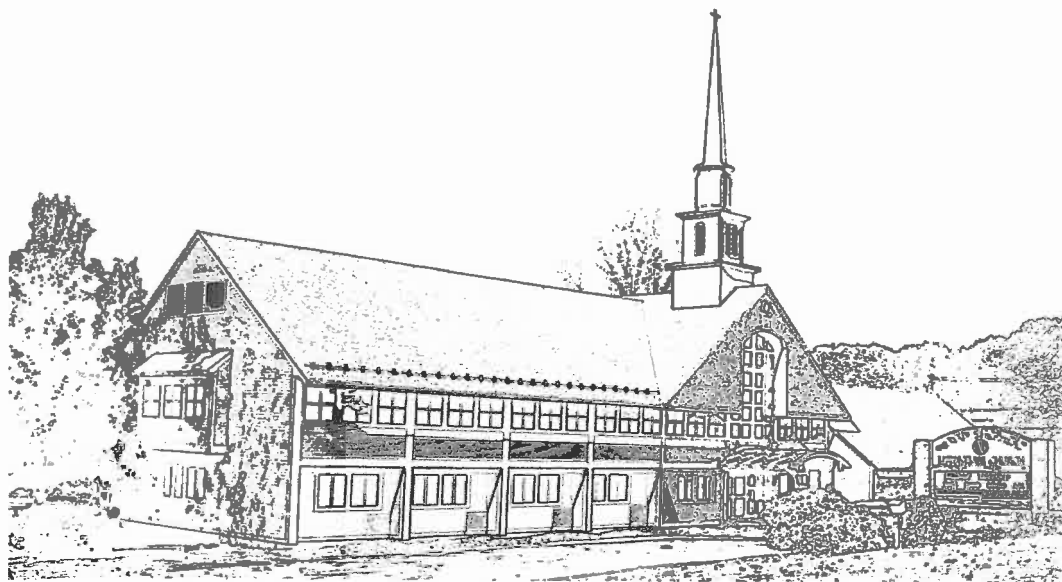


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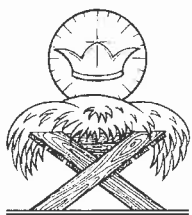
Our Mission:

We are growing, nurturing, making disciples in Christ.



## DECEMBER 2009

### CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE SCHEDULE



For unto us a child is born,  
to us a son is given ...  
Isaiah 9:6

**5:00 PM – Children’s Service**  
Carols, Communion  
& Children’s Message

**7:00 PM – Traditional Service**  
Carols, Candles & Communion

**11:00 PM – Festival Service**  
Full Choir, Bell Choir, Carols,  
Candles & Communion

**SNOW ALERTS & CANCELLATIONS** In case of snow related closings Good Shepherd will change the outgoing voicemail, send a all congregation email (*be sure your email is current*) add an announcement on our website [www.gs-lc.org](http://www.gs-lc.org) as well as list our closings on WBZ 1030AM Radio and on the local television stations, be it for worship services, Mid-Week School or other events.



Pastors, Council members, committee members and activity coordinators – **PLEASE** remember in this busy season to prepare your Annual Report and turn it in to Caryn or email it to [secretary@gs-lc.org](mailto:secretary@gs-lc.org) by **January 6, 2010.**



**Thank you!**

### **Volunteers are NEEDED!**

*Home for the semester break?  
Hosting Christmas at your house this year?  
Worshiping at Good Shepherd on Christmas Eve?*  
Why not help by serving as an **Acolyte, Crucifer, Communion Presenter or Usher** at any of the services? **PLEASE email Marilyn Reiman** ([mjreiman5@yahoo.com](mailto:mjreiman5@yahoo.com)) so she can to set-up the schedule. Thank you!



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**WORSHIP SCHEDULE**

**Changes for Advent**

For the Sundays of Advent and Christmas, December 13<sup>th</sup> – January 3<sup>rd</sup>, we will have services at **8:30 & 10:30 AM**.

These Sundays are also Children in Church Sundays.

