



THE SERVANT LEADER

October & November 2018



Good Shepherd Lutheran Church

Peshtigo, Wisconsin

*“Think of us in this way, as servants of Christ and stewards of God’s mysteries.”
(1 Corinthians 4:1)*

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GSLC GENERAL INFORMATION

Website: www.goodshepherdpeshtigo.org

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Facebook: Good Shepherd Lutheran Church

Sunday Worship: 9:30 am

Christian Education: Wednesday’s, 6 pm - 7 pm, September through May

Office Hours: 10:00 am - 2:00 pm, Monday - Friday

If you ever have questions or ideas to share with the council, please see any one of the current council members:

Eric Larson - President

Chris Moon - Vice President

Rhonda McClain - Secretary

Judy Johannes - Treasurer

Matt Piechota

Rod Robins

Kathy Schenk

Jodi Swiatnicki

Michelle Druckrey

If you wish to make an offering electronically, please either click on the [Online Giving](#) button on our website, www.goodshepherdpeshtigo.org or scan our QR code to be linked to our mobile offering page.





Thoughts From The Pastor

Sisters and brothers in Christ,

What is Advent? That's a question I hear often in December. As the 2018 calendar turns to it's final page, with a fresh one for 2019 ready to hang, we again come around to the time to ponder what the birth of Jesus really means. But Advent is more than that. Advent is a liturgical season in the Church year. In fact it's the first season of the Church year. Advent leads us up to the season of Christmas and that joyful time (for some, but not all).

Yet in reality, for many, Advent is little more than calendars with little doors to open, counting down the days until Christmas. Possibly Advent is simply confused with the 'Holiday Season' with X number of shopping days left before Christmas. Perhaps at best, some see Advent as that brief time in church when we decorate the sanctuary with blue and boughs of greenery. But then even in the Church, like the rest of December when we rush to decorate, have parties, bake cookies, and shop, we rush through stories in scripture that point to the coming Messiah. All the while we hope we tell the whole story well enough so that on Christmas, we can just rejoice...and then quickly move on to the next thing.

Often times the Church, has the goal of refocusing the minds of Christians toward the waiting, preparing, and hoping for the joy of Jesus' birth. While that is a worthwhile endeavor, this year, I'm looking for something a little easier and more concrete.

As you know, at the end of the Advent season, is Christmas. We have a day and then a whole, although brief, season of Christmas; 12 days to be exact (hmmm...wonder where that song came from??) But ultimately, what the season of Advent reminds us is that what we prepare for, wait for, hope for, and then celebrate, is GOD WITH US. What we see as the end is actually our new beginning in the Christ-child.

It's easy to get wrapped up in the beauty, joy, and wonder of little baby who happens to be named Jesus. Yet more importantly and to the point, Christmas is God coming to US to save US from ourselves. That's it. God comes to us because it could literally only take an act of God to save us from our sinful and broken selves. My hope this Advent season is that, we can ponder, not the waiting, preparing, and hoping, but rather the being present in the moment. Specifically in the moment of God truly being present with and for US. Ponder God, creator of heaven and earth, of things seen and unseen, being HERE, with US.

I pray that these Advent, Christmas, and Epiphany seasons to come (yes there are more Church seasons), are a blessed time for all of you, your families, and those whom you hold most dear. I pray that you find joy in the moment and I pray that you feel hope in knowing that God, came here, for YOU.

*God's peace and blessings to you all,
Pastor David*



Pastoral Care If you are ever in the hospital, a care facility, or just want a visit from Pastor David, please give a call. For several years now, the hospitals in our area are no longer calling pastors to alert them to parishioners being admitted. The same goes with the area rehab centers and nursing homes. Therefore, if you would like Pastor David to visit you must call on his cell phone, 608-323-0429. He is very willing to come for surgeries, hospital stays, emergencies, or visits at home. Thank you!



Christmas Caroling



Wednesday, Dec. 12 • 5 p.m.

Good Shepherd is again planning to go caroling around Peshtigo. We will gather at church on Wednesday, Dec. 12th at 5pm and from there drive to some member homes and also to the Renaissance spreading good cheer. Following the caroling we will return to Good Shepherd (probably around 6:30 pm) for snacks and hot cocoa and hot cider.

All ages are welcome. If you enjoy Christmas carols, please join us and bring a snack to share. Watch for a sign-up sheet at church...it is helpful to know how many will participate, who will be able to drive, and what snacks you are bringing. We look forward to seeing you! Please see Chris Moon or Pastor David with any questions.



