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November 27<sup>th</sup>, 2016 at 9:30 am 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Advent  
**GOOD SHEPHERD LUTHERAN CHURCH**

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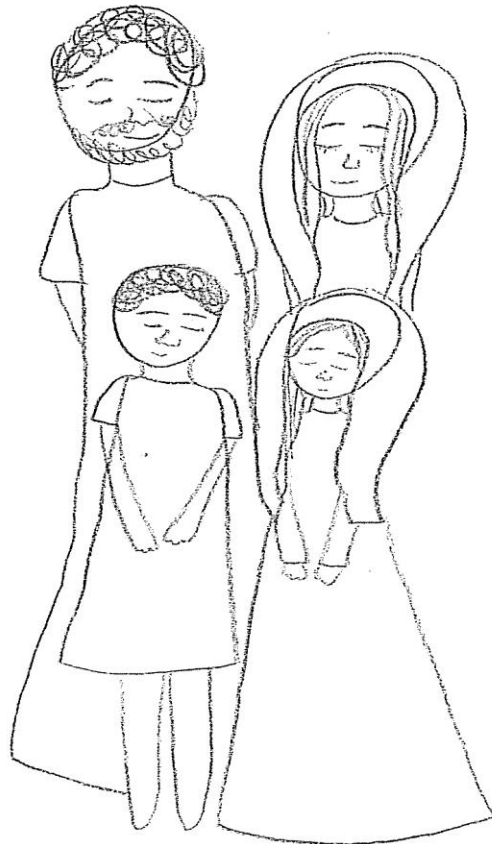
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Anna Patterson

***Welcome to worship at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church  
If you are visiting with us today, we want you to feel welcome  
And to know that we are delighted to have you here***

**We would like everyone to fill out the Friendship Pad at the end of the pews and pass it along for all to fill out. Please also mark the names of all in the family who are receiving Communion. If you are visiting, please include your address and phone number.**

**Nursery Children are always welcome at our worship services; however, if you desire, please feel free to use the nursery located out the north entrance of the sanctuary.**

— **ORDER OF WORSHIP** —  
**ELW SETTING 3**

**PRELUDE**

*(A time for prayer and reflection)*

**Tena Rackow**

**Announcements & Community Concerns**

**BRIEF ORDER FOR CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS** *(Please stand)*

*All may make the sign of the cross, the sign marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.*

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God,  
 who comes to wake us from sleep,  
 who leads us into the light of grace.

**C: Amen.**

P: Let us prepare the way of the Lord  
 by confessing our sin against God and neighbor.  
*Silence for reflection and self-examination.*

P: God of all time,

**C: we confess that we have not prepared  
 for your merciful reign among us.**

**We ignore our neighbors in need  
 and fail in the labor of justice and peace.**

**In your mercy forgive us.**

**Grant us wisdom to welcome your light  
 and to seek the things that will endure  
 until Christ comes again in glory. Amen.**

P: Comfort, O comfort my people,  
 says your God.

In ☩ Jesus Christ your sins are forgiven  
 and all things are made new.

Rejoice in this good news!

**C: Amen.**

## GATHERING SONG

## The King Shall Come

ELW#260

1 The King shall come when morn-ing dawns and light tri - um-phant breaks,  
 2 Not as of old a lit - tle child, to bear and fight and die,  
 3 Oh, bright - er than the ris - ing morn when Christ, vic - to - rious, rose  
 4 Oh, bright - er than that glo - rious morn shall dawn up - on our race  
 5 The King shall come when morn-ing dawns and light and beau - ty brings.

when beau - ty gilds the east - ern hills and life to joy a - wakes.  
 but crowned with glo - ry like the sun that lights the morn-ing sky.  
 and left the lone - some place of death, de - spite the rage of foes.  
 the day when Christ in splen - dor comes, and we shall see his face.  
 Hail, Christ the Lord! Your peo - ple pray: come quick - ly, King of kings.