Beginning January 10<sup>th</sup> we will be returning to 3 worship services and our Sunday School Schedule:

- 7:45 am ..... Traditional Service
- 9:00 am ..... Traditional Family Service/Choir
- ..... Sunday School I/Adult Forum
- ..... TAGS (Teens at Good Shepherd)
- 10:00 am ..... Continuation of Sunday School
- ..... Activities includes Music & Chimes
- 10:45 am ..... Contemporary Service
- ..... Sunday School II/Adult Forum
- ..... Choir Rehearsal

**ACOLYTE & CRUCIFER TRAINING**

*Do your children love to dress up in long robes or always want to play with fire? Now's their chance!*



If your child is in grade four or above and would like to learn the ropes of being an acolyte or crucifer, please mark your calendars for December 12th at noon (right after the Christmas Pageant Rehearsal). Pastor Jeff will lead a training session lasting no more than an hour. See you there!

**Fellowship @ Good Shepherd**

Each week a Good Shepherd committee or group will be responsible for setting-up, maintaining and cleaning up during fellowship time. Coffee and snack(s) need to be set-up no later than 8:15 am on Sunday and clean-up begins about 12:15 pm after contemporary worshippers have had plenty of time to eat and visit. Each committee or group can offer an additional snack to go with the beverage service. However, the committee responsible for the week must notify the office no later than Wednesday by noon if they want to cancel bagels. Kitchen supplies will continue to be supplied. See Tom Olson or Caryn Francese with questions.

*Fellowship Coffee Rotation  
December 2009*

- † 12/6 Adult Forum
- † 12/13 Prayer Shawl Committee
- † 12/20 Bell Choir
- † 12/27 Staff

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**Parish Nurse** *Reachable Daily*  
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In office at church Friday mornings

**JANUARY MESSENGER DEADLINE**

Wednesday, December 16<sup>th</sup>

Please email your articles to Caryn Francese in the office at [secretary@gs-lc.org](mailto:secretary@gs-lc.org)

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**SNOW ALERTS & CANCELLATIONS**

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## CHRISTMAS GREETINGS TO ALL

Jesus, my savior, I stand in spirit in the manger and worship the mystery of your birth in Bethlehem's stable. Here lies God, in the flesh. O Jesus, teach me humbly to believe what reason cannot comprehend and with childlike faith to accept this mystery which no mind can fully understand.

Redeemer, I joyfully praise your love and grace. You have left your father's throne – for me. You have taken the sins of the world upon yourself – for me. You are willing to fulfill all righteousness – for me. Savior I thank you for your unspeakable love and I pray that I be faithful to you. As your love has drawn you from heaven to earth so let your love draw me from earth to heaven to be yours in time and eternity. Amen.

Lutheran Book of Prayer  
© 1951 by Concordia Publishing House, St. Louis, MO

*As we come together to celebrate the birth of Christ, the staff of Good Shepherd would like to thank all of you for a wonderful 2009 and wish you a Blessed Christmas and a peaceful 2010.*

*Pastor Baines*  
Pastor Baines, Senior Pastor

*Pastor Jeff*  
Pastor Jeff, Associate Pastor

*Suzanne*  
Suzanne Gillam, Christian Ed Director

*Claire*  
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*Caryn*  
Caryn Francese, Parish Secretary



SUNDAY  
SCHOOL'S  
ANNUAL  
CHRISTMAS  
PAGEANT

**Sunday, December 13<sup>th</sup> at 10:30 am**

### Rehearsal Schedule:

December 5 <sup>th</sup>	Speaking Actors	10 AM – 12 PM
	Special Music	TBA
December 12 <sup>th</sup>	Speaking Actors	10 AM – 12 PM
	Non-Speaking Actors	11 AM – 12 PM
	Acolyte Training	Noon-1:00 pm
	Special Music	TBA

### POTLUCK



### SUPPER

Come & Join Us! A Potluck Supper will follow the Annual Christmas Pageant in the Fellowship Hall. Each family is asked to bring asked to bring a **main dish to share** and in addition a **salad or dessert**.

