

# The GOOD NEWS

of Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, Loudonville, NY

December 2017



Advent. A time of endings and new beginnings. The days are shorter, and the nights longer. It is a time of waiting; not a dormant waiting, but an active waiting. For in the unknown, the seeming darkness, there is great anticipation for the joy that is to come with the advent of divine light. In essence, it is a time of transition. And so we act, we move, we prepare; not in fear, but in expectation and hope. Much of my time with you these past two years have been ones of transition. After all, that's why I came. To support you as you navigated the transition from one beloved pastor to the next. And your new pastor will over time become (I've no doubt) just as beloved as the previous one. For in walking together in this journey of ministry, you open yourselves to a joint fellowship like no other. For at the core of this relationship between congregation and Pastor, is the resurrected Christ. It is the promise of new life, new beginnings and new ventures into ministry. Together you will proclaim the good news of Jesus' life, death and resurrection to all you encounter. Please know that my prayers and blessings go with both you (Good Shepherd Lutheran Church) and Pastor Edwina Landry as you begin your time together.

It has been my privilege to serve you and to walk with you during this time. Yet I could not have done it without all the leadership who gave of their time and energies during this time of transition. Thank you. You are a congregation filled with the light of Christ and you have oftentimes shared that love of Christ with me in both word and deed. Indeed, I have learned a great deal from being in your presence and sharing this time of ministry with you. Thank you so much.

God's Peace, **Pastor Pamela**

Handwritten signature of Pastor Pamela in blue ink.

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**Next Newsletter Deadline: Sunday, December 10th**

Call the Church Office at 458-1562 or  
e-mail office@gslcl.org if you have item(s) for publication.

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**PLEASE KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS:**

- **Lillian Skarka** who has sustained a back injury. Cards may be sent to: 4 Paul Holly Drive, Loudonville, NY 12211.
- **Betty Cadwallader** who is home now from the hospital and staying with her son and daughter-in-law for some time. We ask that you keep her in your prayers. Cards may be sent to: 8 Carondelet Drive Apt. 225, Watervliet, NY 12189.
- **Beverly Quinlan** who is home now from rehab. Cards may be sent to 427 Columbia Street, Apt. 331, Cohoes, NY 12047.

**December Birthdays**

1 - Christine Kleinhenz  
1 - Eileen Pangburn  
2 - Gail Koser  
4 - Nicholas Layne  
8 - Jessica Kaercher  
9 - Johnathon Rudat  
10 - Kit LaManna

12 - John Knarvik  
16 - Jessica Mutahanamilwa  
23 - Maggie Gallucci  
25 - Sadé Miller  
28 - Colleen Ward  
29 - Jane Ludwin

Financial Report for October			
	This Month	YTD	
Expenses	\$13,928.58	\$144,978.97	
Revenue	\$14,762.48	\$129,503.18	
<u>Surplus +</u>			
Deficit -		\$-15,475.79	

## Santa Doesn't Want Milk!!!

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He wants Fair Trade Coffee! Or even better CHOCOLATE! And you're in luck, because a coffee order will be going out on **December 11th** and will arrive before Christmas!

Order blanks are available in the narthex and can be placed in the coffee mailbox in the workroom with payment. Please see **Leighann Yost** with any questions.



## Women of the ELCA

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WOMEN OF THE ELCA Purpose Statement:

*“As a community of women created in the image of God, called to discipleship in Jesus Christ, and empowered by the Holy Spirit, we commit ourselves to grow in faith, affirm our gifts, support one another in our callings, engage in ministry and action, and promote healing and wholeness in the church, the society, and the world.”*

Wow. That’s quite a statement. It sounds bold, lofty, holy, and perhaps, beyond what some might feel themselves capable of. But it is not beyond what we are called to do, and what we are doing, even now, at Good Shepherd. What it does offer as an organization within the ELCA and within Good Shepherd, is to connect us to a powerful community of defined purpose and support that can help to guide, support, and affirm us in mission, both large and small.

The most important component to the success of this new beginning is coming together as we did last June over tea and conversation to get to know each other. We know most members to say hello to, we can identify their families or friends at church, and we may smile and chat at Fellowship. That is a good thing. But when women come together to enjoy each other’s company, and get to know and recognize what we share in our lives and visions, powerful things can happen. And when that group is called and led by the Holy Spirit, it could be amazing.