## GREETING

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **C: And also with you.**

**KYRIE** *Please stand as you are able.* (Assisting Minister: regular print, **C: bold print**)

In peace, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mer - cy.**

For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mer - cy.**

For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,

and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mer - cy.**

For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise,

let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mer - cy.**

Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra - cious Lord. **A - men.**

*Please be seated***THE LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH**

*One of the best known customs for the season is the Advent wreath. The wreath and winter candle-lighting in the midst of growing darkness strengthen some of the Advent images found in the Bible. The unbroken circle of greens is an image of everlasting life, a victory wreath, the crown of Christ, or the wheel of time itself. Christians use the wreath as a sign that Christ reaches into our time to lead us to the light of everlasting life. The four candles mark the progress of the four weeks of Advent and the growth of light.*

***Litany for the First Sunday in Advent:***

L: At every beginning there is a yearning for the one who is coming. O Emmanuel,

**C: Wake us up to your coming.**

L: We gather together to expect the unexpected and imagine the unimaginable. O Emmanuel,

**C: Wake us up to your coming**

L: We wait for the day when God will recycle tanks into tractors and transform minefields into soccer fields. O Emmanuel,

**C: Wake us up to your coming.**

L: We stay awake by telling stories that offer a glimmer of a future and agitate dormant hope within us. O Emmanuel,

**C: Wake us up to your coming.**

L: Jesus, we welcome your presence now with the lighting of this candle, whose flame brings warmth to winter and fills this place with the glow of hope.

**C: Amen.**

*Light the first candle.*

**ADVENT WREATH LIGHTING HYMN O Come, O Come, Emmanuel (Verse 1) ELW#257**



1 O come, O come, Em - man - u - el, and ran - som cap - tive  
2 O come, O Wis - dom from on high, em - brac - ing all things  
3 O come, O come, O Lord of might, as to your tribes on  
4 O come, O Branch of Jes - se, free your own from Sa - tan's



Is - ra - el, that mourns in lone - ly ex - ile here  
far - and nigh: in strength and beau - ty come and stay;  
Si - nai's height in an - cient times you gave the law  
tyr - an - ny; from depths of hell your peo - ple save,



un - til the Son of God ap - pear.  
teach us your will and guide our way. Re-joyce! Re-joyce!  
in cloud, and maj - es - ty, and awe.  
and give them vic - t'ry o'er the grave.



Em - man - u - el shall come to you, O Is - ra - el.

**PRAYER OF THE DAY**

A: Let us pray, **C: Stir up your power, Lord Christ, and come. By your merciful protection save us from the threatening dangers of our sins, and enlighten our walk in the way of your salvation, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

*Please be seated*

L: The 1<sup>st</sup> READING is from Isaiah 2:1-5

<sup>2</sup>In days to come the mountain of the LORD's house shall be established as the highest of the mountains, and shall be raised above the hills; all the nations shall stream to it. <sup>3</sup>Many peoples shall come and say, "Come, let us go up to the mountain of the LORD, to the house of the God of Jacob; that he may teach us his ways and that we may walk in his paths." For out of Zion shall go forth instruction, and the word of the LORD from Jerusalem. <sup>4</sup>He shall judge between the nations, and shall arbitrate for many peoples; they shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruning hooks; nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more. <sup>5</sup>O house of Jacob, come, let us walk in the light of the LORD! L: The word of the Lord. **C: Thanks be to God.**

**Psalm 122 (Please join the Assisting Minister in reading the psalm responsively) ELW#122**

<sup>1</sup>I was glad when they said to me, "Let us go to the house of the LORD."

<sup>2</sup>**Now our feet are standing within your gates, O Jerusalem.**

<sup>3</sup>Jerusalem is built as a city that is at unity with itself;

<sup>4</sup>**to which the tribes go up, the tribes of the LORD, the assembly of Israel, to praise the name of the LORD.**

<sup>5</sup>For there are the thrones of judgment, the thrones of the house of David.

<sup>6</sup>**Pray for the peace of Jerusalem: “May they prosper who love you.**

<sup>7</sup>Peace be within your walls and quietness within your towers.

