



# News You Can “Ewes”

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## HAPPENING NOW

- Mutual Ministry Committee, 6:30 p.m. December 1
- Two-Can Sunday, December 4
- Confirmation and FX3, 12:30 p.m., December 4
- Executive Committee, 7 p.m., December 6
- Advent Soup and Salad Supper, 6 p.m., December 7
- Advent Service, 7:30 p.m., December 7
- God's Little Achers Christmas Lunch, 12:30 p.m., December 7
- Empty Nesters Christmas Party, 6 p.m., December 10
- Created by God Parent Meeting, 11:45 a.m., December 11
- Church Council Meeting, 7 p.m., December 13
- Advent Soup and Salad Supper, 6 p.m., December 14
- Advent Service, 7:30 p.m., December 14
- Churchwide Caroling with Confirmation and FX3, 12:30 p.m., December 18
- Ladies Night Out, 7 p.m., December 20
- Rehearsal for Children's Christmas Eve Service, 5 p.m., December 20
- Pastor Paul on vacation, December 26-January 7

## Christmas Eve Services

**Saturday, December 24**

**Service of Carols and Communion at 2 p.m.**

*Carol Sing-a-long at 1:45 p.m.*

**Family Service at 5 p.m.**

*(Come early and enjoy special music at 4:30 p.m.)*

*This service is offered especially for families with young children.*

**Praise Service with Holy Communion at 7 p.m.**

*(Come early and enjoy special music at 6:30 p.m.)*

*Led by Good Shepherd's Praise Team, we will celebrate the birth of Christ with a service of Holy Communion and the traditional lighting of candles.*

**Traditional Candlelight Service with Holy Communion at 9 p.m.**

*(Come early and enjoy special music at 8:30 p.m.)*

*This liturgical Christmas Eve Service of Holy Communion features favorite Christmas carols and the traditional lighting of candles.*

### CHRISTMAS DAY

Holy Communion

**Sunday, December 25 at 11 a.m.**

*Come as you are for an informal celebration of Christ's birth.*

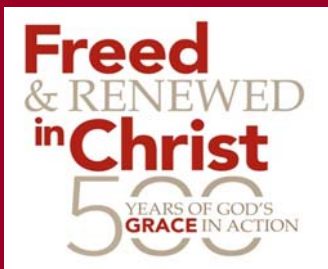
**Coming to the Christmas Day service? Sign up as a Sunday Servant!**

## Annual Meeting Update

The Annual Meeting of the Congregation of Good Shepherd Lutheran Church convened on Sunday, November 13. Current Church Council members Karen Epstein and Ron Mixon were reelected to two year terms. Barb Blanke, Paul Christensen and Marc Duclos were also elected to serve two-year terms on the Council. Hailey Hovda, current youth representative, was reelected to a one-year term. Many thanks to Council members John Bost, Marci Heintz, Bettina Miller and Al Reynolds, whose terms are expiring, for their dedicated service! Thanks, also, to Mary McCoy whose term as treasurer has also expired and she is not eligible for reappointment. In addition to the elections, the 2017 Proposed Budget was approved. The Fellowship Committee and volunteers deserve praise for organizing a delicious Thanksgiving feast!

# 2016 Children's Christmas Eve Service

Each year, the 5p.m. Christmas Eve worship service is particularly geared towards young children and their families. This year's service will include a traditional nativity in a special presentation of the Christmas message. CHILDREN, YOUTH & ADULTS are invited to participate. The rehearsal for the children's 5 p.m. Christmas Eve service will be on Tuesday, December 20 at 5 p.m. If you would like to participate in this important and fun ministry of our congregation as an actor, stage-hand, herder of children and/or sheep, etc., please sign up at Sign Up Central.



## Get in the Christmas Spirit with Lutheran Gifts

To help kick off the 500th anniversary of the Reformation in 2017 and to help you with your Christmas shopping, we are giving you the opportunity to purchase some excellent—and fun—Lutheran-related gift items. Among the selection will be numerous books on Luther and Lutheranism, all recommended by Pastor Paul. Other fun and useful items will include everything from Luther Rose lapel pins and cookie stamps and coffee mugs to Christmas ornaments, window clings, and tattoos! You'll see samples of these things, as well as order forms, on display in the Fellowship Hall. Simply place your order form, along with **cash or check** (made payable to GSLC), in the mail slot by Office Coordinator Kathy Gunn's office. You will be notified via email when your order is ready for pickup. **ORDER PROMPTLY**, especially if you want any items for Christmas, since we cannot guarantee a delivery schedule.

## Advent Continues

*Good Shepherd's Advent series gives voice to the complex situations and emotion with which we greet the coming Messiah and uses the reactions of those who first received the news of Jesus' birth to do so. [Sundays and Seasons].* Join us for weekly worship Wednesdays at 7:30 p.m. Soup and Salad Supper precedes each service at 6 p.m.

### Wednesday, December 7

The Angel Speaks to Joseph's Confusion

### Wednesday, December 14

The Angel Speaks to Mary's Wonder

Join us before the remaining Advent Services at 6 p.m. for Soup and Salad! Different church committees host the suppers each Wednesday. **If you are on one of the committees, bring soup/dessert on your committees' designated date. Host committees set up and cleanup on their evening.** Everyone else in attendance is asked to bring a salad or a simple side dish. The Fellowship Committee will ensure bowls, utensils, crackers and water are available for each week.