I’m excited about the possibilities that this ministry can grow between and among the women at Good Shepherd and beyond. Each one of us has unique gifts to bring to the community. Please come to have some fun together. Let’s see what we can do.

- Kathy Crouse

## From the Music Corner

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*“Music is probably the only real magic I have encountered in my life. There's not some trick involved with it. It's pure and it's real. It moves, it heals, it communicates and does all these incredible things.”* **Tom Petty**

For **Advent**, we will sing setting 5. This is melodic with a beautiful Gloria. The choir will also introduce several new choral pieces. We will also sing some of our favorites: **“One Candle Lights the Way”**, **“With Open Arms We are Waiting”** and **“Breath of Heaven”**. For **Christmas**, we will have several solos and new choral pieces.

We will continue to utilize the Psalter for Year B: these are melodic accompaniments for the responsorial psalm.

We extend an invitation to you to sing with us, particularly during Advent and Christmas. We are a friendly group and sing traditional and contemporary styles of Christian music. We are flexible and offer two rehearsals, Thursday evenings from 6:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m. and Sunday mornings from 10:00 a.m.-10:15 a.m. We are a multigenerational choir and welcome all ages beginning at age twelve.

Several of you have provided lists of your favorite hymns and we continue to incorporate them into the music schedule. Please forward lists of favorite hymns to the attention of the music director's mailbox at Good Shepherd Church.

Please note that we will have our annual **Christmas Carol** sing-along on **12/21/17** from **7:00-8:00 pm**. We will sing favorites such as **“Silver Bells”**, **“Jingle Bells”**, **“O Holy Night”** and others. It is a fun time with delicious cookies.

We are in **need of instrumentalists** to play during preludes, offertory and postludes. This is an **excellent opportunity for children, teens and young adults** to participate in the service. Please consider sharing your talents on a monthly or quarterly basis. We are particularly appreciative of **Johnny Rudat** who played his flute as a prelude on Reformation Sunday.

If you are called to participate in our music ministry (vocal choir or instrumentalist), please **speak to myself or any of the choir members** after service. You can also leave a message at the Church office.

**Carl Rorie Alexandrov, Director of Music**

# Christmas Poinsettias Order Form



Each 6" Pot is \$11.00

To order, complete this form below and deposit, with your check or cash, in the box provided in the narthex. If you prefer, send it to the church office.

**The order deadline is Sunday, December 3rd.**

(Please Print)

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

No. of Plants: \_\_\_\_\_ x \$11.00 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
**(Make checks payable to Good Shepherd)**

Dedicated to (please print clearly):

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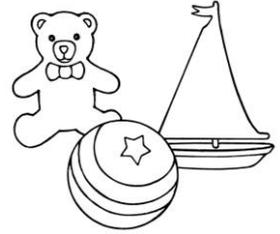
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Any questions contact Carol Phelps at 355-3901

## Splash Play Time

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Children 3 and under along with their parents are invited to a **Play Time on Saturday December 9<sup>th</sup> from 10:30-11:30am** in the Blue Room.



All children under 3 are invited. Please contact Elaine Sacco with any questions: elainesacco@gmail.com or 518-221-8277.

## Pork Dinner

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Our **annual pork and sauerkraut dinner** will be on **Sunday, December 10<sup>th</sup> from 4-6pm.**

The menu will include, roast pork, sauerkraut, mashed potatoes, applesauce, green beans, rolls, dessert, coffee, tea and milk. The cost, payable at the door will be, Adults- \$11.00; Children 6-12 \$6.00; and Children under 5 - free. Take outs will be available. If you have questions or would like to help contact Carol Phelps 355-3901.



## Book Club

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The next meeting of the book club will be on **Tuesday December 19<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm at church.** We will discuss The Nest by Jim Cynthia D-Aprix Sweeney and have our cookie exchange.

The Nest is a story about the power of family, the possibilities of friendship, the ways we depend upon one another and the ways we let one another down. In this tender, entertaining, and deftly written debut, Sweeney brings a remarkable cast of characters to life to illuminate what money does to relationships, what happens to our ambitions over the course of time, and the fraught yet unbreakable ties we share with those we love.

