

Third Sunday of Advent

Good Shepherd Evangelical Lutheran Church
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Weekly Announcements

WELCOME: May God bless you as we worship together. At our Sunday Service we ask that you please complete one of the beige cards located on the back of the pews and place the completed card in the offering plate so that we have record of your attendance today. At our Saturday service and upon entering the Nave, one of our ushers will hand you a blue card with the service bulletin. At the Eucharist, if you are unable to come to the Altar Rail to receive, simply **notify one of our ushers and the Altar Servers and Pastor will bring communion to you.**

OFFICE HOURS: Parish Office hours are **9 AM - 3 PM, Monday through Thursday.** The Office is **closed** on **Friday.** You may contact Pastor Jim by phone or email: cell **231.468.9155**; home **231.425.4197**; **JamesFriesner@gmail.com.**

A SHARED EXPERIENCE: As we begin a new church year, we also begin what hopefully will become a tradition at Good Shepherd — music shared between our contemporary and traditional Eucharists. The goal is to include one hymn or song each season that is sung both on Saturday night and on Sunday morning. And so, we gather this Advent at all of our services singing “Shine On Us,” a prayerful song by composers Michael W. Smith and Deborah Smith. During these four weeks, as the daylight seems to flee away and our souls long ever more deeply for the coming of the Son, we sing “Lord, let the light of your face shine upon us that we may be saved, that we may have life, to find our way in the darkest night.” And in singing, may we find ourselves drawn ever more closely together as God’s people in this place.

POINSETTIAS: As we get ready to adorn the Church with greenery and poinsettias, we’d like to offer you the opportunity to donate toward the poinsettias in honor or in memory of a loved one. Their names will then be printed in the Christmas bulletins. Please see the green bulletin insert.

MITTEN TREE: It’s up! As well as the mittens, scarves, gloves, and hats that we usually hang on the tree, this year we are adding socks. All of these accessories will be donated to folks in need in hopes of keeping them warm and cared for during the winter season.

ADOPT A FAMILY: Thanks to all of you who adopted a family! Please bring the gifts to the Church by **Thursday, December 20** so we can deliver them before Christmas.

COOKIE TABLE: A very huge & heartfelt thank you to all who helped with the organizing, decorating, baking, and hosting the table at West Shore Bank on December 8. Because of your efforts, Good Shepherd received a \$500 donation!

NURSERY ATTENDANTS: Good Shepherd is looking for Sunday morning nursery attendants. Interested parties should contact the Church office in person or call **231-723-7161.**

THE ETERNAL LIGHT: Is given to the Glory of God in loving memory of Rick Shively. The light is given by Sue, Dave, Krista, & David.

TEAM JESUS: Project #4 collections will end on December 16. Project #5 will be announced in January and collections will begin on Saturday, January 5.

FINANCE COMMITTEE: Meets on **Monday, December 17 at 6:30 PM.**

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE: **Monday, December 17.**

COUNCIL MEETING: **Tuesday, December 18 at 6:30 PM.**

DARTBALL: **Thursday, December 20 at 7:30 PM** in Onekama.

ADULT BIBLE STUDY: There will be no Bible Study on **December 23 & 30.** Study will resume on **January 6.**

POINSETTIAS: Will be placed on **Sunday, December 23** after service.

CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE: There will be a family service at **7 PM** and a candlelight service at **11 PM on Monday, December 24.**

CHRISTMAS DAY: Office **CLOSED.**

NEW YEAR'S DAY: Office **CLOSED.**

AA MEETINGS: Meets here in our building on **Monday** and **Wednesday @ Noon**, **Tuesday** and **Friday @8 PM**.

PRAYERS: *"Let my prayer be as the evening sacrifice that burns like fragrant incense, rising as my offering to you as I lift up my hands in surrendered worship!"*

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| Audrey Ann Amburgey | Marion Hilliard | Judy Pefley |
| Shirley Blakeslee | Lea Illig | Jane Reeves, daughter of |
| Doris Bowling | John K. | Bob & Ruth Skiera |
| Jackie Burmeister | Rick Kaminski | Dale & Laura Shoemaker |
| Paul Byro | Ed Knaffle | Randy Skiera |
| Emma Carey | Betty Lytle | Bill Smith |
| Diana Dutkavich | Tom Mateer | Dale Sparks |
| Tom Dutkavich | Anthony Metiva | Laura Stefanski |
| Tom Dutkavich, Jr. | Tammy Sue Metiva | Mark Steigenga |
| Marc Edmondson | Phyllis Miller | Bob Tobey |
| Jim Friesner, Sr. | Barb & Norm Olson | The family of Rick Shively |
| Rick & Terry Guthridge | Donna O'Rorke | The family of Richard Hansen |
| Gary Hansen | Heather P. | |

Alana Bergstrom, James Dutkavich, and Thomas Dutkavich III and all our troops serving in the military.

All the suffering, sick, shut-in, grieving, and homeless.

If there are any changes to the prayer list, please contact Pr. Jim or the Parish Office.

SERVING Advent 3 December 15 & 16, 2018

CELEBRANT: *The Rev. Dr. Jas. Friesner, Jr.*

CONTEMPORARY: Saturday 5:30 PM

TRADITIONAL: Sunday 9:30 AM

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| MUSIC: | Saturday | Praise Band | ALTAR GUILD: | Micheal Amor, Sharon Hayden |
| | Sunday | Mark Steigenga | ACOLYTE: | Saturday Kaleb Shoemate |
| USHERS: | Saturday | Jim Wojciechowski | | Sunday Mallory Miekle, Josie Ziehm |
| | Sunday | Missy Amor, Tom Amor, Chuck & Sally Wolverton | FRIENDSHIP | Saturday Potluck |
| GREETER: | Saturday | Scott Brown | SUPPER: | |
| | Sunday | Elaine Ritola | FELLOWSHIP | Sunday |
| READER: | Saturday | Amy Wojciechowski | COFFEE: | |
| | Sunday | Tom Amor | | |

SERVING Advent 4, December 22 & 23, 2018

CELEBRANT: *The Rev. Dr. Jas. Friesner, Jr.*

CONTEMPORARY: Saturday 5:30 AM

TRADITIONAL: Sunday 9:30 PM

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| MUSIC: | Saturday | Praise Band | ALTAR GUILD: | All available members of Altar Guild |
| | Sunday | Mark Steigenga | ACOLYTE: | Saturday |
| USHERS: | Saturday | Sandra & Jerry Hosman | | Sunday |
| | Sunday | Sandy & John Kuenzli | FRIENDSHIP | Saturday Meal |
| GREETER: | Saturday | Scott Brown | SUPPER: | |
| | Sunday | Ann Ziehm | FELLOWSHIP | Sunday |
| READER: | Saturday | Gary Schlinkert | COFFEE: | |
| | Sunday | Ann Ziehm | | |

SERVING Christmas Eve at 7:00 PM

CELEBRANT: *The Rev. Dr. Jas. Friesner, Jr.*

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| MUSIC: | Mark Steigenga | ALTAR GUILD: | Norma Friesner |
| USHERS: | Ann Ziehm, Kirk & Sharon Hayden | ACOLYTE: | |
| GREETER: | | | |
| READER: | Ann Ziehm | | |

SERVING Christmas Eve Candlelight Service at 11 PM

CELEBRANT: *The Rev. Dr. Jas. Friesner, Jr.*

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| MUSIC: | Mark Steigenga | ALTAR GUILD: | Norma Friesner |
| USHERS: | Dennis Mikula | ACOLYTE: | |
| GREETER: | Coby Lange, Gary Lange | | |
| READER: | Scott Brown | | |