

ANNOUNCEMENTS | NOVEMBER 24, 2024

We are called, gathered and blessed to be a community and instrument of grace for all sheep of the Good Shepherd.

Attendance Last Sunday

8:30 AM - 78

10:45 AM - 76

Online - 17

Sunday School - 40

The Altar flowers are dedicated to the Glory of God, and are given by Sharron Ryan in celebration of her grandson Jimmy Walker's 30th birthday. To help with this ministry, sign up using a form in the Administration Hallway, the cost is \$40.

Thank you to Vic and Linda Rowell for providing the donuts/snacks for Fellowship this morning.

If you would like to help with this ministry, sign up using a form in the Administration Hallway. The cost is \$30.

VISITORS and GUESTS

Please join us in Fellowship Hall following each service for coffee and refreshments.

Angel Tree

Return all WRAPPED Angel Tree gifts to the church no later than Sunday, December 1. Please purchase minimally one need and one want from each child's list, however, if you would like to include more items, feel free to do so.

If you have any gift receipts, please put in an envelope for the parents. **PLEASE RETURN THE PAPER ANGEL WITH THE CHILD'S NAME WITH YOUR GIFTS!**

We will deliver all gifts to Carmel Elementary school on December 9th. If you have a truck, and would be available to help with the gift delivery, please contact the church office.

A few more ways to get involved at Good Shepherd this month:

- Return your Angel Tree gifts by Dec. 8th.
- Continue to return your Stewardship Intent Forms
- Donate clothing for The Drake Closet
- Recycle
- Pray for the Call Committee
- **More details in the Sheep Buzz** You can find the most recent edition under "Sheep Buzz Newsletters" under our "Home tab" at gslutheran.org.

NOW HIRING

We are hiring for a part-time Office Coordinator Position. This position will be 12 hours/week and will work a set schedule Monday-Thursday from 9AM -12 PM. We are seeking a friendly outgoing person with working knowledge of many administrative functions including software knowledge of Excel, PowerPoint, and databases. If interested please contact personnel@gslutheran.org.

PLAN TO HELP DECORATE THE SANCTUARY

This coming Saturday, November 30th, please join us as we adorn our Entryway and Sanctuary with wreaths and greens and bows in preparation for Advent and Christmas. Please sign up in Fellowship Hall. We will meet at 12 noon and a pizza lunch will be served. Many hands will make light work for all.

This Week

		Angel Tree Continues	
Sun	11/24		
		8:30 10:45 AM	Worship Services
		9:45 AM	Sunday School
		12:00 PM	Youth & Family Committee Meeting Rm.
Wed	11/27	1:00 PM	Staff Mtg.
Thurs	11/28		Office Closed for Thanksgiving
Fri	11/29		Office Closed for Thanksgiving Holiday
Sat	11/30	9:00 AM	Praise Team Rehearsal Sanctuary
		12:00 PM	Advent/Christmas Decorating Sanctuary & F. Hall Pizza lunch provided
Sun	12/1	Two Can Sunday / Hefty Orange Bag	
		8:30 10:45 AM	Worship Services
		9:45 AM	Sunday School

Sunday School | 9:45 AM

All **youth classes** will meet downstairs. K-5 in B3, 6-8 in B8 and High School will meet in B1.

Faith Stories: Rm 117: Book study on "Life Together" by Dietrich Bonhoeffer.

Coffee and Conversation: Rm 118: "Hope in the Lord" series.

Men in Mission: Rm 116: Various topics and discussions just for men.

Weekly Bible Studies will resume the week of Dec. 1—No classes this week

Experience the Joyous Light of Advent

Join us on Wednesdays, at **12 noon and 7:30 PM**, this Advent season for *Joyous Light* worship services by Ray Makeever, where faith, creativity, and community come together. Each week, we'll reflect on the nativity story through scripture, song, and meditative insights.

Prior to each mid-week service, at **11 AM and 6:30 PM**, the Youth and Family Committee is sponsoring an intergenerational hands-on wooden craft in Fellowship Hall, that brings the Christmas story to life. When Christmas Eve arrives, if you attend all the services listed below, you will have a complete wooden nativity keepsake. Dessert will also be provided prior to the evening worship.

- **December 4:** *Matthew 1:18-26* – Reflect on "The Story of the Nativity" and create beautiful angels.
- **December 11:** *Luke 2:8-20* – Explore "The Characters" of the nativity and craft shepherds.
- **December 18:** *Matthew 2:1-12* – Meditate on "Hearing the Story" after making wise people.

And don't miss **Sunday, December 15**, for *Christmas in Song, Story, and Costume* at **8:30 and 10:45 AM**, featuring Mary, Joseph, and Baby Jesus. Feel free to dress as your favorite nativity character. (Limited costumes will be available at church). A craft this day will take place in between services at **9:45 AM** and will also be the time of our **Annual Christmas Cookie Walk**.

"Arise, shine; for your light has come, and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you" (Isaiah 60:1). Come and prepare your hearts for Christ's coming through worship, reflection, and joyful creativity!