For any questions, please see Lori Meredith.

## **Annual Reports Due Soon**

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Attention Committee Chairs: before the holidays totally take over our time, just a little reminder to take a few minutes and maybe start your report. The deadline for submission will be right after the start of the New Year -- **January 7.**



## **Send Christmas Greetings**

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Every year at Christmas time, we encourage the congregation to send holiday wishes to those of us who are unable to attend worship with us regularly. It would be wonderful for these folks to receive some holiday cheer:

**Gwen Graham** – 6 Winner’s Circle #313, Albany, NY 12205

**Marion Krug** – c/o Karen Medina, 275 County Rd 75,  
Mechanicville, NY 12118

**Ron Lagerroos** - 140 Washington Ave. Ext Apt. C38, Albany, NY  
12203

**Beverly & Phil Quinlan** - 427 Columbia St. Apt. 331, Cohoes, NY  
12047

**Lou Reiss** - 82 Surrey Hill Drive, Latham, NY 12110

**Lillian Skarka** – 4 Paul Holly Drive, Loudonville, NY 12211

**Mildred Vigars** - 20 Kenlyn Drive, Albany, NY 12205

## **Thanks to those who labored on our property**

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We are grateful for lots of help! Thank you to **Bob Ahl, Rob Beach, Mark Bradley, Dennis Claypool, Marj Raymond, Mike Serge, Elaine Sacco, Bernie Shafarzek, and Paul Spofford.**

## **Christmas Eve Worship Service**

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Good Shepherd will be offering three services on Sunday December 24<sup>th</sup> at **10:30am, 3:00pm and 9:00pm.**



## **Christmas Decorating**

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Christmas Tree trimming and other seasonal decorating will be held on **Friday, December 15<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm.** You bring the enthusiasm, we'll provide the decorations! We'll need some ladder work too. Hope to see you there!

## **Christmas Sing-A-Long**

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Everyone is invited to attend our annual **Christmas Sing-A-Long on Thursday, December 21<sup>st</sup> at 7:00pm.** Carl will lead us in joyful holiday music by request. Singing and cookies, what could be better? Please bring cookies to share.

## **Sunday School**

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Sunday Church School will not meet on Sunday, November 26th. There will also be **no class on Sunday, December 24 or Sunday December 31.** The **Christmas Pageant** will be at the 10:30 AM service on **December 17.** Rehearsals for the Pageant will be held on Saturday, December 16 from 10:00 AM to noon and on Sunday, December 17 at 9:15 AM.

## **Christmas Caroling**

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Join us for some traditional **Christmas caroling** for our shut-in members on **Sunday December 10th immediately following the Fellowship Hour.** We will have a quick pizza lunch at the church then car pool to the various locations. This annual holiday event cheers and warms the season for our members who are not able to get out to join us for worship!



## Mitten Tree

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Every year we collect mittens, hats and scarves for our friends at the Outreach Center. The tree will be up in the narthex very soon. If you knit, get those needles clicking; if you don't, purchase new items at your favorite store. The tree will be going up **the first week of December!**



## Social Justice Update

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1- First Post Card Party held Nov 7th. Couldn't make it? Post cards are on bulletin board. Pick an issue and write to your legislators from your Christian perspective. Next Post Card Party: **December 11 at 7:00pm**. Drop in for a snack, sign a post card, share info and socialize in the spirit of the holidays. Call Elaine Sacco for more info: (518) 221-8277.

2- Please sign the ELCA petition for full funding of the **Snap Program**. We will send them to ELCA to be delivered in mass. Please support this food program that affects 22 million women and children and 5 seniors. Forms are on the table under the bulletin board in the foyer. Sign and leave in envelope for office.

## Update to Pictorial Directory

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We will be updating our pictorial directory in 2018! Please send a **recent digital photo of you or your family** to [office@gslcl.org](mailto:office@gslcl.org), so our Church Secretary, Megan Stasi, can include your favorite photo in our directory. Maryanne Sangiacomo will also be available on Sundays to take individual and family photos during the next few months. The pictorial directory will be very helpful as Pastor Edwina and the members and friends of the congregation get to know each other! Call 518-458-1562 for more information.



