



## HAPPENING NOW

- Executive Committee, 7 p.m., Dec. 1
- Men in Mission, 7 p.m., Dec. 2
- Advent Soup and Salad Supper, 6 p.m., Dec. 2
- Advent Service, 7:30 p.m., Dec. 2
- Finance Committee Meeting, 7 p.m., Dec. 3
- Meal at Extension, 5 p.m., Dec. 5
- Two-Can Sunday, Dec. 6
- Yarn Angels, Noon, Dec. 6
- Hanging of the Greens, 12 p.m., Dec. 6
- Church Council Meeting, 7 p.m., Dec. 8
- Advent Soup and Salad Supper, 6 p.m., Dec. 9
- Advent Service, 7:30 p.m., Dec. 9
- Needlework Friends, 11 a.m., Dec. 12
- Empty Nesters' Christmas Party, 7 p.m., Dec. 12
- Confirmation & FX3, 12:30 p.m., Dec. 13

## Advent 2015 Jesus: The Messiah



In the season of Advent, we prepare for the coming of Jesus, the Messiah. God's anointed one, Jesus, came into the world historically in the past, has promised to be with us in our present, and has promised to come again. In our Sunday and Wednesday evening worship services of Advent, as well as Christmas Eve, we will examine the coming of the Messiah, or anointed one, from several perspectives. We will view the Messiah's coming through the eyes of some major characters from the Christmas story and from important contexts in which the birth of the Messiah occurred. These themes include:

Sunday, November 29	John: The Voice
Wednesday, December 2	Israel: Religion & Politics
Sunday, December 6	Herod: The Great
Wednesday, December 9	Prophets: Fear & Comfort
Sunday, December 13	Mary: The Servant
Wednesday, December 16	Word: Written, Spoken & Living
Sunday, December 20	God: The Grace
Thursday, December 24	You: The Loved

Join us for these weekly meditations on **Jesus: The Messiah**.

Wednesday worship is at 7:30 p.m. and will include Holden Evening Prayer and Holy Communion. At 6 p.m., Soup and Salad Supper will precede the worship service. Different church committees host the suppers each Wednesday. If you are on one of the committees, bring soup on your committees' designated date. Host committees set up and cleanup on their evening. Everyone else in attendance is asked to bring a salad, simple side dish or dessert. The Fellowship Committee will ensure bowls, utensils, crackers and lemonade are available for each week. Join us before each Advent Service at 6 p.m. for Soup and Salad!

December 2: Outreach, Congregational Care, Personnel, Fellowship

December 9: Facilities and Maintenance, Faith Formation, Worship and Music, Mission Endowment

December 16: Finance, Mutual Ministry, Stewardship

## Under 18...

Confirmation and FX3 meet **December 13** for pizza lunch followed by Christmas Caroling.

**Christmas Eve 5 p.m. Children's Service** needs volunteers! Sign up today to participate in or help with the 5pm Christmas Eve service. This service is designed especially for families with young children and will include a nativity presentation. Children, youth and adults are needed. Sign up at Sign Up Central.

Minions Assemble! **Youth in grades 4 and 5** are invited to a Despicable Weekend at the Hinton Center in Hayesville, NC from January 16-18. There will be games, crafts, and lots of Minion Fun as we learn more about our faith and serving others. The weekend will be centered on a service project in the Appalachians as we team up with other Lutheran youth from the Atlanta area. Through our service project and other activities we will learn how God calls us to love and serve others. Don't miss out on a weekend of faith and fun!

**Confirmation youth** will attend their annual retreat over Martin Luther King weekend, January 16-18. Youth will be staying at the Hinton Center in Hayesville, NC and learning first hand about the elements of worship. We will join youth from Holy Trinity (Marietta) and First United (Kennesaw) as we play games, meet new friends, and have fun while learning. We are looking forward to sharing our Dodge Ball tradition with other youth and learning to play Capture The Frog from them. See Pastor Justin to sign up or for more details.

## Christmas Poinsettias

Poinsettias will decorate the sanctuary on Christmas Eve. The plants this year will be red, two-quart size at a cost of \$10 each. If you would like to order one in honor of or memory of someone, the forms are available in the entryway and must be turned in by December 6!

## Empty Nesters' Christmas Party

Please join the Empty Nesters for a Very Merry Christmas Party on **Saturday, December 12** at 7 p.m. This is a great opportunity to share holiday joy with friends new and old. We will gather at the Woodstock Knoll Neighborhood Clubhouse (map and directions on Evite invitation). We need to collect \$7 per person at the door in order to provide the large and comfortable venue, the meat, and the paper goods. We ask that everyone BYOB and an appetizer.

If you are new to Good Shepherd or have never attended before, consider joining us for this festive event. We are a welcoming group! Please call Judy Roberts, 770-926-6500, or email [judyaroberts@comcast.net](mailto:judyaroberts@comcast.net) for more information and to be sent an Evite.

