

# The Shepherd's Voice

Jesus said "I am the good shepherd. The sheep hear the shepherd's voice and he leads them. They follow him because they know his voice." John 10:11, 3-4



## SUNDAYS AT GOOD SHEPHERD

2 Worship Services of Holy Communion 8:15 and 11:00 AM	Sunday Church School High School and Adult Forums 9:45 –10:45 AM
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*Childcare offered 8:00 AM to 12:30 PM*

## November Worship

**All Saints Sunday** - November 6  
**Celebration for Charles German** - November 13  
**Thanksgiving Eve Worship & Pie Nite** - November 23  
**Advent Season Begins** - November 27  
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## Bountiful Living

Jesus said, "I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly."  
 John 10:10b

When we stop to reflect on the words of Jesus and analyze our own lives, we realize just how true those words can be. As Christians, our faith journey includes asking ourselves, "How has God bountifully blessed us as individuals and as a congregation?" Hopefully, our reflection on all that God has done for us will connect us to a deep sense of gratitude to God for His amazing grace, and to our Savior, Jesus Christ, who does indeed give each of us abundant life through His life, death, and resurrection.

The annual stewardship campaign, which began on Sunday, October 23, continues on **Sundays, November 6 and 13**. Be sure to stop by the "**Bountiful Living**" table in the narthex where you can list how God has blessed you and our congregation; then post your note onto the cornucopia display.

Pledge packets for the 2012 Spending Plan were available in the narthex on Sundays, October 23 and 30. If you were not able to pick up your packet at that time, it will either be mailed to your home or emailed to you the first week in November.

Prayerfully consider how God is calling you to share His love with others through your financial commitment to the 2012 Spending Plan. Your faithful giving allows God to work through GSLC's mission to care for others in Christ's name.

**During the offering on Response Sunday, November 13**, we will place our commitment cards on the altar signifying a very special promise between God and ourselves.

Thank you.  
 The Stewardship Ministry Team



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**Mission Statement:** Forgiven by God's grace and led by God's love, we are:  
 + Gathered to worship and learn  
 + Strengthened to follow Christ and  
 + Equipped to serve  
 ...For the sake of the world.

**SUNDAYS AT GOOD SHEPHERD**

**November 6**—All Saints Sunday and  
 Matthew 5:1-12 Blessed are the poor in spirit  
 † 8:15 & 11:00 AM Festival Worship  
 † 9:30 AM Prayers in Memorial Garden  
 † Response Sunday  
 † Godspeed for Thrivent Builds Mission Trip

**November 13** - 22<sup>nd</sup> Sunday after Pentecost  
 Matthew 25:14-30 Slaves entrusted with talents  
 † Prayers for Healing  
 † Sending Communion Ministers  
 † 5:30 PM Old Fashion Pot Luck Dinner and  
 Concert in celebration of Charles German’s  
 40th Anniversary (see article on this page)

**November 20** - Christ the King  
 Matthew 25:31-46 The separation of sheep and goats  
 † Grace *Alive!* Worship  
 † SERRV Sale (page 4)

**November 27** - 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Advent  
 Mark 13:24-37 The coming of the Son of Man  
 † 9:30 AM Advent Wreath Making

**December 4** - 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Advent  
 Mark 1:1-8 John appears in the wilderness  
 † 6:00 PM Grade 7 Toy Shopping

**THANKSGIVING EVE WORSHIP  
 & PIE NITE**

**Wednesday, November 23 at 7:30 PM**

At harvest time we join the psalmist in offering thanks-  
 giving to God, “You crown the year with your goodness,  
 and your paths overflow with plenty.” Psalm 65:11  
 Join us as we gather to worship and give thanks to God  
 for his blessings to us as citizens of this nation.

Afterwards, enjoy a *buffet of pies* that folks have  
 lovingly prepared in celebration of the Thanksgiving  
 holiday. Please sign up on the kiosk to  
 specify what kind of pie you wish to bring  
 to Pie Nite.

Be sure to invite your family and friends  
 to join the celebration.



**ALL SAINTS SUNDAY**

November 6



All Saints Sunday celebrates the baptized  
 people of God, living and dead, who are the body of  
 Christ. By virtue of baptism we are made saints while we  
 are still sinners. We give thanks this day for the saints  
 who have gone before us, for moments of faithfulness in  
 their lives, and the fullness of eternal life in which they  
 now partake and we have yet to enjoy.