## Altar Flowers

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The new sign-up sheets for flowers for next year are up in the narthex. This is a special way to remember important occasions, deceased loved ones, and support the church.

After you have signed up for a particular Sunday, payment of **\$18** should be placed in a flower envelope (a supply of these are on the sign-up chart) and be put in the collection plate. Please put the date of the flowers on the check and envelope. After the 10:30 AM service, the flowers may be taken by the people who have placed them on the altar that Sunday. If special arrangements need to be made or you have any questions, contact **Colleen Ward**.

Finally, if you ordered flowers during 2017 but forgot to pay for them, please do so as we would like to close the books on the flower orders for 2017.

## Giffy's BBQ Thank You

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On October 6th, we held a BBQ with Giffy's. Unlike other years when the BBQ was at Halloween time, unfortunately we chose a school holiday and it probably worked against us. The BBQ was not a success financially.



A **SPECIAL THANK YOU** to all who volunteered, including the **Church Council**, who provided a return in pre-sells. As to the workers, we would like to thank, **Carol Phelps** for the organization and running the dinner “assembly line”. Many thanks to **Kirsten Andersen, Mark Bradley, Bertie Cole, Kathy Crouse, Barbara Emptage, Marilyn Graver, Chris Kleinhenz, Gail Koser, Danny Patrick, Carl Phelps, Karen Quinn, Elaine Sacco, Paul Spofford, Marie Wertman and Kathy Westerholt** for their volunteering wherever needed to make this BBQ work. Thank you also to our young people who worked very hard to get the dinners out to the hungry patrons in their cars. Thanks to **Lauren Bradley, Kayla Bradley, Sara Kelly and her friend, Alana, and to Emily & Will Quinn**. Thank you to **Susan Kelly** for her work on signage. Thank you also to **Megan Stasi** for her secretarial work concerning the BBQ and **Victor Riggins** for his work of picking up after the BBQ was over.

Marc Kleinhenz & Jeff Emptage, Co-chairs

## **Stepping into the Future – Congregational Forums**

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The Church Council believes that **listening** and **sharing information** are two of our most important responsibilities. We want to make sure that the members and friends of Good Shepherd have opportunities to share their thoughts and suggestions for improvement. We also want to provide information about important administrative matters and the work of the Council and the committees.

We have scheduled the following forums to facilitate communications as we move forward. We encourage all members and friends of the congregation to attend.

**December 10 - 8:45 a.m. and 11:30 a.m.** - in the sanctuary  
**"Let's Talk!"** - participants choose the topics

**January 21 - 8:45 a.m. and 11:30 a.m.**  
**"Let's Talk About the 2018 Budget & the Annual Meeting!"** -  
**making informed decisions at the Annual Meeting**

Members of the Church Council will attend the Forums to listen and share information. We invite you to participate and share your ideas about our church and our many ministries.

Marjorie Raymond, President, 518-435-0906  
e-mail: [president@gscl.org](mailto:president@gscl.org)

## **January/February Cluster Collection**

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The **Schuyler Inn**, located in Menands, is an emergency housing shelter for families. Many of these families are there as a result of severe financial difficulties or natural disasters (such as fire or flood). They often arrive with nothing but the clothes they are wearing and are in great need.

*Please consider donating:*

**Packages of diapers (all sizes), Baby wipes, Diaper rash ointment, Socks for adults, Body wash, Shampoo, Toothpaste and Toothbrushes**

## Women of the ELCA – Christmas Dinner

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Women of all ages are invited to attend the Pot Luck Dinner and Gift/Re-Gift Exchange on Tuesday, **November 28 at 6:00 pm** in the Fellowship Hall. We will be using a Reformation theme, so gifts should include a rose motif (see Luther's Seal) and/or the color red. Re-gifting is encouraged! New purchases have a \$15 limit. Bring a friend or two and celebrate the Christmas season at an evening of fun and fellowship! A sign-up sheet is posted in the Narthex. You can also contact Kathy Crouse at 518-459-6068 to sign up or request more information.



