

GOOD SHEPHERD LUTHERAN CHURCH

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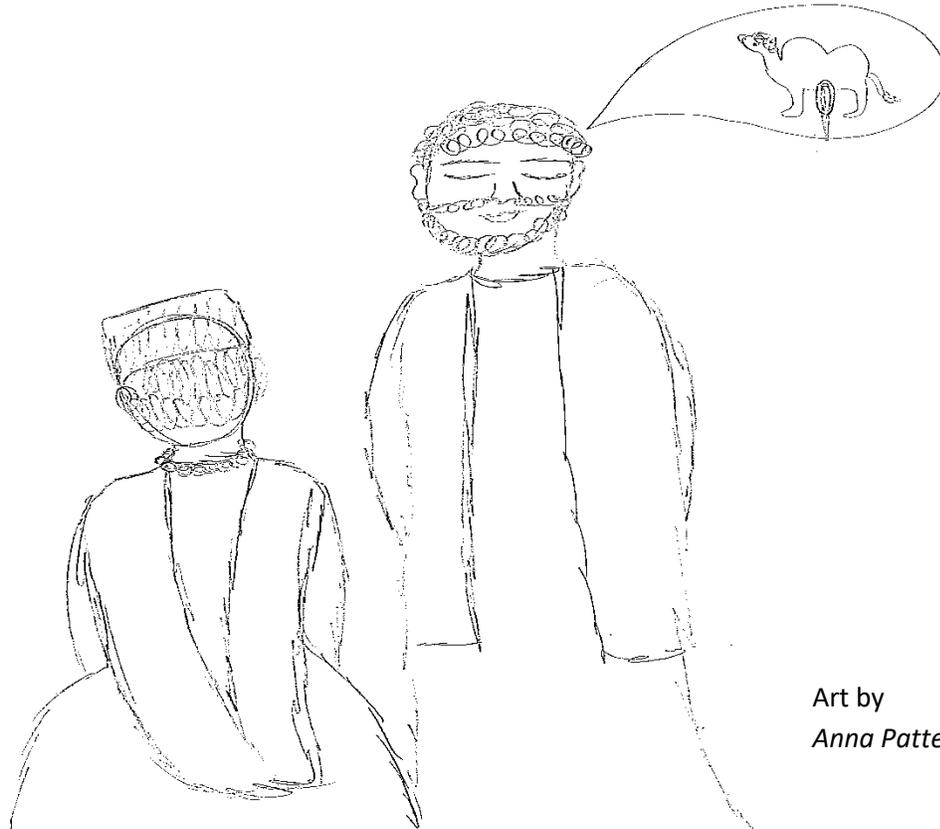
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Welcome to worship at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church.

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.

We are delighted to have you.

Nursery: Our nursery is located out the north entrance of the sanctuary.
Please feel free to use the nursery anytime during the service.

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.

GATHERING

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God

PRELUDE*Time for reflection in silence***Tena Rackow****COMMUNITY CONCERNS & CELEBRATION****CHIMES****“Ode to Joy”****CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS** (*Stand*)

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

P: In the name of the Father, and of the ☩ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

P: Let us confess our sin, calling for God’s transforming power.

Silence for reflection and self-examination.

P: Source of all life,

C: we confess that we have not allowed your grace to set us free.

We fear that we are not good enough. We hear your word of love freely given to us, yet we expect others to earn it. We turn the church inward, rather than moving it outward. Forgive us. Stir us. Reform us to be a church powered by love, willing to speak for what is right, act for what is just, and seek the healing of your whole creation. Amen.

P: God hears our cry and sends the Spirit to change us and to empower our lives in the world. Our sins are forgiven, ☩ God’s love is unconditional, and we are raised up as God’s people who will always be made new, in the name of Jesus Christ.

C: Amen.

