



THE Messenger

Advent & Christmas



Upcoming Special Events

December 10: Drama Ministry Presents
"A Little Child Will Lead Them"

Madison campus, 8:30 & 10:00 am services

December 17: Annual Christmas Concert
"Love Came Down at Christmas"

GS Choir, GS Orchestra, and Madison Inspirational Youth Choir
Madison campus, 4:00pm

December 24, Christmas Eve:

Madison campus, 10:00 am, 4:30, 6:00, 7:30,
9:00 and 10:30 pm

Verona campus, 10:30 am, 4:30 and 6:00 pm

December 31, New Year's Eve, Madison campus
8:30 and 10:00 am

December 31, New Year's Eve, Verona campus
9:00 and 10:30 am

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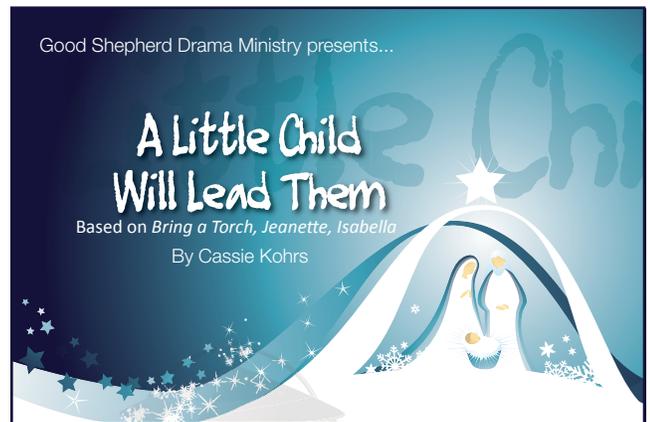
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Good Shepherd Drama Ministry presents...

A Little Child Will Lead Them

Based on *Bring a Torch, Jeanette, Isabella*

By Cassie Kohrs



Drama ministry presents *A Little Child...*
See page 11 for more information.



CHRISTMAS Around the Tree

Christmas Around The Tree

Sunday December 17th – Wear your PJ's.
Bring the family and friends. Come get
cozy and prepare your heart for the week
ahead with this special worship. 6:00 pm at
the Verona Campus.

Growth

Christmas greetings to you all in the name of our coming Savior, Jesus Christ!

Suddenly a great company of the heavenly host appeared with the angel, praising God and saying, "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to all on whom his favor rests." Luke 2:13-14

Over the past two millennia of the Christian faith people have poured a lot of activity into what it means to call ourselves "Christian". From buildings and programs, to volunteer opportunities and yet more things that can overwhelm us we humans have a funny way of piling on expectations for others, like us, who are already on the hamster wheel of life!

At Christmas, however, we have been given an opportunity to pause and reflect, allowing ourselves to be swept up into the mystery and joy of Emmanuel, God with Us.

The world is hungry for an encounter with the Grace and Mystery of God.

Our church exists to be more than a social club and as more than just another place to make ourselves busy trying to prove God's existence by our own hard work and harried lives! This Christmas season I invite you to take a moment to look around yourselves, both at church and in your daily life, to notice the people with whom you share this fragile existence. How might they be receiving the good news of God's glory? What might cause them to break out into song; singing God's praises as we do every week at Good Shepherd?

The challenge of reaching the least, the lost and the lowly continues to stand in front of us as we close out the year and begin a new one together. We seek to do just that as a congregation even as we minister to each other in our own joys and sorrows. That is the evergreen message of Christmas for you, for your family and for our neighbors.

However this message finds you this Christmas, please know this: the coming of Jesus Christ is the coming of God's judgement not against us but for us! Living in Christ's promise we stand firm in our faith that sin, death and the power of the devil have no power over us as people and as a church.

I sing God's praises for all we have accomplished and look forward to another year under His yoke. Glory to God in the highest!

Pastor Chris Enstad



Advent by Candlelight

Thursday, December 14

6:30-8:00 pm

Doors open at 6:15pm

Good Shepherd, Verona Campus - Worship Center



All women are invited to join us for an evening of dessert and devotion as we prepare for Christmas! Young women middle school age and older are welcome. RSVP at www.gslcwi.com, click Online Registration. Child care provided upon request. Please contact Pastor Dara, dschuller@gslcwi.com.

