

JANUARY 7 & 8, 2012

Good Shepherd Lutheran Church

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WEEKLY STAFF

Welcome

We welcome all of our visitors... as guests. We ask that you complete a gold visitor card located in the pew rack. Ushers will collect the cards at the beginning of worship. Thank you for joining us today.

We ask our members...

to complete a green card located in the pew rack. Our ushers will pick up these cards during the first part of the worship service.

Nursery available...

downstairs for children who need an alternate place during the service. It is staffed during each Sunday service by two reliable high school students. *See an usher for directions to the nursery.*

Prayer and Care... Each week we gather special prayer requests to share joys and concerns of those in need. Please enter your prayer request in the notebook in the narthex. And remember to use the "Prayer and Care" page of the bulletin in your daily prayers.

Holy Communion... Everyone is welcome. Please see our Communion Statement in each worship bulletin.

January and February Themes in Worship and Study

The season of Epiphany, this year January 6 through February 19, emphasizes the person and work of Jesus. "Epiphany" means a revealing, a manifestation, a showing forth. In the church year, this centers on Jesus as Son and Savior, and Jesus' work, and thus the church's work, of revealing the reconciling love of God for and to the world. The particular scriptures chosen for each Sunday, of course, focus on this from a biblical view, but there are other ways to recognize this epiphany of God through the events and holidays of the season.

At Good Shepherd, during this season, beginning **January 8**, the Adult Sunday School class will take an overview look at the Gospel according to St. Mark, appointed for reading this year as the gospel text for the day. Come and follow Jesus through Mark's telling of the good news, the "Messianic Secret," the call to take up your cross and follow, and Jesus' last week, his Passion that leads to his cross. And what do those last verses mean, the account that he is risen, to go to Galilee, and the women's fear.

January 15 and 22 offer two special days of reflection. January 15 (actually Monday, January 16) is the Martin Luther King, Jr., holiday. Baptist minister King proclaimed the gospel in word and deed, confronting the injustices of racial separation. The gospel for the day is Jesus' call to disciples to follow him. What can we learn from King's life and witness in response to Jesus' call to him?

January 22 is in the midst of the annual "Week of Prayer for Christian Unity." The text from Mark 1 is Jesus' announcement that the kingdom of God is at hand, to repent, and believe the gospel. How can a church broken into many parts become united in its witness to God's presence and love in the world, in Jesus? (The week begins on January 18, the festival of St. Peter, and ends on January 25, the festival of St. Paul.)

Worship Ministry Schedule

This Week - January 8 Baptism of Our Lord Sunday

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| | Acolytes | |
| 8:30 am | Devin Cahill | |
| | Sam Bennett | |
| 11:00 am | Matthew Pierce | |
| | Assistant Minister | |
| 8:30 am | Don Bennett | |
| | Communion Assistants | |
| 8:30 am | Becky Cook | |
| | Vern Gantz | |
| | Roger & Pam Bauser | |
| 11:00 am | Ed Thieman | |
| | Lectors | |
| 8:30 am | Pam Bauser | |
| 11:00 am | Jim Lange | |
| | Nursery | |
| 8:30 am | Cameron Connelly | |
| | Scott Hartmann | |
| 11:00 am | Jason Treadway | |
| | Sound Technicians | |
| 8:30 am | ~~~ | |
| 11:00 am | Ben Thieman | |
| | Ushers | |
| 8:30 am | D. Herbeck | B. Miller |
| | D. Miller | C. Dishon |
| | V. Gantz | |
| 11:00 am | J. Lange | K. Lange |
| | B. Thieman | |
| | Altar Guild | |
| | Joe & Judy Oldham | |
| | Fellowship/Coffee | |
| 8:30 am | Joe & Judy Oldham | |
| 11:00 am | Carol Snyder | |
| | Greeters | |
| 8:30 am | Bill & Ardith Hargrave | |
| 11:00 am | Suzanne Bohardt | |