OPENING HYMN

Gather Us In

ELW#532



1 Here in this place the new light is stream-ing, now is the dark-ness
 2 We are the young, our lives are a mys-t'ry, we are the old who
 3 Here we will take the wine and the wa-ter, here we will take the
 4 Not in the dark of build-ings con-fin-ing, not in some heav-en,



van-ished a-way; see in this space our fears and our dream-ings
 yearn for your face; we have been sung through-out all of his-t'ry,
 bread of new birth, here you shall call your sons and your daugh-ters,
 light years a-way— here in this place the new light is shin-ing,



brought here to you in the light of this day.
 called to be light to the whole hu-man race.
 call us a-new to be salt for the earth.
 now is the king-dom, and now is the day.



Gath-er us in, the lost and for-sak-en, gath-er us in, the
 Gath-er us in, the rich and the haugh-ty, gath-er us in, the
 Give us to drink the wine of com-pas-sion, give us to eat the
 Gath-er us in and hold us for-ev-er, gath-er us in and



blind and the lame; call to us now, and we shall a-wak-en,
 proud and the strong; give us a heart, so meek and so low-ly,
 bread that is you; nour-ish us well, and teach us to fash-ion
 make us your own; gath-er us in, all peo-ples to-geth-er,



we shall a-rise at the sound of our name.
 give us the cour-age to en-ter the song.
 lives that are ho-ly and hearts that are true.
 fire . . . of love in our flesh and our bone.

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GREETING

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: And also with you.

KYRIE:

ELW p.138

In peace, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mer - cy.**

For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mer - cy.

For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,

and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mer - cy.

For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise,

let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mer - cy.**

Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra - cious Lord. **A - men.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

A: Let us pray.

C: Almighty and ever-living God, increase in us your gift of faith, that, forsaking what lies behind and reaching out to what lies ahead, we may follow the way of your commandments and receive the crown of everlasting joy, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

WORD

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

FIRST READING: Amos 5:6-7, 10-15

⁶Seek the LORD and live, or he will break out against the house of Joseph like fire, and it will devour Bethel, with no one to quench it. ⁷Ah, you that turn justice to wormwood, and bring righteousness to the ground! ¹⁰They hate the one who reproves in the gate, and they abhor the one who speaks the truth. ¹¹Therefore because you trample on the poor and take from them levies of grain, you have built houses of hewn stone, but you shall not live in them; you have planted pleasant vineyards, but you shall not drink their wine. ¹²For I know how many are your transgressions, and how great are your sins—you who afflict the righteous, who take a bribe, and push aside the needy in the gate.

¹³Therefore the prudent will keep silent in such a time; for it is an evil time.

¹⁴Seek good and not evil, that you may live; and so the LORD, the God of hosts, will be with you, just as you have said. ¹⁵Hate evil and love good, and establish justice in the gate; it may be that the LORD, the God of hosts, will be gracious to the remnant of Joseph.

L: The word of the Lord

C: Thanks be to God.

PSALM: Psalm 90:12-17 (Read responsively)

¹²So teach us to number our days
that we may apply our hearts to wisdom.

¹³**Return, O LORD; how long will you tarry?**

Be gracious to your servants.

¹⁴Satisfy us by your steadfast love in the morning;
so shall we rejoice and be glad all our days.

¹⁵**Make us glad as many days as you afflicted us
and as many years as we suffered adversity.**

¹⁶Show your servants your works, and your splendor to their children.

¹⁷**May the graciousness of the Lord our God be upon us;
prosper the work of our hands; prosper our handiwork.**

SECOND READING: Hebrews 4:12-16

¹²Indeed, the word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing until it divides soul from spirit, joints from marrow; it is able to judge the thoughts and intentions of the heart. ¹³And before him no creature is hidden, but all are naked and laid bare to the eyes of the one to whom we must render an account. ¹⁴Since, then, we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast to our confession. ¹⁵For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who in every respect has been tested as we are, yet without sin. ¹⁶Let us therefore approach the throne of grace with boldness, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

L: The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

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Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the

words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

THE HOLY GOSPEL: according to Mark: 10:17-31

P: The holy gospel according to Mark.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