During worship we will give thanks for all the saints by  
 lifting up the names of the saints, our loved ones, who  
 have died since last All Saints Sunday, November 7,  
 2010. In order to include the name of a loved one in the  
 prayers on All Saints Sunday, please sign up on the kiosk  
 or call the church office and speak to Susan by Tuesday,  
 November 1.

**PRAYERS OF REMEMBRANCE**

Please join us in the Memorial Garden on this Sunday, at  
 9:30 AM as we gather for Prayers of Remembrance of  
 loved ones whose ashes have been interred in the garden.

**LET’S CELEBRATE!**

**Sunday, November 13**

This November marks the celebration  
 of the 40th Anniversary of CHARLES  
 GERMAN’S time at Good Shepherd as  
 our Organist and Music Coordinator. Some of you may  
 remember him coming to us as a young college student  
 and over the years have seen and heard him grow into a  
 fine man and fabulous musician.



We are happy to announce that we are having a  
 celebration at Good Shepherd to honor Charles on  
**Sunday, November 13**. We will begin with an old  
 fashion “Potluck/Hot Dish Dinner” at 5:30 PM at the  
 church (including Jello and lots of fun Lutheran comfort  
 food).

Afterwards, Charles will present a very special concert;  
 he has graciously consented to highlight the skills that  
 have endeared him to us over these many years. After  
 the concert, we will present our gifts to him. We hope  
 that you will stay to tell Charles how much you loved his  
 performance while enjoying dessert and coffee.

Sign-up sheets are on the kiosk.

**ADVENT SEASON BEGINS**

**Sunday, November 27**

**Come and Make an Advent Wreath**



During the four weeks of the Advent season, the whole world awaits with hope and expectation the coming of the Savior. We hear the words of the prophets. We sing of God’s promises. We place our hope in God.

One of the best known customs for the season is the Advent wreath. The wreath and winter candle-lighting in the midst of growing darkness strengthen some of the Advent images found in the Bible. The unbroken circle is an image of everlasting life and the crown of Christ. Christians use the wreath as a sign that Christ reaches into our time to lead us to the light of everlasting life. The four candles signify the progress of the four weeks of Advent and the growth of light. In many homes, the family gathers for prayer around the Advent wreath.

**Make an Advent Wreath!** On Sunday, November 27, the 1st Sunday of Advent, join us at 9:30 in the narthex as we make Advent wreaths for our homes and for our homebound members. Be sure to sign up on the kiosk so we order enough supplies for all who wish to participate. We would appreciate donations of \$10.00 to defray the cost of the supplies.

**ADVENT DEVOTIONS**

Advent is a time to get ready—to pause and anticipate the coming of God’s most precious gift to us – His Son, Jesus the Savior.

*Christ in Our Home* devotion booklets are available in the Welcome Center.

If a Kindle is your preferred reading tool, check out “Living the Gospel Life” at Amazon. For \$2.99 you can get a downloaded copy of 4 weeks of daily devotions for Christians on a mission. The booklet is edited by Peter Mead at Creative Communications, a Lutheran publishing company in St. Louis.

**The Living Nativity**

**Goats, donkey and camel will be there!**  
**Two performances on**  
**Saturday Dec. 17, 5:00 and 7:00 PM**  
**on the church lawn**



Whether you gather to watch, or are a participant in the outdoor enactment. *Good Shepherd’s wonderful tradition is a truly moving part to our Christmas celebration!*

**Hear** the beautiful words of the birth of our Savior  
**Listen** to glorious music proclaiming the joy of his coming

**See** Mary, Joseph, shepherds and the Three Kings as they travel to Bethlehem with their live animals (including sheep, goats, rabbits, a donkey and a camel!)

Rejoice as all the characters of the manger scene appear before your eyes.

**Prepare** for a happy and Christ-centered Christmas.

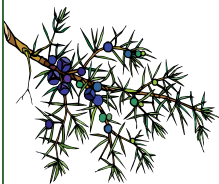
Cast and crew members are already being gathered. If you are interested in participating in any way, please sign up on the sheet in the Narthex or contact Ellen Parker. All adults and young people 4<sup>th</sup> grade and up are welcome!

**Worship Steward Scheduling Christmas**

A sign-up sheet is on the kiosk for worship steward duties for upcoming Christmas services. You have the opportunity to choose when you serve instead of being assigned, discovering you are unavailable and scrambling to find a substitute. We will fill by assigning individuals based on their availability.