<sup>8</sup>**For the sake of my kindred and companions, I pray for your prosperity.**

<sup>9</sup>Because of the house of the LORD our God, I will seek to do you good.”

L: The 2<sup>nd</sup> READING is from Romans 13:11-14

<sup>11</sup>Besides this, you know what time it is, how it is now the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; <sup>12</sup>the night is far gone, the day is near. Let us then lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armor of light; <sup>13</sup>let us live honorably as in the day, not in reveling and drunkenness, not in debauchery and licentiousness, not in quarreling and jealousy. <sup>14</sup>Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires. L: The word of the Lord. **C: Thanks be to God.**

### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the

words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

THE HOLY GOSPEL according to Matthew 24:36-44 **C: Glory to you, O Lord.**

[Jesus said to the disciples,] <sup>36</sup>“About that day and hour no one knows, neither the angels of heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. <sup>37</sup>For as the days of Noah were, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. <sup>38</sup>For as in those days before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day Noah entered the ark, <sup>39</sup>and they knew nothing until the flood came and swept them all away, so too will be the coming of the Son of Man. <sup>40</sup>Then two will be in the field; one will be taken and one will be left. <sup>41</sup>Two women will be grinding meal together; one will be taken and one will be left. <sup>42</sup>Keep awake therefore, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming. <sup>43</sup>But understand this: if the owner of the house had known in what part of the night the thief was coming, he would have stayed awake and would not have let his house be broken into. <sup>44</sup>Therefore you also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour.”P: The gospel of the Lord!

**C: Praise to you, O Christ!**

*Please be seated*

**CHILDREN ‘S MESSAGE**

Pastor Miho Yasukawa

**SERMON**

Pastor Miho Yasukawa

## HYMN OF THE DAY

## Wake, Awake, for Night is Flying

ELW#436

1 Wake, a - wake, for night is fly - ing, the watch-men  
2 Zi - on hears the watch-men sing - ing, and all her  
3 Glo - ri - a! Let heav'n a - dore you! Let saints and

on the heights are cry - ing; a - wake, Je - ru - sa - lem, at last.  
heart with joy is spring - ing. She wakes, she ris - es from her gloom.  
an - gels sing be - fore you, with harp and cym - bal's clear - est tone.

Mid - night hears the wel - come voic - es, and at the  
Her dear friend comes down, all glo - rious, the strong in  
Gates of pearl, twelve por - tals gleam - ing, lead us to

thrill - ing cry re - joic - es: "Come forth, you maid - ens! Night is past.  
grace, in truth vic - to - rious; her star is ris'n; her light is come.  
bliss be - yond all dream - ing, with an - gel choirs a - round your throne.

The bride - groom comes! A - wake; your lamps with glad - ness take!"  
Now come, O Bless - ed One, Lord Je - sus, God's own Son.  
No eye has caught the light, no ear the thun - d'ring might

Al - le - lu - ia! Rise and pre - pare the feast to share;  
Sing ho - san - na! Oh, hear the call! Come one, come all,  
of such glo - ry. There we will go: what joy we'll know!

go, meet the bride - groom, who draws near.  
and fol - low to the ban - quet hall.  
There sweet de - light will ev - er flow.

**APOSTLES CREED** *Please Stand*

A: God has made us his people through our Baptism into Christ. Living together in trust and hope, we confess our faith.

**C: I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

**PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

*After each petition:* WA: let us pray. **C: Have mercy, O God.**

WA As we anticipate the fullness of the presence of Christ, we join with the church throughout the world, praying for all who are in need. *A brief silence*

WA: For the church and its leaders, and for all who work for the unity of the gospel; that the compassion of Christ break down all divisions, let us pray. **C: Have mercy, O God.**

WA: For the well-being of creation, for mountains and hills, lakes and rivers, snow and sunshine, plants and animals, and for all who care for the earth; that God raise up stewards to protect this good creation, let us pray. **C: Have mercy, O God.**

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WA: For peace among nations, for those who lead all levels of government, for judges and magistrates, and for those who speak for the voiceless; that all are treated with equity and fairness, let us pray.

