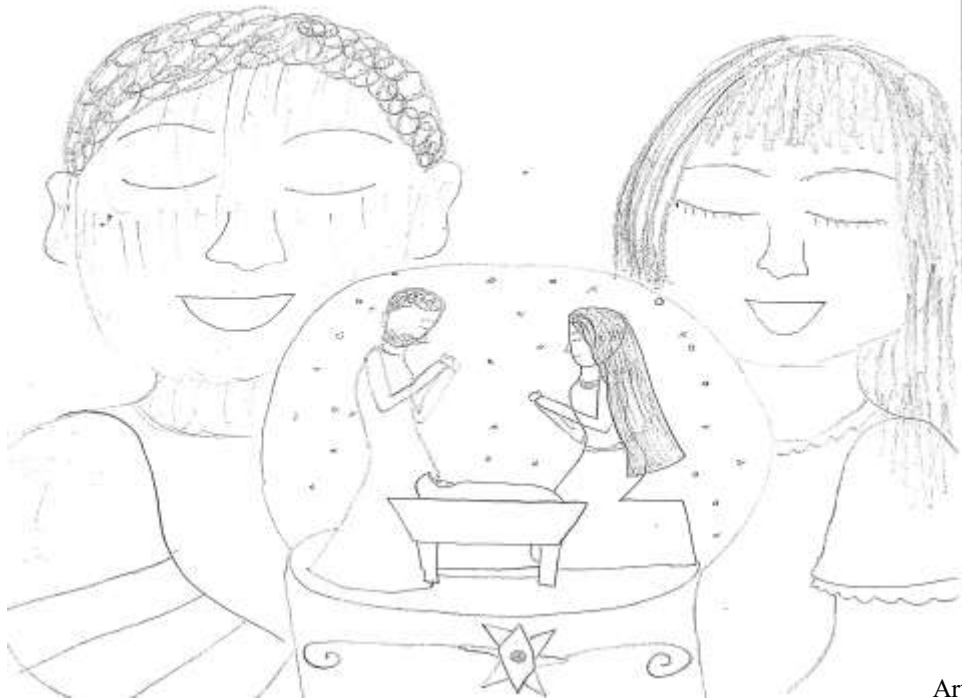


Good Shepherd Lutheran Church Christmas Program

Sunday, December 16th 2018



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Prelude.....Youth Christmas Band

Greeting and Announcements

Lighting Advent Wreath

Sunday School Children

Today we light the candle of love because God is love.

We wait for Jesus, the love of God to come.

Let us pray. Come, Lord Jesus. Shine with us as we light three candles this week. Keep us joyful as we wait for you. Give us thankful and generous hearts. Renew all creation with your love, for you are our light and our salvation. Amen

Let us sing "He Came down together"!

(During the song, light hope, peace and love candles)

HE CAME DOWN

ELW#253

He came down that we may have love; He came down that we may have love;
He came down that we may have love; Hallelujah forever more.

Christmas Program "Ornaments of Christmas"

Songs in the program:

Once on a Quite Night.....Youth Christmas Choir

Away in a Manger(song by children)

Joy to the WorldELW #267

Angels We Have Heard on High.....ELW#289

Go Tell it on the Mountain(refrain by children) ELW #290

We Wish You a Merry Christmas

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.

OfferingLet All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence.....Chimes

Prayer of the peopleWA: Lord in you mercy, C: Hear our Prayer

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.**

Thanksgiving At The Table

Lord's Prayer

Invitation to Communion

Lamb Of God Tune:JEG ER SÅ GLAD (ELW#271)

1. O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all, the world away; you suffered death our lives to save: have mercy now, we pray.
2. O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all, the world away; you set us free from guilt and grave: have mercy now, we pray.
3. O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all, the world away; eternal peace with God you made: give us your peace, we pray.

Communion Song.....Jesus Loves Me!.....ELW#595

Prayer After Communion

Blessing

Sending Hymn... "Prepare the Royal Highway"ELW#264

DISMISSAL (from the back)

A: Go in peace. Christ is with you. **C: Thanks be to God.**

Postlude.....



<p>Worship Attendance December 9, 2018: 60 Total Offering for December 9, 2018: \$2131.00 amount needed \$8977.04</p>

Worship Assistants

Pianist ~ Krista Keene
Organist~ Karen Niemeier
Assisting Minister ~ Anna Patterson
Communion Ushers ~ Sunday School Children
Communion Assistants ~ Youth
Sound System ~ Troy Doubler and Youth
Greeters ~ Sunday School Children
Ushers~ Sunday School Children
Elevator Operator ~ Jean Engle

~Prayer Requests ~

God's peace

To our homes, among nations, God's church, those who are affected by severe weather, and our hearts

God's Blessings

To the work at ELCA, Good Gifts, Lena Area Church Cooperative, Lutheran World Relief, our families and friends.

God's healing...

...to **Bob Lyvers, Dick and Rene Johnson, Ethel Lobdell, Gene Hesselbacher, Sheridan Brinker, Greg Lloyd, Donna Euler, Robin Cross, Connor Stadermann, Jaden, Jon Forsythe, Brooke, Meghan, Sylvia, Diane, Darren, Myron Coaty, Deb Lindeman Harder, Graham Russell, Tim Coleman, Cindy Tessendorf, Larry Larson, Jim Watson, and Clayton Stouffer.**

Pray for peace, love, comfort and resurrection hope for family and friends of Ronald Welton, Ronald Larson and Bruce Johnson.