Next Week - January 15 Second Sunday of Epiphany

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| | Acolytes | |
| 8:30 am | Pete Connelly | |
| | Cameron Connelly | |
| 11:00 am | Jessica Hufnagle | |
| | Assistant Minister | |
| 8:30 am | Bob Sauer | |
| | Communion Assistants | |
| 8:30 am | Gerry & Donna Harte | |
| | Del & Ginny Herbeck | |
| 11:00 am | Connie Jones | |
| | Lectors | |
| 8:30 am | Becky Cook | |
| 11:00 am | Stephen Nordin | |
| | Nursery | |
| 8:30 am | Sarah Bennett | |
| | Devin Cahill | |
| 11:00 am | Cari Pierce | |
| | Danielle Newell | |
| | Sound Technicians | |
| 8:30 am | ~~~ | |
| 11:00 am | Nick Smith | |
| | Ushers | |
| 8:30 am | R. Spitz | R. Hartmann |
| | L. Riehl | W. Wick |
| | G. Frankenfeld | |
| 11:00 am | D. Wicks | |
| | Altar Guild | |
| | Joe & Judy Oldham | |
| | Fellowship/Coffee | |
| 8:30 am | Kate & Herb Steininger | |
| 11:00 am | Carol Wicks | |
| | Greeters | |
| 8:30 am | Karen & Bob Shaw | |
| 11:00 am | Carol Wade | |

Calendar of Events

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| | Sunday January 8 | | Sunday January 15 |
| 8:30 am | Traditional Worship | | Jeremiah's Letter Sunday |
| 9:45 am | Life Long Learning | 8:30 am | Traditional Worship |
| 9:45 am | Pastor Bengson's Sunday School | 9:45 am | Life Long Learning |
| 11:00 am | Praise Worship | 9:45 am | Pastor Bengson's Sunday School |
| | | 11:00 am | Praise Worship |
| | Monday January 9 | | Monday January 16 |
| 1:15 pm | Knitters & Crocheters Group | 9:00 am | Quilting Group |
| 2:30 pm | Achievement Club | 2:30 pm | Achievement Club |
| 6:30 pm | Cub Scout Den 436 | 6:30 pm | Cub Scout Den 436 |
| 6:30 pm | Kettering Girl Scout Leaders Meeting | | |
| | Tuesday January 10 | | Tuesday January 17 |
| 6:00 pm | Girl Scouts 30638 | 7:00 pm | Alzheimer's Support Group |
| 7:00 pm | Alzheimer's Support Group | 7:00 pm | Boy Scout Troop 193 |
| 7:00 pm | Boy Scout Troop 193 | 7:00 pm | Church Council Meeting |
| 7:00 pm | Women's Bible Study - Lower Level | | |
| | Wednesday January 11 | | Wednesday January 18 |
| 2:30 pm | Achievement Club | 2:00 pm | Bethany Communion |
| 6:00 pm | Faith Family Fellowship Dinner | 2:30 pm | Achievement Club |
| 7:00 pm | Chancel Choir Practice | 6:00 pm | Faith Family Fellowship Dinner |
| | | 7:00 pm | Chancel Choir Practice |
| | Thursday January 12 | | Thursday January 19 |
| 6:30 am | Men's Bible Study-Bob Evans | 6:30 am | Men's Bible Study-Bob Evans |
| 12:30 pm | Women's Bible Study - Lounge | 7:00 am | Breakfast Club-Panera |
| | Friday January 13 | | Saturday January 21 |
| 3:00 pm | Prayer Vigil Begins | 8:00 am | Saturday Bible Study |
| 9:00 pm | Prayer Vigil Ends | 1:00 pm | "The Hole in the Gospel" Study |
| | | 1:30 pm | Praise Team Practice |
| | Saturday January 14 | 5:00 pm | Brownies "Animals Alive" Event |
| 8:00 am | Saturday Bible Study | | Epiphany Evening Service |
| | "The Hole in the Gospel" Study | | |
| 10:00 am | MAC Club | | |
| 1:00 pm | Praise Team Practice | | |
| 5:00 pm | Epiphany Evening Service | | |

Please visit our website at www.goodshepherdkettering.com to view the entire monthly calendar.