Main Dish + Salad/Side Families M – Z

Main Dish + Dessert Families A – L

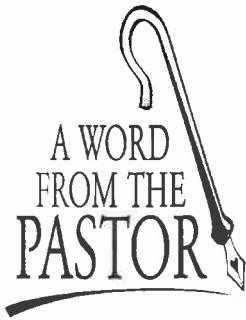
The Good Shepherd Giving Tree is now up in the front foyer. We will be supporting the following agencies this year in making a special Christmas for those in need:

**Lutheran Social Services;**  
**Westborough State Hospital;**  
**AIDS project Worcester;**  
**Ashland Street Residence;**  
**Florence House and Kennedy School for Boys.**

The number of Refugee Children at LSS this year has doubled bringing us to a total of 230 gifts between the 6 organizations. Please take a moment to check it out and see if you can include someone less fortunate in your holiday giving this year. Select your tag(s), sign your name on the list next to the # of the tag(s) you have taken and **RETURN ALL GIFTS BY SUNDAY, DEC. 6<sup>th</sup>**. Thank you for your generosity in making our mission work in the community so strong.  
**Thank you, Chrisann McCarthy, Audrea Lehman & Dawn VonDerVellen**



**HELP!** We are working on a project to make sure that we are in compliance of the ELCA archival requirements. In light of this, we are looking for extra copies (we need 2 of everything and would like to save on copying costs) of any of the following from the past 50 years: **Messenger, Bulletin and Weekly News, Meeting Minutes, Church directories.**



Dear Partners in Ministry,  
We have been talking about our **50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary** for nearly 6 months now. We are entering the part of the year in which anniversary events become bigger and more frequent. So many people have been involved in the planning and execution of the events. I am

very excited about all that has already been accomplished and what remains to come. Plans have been carefully made to reflect who we are as a congregation and the mission God has given us. We will be thanking our community. The Dec 13 carol singing in Westborough nursing homes is designed to give back to Westborough. The reception following the Interfaith Thanksgiving Service was a good way for us to thank our local faith community for their support and partnership.

Friendship Sunday was a marvelous way to reach out with the Gospel Message to our community. The Connections Committee did a fabulous job. We had right around 75 visitors. They heard the good news of God's love and experienced the warmth and hospitality of our congregation. I believe that day had a big impact on peoples' lives.

We will also be celebrating liturgically. Members of our congregation, who have gone into the ministry: The Rev. David Matson, The Rev. Jeanette Leisk, and the Rev. Richard Kremer, will be coming to preach and worship with us. Pastor Bean is also coming to preach. In January, the actual anniversary date, there will be a special service on Wednesday January 20<sup>th</sup> to celebrate the Charter Signing and first worship service. We will reenact the Charter Signing and give everyone the opportunity to sign a renewed charter for the next 50 years. The Sunday School will celebrate its 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary on Sunday, January 24<sup>th</sup>.

We will also just plain party. The Anniversary Committee is planning a really big gala event on April 10<sup>th</sup>. Watch for more details.

The biggest day of all will happen on **April 25, 2010**, Good Shepherd Sunday, when we will have one big service with Bishop Payne preaching. We are hoping that Pastor Roger Polansky, our second pastor who preceded Pastor Bean, will be here as well. There will be lots of visitors and dinner on the grounds.

Also remember that we are in the midst of a visioning process that will help us listen for God's plans for Good Shepherd as we move into the future. There will be many activities in the next several months designed to receive input from as many members of the congregation as possible. Our visioning committee will

also be going out into the community to try to discover who the community thinks we are and what they might need from us.

Please plan to be part of as many of these events as possible. As always, please know how blessed I feel to be a partner with you in ministry.

