

## GSLC Gleanings Nov. 30 - Dec. 7



#### Meditate on Scripture

The angel answered, "The Holy Spirit will come on you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you. So the holy one to be born will be called the Son of God. Even Elizabeth your relative is going to have a child in her old age, and she who was said to be unable to conceive is in her sixth month. For no word from God will ever fail."

Luke 1:35-37ESV

### This edition:

- ~ Pastor's Post
- ~ Facebook Bible Study
- ~ Table Talk
- ~ \*New\* Poinsettias for sale
- ~ \*New\* Youth Cookie Sale
- ~ \*New\* St. Andrews Update
- ~ \*New\* Offering Envelopes
- ~ Needed: Winter hat, gloves, scarf collection.
- ~ Advent devotionals
- ~ Power Pack collection through 12/3
- ~ Security System Coming



Click <u>HERE</u> for more on scripture meditation.

Looking for something else? See "Did You Know?" below.

Please <u>email the office</u> if you have a prayer request for the prayer chain.

Pastor's Post

Click HERE for Pastor's Post

Friday's FB Bible Study Topic:

Take a look at the <u>readings for 12/3</u> and tune in

to Facebook on Friday to discuss.

Join Pastor Ted on Facebook!





Join Us for Table Talk!

Wednesdays at 6:30PM OR Thursdays at 10:00AM

Forty poinsettias have been ordered to adorn our Sanctuary for Christmas.

If you'd like to sponsor one of these poinsettias, sign up at the Connect Center.

Each plant is \$11 and you can bring it home after Christmas Day.





## Youth Cookie Sale

*Good Shepherd Youth* will host a *Cookie Sale* on Sunday, December 17th.

You could help by donating cookies for the sale or making a cookie purchase that day.

Funds raised will be used to support their Servant Event at Lutheran Island Camp next summer.

Thank you to all who have volunteered for this ministry in the past! Good Shepherd's 2024 schedule is now set with the following dates:

- March 3-9
- March 9
  May 5-11
- July 7-13
- September 8-14
- November 10-16

St. Andrew's Family Shelter

In addition to our regular weeks, you may sign up for any "open" week. The first "open" week is December 24-30. Click <u>HERE</u> if you'd like to sign up.

Questions? Or would you like to become a volunteer? Contact Judi Krueger at 612-990-4735.



## 2024 Offering Envelopes

New 2024 Offering Envelopes are available for you to pick up at the top of the west stairway by the elevator.

Please stop over and pick yours up.

Thank you!



Melanie is looking for winter hats, gloves, and scarves to be used for a game during *Winter Family Fun Day*. These items will them be donated!

Pick up this year's Advent Devotions in the lobby. There are devotionals available for all ages. Get ready to spend some time with your Savior as you prepare to celebrate His birth.





...gives students nutritious and well-balanced meals that they can take home for weekends and extended school breaks.

Collect <u>food items</u> for this important project and bring them to church **by December 3rd**. See the lobby for more information!



## Update on New Security System

The activation of the church's new security system is coming soon.We've had a couple of delays and are working on training materials. We thank you for your willingness to help us make our church as secure as possible.

If you currently do not have a key to access the building, this change will not affect you. If you need access during the hours the church is open, you will continue to use Door 4 and press the silver button on the device pictured here. We will be able to see you and communicate with you as well as to let you in.

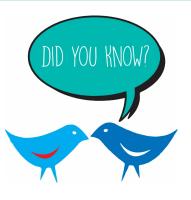
Ministry leaders who have a key will exchange it for a key

fob which will be the new way for you to unlock Door 4.

<u>Important:</u> Your key fob will open the door, HOWEVER, if you are entering outside of business hours, you will need to disarm the alarm using the distinct 4 digit code you will be assigned. You will be trained on how to use your fob and how to disarm the alarm BEFORE the system is implemented.

The goal is to implement this security system as soon as possible with documentation and training being made available before implementation.

Thanks again for your willingness to adapt to this change.



# Are you looking for something in particular?

Check out the links below.

If you have other questions, please contact <u>Ann</u>.

Join us for Traditional Worship with organ-led hymns at 8:15AM or Contemporary Worship with praise band led praise songs at 10:45AM. Communion is held every Sunday at both services beginning 9/10/23. Feel free to sign the register as it comes around during service. Thank you!





#### **Bible Study Corner**

At Good Shepherd, we each seek to Grow in our relationship with Jesus through God's Word. Check out the following opportunities!

• Sunday morning children and youth studies (Sept - May) plus Pastor-led study (year round).

- Are you a Facebook user? Did you know there is a <u>Bible Study on Facebook</u>? Pastor Ted discusses the upcoming Sunday's lectionary readings each Friday. Feel free to read along with him and post your thoughts!
- You can also find a number of online studies on the **YouVersion Bible App** for your phone, it's free! Study on your own or with a friend.
- Men's, Women's and marriage study options see the website.

2024 Schedule for Good Shepherd March 3-9 May 5-11 July 7-13



#### September 8-14 November 10-16

Also, if you are a vetted current volunteer, you may check the calendar as the correct month/year schedule appears <u>HERE</u> and sign up to work during an open week.

#### Power Pack

Please consider donating anytime to this needed ministry that provides food for needy Centennial students.

Food items needed are: ramen noodles, cereal cups, granola and/or cereal bars, applesauce cups, tiny bags of snacks and cookies, and microwaveable ravioli and spaghetti.



Financial donations are accepted. Please write checks out to *Centennial Community Food Shelf* and write "Power Pack" in the memo line.

Send your check to: *Centennial Community Food Shelf* 200 Civic Heights Circle Circle Pines, MN 55014



Scammers seem to target Pastors...

If you receive an unusual email that **looks like** it's from Pastor Ted but you are unsure, please <u>click here</u> to learn more about potential email scams.

#### Free WI-FI

If you want to use WI-FI while in the building, open your WI-FI settings and select **"Good Shepherd Guest"** and enter the password **"Shep55014!"**.





If you wish to include an announcement in the Sunday bulletin or the Thursday Gleanings, please submit your short article by Tuesday at noon.

You may email the office at <u>office@goodshepherdlink.org</u> or drop your article in Ann's mailbox in the workroom.

#### Altar Flowers

<u>Click here</u> to see how you can purchase altar flowers for any

Sunday and also take them home with you after the second service if you desire.





#### What is homeschooling? Is homeschooling right for my family?

If you've ever asked similar questions, click <u>HERE</u> to begin to find answers. Good Shepherd is here to support you in

whatever school choice you make. Please <u>contact us</u> with your questions, concerns, or needs.

Click <u>HERE</u> to set up and access Good Shepherd's directory online or from your phone. Instant Church Directory™ Online



How to Worship and Serve the Lord through the Generosity of Giving

There are three ways to financially support the mission of Jesus Christ at Good Shepherd. Click <u>HERE</u> to discover how.

How can you support the Youth Group at Good Shepherd?

Click <u>HERE</u> to find out!



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