

The Story

**GOOD SHEPHERD LUTHERAN CHURCH
ABERDEEN, SD (605) 229-0846**

Making Our Love and Mission Visible

Advent/Christmas Worship Schedule

Sunday, Dec. 9 – Second Sunday of Advent

8:30am Wednesday Church School Christmas Program

10:45am Sunday Church School Christmas Program

Sunday, Dec. 16 – Third Sunday of Advent

8:30am Traditional Worship/Communion

10:45am Contemporary Worship/Communion

Sunday, Dec. 23—Fourth Sunday of Advent

9:00am Worship with Communion

Monday, Dec. 24 – Christmas Eve

4:30pm, 6:30pm and 11:00pm Candlelight Services with Communion

Tuesday, Dec. 25 – Christmas Day

9:00am Worship with Communion

Sunday, Dec. 30

9:00am Worship with Communion

Inside This Issue

The holiday season is more than just gifts under the tree, hanging holly and sipping on hot cocoa. The true meaning of Christmas lies in the story about Jesus's birth. The church school students have been studying this story while they prepare for this year's Christmas program. Read more about the Christmas program on page 3.

"Silent night, holy night! All is calm, all is bright" We all know the familiar words to this beloved Christmas carol but was the night Jesus was born truly silent and calm? Turn to page 5 to find out more about our worship series this Advent—Not a Silent Night.

It's that time of year where we are all buying presents for those we love. Who wouldn't love a pig, or a duck or a pair of goats under the tree for Christmas? Turn to page 7 to find out more!



Little Lambs Preschool



Maggie Bruns, Director/Teacher

Merry Christmas!

I cannot believe we are almost done with half of the school year! We have been busy in November learning about communities. We read about what businesses and jobs you can find in a community. We also were able to go to Kessler's Grocery Store and the kids had a blast! November also brought us Thanksgiving. The children had a great time making turkey art. We will begin December celebrating the holiday season and practicing our songs for our Christmas program coming up right before Christmas break!



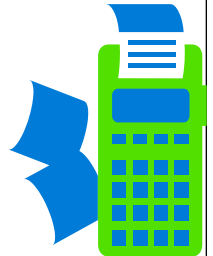
Thank You!!

Thank you to everyone who came to the preschool brunch and watched the preschoolers sing in church. We appreciate everyone's support of our program.



Grocery Receipts

We are still collecting! Every little bit helps and we appreciate all who turn them in! Receipts can be collected from Kessler's or Ken's and must be dated during the current school year—September 1, 2018 through May 31, 2019. Receipts can be placed in the containers located on the table in the Fellowship Hall.



Christmas Program

Come watch all three preschool classes sing some Christmas songs on Thursday, December 20th at 6:30 pm in the Sanctuary. We will have apple cider and cookies following the program.



Church School

The holiday season is filled with so many things. Christmas movies, hot cocoa, Christmas cookies, Christmas shopping and more fill the holidays. However, let's not forget that there is much more to the holidays. Christmas is when a baby was born that would save the sins of all people. The church school students have been studying the Advent story. This year's Christmas program will focus on the true meaning of Christmas and how the story about Jesus's birth fits into the meaning.



On Sunday, December 9th Wednesday School students will present their Christmas program at the 8:30am service. The Sunday School students will present their Christmas program at the 10:45am service. Please mark your calendar and invite your relatives and friends to this year's Christmas program. Angel Brunch will be served between services on this day. The proceeds from the Angel Brunch will go to our youth families that will be attending summer camps and the mission trip.

Church School Dates to Remember

Saturday, December 8th: Christmas Program Practice

Wednesday School will practice at 10:30am

Sunday School will practice at 1:30pm

Sunday, December 9th: Christmas Program

Wednesday School will present their program at the 8:30am service

Sunday School will present their program at the 10:45am service

December 12th & 16th: No Church School

December 19th – January 3rd: Christmas Break; No Sunday or Wednesday School, Confirmation, Wednesday Supper, Hallelujah Chorus or Good Vibrations

The Church Has Left the Building



Friday, December 7th - Aberdeen Central Girls Basketball at 7:00pm

Saturday, December 8th - Aberdeen Girls Hockey at Odde Ice Arena at 4:00pm

Saturday, December 15th - Aberdeen Central Boys Basketball at 1:30pm

Sunday, December 16th - Aberdeen Boys Hockey at Odde Ice Arena at 3:00pm

Angel Brunch



Youth and families are invited to sign up to help serve the Angel Brunch December 9th between services. There will be a free will donation taken and the money will be divided between the families who serve and can be used towards camp or the high school

mission trip. The sign up sheet is on the Welcome Desk or you can email Pastor Liz at liz@goodshepherdaberdeen.org

High School Mission Trip

We are heading to Kansas City, Missouri this year for our high school mission trip July 14th-19th. Youth from 8th grade through 12th grade are invited to come.

