

January 5th, 2020 at 9:30 am

Second Sunday of Christmas
Sing Out! Christmas Lessons & Carols

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*Art By
Anna Patterson*

Welcome to worship at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church.

We would like everyone to fill out the Friendship Pad at the end of the pews and pass it along for all to fill out. Please also mark the names of all in the family who are receiving Communion. If you are visiting, please include your address and phone number.

Nursery: Our nursery is located out the north entrance of the sanctuary.

Please feel free to use the nursery anytime during the service.

Children's Worship Bulletins are available at both entrances.

We are delighted to have you.



Christmas isn't just one day. Christmas lasts twelve days! We celebrate Jesus' birth from Christmas Day until Epiphany. So we sing our favorite Christmas carols this morning to praise God for coming into our lives as well as to ponder what it means that God took human form.

GATHERING

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

PRELUDE

Karen Niemeier

Time for reflection in silence.

WELCOME

Assembly may stand.

CALL TO WORSHIP

L: Jesus, the bright Morning Star, shines light in the world.

C: By day and night he shines for all to see.

L: Jesus was born in the midst of injustice and poverty

C: that the world may see the justice and richness of God.

L: God so loved the world that God sent Jesus,

C: so that all who believe in him may not perish but have eternal life.

L: Jesus is the light of the world.

C: Jesus is the light of our lives.

L: Sing to God a new song!

C: A song of hope, joy, and peace around the world.

🔔 GATHERING HYMN “ANGELS WE HAVE HEARD ON HIGH” ELW#289

(Verses 1 & 3)

1 Angels we have heard on high,
sweetly singing o'er the plains,
and the mountains in reply,
echoing their joyous strains.

3 Come to Bethlehem and see
him whose birth the angels sing;
come, adore on bended knee
Christ the Lord, the newborn king.
Refrain

Refrain

Gloria in excelsis Deo;
gloria in excelsis Deo.

Text: French carol; tr. H. F. Hemy, *The Crown of Jesus Music*, 1864

OPENING PRAYER

A: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

A: Let us pray.

A brief silence is kept before the prayer.

C: Gracious God of heaven and earth, you have thrown a lifeline to us in our darkness—a beam of light that shines through Jesus. Though born in a manger, he is the firstborn of all creation. Though crucified on a cross, he is the Lord of life. Fill us with the wonder and joy of his presence in the world and in our hearts. Amen.

Assembly may be seated.

WORD

God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.

FIRST READING: Genesis 1:1-5, 14-18

L: A reading from Genesis.

¹In the beginning when God created the heavens and the earth, ²the earth was a formless void and darkness covered the face of the deep, while a wind from God swept over the face of the waters. ³Then God said, "Let there be light"; and there was light. ⁴And God saw that the light was good; and God separated the light from the darkness. ⁵God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day. ¹⁴And God said, "Let there be lights in the dome of the sky to separate the day from the night; and let them be for signs and for seasons and for days and years, ¹⁵and let them be lights in the dome of the sky to give light upon the earth." And it was so. ¹⁶God made the two great lights — the greater light to rule the day and the lesser light to rule the night — and the stars. ¹⁷God set them in the dome of the sky to give light upon the earth, ¹⁸to rule over the day and over the night, and to separate the light from the darkness. And God saw that it was good.



1 I won - der as I wan - der, out un - der the sky, how
 2 When Mar - y birthed . . . Je - sus, all in a cow's stall, came
 3 If Je - sus had . . . want - ed for an - y wee thing, a
 4 I won - der as I wan - der, out un - der the sky, how

Je - sus the Sav - ior did come for to die for poor ord' - n'ry peo - ple like
 wise men and farm - ers and shep - herds and all, and high from the heav - ens a
 star in the sky or a bird on the wing, or all of God's an - gels in
 Je - sus the Sav - ior did come for to die for poor ord' - n'ry peo - ple like

you and like I. I won - der as I wan - der, out un - der the sky.
 star's light did fall; the prom - ise of the a - ges it then did re - call.
 heav'n for to sing, he sure - ly could have had it, 'cause he was the king.
 you and like I. I won - der as I wan - der, out un - der the sky.

**our member's favorite Christmas carol.*

SECOND READING: Micah 5:2-5a

L: A reading from Micah.