LIVE GENEROUSLY



Attention Thrivent Financial Members

In the last half of 2017, members of

our community who are also Thrivent Financial members have been using Action Team Grants to help support outreach and ministry at Good Shepherd at both the Madison and Verona campuses. These grants have been used to help us organize events like the "Save the Children, Stop the Violence Parade," and the Thursday Night Football gathering to watch the Packers game at the Draft House. Individual members have used their grants to host dinner parties / gatherings at their homes to help raise additional funds for ministries like the Clothing Closet, the Holy Cow, and Feed My Starving Children. Action Team Grants are small seed money grants of \$250 that Thrivent makes available to their members to promote generosity in their community. Each Thrivent member gets two of these grants to use each year. Unfortunately, many of them go unused because people don't know about them or assume the process is too complicated. We have 700 Thrivent members at Good Shepherd! That means if we got each of our Thrivent members to use their grants each year, we would have \$350,000 worth of seed money for outreach and ministry at Good Shepherd. The process for applying for a grant is simple. All you need is an online login to get started. Please contact Pastor Joe at jbrosious@gslcwi.com or contact your Thrivent Financial representative to get started. Together we can change the face of outreach in this place in 2018 and beyond, but we need your help!



breeze

Good Shepherd
Introduces
BREEZE!

BREEZE is the church's new online contact database management system that we are giving you access to. Access to BREEZE will allow you to keep your contact information up to date, and keep track of any small groups or other ministries you are a part of. You can access your giving history and make donations online, and also see key info on upcoming events. It will also allow you to upload your own profile picture. We are ready to make this system available to the Good Shepherd community, expect to see a link sent out by email that will direct you in creating an account. This system will greatly improve our ability to communicate with the entire community of Good Shepherd. We thank you in advance for taking 2 minutes to set up your account and check that your current information is correct.



Save the Date: Souper Bowl XVII is Feb. 4th, 2018

Please mark your calendars for Souper Bowl XVII on Sunday, February 4th. The kick off to Souper Bowl XVII will be at the Deep on Sunday, January 28th, followed by big plays from by the AMPED students during the week.

It's not too soon to begin shopping for soup when it's on sale. Soup choices preferred by the Pantry coordinators include: cream of chicken, cream of mushroom, chicken noodle, chicken with rice, vegetable beef, any chunky style soup and ramen noodles.

All the soup donated will go to the Good Shepherd Food Pantry, the Allied Drive Food Pantry and the Badger Prairie Food Pantry in Verona.

Our challenge is to donate more than the 3,424 cans of soup donated during Souper Bowl XVI. Let's set a new record!



Community Christmas Brunch

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Come celebrate the Christmas season at Good Shepherd with our friends from the Meadowood Neighborhood and kids from Orchard Ridge Elementary on Saturday December 9th, from 9:00-11:00 am at the Madison Campus.. There will be Christmas carols and crafts for the kids, alongside a menu with everything from potatoes and chorizo to chicken primavera, all provided by the Community Breakfast Group via an Action Team Grant from Thrivent Financial. Bring your appetite and your Christmas spirit as we break bread together as brothers and sisters. All are welcome so bring a friend and tell a neighbor!



Anyone and everyone 55+ is invited to join PrimeTimers for our Christmas Celebration on Wednesday, December 13, 2017 at in Peterson Hall at the Madison Campus. We will be celebrating with the reading of a Christmas Story, along with music by HeartSong and the singing of Christmas Carols. Our friends from St. Maria Goretti CareFree Years will join us in celebration.

Those whose last name begins:
I, M, N, P & S please bring a salad to serve 12+.

The main meal will be furnished. If you are assigned to furnish food and unable to attend, please contact Lynne Kroger at 271-6633 x1080 or lkroger@gslcwi.com. Merry Christmas



Grief Classes for those who have had loved ones die will be held at Madison Campus on Wednesdays, January 10, 17, 24, 31 and February 7 at 6:30 p.m. Contact Lynne Kroger at 271-6633x1080 or lkroger@gslcwi.com with questions or to make a reservation for the class.

Gingerbread House Workshop

The annual Gingerbread House Workshop for all members and their friends will be **Monday, Dec. 4**, 6:30 to 8:30 pm at the Madison campus. MAKE YOUR OWN gingerbread and frosting at home or BUY PRE-MADE gingerbread and frosting on your own and bring it to the workshop. Please sign up in the office at either campus by Thursday, Nov. 30. The cost is \$5 per house or per family if a family is making more than 1 house. This includes decorations and cardboard base. Recipes and instructions will be given when you sign up. One adult is recommended for each child 5 and under.