Sign up with Pastor Liz. A deposit of \$125 is due January 1st. Questions? Please talk to Pastor Liz.

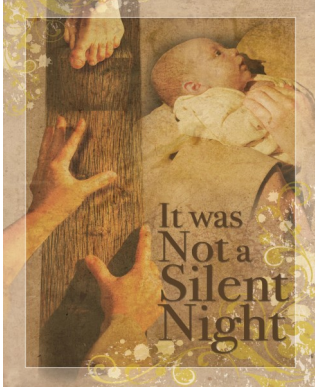


December 2018



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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2 8:30 AM Traditional Worship 9:40 AM - 10:30 AM Sunday School 10:45 AM Contemporary Worship 12:00 PM Arts & Themes Committee	3 7:00 AM Women at Prayer 8:15 AM - 3:15 PM Preschool 9:15 AM Martha Circle 7:00 PM Esther Circle	4 8:15 AM - 11:00 AM Preschool 1:30 PM Staff Meeting 7:00 PM Worship Band	5 6:30 AM - 7:30 AM Men at Prayer 8:15 AM - 3:15 PM Preschool 3:30 PM - 4:00 PM Good Vibrations 4:10 PM - 4:40 PM Hallelujah Chorus 4:45 PM - 6:00 PM Supper 5:30 PM Properties Board Meeting 5:30 PM - 6:15 PM Wednesday School 6:20 PM - 6:50 PM Worship Service in Sanctuary 6:50 PM - 7:30 PM 7th-9th Grade Confirmation 7:00 PM - 8:00 PM Adult Choir; Exultation Bells	6 8:15 AM - 11:00 AM Preschool 9:00 AM - 3:00 PM Quilting 6:00 PM Movie Small Group	7 8:15 AM - 3:15 PM Preschool	8 10:30 AM Christmas Program Practice (Wed. School) 1:30 PM Christmas Program Practice (Sun. School)
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16 8:00 AM WECLA Cinnamon Roll Sale 8:30 AM Traditional Worship NO Sunday School 9:40 AM Altar Guild Meeting 10:45 AM Contemporary Worship	17 7:00 AM Women at Prayer 8:15 AM - 3:15 PM Preschool 4:00 PM Food Pantry	18 8:15 AM - 11:00 AM Preschool 1:30 PM Staff Meeting 7:00 PM Worship Band	19 6:30 AM - 7:30 AM Men at Prayer 8:15 AM - 3:15 PM Preschool NO Good Vibrations NO Hallelujah Chorus NO Supper NO Wednesday School 6:20 PM - 6:50 PM Worship Service in Sanctuary NO Confirmation 7:00 PM - 8:00 PM Adult Choir; Exultation Bells	20 8:15 AM - 11:00 AM Preschool NO Quilting NO Card Group 6:30 PM Preschool Christmas Program 7:00 PM Church Council Mtg.	21 8:15 AM - 3:15 PM Preschool	22
23 9:00 AM Traditional Worship NO Sunday School	24 NO Preschool NO Women at Prayer 4:30 PM Traditional Worship 6:30 PM Contemporary Worship 11:00 PM Traditional Worship	25 <i>Merry Christmas</i> OFFICE CLOSED NO Preschool NO Staff Meeting NO Worship Band 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM Worship Service	26 6:30 AM - 7:30 AM Men at Prayer NO Preschool NO Adult Choir NO Exultation Bells NO Wednesday School NO Worship Service NO Confirmation	27 NO Preschool NO Quilting	28 NO Preschool	29 Wensmann/ Whitehead Wedding
30 9:00 AM Traditional Worship NO Sunday School	31 7:00 AM Women at Prayer NO Preschool					

New Worship Series – “Not a Silent Night”



Can you imagine welcoming your first child in a barn surrounded by animals and hay? Would you be calm? Throughout Advent we will be using Adam Hamilton's book "Not A Silent Night-Mary Looks Back at Bethlehem," to look deeper into the story of Christmas. We will look at different stories throughout Jesus' life and how they were seen through his mother Mary's eyes. Can you imagine what it would be like to see your son hanging on a cross? Or the terror you would feel when your child was lost in crowds of people? We will end this series at the beginning, Jesus birth that Christmas day in Bethlehem. Join us as we look through the eyes of Mary this Christmas.