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

Steve Fahr

Lois Paulsen

Fern Harnish

Verl Price

Merciful God, we pray for peace to ring out in our hearts and in our homes; for mercy and forgiveness to reign in every community; for war to cease and hunger to end. Give us this joy now, Holy One. In Jesus name we pray. Amen.



God Hears and Answers Prayers



~ Calendar of Events ~

<i>December 20</i>	<i>Good Shepherd at Friendship Center Devotions & Dessert</i>	<i>1:00pm</i>
<i>December 21</i>	<i>Hannah Circle "Birthday Party at LLC"</i>	<i>2:00pm</i>
<i>December 21</i>	<i>Youth Owl Night</i>	<i>5:00pm</i>
<i>December 23</i>	<i>Fourth Sunday of Advent with Holy Communion</i>	<i>9:30am</i>
<i>December 24</i>	<i>Family Christmas Eve Service</i>	<i>5:00pm</i>
<i>December 24</i>	<i>Christmas Eve Candlelight Service</i>	<i>7:30pm</i>
<i>December 25</i>	<i>Christmas Day Service</i>	<i>9:30am</i>
<i>December 25</i>	<i>Office Closed</i>	
<i>December 26</i>	<i>Piece Corps Quilters</i>	<i>8:00am-11:30am</i>
<i>December 30</i>	<i>Blue Christmas Worship with Holy Communion</i>	<i>9:30am</i>
	<i>Fellowship</i>	<i>10:30am</i>
<i>January 1,</i>	<i>Office Closed</i>	

There will be no Sunday School classes December 23rd and December 30th, classes will resume Sunday January 6th, 2019.



**Save the date
January 13th volunteer opportunity at Rockford Rescue Mission.**

~ *Announcements* ~

Praying for Our Members

Every week we are lifting our members in prayer. This week we are praying for Wade, Denise, Orion and Chole Flack, Gary and Coralyn Hudik, Vicki Schamberger, JD Fye, Jay, Michelle, Brianna and Austin Andrews, Wayne and Janis Kurth, Donna Christen, and David Christen.

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!**

Lena Area Church Cooperative

The Angel Tree gifts are due today. Because of your generosity, a needy family will have something special this holiday season. Thank you! And another thank you goes out to all of you who donated cookies for the Lena Lions Club Operation GoodFellow.

We personally want to say how very thankful we are to this congregation for how devoted you are to the projects of the Church Cooperative.

God Bless you and Merry Christmas!

Shirley Fox and Mary Lloyd

Matthew 25:40 "And the king will answer them, 'Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me.'

Post Partum Depression Support Group

Will be meeting on December 17th from 5:30pm-7:00pm at St. Johns Lutheran Church in Lena, IL. The group meets every third Monday at St. Johns. Child care is provided.

Holiday Breakfast at Coaches Golf and Grill

No One Eats Alone Holiday Breakfast! Thursday December 20th from 7:00am-10:30am. The holidays should be a time to rejoice and celebrate. Steve and Andrea Magee invite families and individuals living in Lena to join in a free holiday meal. This is for anyone wishing to spread some holiday spirit and in appreciation for all of our "regulars". We would not be successful without you.

Youth OWL Night

There will be activities all night at the church, come and stop by anytime. Doors open at 5:30pm and we will have snacks all night. Questions? Please talk to Kristy or Pr. Miho for more information.

Sock drive for Le-Win Elementary School

Good Shepherd is having a Sock Drive this winter. Our collection goes to Le-Win Elementary School to help children keep their feet warm with our love. There will be a collection box near the church office.

Please bring NEW comfortable socks for children. We will collect until January 7th, 2019

*All I want for Christmas is.....*What would you want for this Christmas? Write down your thoughts on the poster board in the Fellowship Hall, we'll talk about this next Sunday.

Come join us for Christmas
Holy Communion will be celebrated at all services.



Family Christmas Service.
December 24th at 5:00pm
Hear the puppets tell a Christmas story, the service will end with the singing of Silent Night with candle light.



Christmas Eve Candlelight Service
Worship Service filled with music and light.
December 24th at 7:30pm.



Christmas Day Worship Service
Carols from around the world
December 25th at 9:30am.



Blue Christmas Service.
December 30th at 9:30am
Not all Christmas is jolly and cheerful, we experience loss and darkness. Blue Christmas service offers quiet and reflective moments with scripture readings, songs and communion.



Please join us in the Fellowship Hall for 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 Kristy Patterson for heading up the program this year and to Anna Patterson for her artwork on the front cover of the program, and also to Sue Diddens for leading the Youth Choir. Thank you to Dale Gullickson, Michelle Andrews, Karen Niemeier and Marybeth Brinker for their help with the program. Thank You Krista Keene for accompaniment of the hymns during the program and BillieJo Runkle for organizing our instrumentalists!

Thank you for parents, grandparents and family members for their support and love. We thank God for you!

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

Our Performers

Brianna Fye
Lucas Fye
Kenlee Price
Abby Dolezel

Nakoah Cornwell
Izzy Reynolds
Hunter Reynolds
Bailey Schoenhard

Lukas Price
Penelope Price
Olivia Dolezel

Youth Christmas Band

Jacob Runkle
Brianna Andrews
Cierra Hatelak

Jared Runkle
Sarah Gieseman
Wayne Kurth

Kayla Runkle
Madi Diddens

Youth Christmas Choir

Kayla Runkle Madi Diddens
Ashtyn Brinker Hanna Brinker