*In Christ,  
Pastor Baines*

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### 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Calendar of Events

#### November

- 15<sup>th</sup> Friendship Sunday, sponsored by the Connections Committee
- 25<sup>th</sup> Reception following the Interfaith Thanksgiving Eve Service at St. Luke's, sponsored by the Service and Outreach Committee
- 29<sup>th</sup> TAGS Reunion, Sponsored by the Youth Committee

#### December

- 6<sup>th</sup> New England Ringers Concert, sponsored by Arts at Good Shepherd
- 13<sup>th</sup> Intergeneration Christmas Caroling at Westborough nursing homes, Sponsored by the Worship and Music Committee

#### January

- 20<sup>th</sup> 6<sup>30</sup>-7 PM Anniversary of Charter Signing Special Service, *Sponsored by Triple D*
- 24<sup>th</sup> 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Good Shepherd Sunday School, sponsored by the Learning Committee
- 31<sup>st</sup> Son of the Congregation, The Rev. David Matson, preaching at all services

#### February


- 28<sup>th</sup> Daughter of the Congregation, The Rev. Jeanette Leisk, preaching at all services

#### March



- 14<sup>th</sup> Son of the Congregation, The Rev. Richard Kremer, preaching at all services

#### April

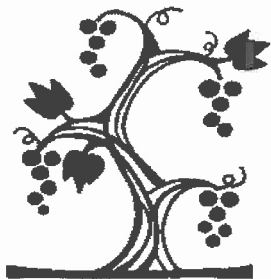
- 10<sup>th</sup> Big, Offsite Party, sponsored by the Anniversary Committee. Watch for details
- 11<sup>th</sup> The Rev. Kenneth O. Bean, preaching all services

 **APRIL 25<sup>th</sup>**   
**Good Shepherd Sunday**  
**50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Worship and Celebration!!**

This is the big event. The Bishop is preaching. There will be one huge service and dinner on the grounds.

 **Save this date!!** 

## Words from Pastor Jeff



While at seminary, I spent one summer working in Alaska, hoping to see some of the wonders of God's creation, and also to earn some money and pay off some student loans.

Being so far north, summer in Alaska meant nearly continuous sunlight! It

rearranged people's biological clocks, so that many would rack up the work hours and the overtime, and still not be tired. Summer meant a time of exaggerated activity, where everyone took advantage of the light that shone throughout the days.

Yet summer always comes to an end, and that wealth of sunshine transitioned to a pervading darkness. Winter would come, and people's schedules proved the exact opposite. Work hours diminished, activity levels decreased, and the pace of life slowed dramatically.

We may not live in the extremes of Alaska weather, but the same pattern of light holds true. We go from summer to fall to winter. Prevalent sunlight gives way to the mysteries of the dark. December brings the longest night of the year.

To navigate our way through the darkness, Advent and Christmas come to our rescue.

Advent gives us the chance to be like the people of Alaska. It is a penitential season, one where we are called to focus on our relationship with God. Instead of gearing up for a marathon of shopping and cleaning the house for guests, we can choose to slow down. With Advent, the invitation is offered by God to take a deep breath, to renew a life of prayer, and to ponder the coming gift of Christ.

And Christmas yields a celebration of light! Light spills out of the stable in Bethlehem, giving us hope in the darkest time of year. Light comes through the new life of an infant child, a life which changed the world. Light breaks into the hidden parts of our lives, exposing them to the faithful promises and loving presence of God.

At Good Shepherd, we are in the business of bearing that light into the world. We will look to the children for help, with our Christmas School and Christmas Pageant. We will go into our community, joyfully singing carols to those in nursing homes. We will celebrate the light of Christ with worship on Christmas Eve.

In the long month of December, take God's invitation to heart. As one wise minister once told me, "follow the light you have, and pray for more light."

*In Christ,  
Pastor Jeff*

## Good Shepherd Mission Endowment Fund Committee Update



*You are the people of God: he loved you and chose you for his own. Everything that you do or say, then should be done in the name of the Lord Jesus giving thanks to God.*

Colossians 3:12-17

In January of this year Good Shepherd celebrated the start of a Mission Endowment Fund with a generous gift from Roger and Pat Olson.

### ➤ What is a Mission Endowment Fund?

The name Mission Endowment Fund emphasizes the fund's purpose: to fund mission work at home and around the world, above and beyond the programs supported through regular offerings. Examples of mission work include programs in the community, a Lutheran social ministry organization, college, seminary, a synod's mission fund, and other ministries of the ELCA.