GOOD SELF ESTEEM



MENTAL HEALTH

Mental Health Tid Bits

This monthly column is to help Good Shepherd members be proactive about their mental health. Today's topic: Good Self Esteem

A person's good self esteem is the foundation for an effective and happy life. It is one of the most important qualities we can give to our children and as adults it gives us confidence to solve our problems, be assertive about our needs and emotions, and generally bestows us with a sense of well being as we manage our life. Since many of us did not leave our childhood with a good sense of self worth, I usually give my counseling clients a 50 item questionnaire to help find out where they stand on this important quality. There are many ways to raise your self esteem and with my guidance and support many people have been successful in doing so. First, you have to decide to work on this area, then begin a program of deliberate steps of action. An important step is recognizing all the negative messages you keep saying to yourself, and start to diminish those self-judgements. This is harder than it sounds, depending on how ingrained those sayings are in you. I wish you much success in doing this important work. If you would like to learn more about how to implement this and other steps to raise you self esteem, I am available to help you do so.

Linda Pettersen, LCSW Samaritan Counselor at Good Shepherd. Ph# 608-663-0763 ext 380. I am at Good Shepherd Tues, Wed and Thursdays by appointment



OWLLS

All widow/widowers are invited to share food and fellowship, Sunday, December 3, 2017 at Noon in Peterson Hall at the Madison Campus. Please bring money for our meal and also a white elephant gift to exchange. Reservations should be sent to Lynne Kroger at 271-6633x1080 or lkroger@gslcwi.com.

Hospitality

Baptisms:

Caley Melody Creamer, daughter of Crovell Creamer & Alexa Harper, November 19, 2017.

Madelyn Claire Kokott, daughter of Jeff & Kaitlyn Kokott, November 5, 2017.

Daxton John VanDamme, son of Kyle & Molly VanDamme, November 12, 2017.

Finnley (Finn) Michael Woller, son of Josh & Tamara Woller, November 5, 2017.

Christian Sympathy to:

Stacia Allen and family in the death of her grandfather, Myron Althaus, November 11, 2017

The Yaeger family in the death of Virginia "Ginny" Yaeger, November 3, 2017.

Tracy Kosbau and family in the death of her mother, Diane Thusius, November 10, 2017.

Pastoral Care

If you, a family member, or friend are admitted to a hospital, especially UW Hospital & Clinics, please contact the church office. Due to patient confidentiality, it is difficult to obtain timely information. We want to be available to visit you in the hospital, pray with you, and help in any way.

Your church family at Good Shepherd wants to share your joy and encourage you at this exciting point in your spiritual journey as parents. We also want to give you information about making plans for your child to be baptized.

Please help us during this time of change and keep us informed by calling 271-6633 and leave a message, speak to Judy Hoard, or e-mail one of the pastors or parish nurse.

If you, a family member, or friend are admitted to the UW, admitted through the ER at St. Mary's or Meriter, in a nursing home/rehab facility please let the church know by calling 271-6633. A Pastor or parish nurse want to be able to visit and help in any way possible.



Sat. Dec 2 (10 am - 5 pm)
Sun. Dec 3 (11am - 4 pm)
in the MOM Food Pantry
3502 Parmenter St./ Middleton, WI 53562
Brass Arts performs holiday classics Sunday 1-3
free entry partial proceeds help end hunger

Holiday Art Fair

At least 20% of all sales are donated to MOM for their food pantry and other programs. There are a wide variety of 40 local artists and crafters participating, including Good Shepherd member Tom Kuchenbecker. This is a great opportunity to find unique Christmas gifts, benefit a worthy charity, and support the local economy.

Alison Sammartano, niece of Jan Love, Breast Cancer

Angie Broeckert, sister of Brad Wipperfurth, lung transplant

Connie Halverson, health problems

Craig Halvorson, head injury, atrial fib

Dave, brother of Betsy Reck, Liver Cancer

Gloria Clickner, chronic kidney disease, Stage 5, praying for type B kidney donor

Janet, sister of Diane Charles, stage 3c Fallopian Cancer

Kathy Angerman, cancer

Kim Burke, sister of Randy Reuter, Colon Cancer

Kristie, friend of Marilyn Sharrow, Cancer

Lari Johnson, Donna Maysack's sister, Stage 3a Colon Cancer and Breast Cancer

Linda, Friend of Dawn Harper, Stage 1 Breast Cancer

Marianne Miller, step granddaughter of Audrey Converse, Cancer

Patti Jackson and her brother, **Kevin Paske**, Patti donating a part of her liver to Kevin for a liver transplant

Phil, friend of Randy Dahlinger, Prostate Cancer

Rochelle Sanders, family

Sandy Bandt, Mother of Meaghan

Virginia Rios, Cancer has returned on lung

Wendy Springer, friend of Sue Broihan, Breast Cancer

All prayer requests will be listed for 2 months.