Endowment Committee Update/Year-end Giving Opportunity

Recent Update. The Endowment Committee has been working this year on updating our investment policy and objectives. Good Shepherd's Endowment Funds are now held in the ELCA Endowment Fund Trust via the ELCA Foundation and managed along with other ELCA member churches endowments in a like manner.

General Background. The Endowment Fund's purpose is not meant to replace our members regular stewardship giving to the church. The goal is to grow Good Shepherd's original Endowment Fund principal to a point where its income, dividends, and appreciation can be used annually to *enhance* operations/opportunities/programs of the church while preserving the principal balance of the fund. The Endowment Fund should be looked at as a way for us to build up the financial strength and continuity of not only the current generation our church, but more importantly to set up our future generations of Good Shepherd with the benefits and stability a thriving Endowment Fund can provide.

Growing our Fund. As we strive to grow the principal in the fund in the coming years, please consider giving to the Endowment Fund. Gifts to endowment funds can be part of any individual or family's estate planning or regular charitable giving, which provide significant tax advantages to donors whether they give cash, stock, real estate, or other assets. When making gifts to the endowment, donors can designate if the gift should be used for a specific purpose or whether the church should decide how best to use it. In any case, donors to an endowment fund can provide a 'living legacy' to the church for years to come.

Example Scenario for Endowment Fund Distributions for enhancing programs of the church each year as the fund reaches certain thresholds (in addition to normal stewardship giving):

Endowment Fund Size Example	Annual Payout to Enhancing Church programs
\$1,000,000+	3% to 6%
\$750,000 - \$999,000	Max of 4%
\$500,000 - \$750,000	Max of 3%
\$250,000 - \$499,999	Max of 2%
Under \$250,000	No payout

The committee will be presenting some additional information at one of the services in December and likely more detail in the annual report. Due to the newsletters being published on the church website for all the public to see, we felt it was not appropriate to discuss current fund balances, etc. within the newsletter. Please reach out to one the committee members with additional questions about our Endowment Fund and ways you can give.

Your Endowment Committee,
John Peterson, Gary DeVries, Kathryn Cormier, Dennis Hellwig, and Al Hoerth

December Support People

Head Ushers

Wes Gienger (8:30); Clay Dykema, Randy White (10:45)

Ushers

Carl Anderson, Kerry Konda (10:45-9th)

Duane and Phyllis Donat, Van Nerland (4:30pm-24th)

Fellowship Treats

Justin and Megan Howard (2nd)

Scripture Readers

Sandy Cahoy (8:30-2nd); Al Hoerth (10:45-2nd)

Jim Kretchman (8:30-9th); Lisa Anderson (10:45-9th)

Mark Krogstrand (8:30-16th)

Jim Kretchman (9:00-23rd)

Rhonda Flahaven (9:00-30th)

Clay Dykema (4:30pm-24th); Rhonda Flahaven (11:00pm-24th)

Welcome Desk

Jeff and Jean Black (10:45-2nd)

Gayle Fauth (8:30-9th); Nancy Rall (10:45-9th)

Ella Maye Nehls (8:30-16th); Roger Mattson (10:45-16th)

Phyllis Donat (9:30-23rd); Charlotte Kraemer (10:45-23rd)

Clay Dykema (8:30 & 10:45-30th)

Power Point

John Fritz (2nd)

Steve Caron (9th)

Josh Pearl (16th)

Offering Tellers

Joe and Judy Gelling, Charlotte Kraemer (2nd)

Jean Rahja, Doug and Evie Witlock (9th)

Gary and Diane Kost, Tom and Rosemary Eisenbeisz (16th)

Betty Beckler, Arly Schnable, Roy Burt (23rd)

Duane and Phyllis Donat, Bonnie Lamont (30th)

Greeters

Loren and Jan Weber (10:45-2nd)

Kevin and Lori Tiede (8:30-16th)

Sound Board

Gary Cahoy (8:30-2nd); Lisa Anderson (10:45-2nd)

Gary Cahoy (8:30-9th); Jeff Dahlberg (10:45-9th)

Gary Cahoy (8:30-16th); Clay Dykema (10:45-16th)

Food Pantry

Wilmer Wiederrich (2nd)

Susan Johnston (9th)

Nursery Assistants

Gayle Fauth (8:30-2nd); Joye Hoerth (10:45-2nd)

Lori Tiede (8:30-9th); Kay Bosanko (10:45-9th)

Carol Sheldon (8:30-16th); Amber Thompson (10:45-16th)

DeAnn Reif (4:30pm-24th); Tracy Pagel (6:30pm-24th)

Arlette Keller (9:00-30th)

Communication



We have many different ways in which we communicate information to the congregation; phone calling, email, and texting. If you are currently not receiving emails or texts from Good Shepherd and would like to or have recently updated your contact information please contact Barb at the church office at (605)229-0846 or barb@goodshepherdaberdeen.org so that we have the most up to date information so that you will receive all communication. Thank you!

