

Good Shepherd Lutheran Church Christmas Program



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*Sunday, December 20th 2015
9:30 am*

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Prelude.....*Youth Christmas Band*

Greeting and Announcements

Advent Litany L: O Emmanuel, C: **Wake us up to your coming.**

Advent Hymn....“*Oh Come, O Come, Emmanuel*” verses 1,5,6....#257

The Lighting of the Advent Wreath

Hymn.....“*Light One Candle to Watch for Messiah*” #240

Special Music..... “*Oh, Come, Little Children*” Choir

Christmas Poem.....Preschool, Kindergarten, and other children

Christmas Program ’Twas the Night Before Christmas

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*’Twas the Night Before Christ Came

Scripture Readings.....Luke 1:26-28 and Matthew 1:18-25

Combined Hymn..... “*Away in a Manger*”..... Hymn #277

Kids Sing the first two verses and Congregation sings 3rd verse.

Scripture Reading.....Luke 2:1-7

*Kids sing “*Angels We Have Heard on High*” #289

Scripture Readings.....Luke 2:8-14 and Luke 2:15-21

*Kids sing “*Silent Night*” #281

*The real reason for the season

*Kids sing “*He Came Down*” #253

Combined Hymn... “Go Tell It On The Mountain”... see below... #290

Kids sing refrain “Go Tell It...” each time and

Congregation sings verses 1,2,3 & joins refrain after verse 3

The Sharing of the Peace

P: May the Peace of Christ be with you! C: **And also with you!**

Children may go to sit with their families.

Offering and Offering Prayer.....
 *Special Music During Offering.....*Youth Christmas Band*

The Prayers of Intercession.....
 WA: Hear us, O God. C: **Your mercy is great.**

Holy Communion.....**Great Thanksgiving**..... Page 144
**Lord’s Prayer**..... Page 145

Communion Hymns..... **Lamb of God**..... Page 146
 **“O Little Town of Bethlehem”**..... #279

Blessing:
 P: May the God of hope, through Christ our peace, in the power of the
 Holy Spirit, + bless you now and forever. C: **Amen**

Sending Hymn..... **“Joy to the World”** verses 1, 2, 4..... #267

Sending

 AM: Go in Peace. Share the good news. C: **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude.....Tena Rackow

**Please join us in the Fellowship Hall for some special Christmas
 Treats! A BIG thank you to all people involved in getting the
 Christmas program together. We had a lot of behind the scenes
 work going on and everyone’s contributions were greatly
 appreciated. A special thank you to Cara Schriener and Kristy
 Patterson for heading up the program this year and to Billie Runkle
 for organizing our instrumentalists!**

*Parents and Children, please return costumes to hangers in the
 1st-6th grade classroom before heading down for treats.*

Worship Assistants

Pianist ~ Tena Rackow

Acolyte ~ Coltin Coonts

Assisting Minister ~ Sheila Keene

Worship Assistant ~ Sondra Winters

Communion Ushers ~ Paul and Shirley Fox, Sunday School Children

Welcome Visitor ~ Bob Schlachter

Communion Assistants ~ Jay and Michelle Andrews

Sound System ~ Wayne Kurth, Taylor Bastian

Greeters ~ Jay and Michelle Andrews, Sunday School Children,
Eugene and Vivian Hesselbacher

Ushers~ Paul and Shirley Fox, Sunday School Children, Denny Luke

The Cast

CHARACTER

Reader #1

Reader #2

Mr. Mouse

Little Angels

Gabriel the Angel

Innkeeper

Shepherd #1

Shepherd #2

Shepherd #3

Mary

Joseph

Lector #1

Lector #2

Lector #3

Lector #4

Choir, Angels, Shepherds

Youth Christmas Band

YOUTH

Cierra Hatelak

Shayleigh Albright

Jacob Runkle

Lucas Price and Layton Albright

Andrea Sutter

Khayne Albright

Jared Runkle

Nakoah Cornwell

Nikolai Cornwell

Alonnah Sutter

Garrett Sutter

Andrea Sutter

Kayla Runkle

Hanna & Ashtyn Brinker

Anna Patterson

All Sunday School Children

Good Shepherd Youth and Friends

Christmas Program parts are subject to change.