** denotes new request*

We pray that God's love & comfort will surround all those listed on this page.



If you see names on this page that should be removed, or to list someone on the care page, contact Carrie Kruzan at ckruzan@gslcwi.com.

If you would like a friend or relative remembered in prayer, contact Prayer Chain Coordinator, Barbara Herbsleb at 271-2119 or submit a prayer request online at gslcwi.com and click "Prayer Requests".

December Calendar

- M** Madison Campus
V Verona Campus **O** Off-site

Friday, December 1

- V** 6:30am-Friday Men's Group

Saturday, December 2

- M** 8:00am-Men's Bible Study
M 9:00am-Madison Area Job Transition
M 6:30pm-Bhutanese Ministry

Sunday, December 3

Second Sunday of Advent
GOSPEL: Mark 1:1-8

- M** 7:00am-Choir Warm-up
M 8:30am-Worship and Church School
V 9:00am-Worship and Church School
M 10:00am-Worship and Church School
V 10:30am-Worship and Church School
M 11:30am-String Sectional
M 12:00pm-Orchestra Rehearsal
M 12:00pm-Widow/Widowers Christmas Dinner
M 12:00pm-Drama Dress Rehearsal
V 3:00pm-Band Rehearsal
V 5:00pm-The Dive
V 6:00pm-The Deep

Monday, December 4

- M** 6:30am-Men's Bible Study
M 6:30pm-Gingerbread House Workshop
M 6:30pm-Ukelele Sing Along
V 7:00pm-Joyful Harmony

Tuesday, December 5

- M** 4:40pm-Carol Choir Early Group
M 5:00pm-Cross Effect
M 5:00pm-MUM Circle of Support
M 5:00pm-String Ensemble
M 5:15pm-Carol Choir Late Group
M 5:15pm-Jubilee Singers
M 6:15pm-Amped
V 6:30pm-Stephen Ministry Continuing Ed
M 7:00pm-Drama Dress Rehearsal

Wednesday, December 6

- M** 7:15am-Wednesday Men's Group
V 7:00am-Prayer Group
M 8:45am-Morning Prayer
M 9:00am-Soul Food
M 9:15am-Verona Playgroup
V 4:30pm-Spirit Jam
V 4:30pm-Joyful Noise
V 4:30pm-Choir Gathering
V 5:00pm-Raise Praise
M 6:00pm-Choral Bells
V 6:15pm-Amped
M 7:00pm-Choir

Thursday, December 7

- M** 9:30am-Clothes Closet
M 10:00am-GSLC Food Pantry
M 12:00pm-Bible Study
M 5:00pm-Clothes Closet
M 5:15pm-Flutessence
M 5:30pm-GSLC Food Pantry
M 6:30pm-Women of Vision
V 7:00pm-Echoes of Grace

Friday, December 8

- V** 6:30am-Friday Mens Group
M 6:45am-Live at 6:45 Study
M 7:00am-Prayer Group

Saturday, December 9

- M** 8:00am-Men's Bible Study
M 9:00am-Community Breakfast
V 9:00am-Drama Dress Rehearsal
M 6:30pm-Bhutanese Ministry

Sunday, December 10

Third Sunday of Advent
GOSPEL: John 1:6-8, 19-28

- M** 7:00am-Choir Warm-up
M 8:00am-Just Bakery Sale
V 8:00am-Just Bakery Sale
M 8:30am-Drama Presentation
M 8:30am-Worship and Church School
V 9:00am-Worship and Church School
M 10:00am-Worship and Church School
V 10:30am-Worship and Church School
V 10:45am-Family Choir Rehearsal
M 11:30am-String Sectional
M 12:00pm-Orchestra Rehearsal
V 3:00pm-Band Rehearsal
V 5:00pm-The Dive
V 6:00pm-The Deep



Monday, December 11

- M** 8:30am-Ruth Circle
M 12:00pm-ACM
M 6:00pm-Preschool Christmas Program
M 6:00pm-Church Board Meeting
M 6:30pm-Ukelele Sing Along
V 7:00pm-Joyful Harmony

Tuesday, December 12

- M** 4:40pm-Carol Choir Early Group
M 5:00pm-Cross Effect
M 5:00pm-MUM Circle of Support
M 5:00pm-String Ensemble
M 5:15pm-Carol Choir Late Group
M 5:15pm-Jubilee Singers
V 6:00pm-Preschool Christmas Program
M 6:15pm-Amped