¹⁷As [Jesus] was setting out on a journey, a man ran up and knelt before him, and asked him, “Good Teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?” ¹⁸Jesus said to him, “Why do you call me good? No one is good but God alone. ¹⁹You know the commandments: ‘You shall not murder; You shall not commit adultery; You shall not steal; You shall not bear false witness; You shall not defraud; Honor your father and mother.’” ²⁰He said to him, “Teacher, I have kept all these since my youth.” ²¹Jesus, looking at him, loved him and said, “You lack one thing; go, sell what you own, and give the money to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; then come, follow me.” ²²When he heard this, he was shocked and went away grieving, for he had many possessions. ²³Then Jesus looked around and said to his disciples, “How hard it will be for those who have wealth to enter the kingdom of God!” ²⁴And the disciples were perplexed at these words. But Jesus said to them again, “Children, how hard it is to enter the kingdom of God! ²⁵It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for someone who is rich to enter the kingdom of God.” ²⁶They were greatly astounded and said to one another, “Then who can be saved?” ²⁷Jesus looked at them and said, “For mortals it is impossible, but not for God; for God all things are possible.” ²⁸Peter began to say to him, “Look, we have left everything and followed you.” ²⁹Jesus said, “Truly I tell you, there is no one who has left house or brothers or sisters or mother or father or children or fields, for my sake and for the sake of the good news, ³⁰who will not receive a hundredfold now in this age—houses, brothers and sisters, mothers and children, and fields, with persecutions—and in the age to come eternal life. ³¹But many who are first will be last and the last will be first.

P: The gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

SERMON

Pastor Miho Yasukawa

HYMN OF THE DAY

Seek Ye First the Kingdom of God WOV #783

Descant

Al - le - lu - ia, al -
 le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

1 Seek ye . . . first the king - dom of God and its
 2 Ask and it shall be giv - en un - to you; seek and
 3 We do not live by bread . . . a - lone, but by

righteousness, and all these things shall be
 you shall find; and knock and the door shall be
 ev - ry word that pro - ceeds from the

add - ed un - to you. Al - le - lu, al - le - lu - ia.
 o - pened un - to you. Al - le - lu, al - le - lu - ia.
 mouth . . . of . . . God. Al - le - lu, al - le - lu - ia.

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APOSTLES' CREED *Please Stand*

A: With the whole church, let us confess our faith in the words of Apostles' Creed.

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen

THE PRAYERS

After each petition: WA: Lord in your mercy, **C: Hear our prayer.**

WA: Longing for God's will to be fulfilled among us, we pray persistently for the church, the world, and all people in need.

A brief silence

WA: Almighty God, holy and righteous, open our hearts with your living word. Help us to learn to listen to one another and transform us by your gentle mercy. Lord, in your mercy, **C: Hear our prayer.**

WA: Bless the farmers and those who work in the fields to prepare for the barren season to come. Bring the harvest of your creation to completion, even as we look forward to the blossoming of new life.. Lord, in your mercy, **C: Hear our prayer.**

WA: Pour out favor this day upon those who are afflicted and feel far removed from you We pray especially for. We pray especially for, **Bob Lyvers, Dick and Rene Johnson, Ethel Lobdell, Gene Hesselbacher, Fern Harnish, Sheridan Brinker, Laura Derr, Lois Paulsen Greg Lloyd, Donna Euler, Robin Cross, Connor Stadermann, Jaden, Jean, Jon Forsythe Meghan, Tom Pye, Pam, Bruce, Diane, Darren, Bruce Johnson, Myron Coaty, Scott Bonnet, Deb Lindeman Harder, Graham Russell, Tim Coleman, Cindy Tessendorf, Larry Larson.** Surround them with your steadfast love and lighten their pains and burdens. Give strength and courage to this week to **Steve Fahr and Verl Price.** Send them companions who will show them you are ever near. Lord, in your mercy, **C: Hear our prayer.**

WA: Holy Trinity, you formed us in your image to be in relationship with one another and with the world around us. We give thanks for those who work to feed people and to strive to end hunger in this community and in the world. We especially lift our prayers for LE-Win Food Pantry, ELCA World Hunger, and Bread for The World. Continue to guides us to create hope and opportunities for all your beloved children. Lord, in your mercy, **C: Hear our prayer.**

WA: Gather us with all the saints whom you have made righteous in the death and resurrection of Christ. Through him give us all the gifts of your kingdom and life eternal. Lord, in your mercy, **C: Hear our prayer.**

P : Enfold all things in your compassion, O God, and bring us into your life through the faithfulness of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **C: Amen**

PEACE

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

MEAL

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

OFFERING

“Angel Band/ Amazing Grace”

Choir

An offering is gathered for the mission of the church locally and throughout the world, including those in need. We also offer up prayers to God as we offer ourselves (time, talents, gifts, and interests) to the Lord's service and dedicate our lives to God's work in the world.