**C: Have mercy, O God.**

WA: For those who are anxious and worried, for the sick and bereaved, for the homeless and imprisoned, for those in any need *especially, Bob Lyvers, Dick Johnson, Verl Price, Bruce, Beverly, Donna Euler, Katy Lartz, Kelli Huneke, Jane Parks, Terry, Bill and Marion* strengthen and encourage *Steve Fahr* that the compassion shown by Christ be embodied in caregivers and advocates, let us pray.

**C: Have mercy, O God.**

WA: For those who gather for word and sacrament, for those who travel, and for our holiday preparations; that in all our activities we give thanks to the Lord, let us pray.

**C: Have mercy, O God.**

WA: In thanksgiving for those who have died and are at rest; that their witness to the gospel serve as examples of living the life of faith, let us pray. **C: Have mercy, O God.**

Pastor: Merciful God, hear the prayers of your people, those spoken aloud and those known only to you, and grant us peace through Jesus Christ, our coming Savior. **C: Amen.**

**PEACE**

P: The peace of Christ be with you always.

**C: And also with you.**



**OFFERING****Tena Rackow**

*An offering is gathered for the mission of the church locally and throughout the world, including those in need. We also offer up prayers to God as we offer ourselves (time, talents, gifts, and interests) to the Lord's service and dedicate our lives to God's work in the world. During this time, the table is set. After the table is set, the offering is gathered & the anthem concludes, the acolyte walks out to the edge of the chancel steps to receive the offering from the ushers.*

**Offering Prayer** (after acolyte presents offering at altar)

**A:** Let us pray, **C: Savior of the nations, come. Make your home here in us. Feed us with your love, that our faith shine ever new and our lives reveal your light. Amen.**

**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**

**P:** It is indeed right, our duty and our joy.....we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

**HOLY, HOLY, HOLY**

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and  
might, heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry.  
Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who  
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the  
high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

**WORDS OF INSTITUTION****LORD'S PRAYER**

**P:** Let us pray with confidence in the words our Savior gave us:

**C: Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name,  
Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses,  
As we forgive those who trespass against us;  
and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen**

**INVITATION TO COMMUNION**

*We practice open Communion here — Christ invites us to the table. All baptized Christians are welcome to partake the body and blood of Jesus Christ. If you wish to receive a blessing, you may come forward. Holy Communion will be celebrated by intinction you will dip the bread into the chalice. The gold chalices have wine; the chrome chalices have grape juice. You will be ushered down the center aisle and return to your pew by way of the side aisles. If you need assistance, please let an usher know.*

**COMMUNION SONG (sung by all) Lamb of God****TABLE BLESSING:**

**P:** The Body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

**C:** Amen.

**PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION A:** God for whom we wait, you come to us in the broken bread and the cup we share. Make us ready always to welcome Christ into our hearts, and send us forth to be your people in the world, announcing your coming among us in Jesus Christ our Lord. **C: Amen.**

**BLESSING P:** May Christ, the Sun of righteousness, shine upon you and scatter the darkness from before your path. Almighty God, Father, ☩ Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