Good Shepherd Lutheran Church Staff ~ 298-0136

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David Keener - Traditional Worship/Chancel Choir Director
Deb DeVilbiss - Contemporary Worship/Praise Team Leader
Deborah Macauley - Organist/Musical Accompanist
 To reach any of the music staff, call the office for contact information.

If you would like to sign up to volunteer on the Worship Ministry Schedule contact the church office.

Life Long Learning

“Sunday School for all ages”

Grades 1 - 5
Education Wing - Lower Level

Grades 6-8 - H2H - Head to Heart
Third floor - Education Wing - H2H Room

Grades 9-12 - LYC - Lutheran Youth Corp
Lower Level - Education Wing - Youth Room

Adult Bible Study

Adult Bible Study focuses on the lectionary with Roger Bauser each Sunday at 9:45 am.

Worship Texts - Next Sunday

January 15

Second Sunday of Epiphany

1 Samuel 3:1–10 [11–20]
Psalm 139:1–6, 13–18
1 Corinthians 6:12–20
John 1:43–51

Altar Flowers

No flowers were donated to be placed on the altar this week.

Attendance & Offering

December 31, 2011 & January 1, 2012

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| Attendance | 122 |
| Offering | \$6306 |

Pastor Glen's Schedule

Pastor will be out of town on several occasions throughout January and February. His planned hours in the office are as follows:

Tuesday January 10/Wednesday January 11
Tuesday January 17/Wednesday January 18
Wednesday February 8/Thursday February 9
Wednesday February 15/Thursday February 16

Adult Sunday School Class

With Pastor Bengson

January 8 ~ Throughout Epiphany Season -
February 19 Study of Gospel of Mark

Third Congregational Discussion of Ministry Priorities

The third congregational discussion of our mission and ministry priorities is planned for **Sunday January 22**. We will discuss our priority to: “Build a stronger commitment to serve and care for our community and our world. Build a sense of community and teamwork within the congregation, emphasizing unity of faith and purpose. In addition to ministering to members of Good Shepherd through pastoral care and visitation, reach out in service to people living near Good Shepherd. Build relationships where we can share the love of Christ with those with whom we come into contact. Continue to support both local ministries such as We Care Arts and world-wide ministries.” A soup supper will be served at 6:00 pm with the discussion immediately following. In case of inclement weather, the discussion will be postponed to **Sunday January 29**.

Grief Share Sessions

Our Grief Share sessions will begin on **Sunday February 12** from 12:30 to 2:00 pm. We cover different topics of grief during this thirteen-week program using a workbook and video for each session. This is a wonderful ministry for our church. If you or anyone you know has lost a loved one, please join us. Contact the church office or contact Sue Williamson at 439-4727 or Kathy Seim at 294-1145. We will need to know by the end of January if you plan to attend so we can order materials.

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Super Bowl Sunday is **February 5**. It is the largest religious festival in the United States. I’m not kidding. Far more millions (including yours truly) will watch this sports event than attend all the religious services of the day. Many churches, however, including Good Shepherd, will have a “Souper Bowl,” collecting offerings to relieve hunger in their local communities. Come to worship equipped with extra offerings of canned goods for the pantry and a few more dollars for the special offering. Our youth will lead in the worship services on Sunday. Make a special effort to encourage them.

On **February 12** the gospel tells of Jesus’ healing of a leper, recalling the story of Naaman healed through Elijah. Healing is an important promise of God, and ministry of the church of Jesus. As always, communion will be celebrated, with a special opportunity, if you choose, to be anointed by an assisting minister for healing in your life, whatever the need may be. Signing the cross on our forehead with oil reminds us of God’s promise in baptism, and the presence of God’s Spirit in our lives, and our union with our Lord Jesus.

Come and worship in this Epiphany season, and see God reveal his love for you and all the world, and empower you for mission in Christ’s name.

The peace of the Lord be with you.
Pastor Glen

Prayer Vigil

Our next Prayer Vigil is on **Friday January 13** from 3:00 to 9:00 pm. Please sign up ahead of time if at all possible, as it is very helpful to know that we have someone here throughout the prayer vigil. However, all are welcome to drop in at anytime. Remember, many can be praying at the same time!