~ *Calendar of Events* ~

Thursday, December 24, 2015

Christmas Eve

Candlelight Service at 5:00pm and 7:30pm

Friday, December 25, 2015 “Merry Christmas!”

Sunday, December 27, 2015

9:30am Christmas Worship Service
 with Special Sending Liturgy for Pastor Miranda

10:30am Fellowship

11:00 am Sending Potluck for Pastor Miranda

Wednesday, December 30, 2015

8:00am-11:30am “Piece Corps Quilters

Friday, January 1, 2015 “Happy New Year”

Sunday, January 3, 2016

9:30am Worship with Holy Communion

10:30am Fellowship

10:45am Sunday School

11:00am Choir Practice

5:00pm Chime Practice

<p>Worship Attendance December 13, 2015 was 78 Total Offering for December 13, 2015: \$3465.00 Amount needed to meet budget: \$5572.55</p>
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~ *Prayer Requests* ~

God's guidance and direction for...

- For peace in Syria, Afghanistan, Iraq, political leaders, and all refugees throughout the world.

God's protection and safety for those deployed...

- Please remember all our veterans. Give them all God's comfort in their memories of war and service to their country.

Healing and health concerns...

Lee Wenzel, Bob Lyvers, Annie Patterson, Donna Euler, Katy Lartz, Chris Harbach, Maryann Liebenstein, and Jon Forsythe.

We pray for those who are confined to their homes or health care centers...

Dorothy Weimer

Dorothy Wagner

Gladys Staderman

Verl Price

Steve Fahr

Evelyn Hutmacher

Laura Derr

Lois Paulsen

Gerry Harnish

Ray Stamm

Please note: If you have a prayer request and want it put in the bulletin, please write it down on the Friendship Pad or notify the office before noon on Wednesday. Prayer requests will remain for 4 weeks unless otherwise requested. Please continue to pray for those who have been removed.



God Hears and Answers Prayers

~ *Announcements* ~

Consider Alternative Giving this Christmas Celebrate Giving with ELCA GOOD GIFTS

Make a difference in the world as you give gifts to loved ones this Christmas. In lieu of traditional gifts, consider supporting meaningful projects of the ELCA in honor of friends and loved ones through **ELCA Good Gifts, ELCA Disaster Relief, or God's Global Barnyard.** Honor friends and loved ones with gifts that grow the church, fight hunger, and transform lives. **Check out the bulletin board outside the fellowship hall for more ideas!**

Join us for Christmas Eve Worship Services

Join us on Thursday December 24th at Good Shepherd as we celebrate Christmas Eve Candlelight Worship with Holy Communion at 5:00 pm and 7:30 pm. Christmas Eve worship will include special music, choir anthems, the singing of beloved Christmas hymns, children's message, brass choir, readings from the Gospel of Luke, and Pastor Miranda Klosterboer will share the evening message.

December 27th Christmas Worship

with Liturgy of Sending for Pastor Miranda
And Fellowship and Sending Potluck following worship

Annual Meeting on January 31st 2016

Annual Reports are Due January 4, 2016 Annual reports are required for each committee and organization of the congregation. These reports are assembled and made available to the congregation members prior to the meeting. The reports are the responsibility of the chairperson or offices. We will be sending out the reports from last year for you to update your reports and turn them into the office by Monday, **January 4, 2016.** If possible, please type up the report and email it in Word format to either gslchurch@aeroinc.net, GoodShepherdLena@outlook.com or gslc@goodshepherdlena.org

No One Eats Alone-2015

No one should eat alone this holiday season . This event is specifically intended for those either not having family/friends nearby or having troubled times. Holiday Dinner Thursday December 24th –Serving from 11:00 am to 1:00 pm at Coach' Golf & Grill 621 West Lena St., Lena, IL 815-369-2222.



Christmas Eve Services

Christmas Eve Candlelight Service

5:00pm

Christmas Eve Candlelight Service

7:30pm

Join us for Christmas Eve Worship Services on Tuesday December 24th at Good Shepherd as we celebrate Christmas Eve Candlelight worship with Holy Communion at 5:00 pm and 7:30 pm. Christmas Eve worship will include special music, choir anthems, the singing of beloved Christmas hymns, children's message, brass choir, readings from the Gospel of Luke, and Pastor Miranda Klosterboer will share the evening message.