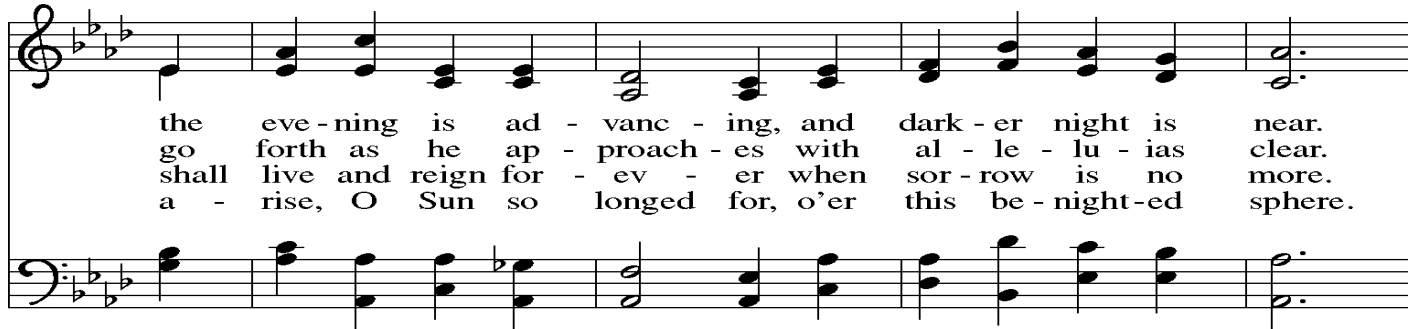
## SENDING HYMN

## Rejoice, Rejoice, Believers

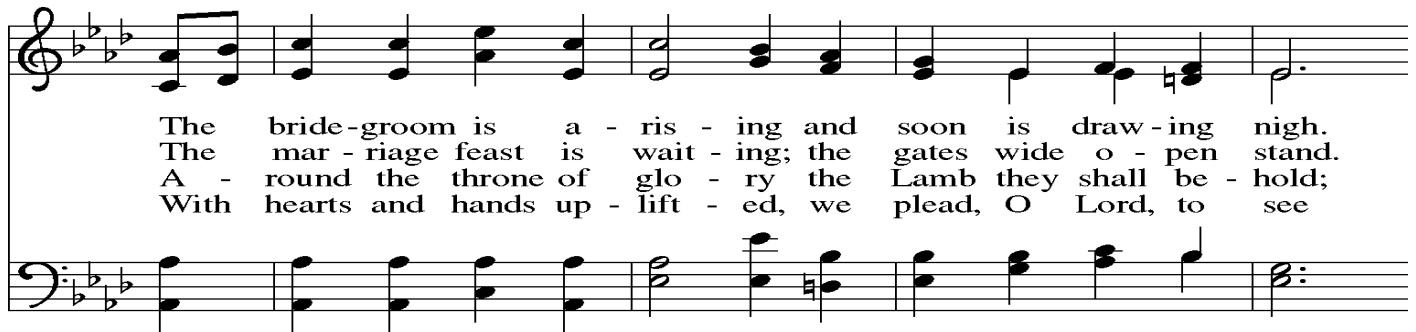
ELW#244



1 Re - joice, re - joice, be - liev - ers, and let your lights ap - pear;  
 2 The watch - ers on the moun - tain pro - claim the bride - groom near;  
 3 The saints, who here in pa - tience their cross and suf - f'ring's bore,  
 4 Our hope and ex - pec - ta - tion, O Je - sus, now ap - pear;



the eve - ning is ad - vanc - ing, and dark - er night is near.  
 go forth as he ap - proach - es with al - le - lu - ias clear.  
 shall live and reign for - ev - er when sor - row is no more.  
 a - rise, O Sun so longed for, o'er this be - night - ed sphere.



The bride - groom is a - ris - ing and soon is draw - ing night.  
 The mar - riage feast is wait - ing; the gates wide o - pen stand.  
 A - round the throne of glo - ry the Lamb they shall be - hold;  
 With hearts and hands up - lift - ed, we plead, O Lord, to see



Up, pray and watch and wres - tle; at mid - night comes the cry.  
 A - rise, O heirs of glo - ry; the bride - groom is at hand.  
 in tri - umph cast be - fore him their di - a - dems of gold.  
 the day of earth's re - demp - tion that sets your peo - ple free!