## Social Ministry

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Thank you for all the much needed items for the **Overflow Shelter** at First Lutheran. It is greatly appreciated. There is no official Cluster Collection for Nov/Dec. However there are other church projects to support; **The Mitten Tree, ELCA Good Gifts Tree, Fair Trade Coffee** to name a few. At this time of year when we are straightening our homes up for the holidays, consider giving some unwanted household items to the **Grassroots Givers**. They accept all kinds of household goods that are needed for people setting up their first apartment. As the apartments are usually small, large couches, chairs are too big to accept. But kitchen tables, chairs, beds, dressers, lamps, household goods, shopping bags would be very welcome. Items are arranged in a store-like setting so clients can feel the dignity of "shopping" for their new belongings. There is no cost to the clients. Items may be dropped off Monday through Thursday 10am to 2pm at Grassroots Givers, 274 Washington Ave., Albany, NY. Use the parking lot door. Any questions please call Roberta at (518) 817-5921 or email [Info@grassrootgivers.org](mailto:Info@grassrootgivers.org)

## Taking Small Steps... Making a Big Difference

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The Black Friday alternative in recent years has been Small Business Saturday. Along that theme, keep the holidays in

perspective (and more green) by doing some shopping with a purpose at local consignment and thrift stores that support community programs. With your revenue, they are able to spread their outreach, you cut down on the waste stream, lower your carbon footprint and they are just plain fun to explore! Here's a few to check out. If you would like to add to the list, please email or call the church office (518-458-1562, office@gscl.org).

**Treasure Chest**, 295 Hamilton St., Albany, 518-436-7451

Supports The Damien Center

Open Mon-Thurs 11-6 pm, Fri 11-7pm and Sat 10-4pm

Thurs- 20% off for Seniors, Sat- 20% off for College Students

**Hidden Treasure**, 1901 State St., Schenectady, 518-982-5081

Supports refugee programs, Open Mon - Sat 12-6pm

Spotless with unique household items, furniture and antiques 20-30% off everyday all day.

**Polka Dots**, 10 New Karner Rd, Guilderland, 518-452-4812

Open Mon-Fri 9:30-5:30pm, Thur 9:30-4:30pm, Sat 9:30-4pm

Very organized, something for the whole family. Also baby furniture, toys, books and maternity.

**Second Chance Thrift**, 1229 Central Ave, Albany, 518-435-1979

Open Tues 10-3pm, Sat 10-1pm

Supports the Italian American Museum and community programs.

**Trendy Tots**, 906 Woodland Ave, Niskayuna (Off Union Ave)

518-357-3203

Open Tues, Wed, Fri 9:30-2:00, Thur 9:30-6:00, Sat. 10-3:00

Supports community programs and sponsors free community activities throughout the year. Very clean, organized. Clothes for babies, children and maternity. Also baby furniture, toys and books.

**The Shop** at St Andrews, 10 N Main Ave, Albany (corner of 472

Western Ave) 518-489-5518, Open Tue 10-3:00pm, Sat 10-1:00pm

Supports Haiti projects, weekly free dinner and other community programs. Quality, lightly used women's, men's, children's clothing, housewares, linens and books. Also during Love Thy Neighborhood Dinners, Thur 4-7pm (check dates)



## Faith Works

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With the close of calendar year 2017, comes the end of our 3 ½ year Capital Campaign for our new kitchen, restrooms and building improvements. There remain some outstanding pledge commitments. Hopefully they will be completely met. To facilitate that, we will keep Faith Works “on the books” until early 2018. It is the desire of the Finance Committee to pay off our loan to the Mission Investment Fund in early 2018, saving a monthly principal & interest charge of \$1147. The remaining balance of our loan as of October 31<sup>st</sup> was \$32,723. The remaining pledge commitments to Faith Works I & II total \$19, 940.

If there are any individuals that wish to make a 2017 contribution and complete their pledge by early 2018, please contact Jeff Emptage @ 518-458-1885 with that information. Anyone wishing to make an unpledged contribution to Faith Works may still do that into early 2018. Thank You!

Jeff Emptage - Faith Works, Administrator

## News from the Senior Shepherds

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Carol Phelps is collecting any 2018 calendars to be given to the VA Hospital.

We are meeting **Wednesday December 6 at 9:30 am** to assemble the gift baskets for St. Paul's and making fleece pillows for children at Parsons. We are also asking for donations of new stuffed animals for Parsons.

Our regular meeting will be held **Friday December 15 at 11:00am** and we will have our Christmas luncheon that day.

