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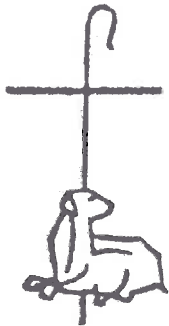
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WORSHIP SCHEDULE January 2018

SUNDAY WORSHIP

8:00 AM—Setting 4/Communion
9:15 AM—Sunday School & Adult Bible Study
10:30 AM—LSB Setting 1/Communion

OTHER WORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

EPIPHANY VIGIL—Friday JAN 7:00 PM
(Communion)
VESPERS— Wednesday Evenings 7:00 PM
(Starting Jan 17)

SUNDAY 9:15 AM—Adult Bible Study
MONDAY 7:00 PM—Divine Drama (Starts Jan 8)
WEDNESDAYS AT 10:00 AM—Ladies Bible Study

JANUARY SPECIAL DAYS

1st: New Year's Day—Circumcision & Name of Jesus
6th; The Epiphany of our Lord
7th: The Baptism of Our Lord
10TH Sts Basil the Great, Gregory of Nyssa & Gregory Nazianzus
18th: The Confession of St. Peter
24th: St. Timothy, Pastor and Confessor
25th: Conversion of St. Paul
26th: St. Titus, Pastor and Confessor
27th St. John Chrysostom

ACTIVITIES

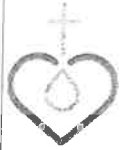
THURSDAYS: Al Anon 11:00 AM
Jan 06-9:00 AM TAKE DOWN DECORATIONS
Jan 13—Hooks & Needles 9-11 AM
Jan 14-12:15 PM—CHURCH COUNCIL
Jan 14-6:00 PM—Adult Catechism class
Jan 16-6:30 PM Board of Elders
Jan 21-9:15 AM—LWML Meeting
Jan 21—QUILL DEADLINE
Jan 21-5:00 PM Worship Committee
Jan 22-6:00-8 PM Alzheimer's Support Group in Parlor
Jan 28-12 Noon—Reception for Mikael & Zuzanna Romer (Pot-Luck)

EPIPHANY: Celebrated each year on January 6, Epiphany marks the revealing of Jesus as the Christ and Savior to the whole world. The coming of the Magi has become associated with Epiphany as the representatives of the nations who came to worship Jesus. January 6 ends the 12 days of the Christmas Season and begins the Epiphany season. The length of the Epiphany season depends upon the date of Easter, ending on the Sunday prior to Ash Wednesday. The first and last Sundays after Epiphany are festival Sundays, the first as the celebration of the Baptism of our Lord, marking the beginning of his ministry. The last is the Transfiguration of Our Lord, remembering an epiphany bringing the Old Testament into Jesus' time. The liturgical color for the two festival Sundays is white. Green is the color for the Sundays between as the growth in knowing Jesus as God, as Son and the Savior of the whole world.

**OUR VISION
SPIRITUALLY GROWING
LITURGICALLY CELEBRATING
MISSION MOTIVATED
SERVING COMMUNITY
FORGIVING**

**FEBRUARY QUILL DEADLINE
is JANUARY 21, 2018**

Please e-mail your articles to
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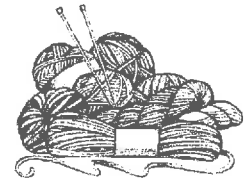


Lutheran
Women
in Mission

Lutheran Women's Missionary League, will meet on Sunday, January 21st at 9:15am in the nursery. All ladies of the congregation are welcome to join. Our Western Zone is hosting the District year, to be held at Lake Junaluska. Our group is in charge of publicity and also making table favors. But, while we work on these things, our focus is still on missions in our church, our community, our planet. As we say in our pledge, we are to be the hands and feet of Jesus. Come learn more about ways to fulfill this pledge!

HOOKS & NEEDLES:

HOOKS & NEEDLES will meet in the Fellowship Hall on Saturday, Jan. 13th, 9:00-11:00 am. Weather prevented us from meeting last month so we are a bit behind in our projects. Please consider joining us to make up those missing items that are so needed! If you have ever had ANY interest in knitting, sewing or crocheting, this is the place to find encouragement, materials, instruction— and all for a great cause!



LADIES #1 BIBLE STUDY

Before getting too far into the New Year, this is a reminder that our LCGS Ladies Bible study will start up again on Wednesday **January 10, 2018**. We begin at **10 am** and are **finished by 11:30**.