Reminders of will be sent of your commitment as we draw closer to the holidays. Thank you in advance.

**Evergreens Wanted For Advent Wreaths!**



Do you have any unusual evergreen bushes or trees, for example: holly, boxwood, yew, juniper, arborvitae, cypress.

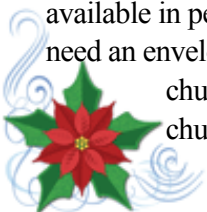
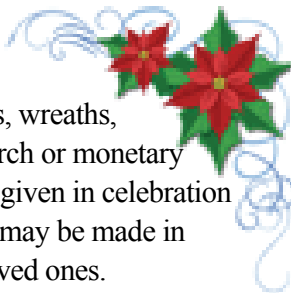
We need the branches! Please contact Lynda Pullis at 908-685-1660 or [Lynda@gslutheranchurch.org](mailto:Lynda@gslutheranchurch.org) if you have greens to share.

**Christmas Plants and Memorials**

Donations for Christmas poinsettias, wreaths, and pine roping to decorate the church or monetary gifts to the Memorial Fund may be given in celebration of Christ’s birth. Cost: \$12. Gifts may be made in memory of or in thanksgiving of loved ones.

Please use the white “Flowers and Plants” envelopes available in pew racks and the Welcome Center. If you need an envelope mailed to you, please contact the church office. You may mail your gift to the church office.

Deadline is **Sunday, November 27.**





### Gift Ministry

The Angel Tree benefits families from the Resource Center for Women, the Somerset Home for Temporarily Displaced Children, and Somerville area.

Gift tags are available **Sunday, November 13.**

The tree in the Narthex will have tags of what individuals are asking for. Please consider selecting a tag, purchasing the gift, and dropping it off at the church under the tree with the tag attached.

Our support is always greatly appreciated.

Gifts should be *unwrapped*, but donations of wrapping supplies are also needed.

Gifts are due back by **Sunday, December 4.**

*This project is supported by a Thrivent grant.*

### Christmas Toys For Children of Somerset County Jail Residents



Sponsors: Lutheran Men in Mission (LMM) (page 8)

Toys are donated to the Somerset Jail Chaplaincy, where they will be distributed to children of inmates during the Christmas season.

How can you help?

- Make a monetary contribution using the **blue “Extra Mile Giving”** envelopes available in the pew racks and welcome center, specify use as “Toys”. Make checks payable to GSLC.
- Purchase a new, non-violent, unwrapped toy in the \$5 - \$25 price range – leave new toys in the marked bin in the Narthex by **Sunday, November 27.**

On December 4, youth will have their annual *Toys R Us* Shopping Spree to purchase these gifts.

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### Thanksgiving and Christmas Food Baskets



Each year at Thanksgiving and Christmas, we help at least 15 needy families within the church and local community by providing a week's supply of food and basic household necessities.

How can you help?

#### DONATE FOOD

Take grocery bags with a list of the items needed and bring it back filled up!

#### DONATE MONEY

Monetary gifts are used to purchase turkeys and other perishables. Use the blue “Outreach/Extra Mile Giving” envelopes and indicate “Food Basket”.

**DONATE A TURKEY** - call Rosely LaFever.

#### HELP ASSEMBLE AND DELIVER BASKETS

**Saturday, November 19 at 9:00 AM.** Please sign up on the kiosk. If you are willing to deliver a basket over the weekend but cannot come that morning, please note that on the sign-up sheet.

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### SERRV SALE

**Sunday, November 20,** between and after worship

Help others while you shop early for Christmas on Sunday, November 20. We will have available SERRV’s unique and handcrafted fair trade items from around the world. Good Shepherd does not make any profit from this sale.

SERRV is a nonprofit organization with a mission to eradicate poverty wherever it resides by providing opportunity and support to artisans and farmers worldwide. Learn more about this organization at [www.SERRV.org](http://www.SERRV.org).



We will also offer Good Shepherd note cards.

