

# *Good Shepherd Lutheran Church Christmas Program*



*Sunday, December 17<sup>th</sup> 2017  
9:30 am*

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**Prelude.....Youth Christmas Band**

**Greeting and Announcements**

**Lighting Advent Wreath**

**Runkle Family**

L1: We praise you, O God, for this victory wreath that marks our days of preparation for Christ’s advent.

L2: As we light the candles on this wreath, strengthen our hearts as we await the Lord’s coming in glory.

**C:Enlighten us with your grace, that we may serve our neighbors in need.**

L1 &2: Grant this through Christ our Lord, whose coming is certain and whose day draws near.

**C: Amen.**

**Christmas Program “Christmas Story”**

**Combined Hymn..... “I Love to Tell the Story”.....ELW#661**

**Combined Hymn .....“O Little Town of Bethlehem”.....ELW#279  
(Verses 1 & 2)**

Scripture Reading.....Luke 2:1-14

**Hymn.....“Away in a Manager”.....Children  
(Verses 1 & 2)**

Scripture Readings..... Luke 2:15-16

**Combined Hymn .....“Angels from the Realm of Glory”.....ELW#275  
(Verses 1)**

Scripture Readings..... Matthew 2:1-11

**Combined Hymn .....“We Three Kings of Orient Are”.....WOV#646  
(Verses 1 & 2)**

*(Children Sing Refrain)*

*Children ..... “We Wish You a Merry Christmas”*

**Combined Hymn .....“Joy to the World”.....ELW#267**

**The Sharing of the Peace .....**

**P: May the Peace of Christ be with you! C: And also with you!**

*Children may go to sit with their families.*

**Offering** ..... Special Music..... Youth Christmas Band  
**The Prayers of the People**.....

WA: Lord, in your mercy,                   **C: hear our prayer.**

**Holy Communion**.....Great Thanksgiving..... **Page 144**

.....Lord's Prayer..... **Page 145**

**Communion Hymns**.....“ Love, Love, Love”.....

..... “Joy, Joy, Joy”.....

**Blessing:** (all children come forward and bless the congregation together)

**Sending Hymn**... “I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light”...**ELW#815**

**DISMISSAL** (*from the back*)

L: Go in peace. Prepare the way of the Lord.                   **C: Thanks be to God.**

**Postlude**.....Youth Christmas Band

*Please join us in the Fellowship Hall for some special Christmas Treats! A BIG thank you to all people involved in getting the Christmas program together. We had a lot of behind the scenes work going on and everyone's contributions were greatly appreciated.*

*A special thank you to Kristy Patterson for heading up the program this year Anna Patterson for her artwork on the front and back cover of the program, Taylor Bastian for the poem and also to Sue Diddens, Coralyn Hudik, Dale Gullickson, Michelle Andrews , Karen Niemeier and Marybeth Brinker for their help with the program. Thank You Krista Keene for accompaniment of the hymns during the program and BillieJo Runkle for organizing our instrumentalists!*

*Parents and Children, please return costumes to hangers in the 1st-6th grade classroom before heading down for treats.*

### **Our Performers**

Brianna Fye	Nakoah Cornwell	Sarah Geiseman
Lukas Price	Hudson Raders	Jacob Runkle
Lucas Fye	Jared Runkle	Izzy Wienand
Penelope Price	Kenlee Price	Korbin Raders
Hunter Reynolds		

### **Youth Christmas Band**

Krista Keene, Dan Kurth, Wayne Kurth, Matt Milam, Mikayla Milam, Cameron Neisman, Sarah Pena, Jacob Runkle, Jared Runkle, Kayla Runkle

*Christmas Program parts are subject to change.*

## Worship Assistants

Pianist ~ Terry Hart, Krista Keene

Assisting Minister ~ Jay Andrews

Acolyte ~ Madilyn Diddens

Worship Assistant ~ Jay Andrews

Communion Ushers ~ Ian Geiseman, Mike Geiseman

Communion Assistants ~ Kayla Runkle, Anna Patterson

Sound System ~ Wayne Kurth, Braden Diddens

Greeters ~ Hudson Raders, Korbin Raders, Lukas Price, Penelope Price, Kenlee Price

Ushers~ Jacob Runkle, Jared Runkle, Nakoah Cornwell, Ian Geiseman, Mike Geiseman

Elevator Operator ~ Willie Kayser

## *Prayer Requests ~*

### **God's guidance and direction for...**

- peace in Syria, Afghanistan, Iraq, political leaders, and all refugees throughout the world.

### **God's protection and safety for those deployed...**

- Please remember all our veterans. Give them all God's comfort in their memories of war and service to their country.