All ladies are welcome as we study the amazing book of **Hebrews**. We will discuss these verses based on answers to various questions and then a short “wrap up” to bring it all together. Our theme hymn that we sing almost every week is “**The Infant Priest Was Holy Born**” (LSB #624) which fits so well with the study. Having just celebrated Jesus’ birth, the book of Hebrews carries us into Lent. We see Jesus as our once for all sacrifice as well as High Priest.

Come join us and bring a friend. All you need is your Bible and desire to look deeply into God’s word!

In Christ,
Diana



ALZHEIMERS SUPPORT GROUP MEETS IN THE PARLOR AT LCGS THE FOURTH MONDAY OF EVERY MONTH FROM 6:00 TO 8:00PM, EXCEPT FOR MAY AND DECEMBER WHEN THEY MEET THE THIRD MONDAY.

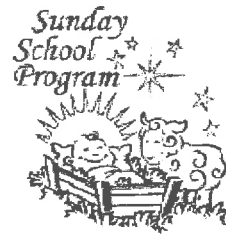
SUNDAY SCHOOL

Many thanks to the parents and other adults who made sure our Sunday School children were at church for the Advent Program rehearsal and on Sunday for the program. Passages from the four gospels were read or recited and harmonious voices sang the joy of the first coming of Christ our Savior. Well done Sunday School.

Students be sure to continue in your excellent attendance. Starting in January we will dig into the New Testament with some familiar stories and some new ones too.

Looking forward to seeing you **Sunday January 7, 2018.**

Brandy and Diana



LADIES LUNCH: The schedule for January for the Ladies Lunch. All women of LCGS are welcome to join us for lunch. We meet at 11:30 AM every Tuesday. Please call Karen Meyer if you plan on attending so we know how many seats to get.

Jan 02-City Range—615 Haywood Road

Jan 09-Applebee's—Near Haywood Mall

Jan 16-Panara Bread-708 Haywood Road (in front of Mall)

Jan 23-Eggs up Grill—805 West Wade Hampton Blvd. Greer

Jan 30-Della Ventura Italian-337 S Buncombe Rd Greer

THANK YOU! THANK YOU! THANK YOU!

A big Thank you to everyone who pitched in on December 24, to transition from

Advent at 10:30 AM to Christmas Eve in the evening. It was daunting, but do-able. With your help everything was completed in a timely manner and the chancel was beautiful. Also, a big thank you to all who participated in all of the services. The task of preparing and serving can not be done by a few. It takes a team to make it work. We made it work. Thank you.

THE 2018 FLOWER CHART HAS BEEN POSTED IN THE NARTHEX. Please take a moment and sign up for a Sunday. If you are honoring someone, please indicate that by your name.

Kathy Washington orders the flowers from the florist and you will be billed directly by the florist. The cost is \$35.00 for one arrangement.

You may take your arrangement home after the late service.

Flowers are part of the beauty and frailty of creation, and are symbolic of our joy in Christ as well as earthly boundaries. Thus, flowers are used to adorn the worship space except during the penitential times of the church year—Lent and Holy Week. The freshest flowers are to be used and the color and arrangement should be in harmony with the season or festival being observed.

Our practice is to have one or two (or more) arrangements for a worship service. The arrangements are donated by the members of the congregation, usually to honor a special person or occasion.

If you have any questions, please see Kathy.

Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd

Cancelation of Congregational Activities and Services due to winter weather:

During severe winter weather, congregational activities will be canceled as advised by local authorities or as determined by the *Greenville Public School District*.

Sunday morning service cancellation will be determined by the pastor, Elder Chair, and congregational President on Sunday morning at **6:30 AM** and the decision sent via

- 1) the **congregational E-list** and
- 2) **WYFF channel 4.**
- 3) **WSPA Channel 7**
- 4) **Church telephone message changed to reflect closing**

Those without E-mail may watch for cancellations on Channel 4 or 7 and/or be phoned by this Board.

Revised: Jan 15, 2017

“A Spiritual Nudge”

A quick note from the “desk” of Gary Meyer...also known as my dining room table.. here here!!