**Our Congregation Council at its October 11 Meeting ...**



- Received letters of thanks from the Interfaith Hospitality Network (IHN), the Jail Chaplaincy of Somerset County, the Somerset Chaplaincy to the Elderly, and Crawford House.
- Voted to extend the part-time secretary, Laura Meerovich, through December 31, 2011.
- Heard that currently our finances are generally tracking to plan for 2011.
- Reviewed audit report for 2008 end of year audit.
- Received a capital program status update.
- Approved the hiring of Becky Lombardo as afternoon teachers' assistant at the daycare pending receipt of a clean Cari background check.
- Received an update on plans for events leading up to commitment Sunday, November 13.
- Heard an update from the communications task force regarding phasing and progress in moving to electronic forms of communication.
- Heard an update from NCD.

**Update on Capital Improvement Projects**

The replacement of the boiler which heats Good Shepherd’s daycare and Luther Hall is expected to be complete before the end of the year. Bill Schwiederek, the project manager, is finalizing the recommendation on the boiler and contractor for council’s approval.

Efforts are also underway to assess the drainage and flooding issues in the playground, parking lot and sanctuary. The team, led by Dave Wirth, is working with an engineering firm to scope out the project and come up with a plan. The paving of the parking lot will be scheduled in the spring.

Other projects, such as fixing the siding, will commence when there is sufficient capital funding.



**We Need Your Help in Our Communications Campaign!**



We are starting an initiative to better communicate with our members and need your help. We are looking into new ways to communicate via:

- E--mail
- Face book
- Text Messages

We would like feedback as to whether you would be interested in receiving communications and reports in these methods We also need would like to know whether you have an updated personal or family email and phone number. Please email [communications@gslutheranchurch.org](mailto:communications@gslutheranchurch.org)

*(NCD - Continued)*

In response to these issues, the NCD Health Team has developed the following three goals for our congregation:

- ✚ Provide an opportunity for all members to receive and react to daily electronic devotions. Goal of at least 50 people participating.
- ✚ Ensure at least five additional small groups allow time at all meetings for prayer and sharing.
- ✚ Start at least one new small group focused on the Living Word.

We will be starting with Goal 1, so more details will follow shortly. Please remember to keep our Health Team and our church in your prayers!

For more information, please see the NCD Health Team members - Dan Groth, David Rochow, Jan Schnitzlein, Janine Shugan (chair), Dave Wirth

**NCD NATURAL CHURCH DEVELOPMENT**

*You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind. Matthew 22:37*



The NCD Health Team is ready to share the three goals we have for our congregation!

For those who were unable to attend one of the focus groups, the three Passionate Spirituality questions on which we scored the lowest were:

- ✚ I often tell other Christians when I have experienced something from God.
- ✚ The Bible is a powerful guide for me in the decisions I make in my life.
- ✚ I enjoy reading the Bible on my own.

The main purpose of the June focus groups was to have people help us understand why we did not score as high on Passionate Spirituality as the other factors. The three key issues identified were:

- ✚ Not “seeing” God – How do we see God in the day to day?
- ✚ Lack of familiarity with the Bible – How is the Bible relevant today?
- ✚ Feeling Disconnected – We need more opportunity to connect with God and others in our faith community

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## Caring for Others

### College Student Care Packages Reminder

Help us fill 40 packages to be sent to Good Shepherd students away at college during exam time.



Check the kiosk for a sign-up sheet for goodies.

Please put these items in the basket in the Narthex on **Sunday, November 13.**

**PARENTS:** please forward current addresses of your college students to [susan@gslutheranchurch.org](mailto:susan@gslutheranchurch.org)

Sponsored by “Daughters of Eve”  
See page 8 for assembly date

### Interfaith Hospitality Network— IHN

*A Ministry to the Homeless*



**We will host IHN guests the week of  
November 27 - December 4**  
Check the kiosk for opportunities to help.

IHN provides shelter, meals, and support services to families without homes through a cost-efficient and effective community response to family homelessness. Thanks to all who helped during October.

Coordinator—Bill Jonat

### Support Maria Farfan

Saturday, November 19  
8:00 AM - 2:00 PM  
Auten Road School, Hillsborough



A Used Clothing Drive will support Maria Farfan in her recovery from cancer. Clean used clothing, shoes, accessories, bedding, linens, towels and small toys will be collected at Good Shepherd until November 13.

Maria, the 12 year-old daughter of a past Daycare teacher, has been suffering with T-cell lymphoma since the age of 6. Now in remission, she had a bone marrow transplant last year. The family is facing enormous past and ongoing medical bills.

### Arbor Glen Worship

We gather in the Holly Center to share the Word, praise the Lord in song and give thanks in prayer.