The Empty Nesters are an adult fellowship ministry open to singles and couples of all ages; those who are "Empty Nesters", or would like to be for an Empty Nesters' event. While our primary focus is Christian fellowship, we also strive to serve others to support the mission of Good Shepherd Lutheran Church.

## Advent at "The Bridge"

Don't miss Advent at the Bridge! On **November 29** we will jump into the Advent season with "A Social Media Christmas". Come and help us imagine what Mary, Joseph, The Angel Gabriel, and others might have written on their Facebook and Twitter accounts as they waited for the birth of Jesus.

On **December 20** we will wrap up Advent with a service devoted to all of our favorite seasonal songs. Throughout all four Sundays in Advent we will prepare for Christmas and examine the different ways John, Herod, Mary, and God viewed the coming of Jesus.

## Fair Trade Is More than Coffee...

So, you don't drink coffee (or tea)! Coffee and tea are only two of the over 10 fair trade items that are on sale every first and third Sundays of the month. But we have new additions to our coffee sales you may not know about. We now sell K-cup in regular and decaf. Stop by and check it out.

What other fair trade items do we sell? Glad you asked. We sell olive oil (it's really good), baking cocoa (I've gone through four or five cans by now), honey (that stays liquid and doesn't crystalize), and flame grape raisins. But we also sell chocolate. We have semi-sweet chips and individual candy bars will be back before you read this. Back by popular demand are the mint bars, the caramel with sea salt bars, and the dark chocolate with raspberries. New to the candy line it dark chocolate with orange (I can't wait to taste that one!).

Also look for holiday chocolates and our famous hot chocolate mix. Many asked about this last fall and we are bringing it back. If you have ever purchased one of our gift baskets, you know how easy it is. Gift baskets will also be available, and then we will be selling every Sunday up to Christmas.

Remember fair trade items are a win-win situation. Growers and producers are given a fair price for these items, and you get to not only enjoy them, but act as an armchair missionary. Come on...Share the Blessings!

## Sanctuary Windows

The Facilities and Maintenance committee is currently underway with replacing the Sanctuary windows. Due to the severe deterioration of wood on the outside of the windows the building is at risk for further damage if this project is delayed any longer. Monies from a dedicated account are being used for this. It would be ideal for this to be a self-supporting project whereby we essentially pay this account back. To date we have had five members of GSLC congregation donate towards the cost of five windows and a partial donation towards another! If you would consider donating toward this project the cost of a full window is \$1500. Please clearly mark any donation, "Sanctuary Windows".



## October YTD Budgeted Income Summary \*

Target \$552,796

Received \$548,278

Ahead/Behind (\$4,518)

Percent of Target 99%

*\* Detailed Income and Expense reports are posted on the bulletin board in the Fellowship Hall. For questions, please see Mary McCoy, Treasurer, or Mike Angalet, Financial Secretary.*

## December Events...

**Two Can Sunday, December 6.** Bring your two cans of food for local hunger initiatives.

**Yarn Angels** will meet **Sunday, December 6** after the 11 a.m. service in Room 116.

**Needlework Friends** meets **Saturday, December 12**, 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 [larowell@bellsouth.net](mailto:larowell@bellsouth.net). PLEASE NOTE LINDA'S NEW ADDRESS.

**Ladies Night Out**, takes place **Tuesday, December 15 at 7 p.m.** at the Century House in Woodstock. Please go to sign up central and sign up on the sign in sheet if you plan to attend as we need to make reservations. Please add your name no later than Sunday, December 13 if you plan to attend.

## HAPPENING LATER

- Advent Soup and Salad Supper, 6 p.m., Dec. 16
- Advent Service, 7:30 p.m., Dec. 16
- Christmas Eve Services, Dec. 24:  
2 p.m.  
5 p.m.  
7 p.m.  
9 p.m.  
11 p.m.
- Christmas Day Service, 11 a.m. Dec. 25

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8 A.M. TRADITIONAL  
9:30 A.M. PRAISE  
11 A.M. TRADITIONAL  
6 P.M. "THE BRIDGE" - CONTEMPORARY, LAID-BACK  
SUNDAY SCHOOL AT 9:30 A.M.



"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,

## God's Little Achers

GLA hosts its annual Christmas Luncheon at The Lodge at Bridgemill on **Wednesday, December 9 at 12:30 p.m.** 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 11, 12 and 13. See Sign-Up Central for details.

## Combined Service December 27

On December 27 we will gather for worship and continue to celebrate Christmas. Good Shepherd will come together for one worship service at 10:30 as we return to sing songs to God who has gifted us with a savior. We will find the boy Jesus at the temple in Jerusalem with his parents, growing in wisdom and favor with God. Plan to attend this blended service and continue to feel the peace of the Christmas season.

## Hanging of the Greens...

The holiday season is just around the corner. The Worship and Music Committee is seeking help in putting up the large tree in the sanctuary and hanging the greens above the windows. Mark your calendars for **Sunday, December 6** immediately following the 11 a.m. worship service. No decorating experience necessary!



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