

News for the week of December 17, 2017

To prepare for worship next week read:

- **Christmas Eve morning** – Romans 16:25-27 and Luke 1:26-38
- **Christmas Eve evening** – Isaiah 9:2-7 and Matthew 1:18-25
- **Christmas Day** – Romans 16:25-27 and Luke 1:26-38

Sunday 9:15am Bible Study - Social Hall

- **Dec. 17** - "Hinges" - It's Back to Our Biblical Roots, led by Pastor Greg
- **Jan. 7** - New Bible study starting.

New Sermon Series starting January 7th

"Serving and the many impacts it has". Serving is what we were made and redeemed for, what we are gifted for, serving makes Jesus attractive and it changes your future.

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!

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** - Hope to see you at our youth Christmas party on Dec. 20 at 7-8:30pm in the youth room.
- **No Sunday School - Dec. 24th and Dec. 31st**
- **No Youth Group - Dec. 27th**
- **Youth Group Reunion** - Join us for a reunion of youth group on Dec. 22nd at Stacey and Tracy Bauer's home starting at 7:30pm. Any past youth and youth volunteers are welcome!

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.

Photos Today - You 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 mail-boxes. Photos will be taken from 9:00 - 9:15am and again from 10:15 - 10:30am. Questions, contact the church office.

Christmas Cards for our Missionaries - Today is the last day to sign the cards in the Gathering Area. Please stop by the tables and show your support. They truly appreciate receiving them.

Offering Envelopes for 2018 - Your offering envelopes for 2018 will be in the Gathering Area for you to pick up. They are in alphabetical order by last name, please check the label on the box to be sure you have the correct envelopes. 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.

Did you know Our weekly Sermons and Sunday Bulletins are available on the church website at goodshepherdwatonna.com. Click on the Resources tab at the top of the screen and select either Sermons or Announcements.

Christmas and December 31st Worship

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

Save These Dates -

- **Men's Retreat - Stepping Up Video Event** - Event date is Feb. 10th, from 7:30am to 4pm at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church. More info to follow. Contact Scott Haglund at 207-317-1578 or scotthaglund@icloud.com.
- **Financial Peace University - Free Preview** Sunday, Jan. 14th - 2pm at Good Shepherd. Learn to manage money from nationally acclaimed Dave Ramsey. Classes will be on Mondays starting Jan. 22 from 6:30-8:30pm. Child care is available and free. Register on Good Shepherd website.
- **Preschool Taco Supper and Open House** - It will be on Feb. 1st from 5-7pm. Tickets can be purchased in the Preschool and Church Office. They will also be sold between services on January 21 and 28.
- **Preschool Registration** for the 2018-2019 school year will open to current preschool and church families beginning on Monday, January 22nd. Registration will open to the community beginning January 29th. Check the preschool website for more info.

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