**Sunday, December 11, 1:15 PM**

Come join us for song, scripture and prayer.  
Message by Brenda Linton

Sign-up sheet on the kiosk if you can help or call Janice or Sandy.

Coordinators: Janice Reinhardt & Sandy Alexander

**Monday, November 28**  
1:00 PM - 7:00 PM



Somerville Elks, 375 Union Avenue,  
Bridgewater (just blocks from church).  
Drive is held on the 4th Monday each month.

### Community Groups

Meeting at Good Shepherd  
AA on Mondays, 8:00 - 9:00 PM  
ESL (English as a Second Language)



Tuesdays and Thursdays, 9:30 - 11:30 AM  
Contact Hunterdon County Educational Services Commission at 908-806-2795 for information.

Newsletter  
**DEADLINE**

Newsletter articles for next issue are

**Due Sunday, November 13**

This issue will cover November 6—December 3.

**Sunday Mornings**

9:45 - 10:45 AM  
(childcare available)



- Nov. 6 ELCA Social Statement - Judicial System
- Nov. 13 ELCA Social Statement Corrections
- Nov. 20 SERRV Sale - See page 4

Advent at Adult Forum—"Love Finds a Voice in Bethlehem", based on the 'The Five Love Languages' by Gary Chapman. Each love language plays an integral part in the story of Christ's birth. We will see how Jesus exhibited each language in his ministry and we find advice on how to utilize each language in our own relationships.

- Nov. 30 Advent I – The Christmas Love of Time
- Dec. 4 The Christmas Love of Affirmation
- Dec. 11 The Christmas Love of Acts of Service
- Dec. 18 The Christmas Love of Physical Touch

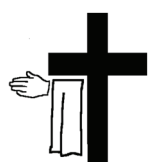


**The Cross and the M.U.D.**  
*Movies Under Discussion*

**Saturday, November 19**  
**6:00—9:30 PM**

Join us for a light supper, movie and discussion over dessert.

"Win Win" has a contemporary relevance to it with its depiction of the plight of Mike Flaherty (Paul Giamatti), a New Jersey lawyer who is strapped for money. He has kept his financial problems secret from his wife. Director Tom McCarthy has knack for telling stories about people who are surprised by change and challenged to find meaning in new relationships. This drama deals in an honest and rounded way with the rigorous and daunting challenges we all face as breadwinners, parents, and workers in a world that seems to be crumbling all around us. Everyone in this emotionally satisfying drama gets a second chance which is why the film is appropriately titled Win Win.



**diakonia**

A 2-year spiritual formation and theological education to deepen your faith. Meeting on Tuesday Evenings.

Contact Joan Grace for information

New course begins **Tuesday, November 1, 7:00 PM**  
Lutheran Faith in the American Context, taught by Rev. Mark Summer.

**Students and alumni** are invited to hear from Lutheran Theological Seminary at Philadelphia in celebration of the 300th anniversary of the birth of Henry Melchior Muhlenberg. Watch for information on time and place.

**Bible Study**

**ALL ARE WELCOME**



**Bible Study**

**Thursday mornings at 10:00 AM**

- Nov. 3 at Mary Khoury's home
- Nov. 10 at Joan Bowden's home
- Nov. 17 at Margaret Cotton's home
- Dec. 1 at Connie Zylman's home

Book under discussion - *That's What the Man Said: The Sayings of Jesus*. Coordinator: Jeanne Locke

**Wednesday afternoon at 1:00 PM**

Study of the Old Testament Book of Judges.  
Contact Joan Grace for a schedule of readings.

**Pathways moves to Monday Nights for Advent**

**Mondays, November 28, and December 5, 12, & 19**



Join us at 7:30 for quiet, meditative Advent prayers and a study on "Women on the Way to Christmas".

See how the lives of Eve, Sarah, Rachel, Rahab, Hannah, Elizabeth and Mary are filled with challenges and sometimes sorrows, but eventually end in joy in the promised Savior.

**Saturday Book Discussion**

Dan Groth, Cathy Thornton (Hunter) and Don Stiger continue to lead stimulating conversations.



**Beginning Saturdays December 3, 9:30 AM**

Book is *Birth of Christianity*  
by John Dominic Crossan

**Making Your Wishes Known**

There are more copies of the “Five Wishes” document and the updated Funeral Planning Guide available in the church office. If you would like to borrow the DVD presentation about Five Wishes, please see Linda Walker to borrow it.