² But you, O Bethlehem of Ephrathah, who are one of the little clans of Judah, from you shall come forth for me one who is to rule in Israel, whose origin is from of old, from ancient days. ³ Therefore he shall give them up until the time when she who is in labor has brought forth; then the rest of his kindred shall return to the people of Israel. ⁴ And he shall stand and feed his flock in the strength of the LORD, in the majesty of the name of the LORD his God. And they shall live secure, for now he shall be great to the ends of the earth; ⁵ and he shall be the one of peace. If the Assyrians come into our land and tread upon our soil, we will raise against them seven shepherds and eight installed as rulers.

1 Once in royal David's city
 stood a lowly cattle shed,
 where a mother laid her baby
 in a manger for his bed:
 Mary was that mother mild,
 Jesus Christ, her little child.

2 He came down to earth from heaven
 who is God and Lord of all,
 and his shelter was a stable,
 and his cradle was a stall;
 with the poor and meek and lowly,
 lived on earth our Savior holy

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THIRD READING: Luke 1:26-35, 38

L: A reading from Luke.

²⁶In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent by God to a town in Galilee called Nazareth, ²⁷to a virgin engaged to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. The virgin's name was Mary. ²⁸And he came to her and said, "Greetings, favored one! The Lord is with you." ²⁹But she was much perplexed by his words and pondered what sort of greeting this might be. ³⁰The angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. ³¹And now, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you will name him Jesus. ³²He will be great, and will be called the Son of the Most High, and the Lord God will give to him the throne of his ancestor David. ³³He will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there will be no end." ³⁴Mary said to the angel, "How can this be, since I am a virgin?" ³⁵The angel said to her, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore the child to be born will be holy; he will be called Son of God. ³⁸Then Mary said, "Here am I, the servant of the Lord; let it be with me according to your word." Then the angel departed from her.

HYMN

“Lo, How a Rose e'er Blooming”*

ELW #272

(Verses 1 & 4)

1 Lo, how a rose e'er blooming
 from tender stem hath sprung!
 Of Jesse's lineage coming
 as seers of old have sung,
 it came, a flow'r so bright,
 amid the cold of winter,
 when half-spent was the night.

4 O Savior, child of Mary,
 who felt our human woe;
 O Savior, king of glory,
 who dost our weakness know:
 bring us at length, we pray,
 to the bright courts of heaven
 and into endless day.

Text: German carol, 15th cent.; tr. Theodore Baker, 1851-1934, sts. 1-2; Harriet R. Krauth, 1845-1925, st. 3; John C. Mattes, 1876-1948, st. 4

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FOURTH READING: Matthew 1:18-25

L: A reading from Matthew.

¹⁸Now the birth of Jesus the Messiah took place in this way. When his mother Mary had been engaged to Joseph, but before they lived together, she was found to be with child from the Holy Spirit. ¹⁹Her husband Joseph, being a righteous man and unwilling to expose her to public disgrace, planned to dismiss her quietly. ²⁰But just when he had resolved to do this, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, "Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary as your wife, for the child conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. ²¹She will bear a son, and you are to name him Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins." ²²All this took place to fulfill what had been spoken by the Lord through the prophet: ²³"Look, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall name him Emmanuel," which means, "God is with us." ²⁴When Joseph awoke from sleep, he did as the angel of the Lord commanded him; he took her as his wife, ²⁵but had no marital relations with her until she had borne a son; and he named him Jesus.

 **HYMN**

"From Heaven Above"*

ELW #268

(Verses 1 & 12)

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| <p>1 "From heav'n above to earth I come to bear good news to ev'ry home! Glad tidings of great joy I bring to all the world, and gladly sing:"</p> | <p>12 Ah, dearest Jesus, holy child, prepare a bed, soft, undefiled, a quiet chamber in my heart, that you and I may never part.</p> |
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Text: Martin Luther, 1483-1546; tr. *Lutheran Book of Worship* Text © 1978 *Lutheran Book of Worship*, admin. Augsburg Fortress.

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FIFTH READING: Luke 2:8-20

L:A reading from Luke.

⁸In that region there were shepherds living in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night. ⁹Then an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. ¹⁰But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid; for see — I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people: ¹¹to you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is the Messiah, the Lord. ¹²This will be a sign for you: you will find a child wrapped in bands of cloth and lying in a manger." ¹³And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host, praising God and saying, ¹⁴"Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace among those whom he favors!" ¹⁵When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, "Let us go now to Bethlehem and see this thing that has taken place, which the Lord has made known to us." ¹⁶So they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the child lying in the manger. ¹⁷When they saw this, they made known what had been told them about this child; ¹⁸and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds told them. ¹⁹But Mary treasured all these words and pondered them in her heart. ²⁰The shepherds

returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them.

