

Good Shepherd

L U T H E R A N C H U R C H

Worship of the Good Shepherd

December 8th, 2024

Offering

Our congregation has joined together to proclaim Jesus and his love in this community and around the world. This offering is a joyful response of our faith. If you are a visitor with us, please do not feel obligated to give an offering unless you desire to do so.

Electronic Offering Options

† **VancoFaith** church app on Apple or Android device

† **Online** giving at www.gsholmen.org

Credit card transactions have a 3% processing fee deducted from the offering while only 1% is deducted from an ACH bank transaction.

Serving in Worship

Pastors: Gregory Pope

Accompanist: Karin Stellick – Sunday

Emily Schmidt – Monday

Worship Attendance December 1/2

Sunday Morning: 130

Monday Night: 10

Ushers & Greeters 9:00 am

Gary Priem Denise Priem

Mark Helmreich

Next Week Ushers & Greeters

Erik Sjolander Amy Sjolander

Karsen/Dawson Sjolander

Good Shepherd's **Weekly Calendar**

Sunday, December 8 th	Choir Practice – 8am Worship – 9am Sunday School, Family Bible Study – 10:15am Coulee Choral Christmas Concert – 2pm
Monday, December 9 th	Bible Information Class – 4:15pm Worship – 6:30pm
Tuesday, December 10 th	Bible Information Class – 6pm
Wednesday, December 11 th	Catechism Class – 5pm
Saturday, December 14 th	Luther High Christmas Concert – 7pm
Sunday, December 15 th	Choir Practice – 8am Sunday School Christmas Program – 9am Sunday School, Family Bible Study – 10:15am
Monday, December 16 th	Bible Information Class – 4:15pm Worship – 6:30pm

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Preschool Christmas Concerts

Everyone is welcome to attend the Preschool Christmas Concerts coming up in December. The teachers put together a nice program for the children. It is a wonderful way to get into the Christmas spirit!

Dec. 10th Tues/Thurs AM Christmas Concert 6:30pm
Dec. 11th Mon/Wed/Fri AM Christmas Concert 6:30pm
Dec. 12th Tues/Wed/Thurs PM Christmas Concert 6:30pm

Women of Faith Event

Women of Faith plan for an Epiphany Tea Jan. 12, 4pm – 5:30pm.

Secret Sister name exchange participants are encouraged to reveal their identity this month. Surprise! If any questions, please contact Connie Bader at badeconn@gmail.com.

Children's Pajama Drive for Christmas

Thank you to all who showed generosity in giving for our Youth Group collection for Wafer Food Pantry. We have a different opportunity now. So for those who did not get a chance to give for the food pantry, here is your chance, or maybe some who gave for the food pantry would like to give for this too.

Like last year, a friend of our congregation has let us know that Trempealeau County Human Services needs pajamas of all sizes. They also could use diapers, cleaning supplies, detergent, and feminine products. These items would help moms or dads that are trying to get out of a tough situation. As for pajamas, you can donate new pajamas from ages 2-12 years old. (They could especially use ones for the older kids.) If you would like, then, bring your donation of either pajamas or the other items to church and put them in the bin by the coatroom. The deadline for this collection is Monday, December 16. This is a continuation of the Pajama Grandma program that a woman from Trempealeau County started years ago to make sure that foster children received at least one Christmas present, pajamas. If you would like to learn more of that history do an internet search with the key words: Pajama Grandma Trempealeau.

Upcoming Youth Ministry Schedule December 2024

Thanks to all who helped participate in the November food drive. We were able to donate ninety-five pounds of food and needed items to Wafer Food Pantry! Please contact Kala McClellan for further information or any questions at kalamcclellan27@gmail.com or text/call at 612-978-3190.

December is packed with Christmas fun, see below.

- Wednesday 12/18/2024, 6:30-8:00pm - Youth Ministry Christmas party at GS Holmen Church – Christmas Charcuterie Board Potluck and Christmas gift exchange
- *Upcoming event in January will be our all church ski trip at Mt. La Crosse*

Upcoming Concerts at Luther High School

- Sunday, December 8th, 2:00 PM - Coulee Chorale presents "Prepare the Way of the Lord"
- Saturday, December 14th, 7:00 PM - The bands and choirs of Luther High School present "Love's Pure Light" (*This is a different day of the week and time than in the past!*)

Scrip For Christmas Gifts

Scrip is a great place to shop for your Christmas gift giving! This time of year, many of us like to shop for our loved ones, those in need, or spend a little extra on our- selves. No matter the reason, Scrip is a terrific opportunity to benefit Good Shepherd's ministries using gift cards to shop where you are already shopping or to give to those hard to buy for people on your list. Raise Right Scrip has over 750 gift cards available. Check out the back table in the narthex where you will find a list of retailers that participate in the scrip program. You will still receive your gift card in time for Christmas if you place your order by December 15th. Do not forget about those relatives that live out of town that may have a restaurant or store local to them – purchase a gift card, or e-card to that special place for them! Local charities are looking for gift cards to help buy groceries and basic necessities – purchase a gift card for that charity. If you have any special requests or any questions, please contact our scrip coordinator, Rachel Sting rmh804@hotmail.com or 605-212-2671. Have a blessed Christmas!

December Christmas Worship Schedule:

- Sunday School Christmas Service on Sunday, December 15 at 9am
- Regular 9am worship on Sunday, December 22
- **No** worship service on Monday, December 23
- 5:30 pm worship on Christmas Eve, December 24
- 9am worship on Christmas Day, December 25
- Regular 9am worship on Sunday, December 29
- **No** worship service on Monday, December 30
- 5:30 pm worship on New Year's Eve, December 31