**Lutheran Men in Mission**



**We will meet twice in November, Saturday morning the 5<sup>th</sup> & 19<sup>th</sup> 7:30 AM in Luther Hall**

All men are invited to come for good fellowship starting at 7:30 AM, followed by breakfast at 8:00 and a program at 8:30.

LMM will be accepting donations from the congregation throughout November for GSLC’s youth to purchase toys for the Somerset County Jail Chaplaincy. Toys are distributed by the Chaplaincy to children of inmates during the Christmas season.

Coordinator: Dean Levin

**60+ers**

Join us for good fellowship, interesting programs and refreshments on the 2nd Wednesday of the month at **1:00 PM**.



**Hunterdon Hills Playhouse**

**Wednesday, November 16, 11:00 AM Matinee**

Carpool will leave church at 10:00 AM.

**SOLD OUT!!**

Looking Ahead:

Christmas Luncheon on **Wednesday, December 14**

At La Casa Bianca in Whitehouse Station.

Look for a sign-up sheet on the kiosk.

Coordinator: Ed Kunkel

Mark Your Calendar Now

**Friday March 23 – Sunday March 25, 2012**

**“From Peace to Prayer”**



The best of 10 years of women retreats. For all GSLC Women and friends.

Note that this will be a **two-night** retreat in the new Christ Center at Crossroads Outdoor Ministries.

Registration materials will be available in January 2012.



**SHEPHERD’S GATHERING**

Crossroads Retreat Center

**December 1-2 - Sabbath and Respite**

**December 2-4 - Retreat begins with dinner on Friday and ends Sunday Noon.**

**1st Annual retreat for adults who work with youth.**

The first weekend in December is a weekend for YOU! It’s about what YOU NEED – rest, restoration, fellowship, networking, workshops, and great food.

ALL FOR ONLY \$25 PER PERSON, thanks to a grant from Project Connect.

That’s right! Why not check it out (you don’t have to stay the entire weekend if you need to be back for church on Sunday). This event is available for ANY-ONE who interacts with the youth in your congregation. That includes not only pastors and youth leaders, but Sunday School teachers, nursery workers, VBS volunteers – and anyone who is interested in working with the youth.

For more information go to [www.crossroadsretreat.com](http://www.crossroadsretreat.com)

**Women of the ELCA at Good Shepherd**



**Sisters of Ruth**

ALL women of GSLC are invited to join as we share devotions, fellowship and discussions.

**Monday, November 21, 1:00 PM** at church.

Coordinator: Sandy Alexander

**Daughters of Eve**

**Tuesday, November 15, 7:30 PM** at church.

Lend a Hand. We heard the church’s kitchen is in desperate need of being spiffed up and cleaned out! So, we thought we could take on the challenge!! We will also prepare college care packages to be sent to our youth during their finals! Sign up for donations is in the narthex, or bring that night!

**Tuesday, December 6, 7:00 PM at Joan Grace’s**

Join the fun as we make three appetizers that you will take home and freeze for use during the holidays.

RSVP Pat or Joan required so we can plan. \$15.00 per person will cover cost.

Coordinators: Pat Whitehead and Joan Grace

**All are welcome to participate in any or all of these groups.  
No experience necessary  
All supplies and instruction provided.**

**Prayer Shawl Ministry**

**Saturday, November 5, 10:00 AM**

Would you like to learn how to knit or crochet?  
Would you like to help care for others?

Come and learn about “Prayer Shawl Ministry” on Saturday morning, November 5 from 10:00 to 12:00. This is an opportunity to learn how to knit or crochet a shawl that will be given to someone in our church family who needs a hug, is confined to their home or may be grieving the loss of a loved one. All the supplies will be provided to get you started and we’ll have coffee and bagels.

For info, contact Connie Zylman.

**Shepherd Stitches**

**Mondays, 6:30 PM**

**November 7, 21 and December 5**

**Tuesdays, 1:00 PM**

**November 8, 22 and December 6**

Creating quilts and other projects to share with others around the world.

Janice Brunsbach is our experienced and patient teacher who welcomes everyone.

**Crafters**

**Meets Wednesdays, 9:30 AM - Year-Round**

Creating mementos celebrating events in our church family.

Join us on Wednesday mornings as we enjoy coffee and fellowship while we work.

-or-

Create at your leisure at home.

Kits are available.