🔔 HYMN

“On Christmas Night”

ELW #274

(Verses 1 & 3)

1 On Christmas night all Christians sing
to hear the news the angels bring.
On Christmas night all Christians sing
to hear the news the angels bring:
news of great joy, news of great mirth,
news of our merciful king's birth.

3 When sin departs before his face,
then life and health come in its place.
When sin departs before his face,
then life and health come in its place.
Angels rejoice with us and sing,
all for to see the newborn king.

Text: Luke Wadding, d. 1686, alt.

SIXTH READING: Matthew 2:1-11

L: A reading from Matthew.

¹In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, ²asking, "Where is the child who has been born king of the Jews? For we observed his star at its rising, and have come to pay him homage." ³When King Herod heard this, he was frightened, and all Jerusalem with him; ⁴and calling together all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Messiah was to be born. ⁵They told him, "In Bethlehem of Judea; for so it has been written by the prophet: ⁶"And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; for from you shall come a ruler who is to shepherd my people Israel.'" ⁷Then Herod secretly called for the wise men and learned from them the exact time when the star had appeared. ⁸Then he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, "Go and search diligently for the child; and when you have found him, bring me word so that I may also go and pay him homage." ⁹When they had heard the king, they set out; and there, ahead of them, went the star that they had seen at its rising, until it stopped over the place where the child was. ¹⁰When they saw that the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy. ¹¹On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother; and they knelt down and paid him homage. Then, opening their treasure chests, they offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh.

(Verses 1 & 2)

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| <p>1 In the bleak midwinter, frosty wind made moan, earth stood hard as iron, water like a stone; snow had fallen, snow on snow, snow on snow, in the bleak midwinter, long ago.</p> | <p>2 Heaven cannot hold him, nor earth sustain; heav'n and earth shall flee away when he comes to reign; in the bleak midwinter a stable place sufficed the Lord God almighty, Jesus Christ.</p> |
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Text: Christina Georgina Rossetti, 1830-1894

our member's favorite Christmas carol.*SEVENTH READING: John 1:1-14**

L: A reading from John.

¹In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. ²He was in the beginning with God. ³All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being ⁴in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. ⁵The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it. ⁶There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. ⁷He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. ⁸He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light. ⁹The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world. ¹⁰He was in the world, and the world came into being through him; yet the world did not know him. ¹¹He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him. ¹²But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God, ¹³who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God. ¹⁴And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth.

HYMN**“LOVE HAS COME”****ELW #292**

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| <p>1 Love has come—a light in the darkness! Love shines forth in the Bethlehem skies. See, all heaven has come to proclaim it; hear how their song of joy arises: Love! Love! Born unto you, a Savior! Love! Love! Glory to God on high.</p> | <p>Love is God now asleep in the hay. See the glow in the eyes of his mother; what is the name her heart is saying? Love! Love! Love is the name she whispers; Love! Love! Jesus, Immanuel.</p> |
| <p>2 Love is born! Come, share in the wonder.</p> | <p>3 Love has come and never will leave us!</p> |

Love is life everlasting and free.
 Love is Jesus within and among us.
 Love is the peace our hearts are seeking.

Text: Ken Bible, b. 1950

Love! Love! Love is the gift of Christmas;
 Love! Love! Praise to you, God on high!

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RESPONSIVE PRAYER

WA: It is you, loving God, who lights our path with truth.

C: Your Word, Jesus, is truth.

WA: In his light, draw all to the manger

C: to gather in wonder with the shepherds.

WA: In his light, draw all to the manger

C: to kneel in reverence with the wise ones.

WA: In his light, draw all to the manger

C: to sing for joy with the angels.

WA: In the brightness of his life

C: cast away the darkness of injustice, poverty, and hunger in the world.

WA: In the brightness of his life, we ask your light shine upon our family, friends, and neighbors near and far. We pray especially for **Bob and Lynn Lyvers, Dick Johnson, Delbert Scheider, Jerry, Sheridan Brinker, Lois Paulsen, Fern Harnish**, Robin Cross, Connor Stadermann, Jaden, Jon Forsythe, Brooke, Diane, Myron Coaty, Deb Lindeman Harder, Cindy Tessendorf, Randy, Brian, Don Hoge, the Heimann family, Richard Gordon, Dave Heinkel, Janet, Paul Heller, Lori, J.T., Dan and Sue White, Irene, Jeff and Deb, Paul Nelson, Ryse Stone, Carolyn, Harry Perra Jr. Nicole, Meghan, Vicar Mike Reibel, and Mary Schick. Comfort those who are grieving.