Wednesday, December 13

- M** 7:15am-Wednesday Men's Group
V 7:00am-Prayer Group
M 8:45am-Morning Prayer
M 9:00am-Soul Food
V 9:15am-Verona Playgroup
M 12:00pm-PrimeTimers
V 4:30pm-Spirit Jam
V 4:30pm-Joyful Noise
V 4:30pm-Choir Gathering
V 5:00pm-Raise Praise
M 6:00pm-Choral Bells
V 6:15pm-Amped
M 7:00pm-Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, December 14

- M** 7:00am-Centering Prayer
M 9:30am-Clothes Closet
M 10:00am-GSLC Food Pantry
M 12:00pm-Bible Study
M 2:00pm-ORE Meal Prep
M 5:00pm-Clothes Closet
M 5:15pm-Flutessence
M 5:30pm-GSLC Food Pantry
V 6:00pm-Advent by Candlelight

Friday, December 15

- V** 6:30am-Friday Mens Group
M 4:00pm-Road Home Party

Saturday, December 16

- M** 8:00am-Men's Bible Study
M 9:00am-Madison Area Job Transition
M 6:30pm-Bhutanese Ministry



Sunday, December 17

Fourth Sunday of Advent
GOSPEL: Luke 1:26-38

- M** 7:00am-Choir Warm-up
M 8:30am-Worship and Church School
V 9:00am-Worship and Church School

- M** 10:00am-Worship and Church School
V 10:30am-Worship and Church School
M 11:30am-String Sectional
M 12:00pm-Orchestra Rehearsal
V 3:00pm-Band Rehearsal
M 3:30pm-Christmas Concert
V 5:00pm-The Dive
V 6:00pm-The Deep

Monday, December 18

- M** 6:30am-Men's Bible Study
M 6:30pm-Ukelele Sing Along
M 6:30pm-Church Board Meeting
V 7:00pm-Joyful Harmony

Tuesday, December 19

- M** 8:30am-Sara Circle
M 11:30am-Finance Committee
M 4:40pm-Carol Choir Early Group
M 5:00pm-Cross Effect
M 5:00pm-MUM Circle of Support
M 5:00pm-String Ensemble
M 5:15pm-Carol Choir Late Group
M 5:15pm-Jubilee Singers

Wednesday, December 20

- M** 7:15am-Wednesday Men's Group
V 7:00am-Prayer Group
M 8:45am-Morning Prayer
M 9:00am-Soul Food
V 9:15am-Verona Playgroup
M 2:00pm-Transitional Housing
V 4:30pm-Spirit Jam
V 4:30pm-Choir Gathering
V 5:00pm-Raise Praise
M 6:00pm-Choral Bells
V 6:15pm-Amped Family Night
M 7:00pm-Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, December 21

- M** 9:30am-Clothes Closet
M 10:00am-GSLC Food Pantry
M 12:00pm-Bible Study
M 5:00pm-Clothes Closet
M 5:15pm-Flutessence
M 5:30pm-GSLC Food Pantry
V 5:30pm-Piano Recital
V Echoes of Grace

Friday, December 22

- V** 6:30am-Friday Mens Group
M 6:45am-Live at 6:45 Study
M 7:00am-Prayer Group

Saturday, December 23

- M** 8:00am-Men's Bible Study
M 6:30pm-Bhutanese Ministry

Sunday, December 24

Christmas Eve
GOSPEL: Luke 2:1-14

- M** 10:00am-Worship
V 10:30am-Worship
M 4:30pm-Worship
V 4:30pm-Worship
M 6:00pm-Worship
V 6:00pm-Worship
M 7:30pm-Worship
M 9:00pm-Worship
M 10:30pm-Worship



Monday, December 25

- M** Office Closed
V Office Closed

Discipleship

Tuesday, December 26

Wednesday, December 27

- V 7:15am-Wednesday Men's Group
- V 7:00am-Prayer Group
- M 9:00am-Soul Food

Thursday, December 28

- M 7:00am-Centering Prayer
- M 8:30am-Loaves and Fishes
- M 9:30am-Clothes Closet
- M 10:00am-GSLC Food Pantry
- M 12:00pm-Bible Study
- M 5:00pm-Clothes Closet
- M 5:15pm-Flutesence
- M 5:30pm-GSLC Food Pantry
- V 7:00pm-Echoes of Grace

Friday, December 29

- V 6:30am-Friday Mens Group

Saturday, December 30

- M 8:00am-Men's Bible Study
- M 6:30pm-Bhutanese Ministry

Sunday, December 31

First Sunday of Christmas
GOSPEL: Luke 2:22-40

- M 8:30am-Worship
- V 9:00am-Worship
- M 10:00am-Worship
- V 10:30am-Worship

**Family
Blessing**



First Communion

First Communion Instruction:
Save the Date

At Good Shepherd, families can choose from two approaches to First Communion instruction:

1. "Fed and Forgiven" First Communion Class for Grades K-5
Sunday February 18, 2018 from 12:00-3:00 p.m. at Madison Campus. Lunch, breakout groups for age-appropriate instruction. * Parents attend with children.