## Results of October 2017 Blood Drive

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Our blood drive had 10 successful whole blood donors and 1 successful double red blood cell donor. Our numbers were a little low compared to the past but we had many people who were away. The Red Cross was happy with our results and hopefully our spring blood drive we will have more donors available. We were still able to help 35 patients with our donations.



Thank you to those who volunteered in registration or the canteen:  
**Kirsten Andersen, Dorothy Wimble, Marilyn Graver, Barbara Rasmussen, Colleen Ward.**

Our next American Red Cross Blood Drive will be **Wednesday, April 25th 1:30 - 6:00 PM.**

## **FLY @ GSLC**

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The Fellowship of Lutheran Youth group at GSLC is open to students in grades 6 - 12. Three Sundays each month, we will hold class from 9:15 - 10:00 AM. During those classes, we will do small projects, hold discussions, play games and watch videos. Each of these activities is a way to explore and strengthen our faith. One Sunday each month, we will have an outing. Here is the December schedule:



12/3 - Class from 9:15 - 10:00AM

12/10 - Bake Christmas cookies at 9:15, then pizza and caroling after the 10:30 service

12/17 - Practice for the Sunday School Worship service from 9:15 - 10:00 followed by the service at 10:30

Need more information? Contact Donna Myers or Mark Kaercher.

## **Men's Shelter Meals**

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Again this year, some of the cluster churches will be preparing some meals for the shelter residents. The meals need to be prepared for about 25 people and consist of an entrée, vegetable or salad and dessert. It has worked out well when three people prepare a meal so that no one is doing the whole meal. The food is very much appreciated by the men at the shelter. We are in need of an entrée and a salad for **January 30, 2018**, an entrée for **February 27**, and an entrée and salad for **March 27 and April 24<sup>th</sup>**. A special thanks goes to Chris Kleinhenz for providing the meal and salad for the November meal and for Barbara Shafarzek for volunteering to make all the desserts for the meals this season like she did last year. Also, an additional thanks goes out to Marc Kleinhenz for delivering the meal. If you would like to help with this special ministry, **please speak with Danny Patrick.** Thank You.

## Just Breathe-ing at Good Shepherd

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Have you ever been to worship service on Sunday and felt completely overwhelmed with life by the time Wednesday rolls around? If so, it might be a good time to give Just Breathe a try.



The GSLC Just Breathe contemplation group meets every **Wednesday night at 7:00 p.m.** We gather to practice Christian meditation and contemplation. It's true—all you need to know how to do is “just breathe.”

Our format's pretty simple – usually one of the group acts as leader for the evening. He or she presents a reading, article, or idea to fasten on for meditation. After that person delivers the reading or talk, we all try to find a comfortable way to sit. We concentrate on breathing and just trying to connect with God's presence.

This approach is a little different from active prayer – in remaining silent and just meditating on the topic – we try to acknowledge God's presence in our lives. It's truly helpful to take some time and just be aware of our relationship with God – particularly amidst the pressures and distractions of the work week. By taking some time to contemplate –we're able to renew and re-charge – an excellent Christian practice that helps us to remain grounded and aware of God's presence with us always – not just in the sanctuary on Sunday.

After meditation time (usually about 15 minutes of silence), we comment on our thoughts and observations about our meditation topic. There's no pressure to say anything – but hearing the thoughts of our fellow group members usually provides great perspective.

If you'd like to try contemplation at Good Shepherd, please join us. Remember, no special skills are required – except remembering to **“just breathe.”**

Yours faithfully, Keith Kelly

## Good Shepherd Lutheran Church Contacts

Pastor Pamela J. Hoh <a href="mailto:pastor@gslcl.org">pastor@gslcl.org</a>	518-458-1562 – office 518-588-4017 - cell	Tues. Wed. Thurs. Fri. 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.
Megan Stasi, Secretary <a href="mailto:office@gslcl.org">office@gslcl.org</a>	518-458-1562	Fall: Tues., Wed., Fri. 9:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

### ELCA Contacts

National Office – Chicago, IL

[www.elca.org](http://www.elca.org)

Bishop: Rev. Elizabeth Eaton

Upstate NY Synod, Syracuse, NY

[www.upstatenysynod.org](http://www.upstatenysynod.org)