Please Stand

OFFERING PRAYER

A: Let us pray.

C: God of life, you give us these gifts of the earth, these resources of our life and our labor. Take them, offered in great thanksgiving, and use them to set a table that will heal the whole creation; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Light. Amen.

DIALOGUE

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Lift up your hearts.

C: We lift them to the Lord.

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

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

PREFACE

P: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ; who on this day overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

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Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,
 heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na. Ho -
 san-na. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless-ed is he who
 comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san - na in the high - est.

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

LORD'S PRAYER

P: Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

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

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****LAMB OF GOD****ELW p. 146**

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the
world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the
sin of the world; grant us peace.

COMMUNION SONG**We Come to the Hungry Feast****ELW #479**

1 We come to the hun - gry feast hun - gry for a word of peace.
2 We come to the hun - gry feast hun - gry for a world re - leased
3 We come to the hun - gry feast hun - gry that the hun - ger cease,
To hun - gry hearts un - sat - is - fied the love of God is
from hun - gry folk of ev - 'ry kind, the poor in bod - y,
and know - ing, though we eat our fill, the hun - ger will stay
not de - nied. We come, we come to the hun - gry feast.
poor in mind. We come, we come to the hun - gry feast.
with us; still we come, we come to the hun - gry feast.

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POST COMMUNION BLESSING

P: The Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

C: Amen.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

A: Holy and compassionate God, in bread and wine you give us gifts that form us to be humble and courageous. May your words come to life in our serving and in our witness, that we might speak a living voice of healing and justice to all the world, through Jesus Christ, our rock and our redeemer.

C: Amen.

SENDING

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

BLESSING

P: God, creator of all things, speaking reformation into being; Jesus Christ, savior of the world, raising the dead; Holy Spirit, living voice, calling and enlightening the church: Almighty God, Father, † Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever

C: Amen.

SENDING SONG**Rise Up, O Saints of God****ELW#669**

- 1 Rise up, O saints of God! From vain am - bi - tions turn;
- 2 Speak out, O saints of God! De - spair en - gulfs earth's frame;
- 3 Rise up, O saints of God! The king - dom's task em - brace;
- 4 Give heed, O saints of God! Cre - a - tion cries in pain;
- 5 Com - mit your hearts to seek the paths which Christ has trod;



Christ rose tri - um - phant that your hearts with no - bler zeal might burn.
 as heirs of God's bap - tis - mal grace, the word of hope pro - claim.
 re - dress sin's cru - el con - se - quence; give jus - tice larg - er place.
 stretch forth your hand of heal - ing now, with love the weak sus - tain.
 and, quick - ened by the Spir - it's pow'r, rise up, O saints of God!

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DISMISSAL (from the back)

A: Go in peace. Sound the good news. **C: Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE**Tena Rackow**

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WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

Pastor: Pastor Miho Yasukawa

Pianists: Tena Rackow, Sarah Baker Organist: Karen Niemeier

Choir Dir. /accomp: Janis Kurth / Marion Fahr

Lector: Janis Kurth Acolyte: Sunday School Youth

Assisting Minister: **Krista Keene**

Worship Assistant: Denny Luke

Greeters: Paul and Shirley Fox, Vivian Hesselbacher, Donna Gullickson

Ushers: Troy Keene, Mike Geiseman, Andrew Martin and Larry Flufs

Communion Usher: Paul and Shirley Fox Communion Set-up: Vivian Hesselbacher

Communion Asst: Beth Martin and Shirley Fox Sound System: Troy Doubler and Ethan Fye