Coordinator: Joan Grace



**Christian Day Care  
and Pre-School  
NAEYC Accredited**

- In October, the children enjoyed “Trunk or Treating”, had a costume parade and party.
- We also celebrated Fire Prevention Week in all the classrooms and had a firefighter come visit
- For November, we have our traditional Thanksgiving feast scheduled.
- We continue to be thankful for all the volunteers who spend time with us: Ms. Linda (Linda Walker, Chapel Time), Ms. Judy (Judy Pfister, our gardener), and Ms. Nancy (librarian from the Somerville library). We continue to grow in enrollment and we are truly thankful for that!

We have limited openings for our regular daycare program, as well as our Before and After School program (for Adamsville children only), or available to those who can provide transportation to or from the Center.

If you are interested or have any questions about our programs, please call:

Anjali or Pat at 908-704-0080 or email us at [daycairedir@gslutheranchurch.org](mailto:daycairedir@gslutheranchurch.org).

**Sunday Church School Offering**

*What does the Lord require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God? Micah 6:18*



One of the goals of Good Shepherd’s Sunday Church School Ministry is to help children and youth understand the importance of being faithful stewards as individuals and a whole church. Offering envelopes were distributed to all Sunday Church School (SCS) students in our Beginners thru Grade 6 classes on Sunday, October 16. If you did not receive your box of envelopes, please check with your SCS teacher or the SCS office.

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**Sunday Church School Offering**

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All Sunday Church School Offerings are designated for benevolence and open a world of possibilities for those in need.



Our Fall offerings (September 18 thru November 20) will benefit the ELCA World Hunger and Disaster Appeal.

The Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA) maintains that hunger will not stop simply because people are told that it must end. Hunger will end when the human family changes the way it understands hunger and defines it as both unacceptable and solvable. *16,000 children die every day from hunger and hunger-related causes. One in ten US households either lives with hunger or is at risk of being hungry*<sup>1</sup> And yet there is room for hope. Our SCS monetary offerings combined with the donations of individuals and congregations throughout the ELCA help to reduce hunger in our communities and the world.

Our High School youth celebrated World Food Day on Sunday, October 16 by hosting our refreshment hour. The \$55 offering received will be added to our SCS offering designated for the ELCA World Hunger Appeal.

<sup>1</sup> [www.bread.org](http://www.bread.org)

**SCS Advent Offering CHRISTMAS JARS**

November 27 thru December 18  
Sponsored by our High School Youth Forum

What is a Christmas Jar Offering?

A **Christmas Jar** is a clean pickle jar, peanut butter jar, Mason jar or something similar to collect your household's spare change each day. All coins dedicated to the jar during the week will be brought to Sunday Church School each Sunday of Advent (use SCS envelopes).

Our High School youth will visit the SCS classrooms to collect the offering in large jars on Sunday mornings. You'll be surprised how much change we can generate and how much we can affect the lives of those in need.

Before Christmas, our High School youth will carefully select recipients for our **Christmas Jars** and anonymously give away the jars on December 23 and 24.



The beloved Christmas carol, *Away in a Manger*, serves as the framework for helping our children and congregation discover the gifts that flow from the manger: the gifts of forgiveness, life, and salvation from our heavenly Father.



***Away In A Manger***  
***Christmas Eve Family Worship Service***  
***Saturday, December 24 at 5:00 PM***

Children and Youth - share your gifts and talents!

Proclaim the Good News of Christ's Birth!

*All our children and youth are invited to participate in our 5 PM Candlelight Worship Service on Christmas Eve*

**Beginners, Pre-K, Kindergarten**

- ✚ Christmas Poem
- ✚ Christmas Song
- ✚ Stable Animals

**Grades 1-2**

- ✚ Christmas Poem
- ✚ Christmas Song
- ✚ Biblical Characters
- ✚ Mary, Joseph
- ✚ Angels, Shepherds

**Grades 3-6**

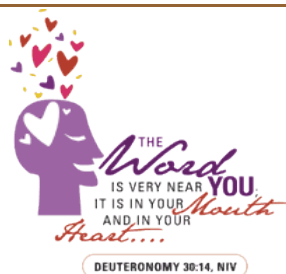
- ✚ Readers
- ✚ Instrumentalist
- ✚ Grades 7-8
- ✚ Worship Assistants

Flyers and Commitment Forms will be distributed thru Sunday Church School the week of November 6.