**DISMISSAL (from the back)**

A: Go in peace. Prepare the way of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

**POSTLUDE****Tena Rackow**

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**THIS WEEK AT GOOD SHEPHERD**November 27<sup>th</sup> thru December 4<sup>th</sup> 2016

<b>Today</b>	<b>Worship Service with Holy Communion</b>	<b>9:30 am</b>
	Fellowship	10:30 am
	Sunday School	<b>10:45 am</b>
	Choir Practice	11:00 am
	Chime Practice	5:00 pm
Wednesday	"Piece Corps" Quilting Group	8:00 am-11:30 am
	Confirmation Class	6:30 pm-8:00pm
	After School Program for 4 <sup>th</sup> -8 <sup>th</sup> graders at the Hangout	3:30 pm-5:00pm
Thursday	Hannah Circle in the Fellowship Hall	9:00 am
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**WORSHIP ASSISTANTS**

<u>Pastor:</u>	Pastor Miho Yasukawa	<u>Missionaries to Tanzania:</u>	Randy & Carol Stubbs Family
<u>Pianists:</u>	Tena Rackow, Sarah Baker	<u>Organist:</u>	Karen Niemeier
<u>Choir Dir. /accomp:</u>	Janis Kurth / Marion Fahr	<u>Secretary:</u>	Darlene Barr
<u>Lector</u>	Sue Diddens	<u>Acolyte:</u>	Ethan Fye
<u>Assisting Minister</u>	Dennis Luke	<u>Worship Assistant:</u>	Sue Diddens
<u>Communion Usher</u>	Chris and Angie Brinker	<u>Communion Set-up</u>	Clair and Helen Cross
<u>Communion Asst:</u>	Troy and Cindy Doubler		
<u>Elevator Operator</u>	Taylor Bastian		
<u>Sound System:</u>	Wayne Kurth, Hanna Brinker		
<u>Greeters:</u>	Troy, Sheila and Krista Keene, Troy and Cindy Doubler		
<u>Ushers:</u>	Chris and Angie Brinker, Troy Keene, Krista Keene		

**Children's Christmas Program will be December 18<sup>th</sup>**

Join us for a festive worship service led by our children and youth as they present

***"Footprints to the Manger"***

The children will lead us in song and actions. There will be special music from our children and youth. We will have congregational hymns, and we will hear and see the story unfold.

*All Sunday school children are encouraged to attend Sunday School to help prepare for the Christmas program.*

*Hope to see you all there!*

**Christmas Gifts Bags**

Items are needed for Sunday School Christmas Gift Bags, please see signup sheet by the Fellowship Hall for items that are needed

**Hannah Circle**

Will meet on Thursday December 1, 2016 at 9:00am in the Fellowship Hall. This is "Potluck".

Rene' Johnson is the Bible Study Leader.

**Pastoral Care:**

If you or someone you know needs pastoral care, please notify or call the church office (815-369-5552) and/or Pastor Miho E-mail: [gslpastor@aeroinc.net](mailto:gslpastor@aeroinc.net) Cell: 815-821-9570

**Poinsettias:**

Each year, Good Shepherd's chancel is decorated with poinsettias for the Christmas Services. You may order a poinsettia in memory or honor of a loved one; or in celebration of the birth of Jesus! Please write your information requested on a flower envelope found in the pew holders, and place it in the offering plate or drop it off at the church office by December 4<sup>th</sup> (Cost \$10.00).

**Christmas Caroling, December 11<sup>th</sup>**

We will meet at the church at 2:00 pm, dress warmly, we will bring the Joyful sounds of the Christmas Season to others in our community. After Caroling, enjoy a hot bowl of soup back at Good Shepherd.

Bring finger foods to share.

**Lena Area Church Cooperative**

The Angel Tree is up in the fellowship hall. Each angel represents a child or adult from a family in need this holiday season and contains their wish list for Christmas. If you would like to sponsor a child or adult, please take an angel (top card), fill out the information card attached (leave that here), and return your gift(s) to the church by December 18<sup>th</sup>, with the top angel attached to it. Please make sure that if you have multiple packages, that they are all marked or tied together.

Also the signup sheet for cookies for Operation Good Fellow is on the bulletin board at the bottom of the ramp.

Please indicate how many dozen you are able to donate. Cookies are due back to the church

on Wednesday, December 7<sup>th</sup> by 3 p.m.

Shirley Fox and Mary Lloyd