C: Let your light shine upon them.

WA: It is you, loving God, who meets us on our way.

C: In the light of Jesus, show the world the way of life. Amen.

PEACE

P: The peace of Christ be with you always. **C: And also with you.**

Please greet one another with a sign of Christ's peace.

MEAL

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ

OFFERING

What is offering? Offering is our response to God's blessings and abundant grace given to us. Offerings can take various forms such as prayer, voices, time, fruit from the land, money, and being the hands and feet of God's works in the world. Give thanks to our Lord!

OFFERING SONG

“AWAY IN THE MANAGER”*

ELW #278

1 A - way in a man - ger, no crib for his bed,
 2 The cat - tle are low - ing; the ba - by a - wakes,
 3 Be near me, Lord Je - sus; I ask you to stay

the lit - tle Lord Je - sus laid down his sweet head;
 but lit - tle Lord Je - sus, no cry - ing he makes.
 close by me for - ev - er and love me, I pray.

the stars in the bright sky looked down where he lay,
 I love you, Lord Je - sus; look down from the sky
 Bless all the dear chil - dren in your ten - der care

the lit - tle Lord Je - sus a - sleep on the hay.
 and stay by my cra - dle till morn - ing is nigh.
 and fit us for heav - en, to live with you there.

**our member's favorite Christmas carol.*

OFFERING PRAYER

A: Let us pray.

C: Generous God, you have given us life, this community, and these gifts of the earth that become the meal of your grace. Move in our hearts, that we might use your gifts to bring hope and blessing wherever we go, through Christ our Lord. Amen.

GREAT THANKSGIVING

DIALOGUE

P: The Lord be with you.

P: Lift up your hearts.

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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C: And also with you.

C: We lift them to the Lord.

C: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

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LORD'S PRAYER

P: Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray.

C: Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name,

Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses,

As we forgive those who trespass against us;

and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever.

Amen.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Love has come: God's love for all people. Come and eat, for Christ invites you.

We practice open Communion —Christ invites us to the table. All baptized Christians are welcome to partake the body and blood of Jesus Christ. If you wish to receive a blessing, you may come forward. Holy Communion will be celebrated by intinction (dip the bread into the chalice). The gold chalices have wine; the chrome chalices have grape juice. You will be ushered down the center aisle and return to your pew by way of the side aisles. If you need assistance, please let an usher know.

**COMMUNION SONG****“THE FIRST NOEL”***

ELW #300

1 The first Noel the angel did say
was to certain poor shepherds in fields as
they lay;
in fields where they lay, keeping their
sheep,
on a cold winter's night that was so deep.

Refrain

Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel!
Born is the King of Israel.

2 They looked up and saw a star
shining in the east beyond them far;
and to the earth it gave great light,
and so it continued both day and night.

Refrain

3 And by the light of that same star
three wise men came from country far;
to seek for a king was their intent,
and to follow the star wherever it went.

Refrain

4 This star drew near to the northwest,
o'er Bethlehem it took its rest;
and there it did both stop and stay
right over the place where Jesus lay.

Refrain

5 Then entered in those wise men three,
full rev'rently upon their knee,
and offered there in his presence
their gold, and myrrh, and frankincense.

Refrain

Text: English traditional

*our member's favorite Christmas carol.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

A: Emmanuel, God with us, you grace us with life and breath and give us bread for the journey. Send us out in service to this world that you love, telling the amazing news of your coming to be Savior and Lord of all. **C: Amen.**

SENDING

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.

COMMUNITY CONCERNS & CELEBRATIONS**BLESSING**

P: Praise God, from whom all blessings flow!

C: Praise God, all creatures here below!

L: You are the shepherds telling the story.

C: We tell it in the streets and across the land.

L: You are the wise ones worshiping with thanksgiving.

C: We worship with gifts of song and service, talents and treasures.

L: You are the angels announcing peace.

C: We live with joy and go now in peace.

P: Almighty God, Father, ✙ Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.

C: Amen.

🔔 SENDING SONG “GO TELL IT ON THE MOUNTAIN” ELW # 290

Refrain

Go tell it on the mountain,
over the hills and ev'rywhere;
go tell it on the mountain
that Jesus Christ is born!