**Head to the Heart  
Confirmation Ministry for  
Grades 7 and 8**

Head to the Heart is a

parent-involved small group confirmation ministry that equips parents/guardians to be active participants in the faith life of their children in grades 7 and 8.



**Lessons & Discussion**

for 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Youth & Parents/Guardians

**Wednesdays, November 2 and 16, December 7, 14**

7:00-8:30 PM

**Community Fellowship & Servant Learning**

Toy Shopping - 7<sup>th</sup> Grade - December 4

Angel Tree - 8<sup>th</sup> Grade - December 4

Living Nativity - All - December 17

**Enrichment & Spiritual Growth**

NJ Synod Retreat - Among the Wolves - November 18-20

**AMONG THE WOLVES 2011  
FOR GRADES 7 TO 9  
AND THEIR ADULT SPONSORS**

**November 18-20**

Harvey Cedars, Long Beach Island, NJ

**New Jersey Synod Jr. High Retreat**

Depart from Good Shepherd at 4:00 PM

Friday, November 18

Gathering with 300 Lutheran young people and adults for a holy, crazy weekend!

We'll play and pray together.

There will be lots of music, games, worship and Christian servanthood.



**COME AND HOWL!**

**H2H Ministry  
FOR YOUTH IN GRADE 7  
Servant Learning Event**



**Toys R Us Shopping Spree  
Sunday, December 4, 6:00 – 8:00 PM**

Look for flyers and permission forms in your H2H Confirmation Ministry folders.

Return permission forms by  
Wednesday, November 16.

**H2H Ministry  
FOR YOUTH IN GRADE 8  
Servant Learning Event**



**Angel Tree Gift Ministry  
Sunday, December 4, 2:00 – 5:00 PM**

Look for flyers and permission forms in your H2H Confirmation Ministry folders.

Return permission forms by  
Wednesday, November 16.



**Parents' Help Needed**

Chaperone/Supervise Shoppers  
Drivers  
Truck or Van to transport toys



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Drivers

**IN OUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS**

† Joan Bowden † Linda Froehlich † Loretta Grace † Joe Kmet	† Peggy Reier † Greg Reinhardt † Nancy Waltermire	<b>Homebound Members</b> † Louise Baldwin † Emily Blenderman † Ruth Lombardy † Andrew Martiny † Nancy Mastrianni † Arlean Meck † Gail Velcheck
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*Baptisms*

- † Graham Charles Denys, born March 24, 2011, baptized September 4, 2011.
- † Alexa Victoria Garofolo, born May 18, 2011, baptized October 2, 2011.

*Weddings*

- † Cathy Hunter and James Thornton on Saturday, October 22, 2011.

**PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR CHURCH FAMILY ON THEIR BIRTHDAYS**

11/1 Tammy Giraldi Ellen Mone Kristin Carrier Autumn Esler	11/10 Arlene Reinhardt Glen Denys	11/22 Erik Marlin Paul Kanyuch
11/3 Joy Johnson Cindy Dilks Allison Macher	11/12 Dave Wirth Lynn Blenderman	11/24 Tiffani Taylor-Jenkins
11/4 Karen Maddock Amber Kozloski Tyler Magrosky	11/13 Margaret Liska Judy Miller	11/25 Jan Schnitzlein Bill Laruffa Caitlin Syage Jason Fenyar
11/5 Audrey Temple Heidi Bodnar	11/14 Ruth Mengak	11/26 Joyce Jonat Bryan Davis
11/6 Edna Hikes Rick Shelcusky Leigh Pietz	11/16 Matthew Helm	11/27 Marilyn Mountjoy
11/7 John Esler	11/17 Ellen Sapiezynski Kaden Arnold	11/28 Nancy Macher Greg Reinhardt
11/8 David Mountney Rebecca Bowser	11/18 Maryanne Gabbett Alice Simko	11/29 Mel Schroeder Louis Zanoni
11/9 Bea Allen James From Eric Shugan Joel Marlin	11/19 Joyce VanVooren Lorenzo DeGirolamo Lucas DeGirolamo	11/29 Wayne DeMarco Steve Scholl Brian Gyeski
	11/20 Howard Wynn Debra Ashrafi Ella Benson Jason Barnoski	11/30 Nadine Messner Jason Lilly Christian Schaeffer Shayna Blackwood Lily Chang
	11/21 Daniela Johnson Aayden Walters	

**If your November birthday is incorrect or not listed here, please call the church office. Thanks.**

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