-or-

2. "At Home Learning" Family-led Instruction for Grades K-5
Families receive age-appropriate materials to study at home.

First Communion services will be held in March at both campuses. Online Registration begins January 5 for both First Communion Class or at-home instruction. Questions, contact Joanne Zastrow at 271-6633, jzastrow@gslcwi.com.

Shoebbox Gifts for Kids

Shoebbox Gifts is a program sponsored by New Beginnings Alliance Church and distributed in Madison and surrounding areas. It's easy and simple to participate. Fill a shoebox (or boxes) with items for a child (birth through 16) or mother such as hats, mittens, socks, diapers, infant necessities, leggings, underwear, pajamas, slippers, school supplies, books, combs/hair brushes, shampoo, dental care supplies, body care, & small devotionals (*Please Note: Items must be NEW and needed*). Wrap it (or we can wrap it for you!) and place a tag on it indicating gender and age the gift is appropriate for. We need empty large shoeboxes also! Beginning **December 5**, donation bins will be at each campus to accept your donations. There will be a takeaway list of suggested items at each donation center for you to carry with you. Pack a box yourself or donate separate items and our team will pack and wrap it for you. The deadline for donation is December 17. Contact Diane Cali at dianecali437@gmail.com with questions. Thank you for your generosity!



**FEED MY
STARVING
CHILDREN**



**February 16-17
2018**

**Consider a
donation to
FMSC**

The next Feed My Starving Children MobilePack at Good Shepherd is on February 16-17, 2018. Over the last five years, our community has funded and packed over a half a million meals for kids and families in need around the world. As we look forward to feeding more in 2018, we invite you do 2 things:

Volunteer: Mark your calendar for the event February 16-17, 2018. We will be recruiting over 500 volunteers starting approximately 6 weeks before the event.

Donate: As we head into the end of 2017, prayerfully consider including this local event with a global impact in your year-end giving. Our goal for this event is \$23,950. At 22¢ each, that will fund over 108,000 meals! Donations may be submitted online at Mobile Pack at Good Shepherd 2018, <https://give.fmssc.org/campaign/1802-277au-verona-wi-good-shepherd-lutheran-church/c142170> or mailed directly to:

Feed My Starving Children
ATTN: MobilePack #1802-277au
401 93rd Avenue NW
Coon Rapids, MN 55433

Checks should be payable to FMSC, memo line **MobilePack #1802-277au**

Children and Youth Ministry

Church School

Week	Spark (Age 3-Gr. 2)	Holy Moly (Gr. 3-5)
Dec 3	<i>John the Baptist Prepares the way</i>	Mary and Elizabeth
Dec 10	<i>John the Baptist Proclaims Jesus is coming!</i>	Jesus is Born
Dec 17	<i>Children Singing in Worship</i>	

Join us for Church School
Madison Campus 8:30 & 10:00
Verona Campus 9:00 & 10:30

Church school is available for children Age 3-5th grade. Families check-in at the computer station in the lobby, and begin in worship together. After the children's message, kids & teachers head to church school for Bible lessons and activities.

Carol Choir, Jubilee Singers & Church School Children
Singing for Advent on December 17th
8:30 & 10:00 at the Madison Campus



The children's choirs and church school children will be singing in worship on December 17, 8:30 & 10:00 at Madison Campus. Church School children will sing during the church school hour they attend. Following singing in worship, church school children will celebrate Christmas in their church school classrooms. Questions, contact: [Joanne Zastrow, jzastrow@gslcwi.com](mailto:Joanne.Zastrow@gslcwi.com)



Children & Youth led Advent Worship
December 17th 9:00 & 10:30
Verona Campus

The church school children, Joyful Noise and Raise Praise children's choirs, along with middle and high school musicians will be leading worship on December

17, 9:00 & 10:30 at Verona Campus. Church School children will sing during the church school hour they attend. Following singing in worship, church school children will celebrate Christmas in their church school classrooms.

Questions, contact: [Katie Wagner kwagner@gslcwi.com](mailto:Katie.Wagner@gslcwi.com) or [Beth Marshall bmarshall@gslcwi.com](mailto:Beth.Marshall@gslcwi.com)

Meet the Nursery Staff

Children are always welcome in worship. We also have a caring nursery staff ready to play with and supervise children during Sunday morning worship at both campuses.



