



Good Shepherd Lutheran Church of South Hills and Christian Preschool

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WEEKLY TIDINGS: DECEMBER 6, 2020 – DECEMBER 13, 2020

*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.*

TODAY IN WORSHIP

Thank you to all our worship volunteers today. Today's sermon is a pre-recorded video sermon from Rev. Joel Christiansen, brother of Joan Krueger. It is the 2nd of a 3-part series entitled *Expectations*. This year is different. Don't expect 2020 Advent/Christmas to look like 2019. In many ways it won't. Yet in one way it will. This series examines our expectations of this season and our expectations of God. We will discover that God exceeds our expectations.

The title of today's message is *Beyond Expectations* based on Luke 1:21-25, 57-66. When Elizabeth heard the news about John, she went into hiding. Her life was radically changed. No one could have expected this. Elizabeth concluded that God looked on her. God showed her favor. God has looked on us. He has shown his favor to us. Even in this pandemic!

If you would like to see the first sermon (*Shattered Expectations*, Luke 1:5-20) in the *Expectations* series, [click here](#) and go to about 28:25 to begin the message.

Our **volunteers** in worship today include:

Worship Leader:	Tim Marcovecchio
Ushers:	Dominic Molinari
Worship Tech:	Jeremy Frantz
Counters:	Mike and Kim Ressler
Altar Guild:	Carole Shade, Jennifer Meyer, Grace Chioda



The **chancel flowers** today are placed to the Glory of God by Larry and Rita Winker for many blessings received.

Please **keep in your prayers** recent requests for members, family and friends:

Ellen Linhart, Mary Jane Richards, Robin Hesse, Kristin Clark

New prayer requests may be given to the office or [submitted electronically](#).

The many members, family and friends with long-term prayer needs will be listed in the Monthly Newsletter.

ON THE CHURCH CALENDAR THIS WEEK:

Sunday, 12/6	10a	Worship Service
Monday, 12/7	7p	Boy Scouts
Tuesday, 12/8		
Wednesday, 12/9	7:30p	Narcotics Anonymous
Thursday, 12/10	5p	Soccer Shots
Friday, 12/11		
Saturday, 12/12	9:15a	Soccer Shots
Sunday, 12/13	10a	Worship Service with Communion

Checkout the website for a 'live' calendar: <https://goodshepherdpittsburgh.org/good-shepherd-events-2/>

LAST WEEK (11/29/2020) AT GOOD SHEPHERD: OFFERING: \$5,369.35 ATTENDANCE: 44

A voice cries: "In the wilderness prepare the way of the Lord; make straight in the desert a highway for our God." – Isaiah 40:3 (ESV)

GOOD SHEPHERD ANNOUNCEMENTS:



Advent devotionals, Portals of Prayer (January-March), and Lutheran Witness are available in the narthex.

Although it will be different than in years past, plans are underway for the **children to share the Christmas story in worship on Sunday, December 20**. Thank you to the volunteers coordinating this effort.



2020 has been a difficult year for us all, but most especially for those living and serving in care facilities. **Let's reach out to our neighbors at Concordia of South Hills as gift angels this year.** As you make your Christmas shopping list, why not add something for a resident:

- Clothing items (e.g. – sweatshirts, sweatpants, cardigan sweaters, adjustable ball caps, socks, washable slippers with backs, slipper socks)
- Personal items (e.g. – hair clips, barrettes, hand lotion, combs, hairbrushes)
- Gifts (e.g. – stationery, stamps, word search books, large print books, boxes of chocolates, music cd's, sun catchers with suction cups, small decorative pillows)

If your heart reaches out to the staff who have been subject to long hours and exhausting protocols, you could purchase gift cards to take-out restaurants or Amazon, Christmas ornaments, scented candles, or hand lotion.

Please do not limit yourself to this list! Just keep in mind that most of the residents and staff are women.

Collection will end on December 13 so that your gifts can be delivered later that week. Gift-wrapping would be helpful, with a short description attached to assist the coordinator, and please include a note or greeting. A collection box is located in the narthex under the table holding the offering envelopes. If you have any questions or suggestions, speak with Kim Ressler. Thank you!

If serving the community pulls at your heartstrings and you would like to be a part of guiding the mission work of Good Shepherd, consider joining the Mission Ministry board. For more information, contact [Kim Ressler](#).



2021 Offering Envelopes are now available in the narthex on the table near the exit doors. Your envelope number has most likely changed. Please do not use these new envelopes until January 1st. If you did not receive an assigned envelope number and would like one, please inform the church office.



The **2021 Flower Chart** has been posted on the bulletin board outside the church office. The cost of the flowers remains \$20. Sign-up for an available date on the chart or [click here to sign-up electronically](#).

Directory Update – The final proof has been reviewed and submitted. Lifetouch will begin working on printing the final directories and they should be arriving in approximately 6-8 weeks.

Remember to check out the events on the website for the most up to date information including links to sign-up for the different activities:
<https://goodshepherdpittsburgh.org/good-shepherd-events-2/>

PRESCHOOL NOTES:

2021 Enjoy Coupon Books continue to be available for purchase through December 31st. The books are available in the church office and cost \$30 each.

OTHER NEWS

Concordia Lutheran Ministries is hosting its annual live nativity on Sunday, December 13. Performances at 5, 5:30 and 6pm. Between performances there will be Christmas music, hot chocolate and refreshments. This is a walk-through Nativity scene, so please dress warmly. Masks are encouraged and social distancing will be practiced.

FOLLOW US ON SOCIAL MEDIA ...and invite your friends. Consider sharing the YouTube link and invite friends to join us for Sunday worship. May God bless all who hear His word.



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(or, go to YouTube and search for Good Shepherd Lutheran Church of South Hills)