This is my 25th year as a member of Good Shepherd Lutheran Church. Greenville, is considered a transient area and I've seen worshipers come and go. There are those who have come back to visit and some have come to stay. It is always good to see old friends. The most impressive attribute of all who join our church are their individual Spiritual Gifts. I would like you to know that your expertise (gifts) are needed to fill in positions as members of this great congregation. Our amazing choir is always in need of some extra voices (particularly male) and if you play an instrument that's a great addition!

Sunday school....such an important function of any church, is very much in need of teachers and part time substitutes. If the above positions mentioned are not your gift there is more! Greeters, ushers, kitchen committee and youth program....even something so simple as helping with the clean up after a soup supper is a gift for the people trying to get finished so they may go upstairs for church.

Our Trustees always jump into action when a need arises and if you have plumbing or electrical skills, make us aware as they may be needed from time to time.

Finally, as a member of Good Shepherd your vote is needed at the voter's meetings. Please consider attending these meetings and cast your vote on the topics that affect the well being of our church.....

Prayerfully consider All of the above.....

Your friend in Christ, Gary Meyer

YOUR ELECTED OFFICERS FOR THE 2017-2018
YEAR

PRESIDENT—Allen Summers
VICE PRESIDENT-Thomas Greinke
RECORDING SEVRETARY-Jack Carson
TREASURER-AI Weirmeir
FINANCIAL SECRETARY-Frank Meyer
IMMEDIATE PAST PRESIDENT-Marque Kilpatrick
PAST PRESIDENT-AI Weirmeir

COMMITTEE HEAD
Supt. Christian Ed.—Diana Kiihne-Brandi Ableman
Head Elder-Ron Pearson
Head Trustee-Paul Ableman

The Choir NEEDS You !!!



As GREAT as our choir sounds on Sunday mornings, we are in DESPERATE need of enthusiastic voices to fill our ranks - especially Tenors.

This year, unfortunately, we have had several scheduled rehearsals that had to be either cancelled or severely cut short due to LACK OF VOICES in one or more of the sections.

Also this year, we had planned on presenting the "O Antiphons" Advent cantata as part of our observance of the 500th anniversary of the Reformation. This too had to be cancelled due to lack of voices..... (and attendance at rehearsals).

We even have a wonderful family that has volunteered to provide child care during rehearsals on Wednesday evenings after Vespers. We arranged this so that young couples who may enjoy singing, but were hesitant to commit due to child-care constraints, now have an opportunity to serve the congregation through the choir.

So if you appreciate our choir's efforts and enjoy singing - won't you consider committing an hour a week to LCGS's choir ? We REALLY need your help to re-grow and strengthen our choir so that we may continue to bring the Word of God to the congregation through our great Lutheran choral heritage.

Otherwise - as with anything lacking nourishment - it will fade into extinction.....

Is that what we want ?

The 2018 Ezekiel's Wheels SPRING-FLING

The Neuse River Rail-Trail

Howdy all;

Announcing the 2018 Ezekiel's Wheels Spring-Fling adventure to the Neuse River rail-trail near Wake Forest, NC, the weekend of April 8th, 2018 (the 1st weekend after Easter).

This rail-trail is one of the premier bike trails in SC/NC. It follows the scenic Neuse River for 27 miles from eastern Wake Forest to Clayton, NC.

Essentially FLAT the entire route; there are scenic overlooks, wooden bridges, trestles, pastures, and opportunities for wildlife & bird spotting along the way.

The trail is very much like the Swamp Rabbit in form & function, and there is a bike rental shop right at the start of the trail. The general plans would be similar to our standard weekend trips: we would arrive on Friday afternoon/evening, ride the trail on Saturday, then return to Greenville on Sunday.

Also - we will endeavor to make arrangements to where we have a sag-van so that anyone who goes only has to ride as much as he or she is comfortable doing. The full ride (out & back) would be approximately 50 miles.

We already have some early "pre-committals" signed up, so let's make this a GRAND group and pencil in the dates for a terrific outing !!

Here's some other early info on the travel plans:

Starting Point: Falls Dam Lake Park - (south of) Wake Forest, NC

End Point: trail ends near Clayton, NC

Hotel: Holiday Inn Express, Fonville Rd, Wake Forest, NC - approx. \$110/nite

Driving Distance: approx. 258 miles (all interstate)

Bike Rental (if needed): \$45 (as per website / daily rate) www.thebikeguyonthegreenway.com

See ya'll out there... Jim D

IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO GO WITH THE GROUP AND BE THE SAG-VAN DRIVER, LET ME KNOW.