Kathy Woods lives in Verona with her kitty Ginger. She has two adult children, Britt and Brian, who were both confirmed at Good Shepherd. Kathy enjoys crocheting, biking, gardening and reading. "I hope that the love I share with your children will be the beginning of their life long faith in Jesus."



Christine Freese recently joined the nursery staff at Good Shepherd. She also works as a supervisor in the Kids Club at Princeton Club. She has been working in child care for almost 3 years and is passionate about working with kids. In her spare time she enjoys watching YouTube videos and hanging out with her friends.



Wendi Peters has worked in the nursery at Good Shepherd for six years and loves teaching and taking care of the kids. Some of her favorite activities include reading to the kids and teaching them silly songs. In her free time, she enjoys acting, singing, and her two cats. She and her husband have no children of their own yet, but hope to adopt.



Marti Fechner is a mother of 3 teenagers. She teaches group Spanish lessons to children, including at both Little Blessings locations. She likes to spend time with family and friends, and dream about traveling to Spanish-speaking countries.

Lori Knippel is a long time member of Good Shepherd and has provided loving, attentive care to the children of Good Shepherd for the past 13 years.

Amped

AMPED December Schedule

- December 5/6 -Regular Class
- December 12/13 – Regular Class
- December 20 - Amped Christmas Party
- December 26/27- No Class
- January 2/3 – No Class
- January 9/10 – Family Night
(students should attend with a parent)

AMPED Christmas Party

Wednesday December 20th from 6:15 – 8:00 at the Verona Campus!

All Amped students are welcome to join us for games, crafts, food, fun and a special advent worship.

This event takes the place of all classes that week. Please email an RSVP to Laura Clark BY DECEMBER 17th if you plan to join us!

Adults we need food donations and volunteers!

AMPED January Retreat

Don't forget to have January 20th on your calendar for our AMPED retreat.

Good Shepherd Day Camps are one of the highlights of our summers. Details for our 2018 camps will be coming early 2018. To check out what was offered last summer visit

www.gslcwi.com/children-s-ministry-summ.



Baptism Classes January 11 & 18th

Our next two-week baptism class session will be held Thursday January 11th & 18th beginning at 6:30 pm at the Verona Campus. Instruction for Holy Baptism is available to anyone wanting to be baptized or have their child baptized. To sign-up for the class please register at our website, www.gslcwi.com.

For additional information about Baptism, please contact Katie Wagner at kwagner@gslcwi.com or 608-271-2070.

Senior High

High School Gatherings

- Wednesday December 6th – 8:00 at Verona. Hang out in the gym and youth room. Make some Christmas treats. A night to relax and have fun.
- Friday December 15th – Adopted Family Shopping Night. Meet at the Madison Campus at 6:00 pm. We'll shop and then return to wrap everything up and bless it while drinking hot chocolate and listening to Christmas tunes. We would like everyone to also contribute to our "food donation" project. Please email Sarah for the link to sign-up.
- Sunday December 17th – Christmas Around The Tree. Wear your PJ's. Bring the family and friends. Come get cozy and prepare your heart for the week ahead with this special worship. 6:00 pm at the Verona Campus.
- Wednesday December 20th – Gathering TBA.

No Deep Worship on Christmas Eve or New Year's Eve!



2018 Summer Camps!

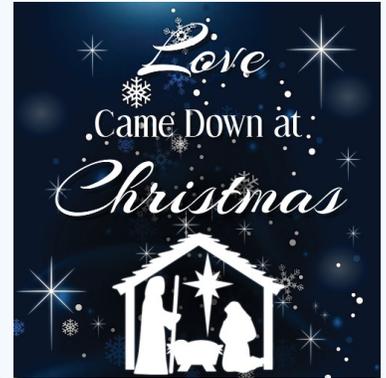
Good Shepherd Week at Pine Lake Bible Camp has been a long-held tradition for Good Shepherd. Unfortunately for the last two years we have had campers who haven't been able to attend because the camp has been full by April! Because of this Crossways Camping Ministries which oversees Pine Lake Bible Camp has agreed to hold 100% of the camper spots for Good Shepherd for a limited time. Registration opened November 1st and spots are beginning to fill! Visit www.crosswayscamps.org to register your child today! The Group Hold Registration ID is GOODSHEP2018. A \$100 deposit is required for your child to be considered registered. If you need financial assistance, Good Shepherd does have a scholarship fund to help! Visit www.gslcwi.com/children-s-ministry-summ for a step-by-step direction on how to register your child for camp, and for information on financial assistance. I know that it seems early to register for camp, but remember that this is a SMALL camp and spots are limited.

