

Good Shepherd Lutheran Church of South Hills and Christian Preschool

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WEEKLY TIDINGS: DECEMBER 23 – DECEMBER 30, 2018

*Hello and welcome to Good Shepherd! We're glad you're here!
May you experience the love of Christ and feel His presence during worship today.*

PASTOR'S THOUGHTS: It's Almost Here

*And all thru the house,
Not a creature was stirring,
Not even a mouse.*

Well, sort of ...

... Christmas day will look a little different for each of us.

For those who will spend the day *alone*,
May the presence of the Spirit of Christ rest sweetly in your soul

For those who work the day,
*Thank you for your service,
may you be compensated well,
and may Jesus show up at work for you, in you and thru you*

For those watching football,
*May you enjoy the game ... no matter who wins
May you remember there are people around you who are more important than football
And may the excitement of the game be overwhelmed by the Joy of Jesus*

For those preparing meals
*We really are thankful ... and will help with dishes
GRAVY ... makes everything better
And we pause to give God thanks for our abundance, and seek to share with others*

For those with family
*Loving words, acts of kindness and good laughter saturate your people
The Spirit of Jesus be present with all you yinzers
Forgiveness be victorious over any bitterness, and smiles win the day*

For you all
Jesus be your celebration
Holy Spirit permeate you soul
Our Father's Arms be your warmth and security

*And Merry Christmas to all
And to all a good night.*

- Pastor Tim

LAST WEEK (DEC. 16TH) AT GOOD SHEPHERD: OFFERINGS: \$4,618.00 and ATTENDANCE: (153-10:00)

*** Remember to sign the welcome pad during the service. It is located on the pew near the center aisle.
Pass it down for all to sign, then return it to its original location. ***

GOOD SHEPHERD ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS WORSHIP SCHEDULE:

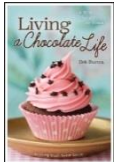
December 24	5pm & 7pm Festival Christmas Eve Candlelight Service (Pre-Service music begins at 6:45pm)
December 25	10am Christmas Day Service
December 30	10am Worship Service
January 6	8:30am Traditional Worship 9:50am Sunday School / Bible Hour 10:45am Modern Worship



GOOD SHEPHERD ANNOUNCEMENTS

Chancel Flowers today are placed to the Glory of God Tim and Sandy Marcovecchio in honor of Katelyn's 18th birthday. On Sunday, December 16, the flowers were placed to the Glory of God by Carol Kagemann in thanks for all the Sunday School Teachers.

Portals of Prayer (January-March), Lutheran Witness and **Lutherans Engage** are available in the narthex.



Living a Chocolate Life is a **Women's Bible study** that warmly invites all to savor God's rich and endless supply of grace in Christ. Whether you're sampling bitter nuggets of pain to sweet morsels of joy, this study reminds you that the Holy Spirit fills us with sweet faith in our Savior—and it is only He who can truly satisfy. **The next session will be on Saturday, January 12th at 10:30 in the Youth Room.** See Joan Krueger for more information.

2019 Offering Envelopes are now available in the narthex. **PLEASE DO NOT USE THESE ENVELOPES UNTIL JANUARY 1ST**. If you did not receive an assigned envelope number and would like one, please let the church office know.

The **2019 Flower Chart** has been posted on the bulletin board outside the church office. The cost of the flowers remains at \$20. Sign-up to provide the chancel flowers for a Sunday in 2019.

The **Preschool** is in need of paper towels and glue sticks. Donations may be placed in the marked boxes outside the church office.

Have you purchased your **2019 Enjoy Coupon Book**? This **Preschool** fundraiser ends December 31st. The cost is \$30 per book. Books are available to purchase in the church office or see Jennifer Meyer.

The **Preschool** would like to acquire a 4 piece walkie talkie system to help with communication between staff on the various levels of the building during the school day. Donations to purchase this system are welcome and may be placed in an envelope and given to Jennifer Meyer.

Preschool Registration for the 2019-2020 school year begins January 2 for church families and current Preschool families. The Preschool will hold an Open House on January 19. Contact the Preschool Office for more information.



Eat'n Park gift cards are available from Ruth Johnson, Jean Barone, and Carol Kagemann. A percentage of your purchase benefits the Women's Ministry. Thank you for your support.

The tax man cometh....In order to be included in **2018** totals, all **MAIL-IN contributions** MUST BE received in the church office no later than Friday, December 28, 2018, and all other contributions must be collected by **SUNDAY, DECEMBER 30, 2018.**

ON THE CALENDAR (12/23-12/30):

Sunday	8:30a // 10a	Choir // Worship Service
Monday		Church Office Closed
	5p & 7p	Festival Christmas Eve Candlelight Service
	6:45p	Preservice Music
Tuesday		Church Office Closed
	10a	Christmas Day Service
Wednesday		Church Office Closed
	7:30p	Narcotics Anonymous
Thursday		
Friday		
Saturday		
Sunday	10a	Worship Service

****During the Worship Services, Closed Circuit TV of the service is available in Room 11(Preschool Room, Red Door)****
**** If a person has difficulty hearing during the service, hearing receivers are available in the narthex.****



Dec. 23	–	Rosemarie Koehnke (90 yrs. old)
Dec. 26	–	Katelyn Marcovecchio
Dec. 29	–	Charli Winters