Thank you

Thank you to everyone who participated in Pastor Appreciation Sunday! We are blown away by the love and support we have received as your pastors. It is truly a gift to serve alongside you at Good Shepherd, and we truly appreciate everything. Thank you especially to the Life and Growth Board for putting that together.

Blessings!

Pastor Liz and Pastor Mike

Activity Cancellations

Activity cancellations due to Severe Weather will be announced on Hub City Radio stations (FM: 94.1, 97.7, 103.7, 106.7; AM: 930, 1420) and Dakota Broadcasting stations (FM: 105.5 and 107.7), as well as the KELOLAND.com Closeline. Please listen to any of these radio stations or check online if you have questions about any church activities being held. We will also text, send an email, and post on Facebook.

If the Aberdeen Schools call off school or let out early on a Wednesday, that would also mean there would be NO Wednesday activities at the church in the afternoon or evening.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY



12/01	Vetter, Carol	12/11	Larson, Glen	12/23	Hellwig, Steve
12/01	Hochstetter, Monica	12/11	Getty, Emma	12/23	Dabney, Erin
12/01	Davidson, Aliah	12/11	Alsleben, Owin	12/24	Hellwig, Dennis
12/02	Kempf, Karen	12/13	Mattson, Roger	12/24	Lang, Linda
12/02	Brown, Jeff	12/14	Dallmann, Jim	12/25	Heyd, Marie
12/02	Hochstetter, Madison	12/14	Hargens Jr., Ed	12/25	Mattson, Stephanie
12/03	Lamont, Bonnie	12/15	Nehls, Ella Maye	12/26	Tople, Cindy
12/03	Langbehn, Max	12/15	Bobzien, Christopher	12/26	Tiegs, Lori
12/04	Krause, Don	12/15	Krege, Morgan	12/26	Malchow, Mark
12/04	Hellwig, Melissa	12/16	McGarry, Cathleen	12/27	Doerr, Virginia
12/05	Schnabel, Arly	12/16	Wahl, Tammy	12/27	Angerhofer, Jean
12/05	Kendall, Ellie	12/17	Aman, Debra	12/27	Panerio, Debbie
12/05	Bartscher, Jaidyn	12/18	Thompson, Amber	12/28	Gienger, Wes
12/06	VanMeter, Randy	12/18	Beck-Gienger, Mara	12/28	Kulm, Casey
12/06	Black, Olivia	12/19	Powers, Dale	12/28	Zantow, Jenna
12/07	Carlson, Calvin	12/19	Fritz, John	12/29	Byram, Brady
12/08	Kulm, Michael	12/19	Meyers, Adrienne	12/29	Axlund, Eric
12/08	Douglas, Grace	12/20	Bergan, Cole	12/29	Boekelheide, Alex
12/09	Brink, Sandra	12/20	Sharisky, Meara	12/30	Giedt, Andrea
12/09	Wahl, Mary Ann	12/20	Tichi, Jenna	12/30	Rush, Caden
12/09	Zantow, Kallie	12/22	Fenske, Irene	12/30	Beyer, Ashlyn
12/10	Gilbert, Arden	12/22	Smith, Kristi	12/31	Cormier, Terrence
				12/31	VanMeter, Brick



CALL COMMITTEE CORNER

Step 3 in the call process, the Ministry Site Profile, was completed and submitted to the Synod during the first week of November. This important document will introduce our congregation to future candidates. Copies are available at the church for members to review.

Step 4, the Ministry Site Study, was completed November 20. During this visit from the Synod, staff members explained the call process, answered questions, and reviewed the Site Profile with the congregation. The Call Committee will now move on to Step 5, and will begin to receive candidate profiles from the Synod.

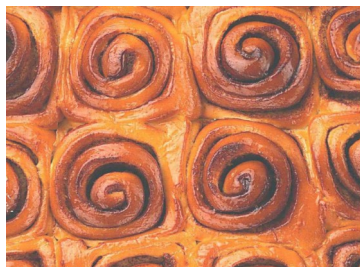


The Mission Board and Confirmation students are partnering together again to offer ELCA Good Gift ornaments this Christmas! Each Sunday and

Wednesday beginning on November 25th Confirmation students will be selling these ornaments. The proceeds of the ornaments will go to ECLA World Hunger to help provide support to people around the world. The ornaments will stay at Good Shepherd to be on display until Christmas Eve.