Dear Friends at Good Shepherd,
Please accept my grateful “Thank You” for the generous Christmas gift. Cathy and I have both been very thankful for your gracious and welcoming spirit during my time as interim pastor with the congregation. It has been a real pleasure and joy to serve with you during this time, and in the days ahead. We look forward to the congregation’s continued growth in love and service. The peace of the Lord be with you always.

Pastor Glen and Cathy Bengson

Financial Peace University

Martin Pierce will be presenting a seminar entitled “Financial Peace” beginning **Monday February 13**. The class will run for thirteen weeks and will be held in the Fellowship Hall from 7:00 to 9:00 pm. There will be a preview of the class **Sunday January 29** at 9:45 am between services, and also on **Monday January 30** at 7:00 pm to learn more about the seminar. More information will be available in the “Weekly Staff” in coming weeks. Or visit our website and go to the Financial Peace University website at www.daveramsey.com/fpu/home to register for the class, or contact Martin Pierce at 287-4021 if you have additional questions.

Women's Bible Study

The Good Shepherd Women’s Bible study will meet **Tuesday January 10** from 7:00 to 8:00 pm in the lower level of the Education Wing. The daytime study group will meet on **Thursday January 12** at 12:30 pm in the Lounge. The January study focus is “Confessing Christ.” The text is Mark 8:1-9:50. Copies of the Bible study can be found on the bulletin board in the connector, for those needing one. Plan to begin the new year by joining one of the study groups. We welcome your participation. Sharing our understanding of God’s word is truly a blessing.

Youth Quake ~ Cincinnati

Next weekend, our confirmation students, Aubrey Higgins, Pete Connelly, and Sam Bennett, will be attending a Youth Quake retreat in Cincinnati. They'll be accompanied by Bambi Higgins and Don Bennett. Please keep them in your prayers as they attend this exciting faith event.

Dayton United Lutheran Chorale

Under the direction of Marvin Hileman, rehearsals for the Spring 2012 season will begin **Sunday January 22** from 2:00 to 4:00 pm and end on Sunday April 22. Rehearsals will be at Mighty Fortress Lutheran Church, 2841 East Dorothy Lane. Concerts will be performed at local retirement centers and nursing homes on April 28/29 and May 5/6. All are welcome; no audition is required. For more information contact JoAnn Crause at 426-1071.

WELCA Spring Gathering

Good Shepherd WELCA will be hosting the Dayton Conference WELCA Spring Gathering on **Saturday April 14**. Our guest speaker will be Pastor Suzanne Dillahunt. She will be doing a Bible Study on the Book of Ruth. The event is held from 1:00 to 4:00 pm. WELCA units from other area churches will be our invited guests. Mark your calendars and plan to join other Lutheran women for what promises to be an uplifting program.

"The Hole In The Gospel"

The Saturday Morning Bible Study has started a six-week course on "The Hole in the Gospel" by Richard Stearns. This study will be led by Linda Nowakowski starting **Saturday January 7**. Our normal breakfast fare will be served starting at 8:00 am, followed by the study. All are invited. Please call Bob or Mary Ann Sauer at 439-9742 if you plan to attend so we know how much food to prepare.

Southern Ohio Synod Lay School of Theology Beyond Sunday School for the Person-In-The-Pew

Maybe you never had the urge to attend seminary to become a pastor and lead worship, but you would like to go a little deeper than is possible at your Sunday School class. This does not have to be a dilemma for you. Southern Ohio Synod has an answer called Lay School of Theology. Don't let the word theology hold you back. Theology is the way in which faith seeks to understand itself. Sounds Lutheran doesn't it? Lay School is just that: a school where those who sit in the pew for Sunday morning worship - you, the ones next to you, the ones around you — have the opportunity to take courses to gain more understanding of how God has been, and is, at work in the lives of people of every age through his Word. The courses are geared for the person-in-the-pew and also for people who are in positions of lay worship leadership. The classes are offered twice a year, in the Winter/Spring and the Fall. The class meets one Saturday a month for four months.