Bishop: Rev. John Macholz

Hudson-Mohawk Conference

Dean: Rev. Jo Page

e-mail: [jopage34@yahoo.com](mailto:jopage34@yahoo.com)

Pork Dinner – Sunday December 10, 4-6pm

**Congregational Forum**  
**Dec 10, 8:45 & 11:30am**

**Christmas Caroling**  
**Sunday, December 10 at 11:30 AM**

Christmas Decorating  
Friday December 15, 6:30pm

*Christmas Sing-A-Long*  
*Thursday, December 21 at 7:00 PM*

**CHRISTMAS PAGEANT**  
**SUNDAY, DEC 17 10:30AM**

**Christmas Eve Worship**  
**Sunday December 24**  
**10:30am, 3:00pm, 9:00pm**

MISSION STATEMENT: Good Shepherd Lutheran Church is a community of the Lord's faithful people, accepting and loving others. The congregation is committed to glorifying God by learning and spreading the Gospel. Through worship and prayer and by sharing God's gifts, Good Shepherd seeks to renew each individual in Christ and increase the experience of being a part of the Christian community.

**THOSE WHO SERVE IN DECEMBER 2017**

**\*\* If you are unable to serve on the day assigned, arrange a replacement and notify the office before the previous Wed. \*\***

<b>Task</b>	<b>December 3</b>	<b>December 10</b>	<b>December 17</b>	<b>December 24 10:30AM</b>	<b>December 24 3:00PM</b>	<b>December 24 9:00PM</b>	<b>December 31</b>
Opener	Dave Ferrill	JoAn Walker	Leighann Yost	Donna Myers	Steve Dwire		Steve Layne
Greeters <b>8AM</b> <b>10:30AM</b>	Dick & Maralyn Walker Joyce & Dennis Claypool	JoAn Walker Neil & Patti Olsen	Vicki LaFrank Mary Long	Marie Wertman	Dick & Maralyn Walker	Marjorie Raymond	Bob & Mary Benoit Elaine Sacco
Ushers	Mark & Kathy Silo	Keith & Maureen Behrens	Marc Kleinhenz Amy Rudat	Mark & Kathy Silo	Steve & Jen Dwire		Peter Crouse Carl Phelps
Lay Reader <b>8AM</b> <b>10:30AM</b>	Keith Kelly Marjorie Raymond	Maryanne Sangiacomo Jeniece Goellner	Dick Walker Susan Perkins	Carolyn Wolfe	Peter Crouse	Kathy Crouse	Leighann Yost Heta Miller
Acolytes <b>8AM</b> <b>10:30AM</b>	Daniel Brown Olivia Yarter Trenton Kirker	Kayla Bradley Logan Rudat William Quinn	Madelyn Terry Megan Dwire Richie Kleinhenz		Megan Dwire Kelsey Dwire		Sara Kelly Emily Quinn Sadé Miller
Comm. Asst. <b>8AM</b> <b>10:30AM</b>	Dick Walker Colleen Kromrey	Steve Layne Chris Kleinhenz	Dick Walker Carl Phelps	Marilyn Graver	Colleen Kromrey	Peter Crouse	Marilyn Graver Susan Perkins
Comm. Set/Clean	Steve & Jennifer Dwire	Karie Robertson Pauline Wanjugi	Judy Ahl Colleen Ward	Susan & Paul Spofford	Bertie Cole	Kathy Crouse	Shahnaz Dean Lynn Best
Flowers	Kleinhenz / Redding	Knarvik / Perkins	Bradley / Zepf	Poinsettias	Poinsettias	Poinsettias	Poinsettias
Fellowship	Marj Raymond	Susan Perkins	Pasqualino	Elaine Sacco	N/A	N/A	Danny Patrick
Parish Life Rep	Marie Wertman	Carol Phelps	Susan Spofford	Bertie Cole	N/A	N/A	Meg Winters
Closer	Marie Wertman	Steve Dwire	Colleen Kromrey	Marie Wertman	Kathy Crouse	Rob Beach	Carol Phelps

**December Counters**  
Marilyn Graver  
JoAn Walker

**Bulletin Folder**  
Leighann Yost

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December 15, 9:30am

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