### December 7:

Soup: Facilities and Maintenance,  
Mission Endowment,  
Worship and Music  
Dessert: Faith Formation

### December 14:

Soup: Finance, Mutual Ministry,  
Stewardship  
Dessert: Fellowship

## Thank You!

Thank you to Bob Scheitlin, The Escamilla Family, Barb Kidder and Steve and Beth Ebert for "hanging the greens" on November 27. Your helpfulness was truly appreciated!

## God's Little Achers

GLA hosts its annual Christmas Luncheon at The Lodge at Bridgemill on **Wednesday, December 7 at 12:30 p.m.** (Meet at the church at Noon to carpool.) Lunch costs \$10 and includes a choice of three menu options, dessert and drink. A good will offering for the GSLC Emergency Fund will be collected. Sign up at Sign-Up Central.

Also, the group plans to attend Christmas concerts at two local churches the weekend of December 9, 10 and 11. See Sign-Up Central for details.

## Empty Nesters' Christmas Party

Get your holiday clothes cleaned and pressed and your best dish ready to share for the ever-popular Empty Nester Christmas Party! The party takes place on **Saturday, December 10** at 6 p.m. at the Woodstock Knoll Neighborhood Clubhouse, 111 Johnston Farm Lane in Woodstock. There is an \$8 fee per person, \$15 for couples which includes the cost of the room rental, ham, tableware, paper products and water/sodas. Everyone is asked to bring a side dish or dessert to share. You can also bring your favorite wine.

Karen and Tom Britts will be our host this year and you can pay Karen ahead of time by sticking a check in her box at church or money will be taken at the door. There is also a sign up sheet at Sign-Up Central to indicate if you are coming and what you are bringing to share. If you are new to Good Shepherd or have never attended before, consider joining us for this festive event. **Can't wait to see everyone at the Party!**

## December Events...

**Two Can Sunday, December 4.** Bring your two cans of food for local hunger initiatives.

**Yarn Angels** will meet on **Sunday, December 4** from 10:30 a.m. until 12:30 p.m. in Room 120. *Please note the room change!*

**Needlework Friends** will meet on **Saturday, December 10** from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the home of Linda Rowell (114 Newcastle Walk, Woodstock) for needlework and fellowship. Bring your projects, learn something new, teach or help another friend. Knit, Crochet, Cross-stitch, Embroider, Sew, etc. Refreshments provided. Contact Linda at 770-924-4869 or at [larowell@bellsouth.net](mailto:larowell@bellsouth.net).

**Ladies Night Out** will meet at Tuscany Italian Restaurant, 250 Cinema View in Woodstock on **December 20** at 7 p.m. Please sign up and Sign-Up Central and leave your cell phone number. Thank you!

## From the Personnel Committee...

It is Good Shepherd's tradition to present a monetary gift for Christmas to each member of our church staff to show our love and appreciation for all they do during the year. If you would like to participate in these gifts, please make your check payable to Good Shepherd Lutheran Church (GSLC) and mark it for "Staff Gifts". Please indicate if your gift is intended for a particular individual, otherwise the total monies received will be disbursed commensurate with each person's position. Our staff includes Pastor Paul, Thomas Eisnor, Pam Weinelt, Janice Swinford, Kathy Gunn, Meredith Hale, Kristin Brennehan, and Aaron Frink. Please put your check in Trina Hutchison's church mailbox no later than **Sunday, December 18**. Thank you for your consideration of this request. God Bless!

## Coffee and Conversation

Sundays in the church library at 9:30 a.m. Join us as we study "Creation: A Divine Cycle" by Chip Borgstadt. Readings for December are from the Gospel of Luke. For additional info, please contact Lori Peters [loripeters@gmail.com](mailto:loripeters@gmail.com)

## WOW (Word on Wednesday)

Join us Wednesday mornings at 9:30 in the church library. During Advent we will study the ELCA Advent Devotional. For more info please contact Lori Peters [loripeters@gmail.com](mailto:loripeters@gmail.com)

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9:30 A.M. SUNDAY SCHOOL HOUR  
10:45 A.M. PRAISE

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"WELCOME ONE ANOTHER, THEREFORE,  
AS CHRIST HAS WELCOMED YOU."

ROMANS 15:7

GOOD SHEPHERD LUTHERAN CHURCH WARMLY WELCOMES PEOPLE OF ANY AGE, RACE, NATIONALITY, SEXUAL ORIENTATION, LIFE CIRCUMSTANCE, AND PHYSICAL OR MENTAL CAPABILITY.

## Pay It Forward Gift Cards are Back

Gift Cards are returning to Good Shepherd to help make your holiday shopping easier. Once again, we will offer gift cards to some of the country's largest and best-known brands, including grocery, department stores, restaurants, home improvement stores, and more. If you are planning on purchasing gift cards as Christmas gifts this holiday season please consider doing so with us. The process is easy and orders placed on Sunday are available for pick up the following Sunday. We are placing orders every Sunday throughout the holiday season in the Fellowship Hall.

## Combined Service December 25

On December 25 we will gather for worship and continue to celebrate Christmas. Good Shepherd will come together for one worship service at 11 a.m. . We have good news of great joy. Today is the birth of our Lord Jesus Christ, God made flesh. Join us as our Christmas celebration of Scripture, Holy Communion and Song continues. It will be a busy morning in many homes, so come as you are to greet the Messiah.



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