

News for the week of December 3, 2017

To prepare for worship next week read:

- **Wed, December 6th** - Luke 1:46-56
- **Sun., December 10th** - Acts 2:42-47 and John 12:1-8

Sunday 9:15am Bible Study - Social Hall

- **December 3rd** - "Hinges" - Focused Prayer, led by Shelley Johnson
- **December 10th** - "Hinges" - Inspiring Worship, led by Steve Rasp

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 an Advent Meal? -

Youth are invited to share informal dinner music during an 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 .

Voters' Meeting Today - 11:30am

There will be discussion and approval of 2018 church budget, a proposal from the world mission team and a report on the Extended Ministry Fund. Lunch will be served in the social hall. If you would like a copy of the minutes from the meeting, see Barb in the church office for a copy.

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.

Children's Christmas Worship - Dec. 10th - 10:30am

Parents have received info by email and in Sunday School. Contact Cori at yacminister@gmail.com if questions. A great opportunity to worship as a family.

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 display.

2nd Annual Holiday Concert - December 8th - 6:30pm

The concert will held at Trinity Lutheran Church in Owatonna and will benefit Steele County Toys for Tots. Bring an unwrapped toy or make a freewill donation at the concert. Donation boxes are also in the Gathering Area and church lower level entrance of Good Shepherd.

2017 Noisy Offering Today - All noisy offerings this year are given to the Feed My Starving Children. Noisy offerings are the 1st Sunday of each month.

Advent and Christmas Worship

December 6 - Advent - Meal 5:00
OHS Carolers at 5:25/Worship - 6:30pm
December 10 - Children's Christmas Worship - 10:30am
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

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 - Rehearsals for Dec. 6th and 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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