Calling all bakers!

We will be collecting donations of cookies and other holiday treats to be distributed to our shut-ins during caroling. Treats can be brought to church on Sunday, December 9th. Please let Chris Moon know if you are able to donate some Christmas goodies. Thank you!

Time & Talent Sheets for 2019 New sheets for 2019 will be available beginning on December 2nd. Please take a few minutes to complete these forms and return them to the church office by December 31st. Forms will still be accepted in January but please turn them in as soon as possible so that the ministry schedule for the coming months can be completed. Thank you!



Christmas Volunteers:

We are in need of volunteers for our Christmas Eve service. We will need greeters, someone for collecting offering and serving communion, and 6 readers. If you can help out, see Pastor David.

2018 Christmas Worship Schedule



Our worship service this year is as follows:

Lessons & Carols Candlelight Christmas Eve Service

beginning at 6:30 p.m. on Monday, December 24th

*This year's worship will include many solo and group musical pieces.

We will not have a Christmas Day service this year due to the fact we would have 3 consecutive days of service.

All are welcome at our services so please invite family and friends to join us as we celebrate the birth of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

Find us online at www.goodshepherdpeshtigo.org
on Facebook at GoodShepherdPeshtigo
or via email at office@goodshepherdpeshtigo.org



Contact Info Up to Date?? Does the church office have your latest contact information? Do you have a new phone number, address, or email address? If so, please let the office know so that we can be sure to keep you informed on what's happening here at Good Shepherd. Also be sure to find us on Facebook and at our website: www.goodshepherdpeshtigo.org

December 2018 & January 2019 Ministry Schedule

Dec.	GREETER	COLLECT OFFERING/ COMM. SERVER	READER	COMMUNION PREP/CLEAN UP	COMMUNION BREAD BAKER	FELLOWSHIP TIME	OFFERINGS COUNTER	SNOW
2 nd	Bev Kain Nancy Bucholtz	Bev Kain Nancy Bucholtz	Kathy Cisar	Dan & Kathy Cisar	Lori Thill	Carol Murphy	Jim Finger Chuck Druckrey	
9 th	Brayden Klimek Breanna Klimek Kayla Murphy Faith Frederiksen	Chloe Garrigan Hailey Garrigan Faith F. - <i>store</i> Sariah F. - <i>store</i>	Judy Johannes	Mike Washburn	Carol Murphy	Hornick Family	Judy Johannes Jacki Falk	
16 th	Carol Murphy Jeannie Martin	Murphy Family	Teri Kelly	Jeannie Martin	Carol Murphy	Druckrey Family	Rick Thill Mike Washburn	
23 rd	Thill Family	Thill Family	Rick Thill	Thill Family	Pat Finger	Betsy Wilson Sandy Lindquist	Bev Kain Kathy Schenk	
24 th	Volunteers Needed				Pat Finger			
30 th	Don & Carol Belonga	Don & Carol Belonga	Eric Larson	Carol Murphy	Teri Kelly	Charlotte Eklund	Kathy Cisar Carol Belonga	
Jan.	GREETER	COLLECT OFFERING/ COMM. SERVER	READER	COMMUNION PREP/CLEAN UP	COMMUNION BREAD BAKER	FELLOWSHIP TIME	OFFERINGS COUNTER	SNOW
6 th		Crevier Family	Nancy Crevier	Crevier Family	Teri Kelly	Bev Kain	Lori Thill Michelle Druckrey	
13 th	Addison C. - <i>store</i> Sophi Hornick Colin Murphy Landen Swiatnicki	Lucy Lemire Elliot Lemire Luke Swiatnicki Braeden M. - <i>store</i>	Michelle Druckrey	Piechota Family	Rhonda McClain	Swiatnicki Family	Jim Finger Mike Washburn	
20 th	Bev Kain Teri Kelly	Bev Kain Teri Kelly	Rhonda McClain	Piechota Family	Rhonda McClain	Paul & Rhonda McClain	Kathy Schenk Judy Johannes	
27 th	Druckrey Family	Druckrey Family	Teri Kelly	Druckrey Family	Piechota Family		Bev Kain Carol Belonga	

****Thank you for your time to serve the congregation. You are greatly appreciated!****

Communion Bread Bakers- You are scheduled for 2 consecutive Sundays because the recipe provided by Pastor David makes bread for 2 Sundays

Snow - Your responsibility begins the Sunday you are listed and runs through the following Saturday.

****If you are unable to serve, please contact someone to switch with you and mark it on the calendar in the Fellowship Hall.****