesday Youth Group on Wednesday - 7-8:30pm**
Food, games, friends, Bible study and you. 5th & 6th, 7th & 8th, and 9th - 12th grade youth groups in the Youth Rooms. See you there! Contact Cori with questions at yacminister@gmail.com
- **Let’s Worship** - On Dec. 17th, we will meet at Good Shepherd to worship together at the 9:15 service. We will then head out for “Shopping for a Cause” (when we shop for some of the Big Brothers/Big Sisters families), followed by brunch. We will be staying in Owatonna.

Are you working on your chili recipe? - Sign up and enter our annual youth chili cook-off on the youth room door. Cook-off is December 13th at 5:30pm. Prizes for the best chili!

Go.Gather.Give for December - Our collection will be for the Steele County Clothesline. Items needed are hats, mittens, gloves and scarves for all ages and can be put on the mitten tree in the Gathering Area.

Bookstore Items - Check out the items in the Gathering Area from December 3rd - 13th for gift items for Christmas, children’s books, devotionals for all ages, Bibles, etc. After the 13th, feel free to visit the church office workroom display.

Photos Next Sunday - You will have an opportunity to have your photo taken for Good Shepherd Church data secure records, a great time to update your photo also. Barb Spindler will be taking photos just outside of the worship area near the member mailboxes. Photos will be taken from 9:00 - 9:15am and again from 10:15 - 10:30am. Questions, contact the church office at 451-4125.

Offering Envelopes for 2018 - Your offering envelopes for 2018 will be in the Gathering Area for you to pick up next week. Questions, contact Barb in the church office.

Important Info on Gifts and Donations for 2017 - Gifts and donations that you wish to be credited to the year 2017 and appear on your 2017 offering statement will need to be received by Friday noon, Dec. 29th. After this time, gifts and donations will be deposited and credited to 2018.

Advent and Christmas Worship

December 13 - Advent - Meal 5:30/Worship - 6:30pm
December 24 - Christmas Eve Day - Communion
9:30am Traditional Worship - Communion
4:00pm Contemporary Worship
5:30pm Traditional Worship
December 25 -Christmas Day
9:30am Traditional Worship - Communion
December 31 - 8:00am Traditional Worship
9:15am Contemporary Worship
10:30am Contemporary Worship

Special Ornament Tree - Good Shepherd is partnering with Big Brothers/Big Sisters to provide local families with Christmas gifts. A tree is in the Gathering Area decorated with paper ornaments. Each ornament is for a child/family in need, with age and sizes of child, and their wants and needs. Take an ornament and include in your shopping with family. Gifts (unwrapped) may be left under the tree with the ornament attached. Labels are provided with the ornament to attached to your gift. All gifts should be dropped off by Dec. 10th.

Choir Rehearsal - Rehearsal 13th will be at 7:15pm, following Advent Worship.

Veterans Open Roundtable - Dec. 12th, 7pm - Speaker: Arlin Leder—serving in the Air Force. Parking is also available on the west side of Good Shepherd Church with access to the elevator on the lower level. All are welcome.

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