TOTES OF LOVE

United Ministries in cooperation with Harvest Hope has begun a food delivery program to minimally mobile seniors called Totes of Love. United Ministries has identified 25 senior participants who qualify for these food boxes. Harvest Hope delivers 25 boxes of non-perishable food to United Ministries on the third Wednesday of the month. United Ministries' volunteers deliver these boxes to the seniors. There are four routes with approximately six houses on each route.

UNITED MINISTRIES 2017 HIGHLIGHTS

January – October

- 76 Students passed the GED
- 30 individuals began a job training course
- 229 jobs were obtained
- 1,512 families received food
- 1099 families received assistance with utilities or rent
- 4297 showers taken at the Place of Hope day shelter
- 32 families and 13 homeless individuals gained a home
- 137 individuals received emergency shelter through the Interfaith Hospitality Network
- Volunteers gave 24,319 hours

UNITED MINISTRIES: BRING FOOD Remember-ONE CAN PER MEMBER. Not to difficult to remember. Any nonperishable food items are needed, especially meats, rice, pasta, and canned vegetables and soups.

"EACH ONE BRING ONE EACH WEEK OR ONCE A MONTH IN 2018"

DATE	OCCASION	TIME	#	TIME	#	Total Attend.	Offering
Nov 19	Sunday	8:00 AM	52	10:30 AM	102	154	4285.15
Nov 26	Sunday	8:00 AM	40	10:30 AM	102	142	3972.10
Dec 3	Sunday	8:00 AM	55	10:30 AM	125	180	10,166.94
Dec 6	Advent			7:00 PM	73	73	
Dec 10	Sunday	8:00 AM	41	10:30 AM	110	151	6562.00
Dec 13	Advent			7:00 PM	70	70	
Dec 17	Sunday	8:00 AM	48	10:30 AM	136	184	
Dec 20	Advent			7:00 PM	63	63	
Dec 24	Advent	9:00 AM Matins	34	10:30 AM	119	153	
Dec 24	Christmas Eve	7:00 PM	145	11:00 PM	67	212	
Dec 25	Christmas Day	ONE SERVICE		10:00 AM	94	94	
Dec 31	New Year's Eve	9:00 AM Matins		10:30 AM			



The Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd

10 December 2017

LCGS Special Voters Meeting Minutes

1) Call to Order

Meeting called to order at 12:04 pm by Council President Allen Summers
There were 32 members present. Quorum achieved.

2) Opening Prayer

Pastor Steve Saxe

3) Additions / Changes to Agenda

Allen Summers

There were no additions or changes to the agenda.

4) Financial Secretary Report

Frank Meyer

Motion to accept report. Motion Passed.

5) Financial Plan 2017

Al Weirmeir

October and November report were discussed. Currently income and expenses are under estimate at about 5%. Motion to accept both October and November reports by Leslie Weirmeir. Second by Kevin Kerr Motion Passed.

5) Presentation of 2018 Financial Plan

Al Wiermeir

The Council approved 2018 Financial Plan was presented by Treasurer Al Weirmeir. Discussion.

Motion by Financial Committee: That the LCGS Congregation Voter's Assembly approve the 2018 Financial Plan including the Revised Chart of Accounts.
Motion Passed.

Motion by Financial Committee: That the LCGS Congregation Voter's Assembly approve William Tribbet as a replacement for Danielle Hesterman on the Finance Committee. Motion Passed.

Motion: That the LCGS Congregation Voter's Assembly authorizes the LCGS Treasurer to immediately transfer \$2,325 from Account 403 (Music) to Designated Account 131. Motion: Al Weirmeir Seconded: Barb Kilpatrick
Motion Passed.



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6) **New Business**

A discussion of Christmas Bonuses for 2017. A bonus is taxed therefore it was recommended that the bonus be grossed up to \$150 from the past \$100 amount to cover taxes. Motion: Al Weirmeir Seconded: Ann Reisinger Motion Passed.

Discussion to participate in supporting Habitat for Humanity. Motion by Keith Jones Seconded by Jenine Bristol Motion Passed.

Pastor commented on the work of the Church Officers and reminded the Congregation to keep the officers in their prayers.

7) **Reminders**

Next Council meeting is January 14th, 2018.

8) **Adjournment** Time: 1:18pm

Allen Summers

9) **Benediction**

Pastor Steve Saxe

Respectively submitted: Jack Carson, Recording Secretary