2012 Winter/Spring Course "Understanding the Psalms"

February 4, March 10, April 14, May 12
9:00 am to 4:00 pm
Calvary Lutheran Church
74 W. Main St., Chillicothe, OH
1.740.773.1044

Tuition is \$50 plus a book that you would need to purchase. Registration fee is non-refundable after the first class session. Lunch is provided; a freewill offering will be received for the meal. Questions may be directed to Nancy Hoffman at 740.654.3602 or nahoffman537@gmail.com or to Pastor Merlyn Seitz at 740.420.9899.

~ O Lord Hear Our Prayer ~ From Week of December 31, 2011

Praise and Thanksgiving to God for:

- ◆ The people and friends of Good Shepherd Lutheran Church
- ◆ Bishop Mark S. Hanson, Presiding Bishop, ELCA, Chicago
- ◆ Bishop Callon W. Holloway Jr., Bishop Southern Ohio Synod, ELCA, Columbus
- ◆ Companion Synods: East of Lake Victoria Diocese, Tanzania, East Africa; Evangelical Church of Mecklenburg, Germany; Evangelical Lutheran Church in the Republic of Kazakhstan, Russia; and Sinodo Espirito Santos Belem, Brazil

Prayer Ventures*

- ◆ **January 8 - Baptism of Our Lord Sunday** - Gracious God, in baptism you reveal Jesus Christ as your beloved Son and name us as inheritors of Christ's mercy and peace. Bring reconciliation and an end to violence to the war-torn areas of Saudi Arabia, Kuwait, Bahrain, Qatar, United Arab Emirates, Oman, Yemen, Iran and Iraq.

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Members and friends of Good Shepherd with medical concerns:

NEW THIS WEEK

- ◆ **Judie Evans - brain tumor surgery (from Mary Ann Sauer)**
- ◆ **Rebecca Sellman - battling stage 3 breast cancer - Gloria Linebaugh's daughter**
- ◆ **Duane (Kate & Herb Steininger's son-in-law) who is battling melanoma that has metastasized to his brain - remember especially Kate & Herb's daughter Judy also**

LAST WEEK

- ◆ **Felicia Crouch - recovering from surgery (from Bausers)**

For strength and safety for all of the brave men and women serving in the military, especially:

- ◆ **Second Lt. Dan Filcik - deployed to Afghanistan**

Submit your prayer requests to prayers@goodshepherdkettering.com or call the church office.

Prayer requests will be listed for two weeks. If after that time you would like your request to remain on this list, resubmit your request. We desire to keep you and your loved ones in prayer during times of need and joy! Thank you.

Please use this sheet daily to remember those who are near and dear to the Good Shepherd community of faith.

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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

***Call the office to request
a copy of the Weekly Staff if
you are unable to attend the
service or if you know someone
who is unable to attend.***

January Birthdays

Patrick Conway - January 1
Jon-Christopher Lundy - January 1
Janet Putney - January 2
Christina Suther - January 2
Elaina Brickohouse - January 4
Rogetr Hartmann - January 4
Timmy Lien - January 4
Don Bennett - January 6
Jim Bauser - January 7
Kathy Lange - January 7
Hanna Schiffhauer - January 7
Carie Pierce - January 9
Taylor Hood - January 10
Jennifer Kellstrom - January 10
Paula Bennett - January 14
Ben Pearson - January 17
Milan Kosanovich - January 19
Doris Rotterman - January 19

Greg Drozd - January 21
Gerry Harte - January 22
Mary Bresford - January 24
Carol Wicks - January 25
Kentra Wright - January 27
Bill Fahle - January 29
Kelly Hartmann - January 31

January Anniversaries

No wedding anniversaries recorded
in our database for this month.

***If you have a birthday or anniversary this month but did
not see your name on the list, contact the church office
to update our database records.***

***If you do not wish to have your birthday or anniversary
published in the Weekly Staff contact the church
office.***