Worship Arts

Christmas Concert Love Came Down at Christmas

Sunday, December 17
4:00pm
Madison Campus

Mark your calendars for this year's Christmas Concert, which is one of Good Shepherd's beloved events of the season. This year's program will feature Joel Raney's Cantata: "Love Came Down at Christmas: Celebrating God's Hope, Peace, Joy, and Love." This is a perfect phrase to describe the very essence of the season. Over 20 familiar and cherished Christmas carols are woven into this festive and dramatic work. The concert will feature Good Shepherd's Choir, Orchestra, along with our special guests, Nehemiah's Madison Inspiration Youth Choir. Admission is free, although a free-will offering will be collected. Don't miss out on this wonderful way to celebrate the Advent and Christmas season through music. All are welcome!



Blue Christmas Service
Thursday, December 21, 7:00pm (Madison Campus)

The holiday season is hard for those whose hearts are hurting. Not everyone is up and cheery for the Christmas holidays. Know you are not alone. Blue Christmas is a gentle, contemplative service for those who are dealing with the death of a loved

one, facing life after divorce or separation, coping with the loss of a job, living with cancer or some other disease that puts a question mark over the future, and a number of other situations that make parties and joviality painful. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness cannot overcome it, no matter how much it seems like the darkness is winning.

Good Shepherd Handbells take it on the road!

This summer, some of our hand bell ringers will attend the 2018 Festival Conference in Rochester, Minnesota June 22-24, we will join about 400 other ringers, practicing, learning advanced techniques, listening to the "pros" play, and sharing in the excitement of presenting a public concert. Do you want to go? There is always room for more. We have six weekly practices to prepare for the conference. If you are wondering how much fun this festival is, just ask any bell ringer - most of us have gone. Contact Jared Stellmacher, jstellmacher@gslcwi.com.



Discipleship



A LITTLE CHILD WILL LEAD THEM



Good Shepherd Drama Ministry invites you to join us in welcoming the Christ Child with an original play by Cassie Kohrs based on the carol: Bring a Torch, Jeanette, Isabella.

Presentations will be on **Sunday, December 10** at the 8:30 am and 10:00 am Worship Services held at the Madison Campus.

Tell the folk of the village that Christ is born!

Looking for a unique Christmas gift this year?

The latest issue of "Living Lutheran" (November 2017) said it best: "What better way to proclaim God's abundance than by choosing to give gifts that continue giving after Christmas? To inspire you, Living Lutheran rounded up gift ideas that give back to people in need and care for God's creation."



The article goes on to list six different and special gifts:

- ~ "Adopt a star: Budding astrologers on your gift list will delight in having a star to call their own.
- ~ America the Beautiful pass: The National Park Service's America the Beautiful pass is a gift that will continue giving to your outdoors-loving family all year long.
- ~ Earthwatch Institute: A membership to the institute helps with research costs that aren't covered by its expansive and immersive volunteer expeditions.
- ~ ELCA Good Gifts: With more than 50 options, from honeybees to goats to school supplies to medical checkups, ELCA Good Gifts makes it easy to honor your gift recipients in meaningful ways that help people in need in more than 80 countries in which the ELCA has a presence.
- ~ Make it fair trade: 'Fair Trade Certified' products are made with respect to people and plant, with products ranging from coffee and chocolate to body care and clothes.
- ~ Adopt an animal: You can't take the animal(s) you adopt home, but you can virtually adopt wild animals as gifts while supporting international, national or local animal groups."

Christmas Around The Tree Sunday December 17th.

Come and get cozy as we worship around and under the tree with readings, prayers, and songs. A holy pause in the midst of a busy month and a great place to recalibrate the heart for the week ahead. Kids are invited to wear their PJ's and everyone is welcome to this special service that has become a beloved tradition.

6:00 pm at the Verona Campus.
Fellowship to follow!
Christmas cookies welcome!



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MADISON CAMPUS WORSHIP SERVICES

Sunday 8:30 am & 10:00 am
Traditional Service

VERONA CAMPUS WORSHIP SERVICES

Sunday 9:00 am
Blended Service

Sunday 10:30 am
Contemporary Service

Sunday 6:00 pm
The Deep - Blended Evening Service

Nursery available each worship time at both campuses.

Children's Church School (Sept-May) available each worship time at 8:30, 10:00 am at Madison and 9:00, 10:30 am at Verona.

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