**Adult Ministry at**

**Good Shepherd Lutheran Church**

**Fall/Winter 2017**

**Learning Opportunities**

**Sunday Morning at 9:15 am:**  Join Pastor Jerry as he leads a Bible Study where insights are shared each week from the scripture lessons of the church year that are designated for each Sunday.

**Thursday Morning at 10 am:** On the 1st and 3rd Thursday of the month join other women to study the book of Galatians. For additional information, contact Fran Smeby at 651-455-3110.

**Thursday Evening at 7 pm:** Starting October 5th join others as they study The Story of Scripture from the Life Guide Bible Study Series. For additional information, contact Scott Campbell at 651-353-0441.

**First Tuesday of the Month at 7:00 pm:** Women of all ages are invited to join the Women of Good Shepherd studying the book of Esther followed by a business meeting. For additional information, contact Linda Baker at 651-455-8043.

**Tuesday Nights from 6:30 – 7:30 &**

**Thursday Mornings from 10 – 11 am:**

8-Week Study on the Gospel of Mark. Pastor Leesa will lead the conversation on the Gospel of Mark, which is not simply a biography of Jesus or a collection of his teachings, but a story that invites us to become his disciples: To learn from, follow and enter into a living relationship with him, the Messiah.

Come to one or all sessions:

What kind of beginning is this? – January 9 or 11

Who’s in? Who’s out? – January 16 or 18

Who do you say Jesus is? – January 23 or 25

What does the glory of God look like? – Jan 30 or Feb 1

Who is the greatest? – February 6 or 8

When is the ending beginning? – February 13 or 15

Were you there when they crucified my Lord? – Feb 20 or 22

Can the end be just a beginning? – Feb 27 or March 1

**YogaDevotion**: Classes begin in the breath, centering ourselves in the Presence of God, setting aside all that distracts us from the relationship God intends for us. The devotional time at the beginning of class opens with Scripture that speaks to a practice of faith during the breath work. The body of the class is a combination of standing, balance and floor poses. Music and silence are used to intentionally listen for God’s voice. The classes close with restorative yoga, a practice of calm alertness that allows reflection and thanksgiving for God’s presence in our lives.

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**Social Events**

**\*NEW\* Oktoberfest :** A German themed dinner for the entire congregation on October 8th from 3:00 – 7:00pm. Come and enjoy good food, music and fellowship.

This will be the first congregational dinner in the new Commons space. Enjoy warm pretzels, bratwurst, hot dogs, beans, chips, root beer, apple spritzer, coffee and German chocolate, apple strudel and black forest cupcakes.

There will be games and activities for Adults and kids of all ages.

**Sister Act/Chanhassen Dinner Theatre:**On Saturday, December 16th join others for the hilarious story of Deloris Van Cartier a wannabe diva whose life takes a surprising turn when she witnesses a crime and the cops hide her away in the last place anyone would expect – a convent!.  A bus will pick up those attending at the church at approximately 10:00 am and return at approximately 4:30 pm.  The cost is $94 which includes transportation, dinner and the show. To reserve your spot, call 651-383-4244 or send a check to:  Big Dreams, 7613 Blackwell Ct. North, Inver Grove Heights, MN 55076.  Please make sure to note that you are with the Good Shepherd group.

**Card & Game Night:** On the last Thursday of the month at 6:00pm join others for an evening of cards and games. Bring your favorite board game or join others in a card game of friendly competition. Attendees should bring a dish to share.

**Women of Good Shepherd Dinners:** Christmas Brunch on Saturday, December 9th

**Advent Soup Supper:** A delicious soup supper will be offered before the 6:30 pm Wednesday Advent Worship.

**Ladies Outings:** Each month, join the women of Good Shepherd and go out to eat, attend a play/theater or take a day trip.

**Annual Craft Sale**: On November 17 & 18, the Prayer Shawl group will host our Annual Craft Show. About 30 vendors will display and sell items in the fellowship area.

Coming in 2018

**Painting Class:** A Jay Rupp painting class will be offered at the church on a Saturday from 10:00 am – 1:30 pm. Watch the bulletin and website for the day and details.