2 The shepherds feared and trembled
when, lo, above the earth
rang out the angel chorus
that hailed our Savior's birth. *Refrain*

1 While shepherds kept their watching
o'er silent flocks by night,
behold, throughout the heavens
there shone a holy light. *Refrain*

3 Down in a lonely manger
the humble Christ was born;
and God sent us salvation
that blessed Christmas morn. *Refrain*

Text: African American spiritual, refrain; John W. Work Jr., 1872-1925, stanzas, alt.

DISMISSIAL

A: Christ is born! Go tell it on the mountain and everywhere.

C: Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

Karen Niemeier

Worship Assistants

Pastor Miho Yasukawa
Choir Director/Accomp: Janis Kurth and Tena Rackow
Pianist: Tena Rackow and Sarah Baker Organist: Karen Niemeier

Lector: Marybeth Brinker
Assisting Minister: Jay Andrews
Worship Assistant: Kayla Runkle
Acolyte: Jared Runkle
Greeters: Chris and Angie Brinker,
Troy and Cindy Doubler
Ushers: Gene and Vivian Hesselbacher
Virgil Gordon, Tim Gordon

Communion Set-up: Sheridan and Marybeth Brinker
Communion Assistant: Beth Martin and Wayne Kurth
Communion Ushers: Virgil and Joanne Martin
Sound System: Denny Luke and open
Elevator Operator: Troy Keene

THIS WEEK AT GOOD SHEPHERD

January 5th through January 12th, 2020

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| Today: | Worship Service | 9:30am |
| | Fellowship | 10:30am |
| | Sunday School | 10:45 am |
| | Confirmation Class | 11:00am |
| | Choir Practice | 11:00am |
| | Chime Practice | 5:00pm |
| Wednesday: | “Piece Corps” Quilting Group | 8:00am-11:30am |
| | Pr Miho at NW Conference Meeting, Good Shepherd | 9:00am-12:00pm |
| Thursday: | Friendship Club Potluck, Entertainment, “No Worries Band” | 12:00pm |
| Next Sunday: | Worship Service | 9:30am |
| | Fellowship | 10:30am |
| | Sunday School | 10:45am |
| | Choir Practice | 11:00am |
| | Chime Practice | 5:00pm |

Attendance: December 24th Family Christmas Service – 74
Candlelight Christmas Service – 60
Christmas Day Service – 8
December 29th - 45

Total Offering 12/29/2019 - \$4499.00

An AED (defibrillator) is located on the wall in the Fellowship Hall in case of an emergency. The device is designed to deliver calm, clear voice instructions precisely timed to the responder’s actions, guiding the responder every step of the way. When the door is open an alarm goes off to alert others that there is an emergency.



Go and Cheer!

We are your “grandparents” If you know upcoming games/meets/ concerts/etc in 2020, please let the church office know!

Devotion Books for 2020

We have new devotion books for you to start a new year! Christ in Our Homes and The Word in Season provide daily readings and prayers. Pockets has fun easy reading, puzzles, and recipes. They are free and for your spiritual growth. Pick your copy at the rack today.

Offering Envelope

Offering envelopes for 2020 is here. We have new numbers. We encourage you to write down your names in the envelope for a couple weeks so that the counters and financial secretary can record your offering properly. If you have any questions or thoughts regarding offering envelope, please talk to Sheila.

Tomorrow, Twelfth Night Nativity Displays

Prince of Peace Lutheran Church in Freeport is having the Twelfth Night Nativity Display on Monday, January 6th from 4pm-7pm. This is a wonderful way to honor the birth of Christ, the journey of the Magi, and the launch into the season of Epiphany. It's free and open to public.

Rockford Rescue Mission Collection

Rockford Rescue Mission Church coordinator will come to Good Shepherd and share their ministries on January 19th. We are collecting donation items for their ministry. These are some examples which you can donate.

Programs: Face Towels, Large Bathroom trash cans, Long Johns, T-shirts, Shower Curtains, 14-Gallon Rubbermaid Bins

Clinic: Aleve, Vicks Vapor Rub, Probiotic, Tylenol, Alka Seltzer Cold, B12 Tablets

Works Center: Steel-toed boots (men and women), Non-slip black shoes (men and women), headphones, Earbuds

Kitchen: 8oz. Foam cups, coffee, French onion canned soup, cheese –all types, butter/margarine, Milk, Spices.

Donation tub is located in the sanctuary. Thank you.

We have extra Dec/Jan Friendship Center newsletter. If you know someone who may like to read their newsletter, please take some and share.