If you have any questions, please talk to Pastor Liz or a member of the Mission Board.

WELCA CARAMEL ROLL SALE SUNDAY, DECEMBER 16TH



Bring your appetites!! The women of Good Shepherd are once again BAKING our mouth watering Caramel Rolls in our Good Shepherd Kitchen! Come one and all to feast at coffee AND to bring more home!! Only \$2.00 each! All proceeds benefit WELCA Missions - our Lutheran Camps, Lutheran World Relief and Global Health Ministries, along with many local missions.



January Serving Group - Group 1

Angerhofer, Mike & Jean	225-1488	Larson, Glenn & Pam	229-0931
Beyer, Darren & Kari, Rylee	229-1185	Lundberg, Bonnie & Terry	229-2468
Bohling, Jerry & Vina	226-1390	McDonald, Paul & Shelly	225-0289
Brown, Dorothy	225-7518	Meyers, James & Stephanie	225-4951
Cahoy, Gary & Sandra	228-9092	Nelson, Craig	225-4895
Cordie, Ryan & Carrie,		Oleson, Mary	216-3838
McKenzie, Madison	226-4929	Panerio, Jim & Debbie	225-7936
DeVries, Gary & Amy	262-0170	Peterson, Larry & Brinda	216-6703
Douglas, Wade & Sara, Grace	229-7529	Powers, Dale	228-4256
Emery, Wanda	225-5882	Remily, Mark & Jodi	226-1764
Fink, Carol & Sanro	229-1550	Rook, Russell & Sheila	225-3943
Frank, Barbara	225-3678	Salfrank, Linda	225-4844
Gauer, Gail	229-1456	Schnabel, Brad & Cindy	225-4431
Getty, Kathie	226-0811	Serfoss, Melvin & Peggy	229-1119
Gunderson, Margaret & Ron	226-1919	Sudenga, Mike & Becky	262-1333
Hanson, Melissa & Pat	282-0865	Thompson, Amber	
Haugen, Leila & Nina	226-3830	Schmierer, Hannah	216-7352
Hemke, Fred & Rachel	252-0915	Thurn, Rod & Jan	225-2662
Hochstetter, Monica	216-1498	Urlacher, Chris & Kimberly	290-1527
Holler, Karleen	225-4962	VanMeter, Ron, Patty, Brick	
Howell, Garrett	225-4198	& Drake	226-1995
Jarvi, Caroline	225-4032	Wein, Dale & Sue	225-1774
Juenger, Rebecca	380-4848	Weist, Orville	725-0015
Kempf, Karen	262-1063	Wolf, Joyce & Larry	262-0381
Kokales, Myrna	225-1785	Wright, Chad	228-8661
Krogstad, Mark & Penny	228-7245		



Staff

Pastor-Liz Dieseth Pearl

Visitation Pastor-Mike Jacobson

Secretary-Barb Daberkow

Pastoral Assistant-Charlotte Kraemer

Financial Secretary-Leesa Christenson

Youth/Family Coordinator-Amanda Black

Custodian-Todd Black

Music Coordinator-Rachel Hemke

Preschool Director/Teacher-Maggie Bruns

Organists/Pianists-Sheri Scott, Kathy Harmel,
Tammy Wahl, Monica Jacobson

Choir Directors-Adult/Rachel Hemke, Children's
Choir/Rachel Hemke, Bells/Cheryl Ulmer

Accompanist- Adult and Children's Choir/Monica
Jacobson

Who Do I Ask About

Good Shepherd Women-Sharon Bossert

Good Shepherd Men-Clay Dykema

Ushers/Communion Assistants- Carl Anderson

Reception Coordinators:

Funeral-Mona Kapfenstein, Deb Nerland

Wedding/Anniversary-Renea Wensmann,
Leesa Christenson

Library -Dorothy Brown, Darlis Weiszhaar

Altar Guild - Sandy Cahoy

Food Pantry—Marty Axlund

Executive Council

President-John Fritz

President Elect-Ron Kaaz

Treasurer-Cindy Tople

Secretary-Jennifer Aisleben

Board Chairs

Properties-Mark Mehlhoff

Life and Growth-Brenda VanMeter, Sally Swanson

Evangelism-Sharon Weishaar, Simon Odland

Missions-Susan Jerde

Stewardship-Wade Douglas

Worship-Steve Caron, Rosemary Eisenbeisz

Nominations-

Youth-Cody Folden

Worship Schedule

September-May: Sunday 8:30am and 10:45am;

Wednesday 6:20pm (Sanctuary)

June-August: Sunday 8:30am and 10:00am;

Wednesday 6:20pm (Chapel)

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