



ADVENT WEDNESDAYS

What do you fear?
Insisting on Hope this Advent

Luke's Gospel begins the story with this opening line: "in the time of Herod..." This detail may seem minor to modern readers, however, it reveals layers of information about the fearful world Jesus entered, one filled with rampant oppression, economic disparity, uncertainty, and instability. And yet, throughout the stories of Christ's birth, the whispers of angels deliver a surprising message: "Do not fear!" Our worship this Advent will allow us to voice our fearful moments through a practice called Ignatian Meditation in such a way we can insist on hope!

Dinner @ 5:30pm

Confirmation Prayer Pals meet at 5:45

Worship @ 6:30pm

Dec 3 The Annunciation to Zechariah (Luke 1:5-25)

Pizza & Veggies

Dec 10 Joseph's Dilemma and Dream (Matthew 1:18-25)

Sloppy Joes & Chips

Dec 17 The Shepherd's Encounter (Luke 2:8-12)

Meatball Subs & Fruit

The Ignatian Prayer Method, developed by Ignatius of Loyola, is a way of praying that uses imagination to enter Bible stories as if you were there. In this method, you read a passage and then visualize it—imagining sights, sounds, feelings, and emotions as if you're part of the scene. By doing so, you don't just observe what's happening; you participate in it, experiencing God's actions and words in a personal, life-like way.



Surviving the Holidays Dinner

This evening is designed to care for and support those who have lost a loved one. Please bring a photo of them to share. Guest presenter, Donna Mathiowitz, will lead our Service of Remembrance

Monday, December 8
5:30-7:30pm

RSVP by December 1st
to admin@goodshepherdigh.com



9:00 Worship Begins
November 30

One Church, One Worship:
Together on the Journey

By gathering as one body, we are embracing what so many of you have told us you value: worship that feels full of life and energy, services that reflect who we are across all generations, and a place where children, youth and adults grow together in faith.



Christmas

BINGO NIGHT

COOKIES, COCOA, PRIZES

It's an all-church Christmas Bingo night featuring cookies, Bingo prizes, and a Christmas sweater contest! Try to top Pastor Leesa's sweater for a chance to win. We'll have plenty of cookies—but be sure to eat dinner before you come (or plan on having cookies for dinner!).

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@5:30



Christmas Eve

Tuesday, December 24
1:30, 3:00 & 4:30pm

In celebration of Jesus' birth, God's people come together at Christmas Eve worship for traditional Christmas carol singing, special music including violins & cello, candle lighting during Silent Night and Holy Communion at the altar

Sunday, December 21 @ 9:00am
Holy Family Christmas Worship

On this extra-special Advent Sunday, join us for pageantry like no other as we hear how Jesus gathers Zechariah and Elizabeth, the Angel Gabriel, Mary and Joseph, the magi, shepherds, and the choir of angels for Jesus' birth. If you would like to be part of the cast of non-speaking storytellers, please see Pastor Leesa or Pastor Courtney. Rehearsal Sunday, December 14 at 10:00 a.m.

Meet an Older Friend: Service Event

Social Ministry & InterGen
are hosting a joint event!

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At Good
Shepherd

10:00
AM

Adults & youth will work side by side to break down diaper boxes into smaller packages for Neighbors Inc or pack menstruation kits for Lutheran Social Services.

While they work, they can get to know one another and have some Christmas themed fun! Each table will have printed instructions for the project, so it's simple to jump in and get started. While you pack, we'll also have some light and fun Christmas questions to help everyone connect. This is a great way to serve our community and connect with one another. Together on the Journey, Sharing God's Love.



On the third Sunday,
December 21, pick up your
reusable bag and fill it with,
filled with nutritious food
for Neighbors Inc.

Return it on the fourth
Sunday, December 28

Help us reach our
2025-2026 goal of 10,000
pounds of food support!

God's Abundance and Generosity are Overflowing!

Our stewardship theme, Overflowing Together,
reminds us that every gift makes a difference.

As the year draws to a close, we deeply
appreciate your year-end monetary donation to
support Good Shepherd's ministry.
To give online, choose Year End Donation.

Prayer Pals

Confirmation Students and their
Prayer Pals will meet for:
Dinner and Conversation at 5:45
Worship with your Prayer Pal at 6:30

Weds, Dec 3

Weds, Dec 10

Weds, Dec 17

Cost of Dinner: \$5
Pastor Courtney will provide
Prayer Pal Guides

Christmas Poinsettias

Order a poinsettia in honor or
memory of a loved one.
Sign up at the Welcome Center.
Plants are \$25

Church Office Closed December 25 - January 4

The week after Christmas, church staff will not be in
the office. They will, however, address any pastoral
care emergencies. If there is a pastoral emergency,
please call Pastor Leesa at 651-592-2976
or Pastor Courtney at 651-769-7287

ANNUAL MEETING SUNDAY, JANUARY 25 @ 10:00

Church-wide changes are made to our church
constitution. Request a copy from the church office.

2025 Giving Tree

TAKE A TAG OFF OUR GIVING TREE IN THE COMMONS TO PURCHASE A HYGIENE KIT FOR LUTHERAN SOCIAL SERVICES' REZEK HOUSE, A TRANSITIONAL LIVING PROGRAM FOR YOUTH

Each kit contains:

Reusable tote bag or shower caddy

Full-size deodorant

Full-size shampoo & conditioner*

Toothbrush & Full-size toothpaste

Full-size body wash

Brush or comb



*Youth Hair Products

Rezek House is located in St. Paul's Midway neighborhood and is a two-year transitional living program for youth ages 16-21 who are experiencing homelessness. Youth in the program pay "rent" by placing 30% of their income into a savings account. This account accumulates until they move out, at which time the saved money helps them transition to an independent living situation. Paying "rent" is instrumental in teaching youth budgeting skills and developing a rental history.

In addition to transitional housing, Rezek House includes a drop-in center. The drop-in center is designated for youth enrolled in their programs and provides access to a phone, computer, community kitchen stocked with food and various classes/events led by staff and community volunteers. It also includes an employment specialist who supports youth in exploring career options and employment goals.