Elevator Operator: Chris Brinker

THIS WEEK AT GOOD SHEPHERD**October 14th through October 21st 2018**

Today	Worship Service	9:30 am
	Fellowship	10:30am
	Family Outing to LOMC Autumn Fest	11:00am-4:00pm
	Choir Practice	11:00am
	Chime Practice	5:00pm
Wednesday	“Piece Corps” Quilting Group	8:00am-11:30am
Thursday	Good Shepherd at Friendship Center Devotions & Dessert	1:00pm
Next Sunday	Worship Service-Confirmation Sunday	9:30am
	Fellowship	10:30am
	Sunday School/Confirmation	10:45am
	Choir Practice	11:00am
	Chime Practice	5:00pm

Attendance October 7th - 44

Total Offering 10/07/18 - \$ amount needed \$

Children’s Worship Bulletin is Available

The Children’s bulletin follows the Sunday lessons with coloring page, word search, and crossword puzzle. They are available at both entrances

Next Sunday: Confirmation Sunday

Ethan Fye will be affirming his baptism next Sunday. Please remember him in your prayer this week.

Photo Directory is HERE!

New photo directory is available for pick up. Contact the church office if you would like one to be mailed to you. Thank you.

Volunteer Visitors of Northwest Illinois

Invites you to our open house at 105 S. Main Street, Stockton, IL on October 25, 2018 from 2:30pm to 6:30pm. Ribbon cutting will be at 2:30pm. Light refreshments will be served. In 1983 started as Hospice of Northwest Illinois, in 2006 we changed our name to Volunteer Hospice of Northwest Illinois..Today our new name will be Volunteer Visitors of Northwest Illinois.

Mental Health First Aid Training

On Tuesday October 30th, 2018 Monroe Clinic will offer training on Mental Health First Aid from

8:00am-4:30pm at St. John's Lutheran Church, 625 Country Lane Drive, Lena, IL. Registration will be from 7:30am-8:00am, registration fee is \$25.00 and will include breakfast and lunch. Training will help the public better identify, understand and respond to signs of mental illnesses.

FHN and Highland College present:

“What if I don't feel very merry?” A grief support workshop, will be held on Saturday, November 3rd, 2018 from 9:00am-3:45pm at Highland Community College, 2998 W. Pearl City Road, Freeport, IL in Building H, Second Floor. This is a free workshop, open to everyone 4 and up. Join us for an all-day workshop designed to provide support to help you through the healing process including presentations and group breakout sessions. A boxed lunch will be provided, YMCA childcare will be available on site.

My Friend's Closet Thrift Store

We are dependent on volunteers. We are always in the position of looking for more willing hands. If you or anyone you know might be interested in helping us at the store, please call Fawn Nolan at 815-369-4035 during the day. We are open 9 a.m. – 4 p.m. Monday through Saturday with extended hours on Wednesday evening until 8 p.m. We offer servant hours to students also. Check us out!

September and October are Food Pantry Months



What does a world without hunger look like? It looks like everyone having the nutritious meals they need to flourish...But ending hunger requires more than just giving people a meal today. Addressing the root causes of hunger-primarily poverty-is just as important. As long as people don't have the resources they need to put food on the table, hunger will continue. Throughout the Scriptures, God speaks of our purpose to rebuild, restore and renew all that is broken (Isaiah 61). We work to end the brokenness of hunger and poverty in our communities, in our country, and around the world. (*from, Bread for the World website*). Our prayers and actions are important. Please pray for those who struggle with hunger this week and consider donating person hygiene products or money to Le-Win Food Pantry. We work together to rebuild, restore, and renew all that is broken. Thank you for taking part!

Devotion Books

The October issue of Pockets and the October-December issue of Christ in Our Homes and The Word in Season are available now. These devotion books are helpful ways to growing our faith. Take one home today!

Ladies Day Out

Ladies Day Out will be on November 17th from 9:00am-3:00pm at the Lena Elementary School. 9:00am-12:00pm will be breakfast with Santa. Free admission, door prizes.

Let Us Know

If youth or adults in the Good Shepherd family are involved in activities which the public is invited, please provide a schedule to the church office by Tuesday morning so that we can include it in the following Sunday's bulletin.