### **Healing and health concerns...**

*Bob Lyvers, Dick Johnson, Ethel Lobdell, Tena Rackow, Verl Price, Paul Hardel, Mark Fulfs, Donna Euler, Katy Lartz, Carol Stubbs, Kathy Baumgartner, Robin Cross, Millie Anderson, Connor Stadermann, Justin, Jon Forsythe, Elsie Meier, Linda, Dale, Meghan, Lucille Diddens, Jerilyn Strohecker, Cathy, Sharon, Sienna, Norman Knoll, Jill, Madilyn and Morgan Miller.*

### **We pray for those who are confined to their homes or health care centers...**

*Steve Fahr*

*Laura Derr*

*Lois Paulsen*

*Fern Harnish*

*Carol Wybourn*

Please note: If you have a prayer request and want it put in the bulletin, please write it down on the Friendship Pad or notify the office before noon on Wednesday. Prayer requests will remain for 4 weeks unless otherwise requested. Please continue to pray for those who have been removed.



God Hears and Answers Prayers



*~ Calendar of Events~*

<i>December 18</i>	<i>Finance Committee Meeting</i>	<i>6:30pm</i>
<i>December 19</i>	<i>Good Shepherd at Friendship Center Devotions &amp; Dessert</i>	<i>1:00pm</i>
<i>December 21</i>	<i>Hannah Circle "Birthday Party at LLC</i>	<i>2:00pm</i>
<i>December 22</i>	<i>Youth Owl Night</i>	<i>5:00pm</i>
<i>December 24</i>	<i>Worship with Holy Communion</i>	<i>9:30am</i>
<i>December 24</i>	<i>Christmas Eve Candlelight Service</i>	<i>7:30pm</i>
<i>December 25</i>	<i>Christmas Day Service</i>	<i>9:30am</i>
<i>December 25</i>	<i>Office Closed</i>	
<i>December 27</i>	<i>Piece Corps Quilters</i>	<i>8:00am-11:30am</i>
<i>December 31</i>	<i>Worship with Holy Communion</i>	<i>9:30am</i>
	<i>Fellowship</i>	<i>10:30am</i>
<i>January 1,</i>	<i>Office Closed</i>	

<p>Worship Attendance December 10, 2017: 69  Total Offering for December 10, 2017: \$3,546.50</p>
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## *~ Announcements ~*

### Lena Area Church Cooperative

The Angel Tree gifts are due today. Because of your generosity, a needy family will have something special this holiday season. Thank you! And another thank you goes out to all of you who donated cookies for the Lena Lions Club Operation GoodFellow.

We personally want to say how very thankful we are to this congregation for how devoted you are to the projects of the Church Cooperative.

God Bless you and Merry Christmas!

Shirley Fox and Mary Lloyd

Matthew 25:40 “And the king will answer them, ‘Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me.’”

### Consider Alternative Giving this Christmas Celebrate Giving with ELCA GOOD GIFTS

**Make a difference in the world as you give gifts to loved ones this Christmas.** In lieu of traditional gifts, consider supporting meaningful projects of the ELCA in honor of friends and loved ones through **ELCA Good Gifts, ELCA Disaster Relief, or God’s Global Barnyard.** Honor friends and loved ones with gifts that grow the church, fight hunger, and transform lives. **Check out the bulletin board outside the fellowship hall for more ideas!**

### Join us for Christmas Eve Candlelight Worship Services

**Sunday December 24<sup>th</sup>, 7:30pm at Good Shepherd as we celebrate Christmas Eve Candlelight Worship** with Holy Communion at 7:30pm. Christmas Eve worship will include special music, choir anthems, the singing of beloved Christmas hymns, children’s message, brass choir, readings and Pastor Miho will share the evening message.

### December 25<sup>th</sup> Christmas Day Worship

With Special Readings and Carols

### Sunday School

There will be no Sunday School classes today, December 24, December 31. Sunday School will resume Sunday, January 7, 2018.

### Youth OWL Night

Please come to the youth lock-in going from December 22<sup>nd</sup> 5pm to December 23<sup>rd</sup> 9am. We will have a progressive dinner and stay up all night playing games and doing other activities. This is for the 6th graders and older. Please talk to Kristy or Pr. Miho for more information.



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## A Christmas Angel's Poem

Taylor Bastian

It is you Joseph that will father this child.

Purer than the threads I am enrobed in he will be.

His burdens on this world will be lighter than my weightless wings.

Yet, he will carry our and future generations on the day of his death.

His existence will save all earthly people from Hell's infatuating touch and will destroy the sins that separate you from our eternal Father,

But this child cannot parent himself.

God has chosen you and Mary to help guide and protect him on Earth just like he does for you in heaven.

Our Father knows of the earthly struggles you will face.

He is struggling with your struggles,

But he knows your child will save the world for infinite years to come.

Trust him now.

For your family's struggles will save you all.