### ➤ How does a Mission Endowment Fund Work?

An endowment fund is a perpetual fund from which only the earnings or profits are distributed.

### ➤ What is the role of the Endowment Fund in relation to our financial commitment to Good Shepherd's Annual Budget?

Many think of financial stewardship only in terms of current income. Scripture teaches us that all we are and all we have is entrusted to us by God. Therefore, stewardship also includes our accumulated, inherited, and appreciated resources. As Christians just as we give for the Lord's work from our income annually, so we are encouraged to give from our accumulated resources as legacy gifts. The Good Shepherd Mission Endowment Fund provides the receptacle for receiving such legacy gifts.

### SAVE THE DATE – JANUARY 10, 2009

The Mission Endowment Committee is pleased to announce that we have scheduled a **Lunch and Learn: Information & Planning Session.** January 10<sup>th</sup> after the 10:45 service with Knute Ogren for everyone to learn more about **MISSION ENDOWMENTS.**

## Message from the President...

**Thanks and Recognition:** For some, 2009 may not be remembered as a stellar year. I beg to differ and suggest that 2009 brought out our best as a Congregation. All the wonderful things that we as a Congregation were able to accomplish this year is truly amazing and a testament to our commitment. Our accomplishments, and there were many, were the result of many people doing so many wonderful things – giving their time, talents and efforts to help further the mission of Good Shepherd.

**Associate Pastor Call:** One of our biggest accomplishments was extending a Call to Pastor Jeff Goodrich. A special thanks to Mike Grim and the Call Committee (Brad McRae, Lisa Anzede, Bill Rissmiller, Andrea Lehman and Brenda Salfeld) for the truly outstanding job they did in connection with Pastor Jeff's Call. In speaking with Pastor Astor, the Associate to the Bishop, he remarked that the call process Good Shepherd used should be the template for the ELCA. I think that statement speaks volumes about the job that was done by the Call Committee.

**Congregation Council:** Many thanks for the support and hard work of this year's Council. To be able to work with a group of people who share the same commitment and mutuality of respect is a special thing. This year, Paul Mathieu and Chris Sulmasy will be leaving Council. Chris has been Chairman of the Finance Committee and has guided Good Shepherd fiscally over the past three years. We all owe Chris a great deal of thanks, and I owe him at least a dinner for his counsel and advice. Paula Mathieu will step down from Council after six years. I personally will miss her passion, commitment and insightfulness at Council meeting.

**Staff:** What would Good Shepherd be without Claire, Suzanne, Caryn, Dave and Kristin? A scary thought and one we are lucky enough not to have to ponder. We are blessed to have such committed people.

**Clean and Bean:** How special was it to set a goal – \$75,000 – and reach that goal in these economic times? The Congregation of Good Shepherd is committed to the dedication of the chapel at the Lutheran Health Care Center in honor of Pastor Bean, our Pastor for 30 years, and the renovations of the sanctuary. It is a wonderful thing to see everyone behind it. A special call out and big thank you to both Tom Olson and Tom Decatur. Tom Olson is our Financial Secretary. Tom Olson's contribution goes way beyond any job description. His financial modeling and daily oversight of the sanctuary renovations was huge. Tom Decatur is the head of the Property Committee. Tom was instrumental in making the sanctuary renovation a reality. Together, with the tireless efforts of Bob

Frederico and Brian Thombs, we have a refurbished sanctuary that radiates warmth and hospitality.

It has been my honor and pleasure to serve as your President this year. My special thanks to Pastor Baines and Pastor Jeff for their leadership, faith and commitment to us at Good Shepherd.

There are so many more people to thank who made a difference this year, and I, personally, appreciate all your commitments.

There are many wonderful things planned for next year. The continued celebration of the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration will be a big part of it. I encourage everyone to get involved and be part of the energy, warmth and hospitality that makes us who we are at Good Shepherd.

Wishing everyone a very special Christmas holiday. May it be filled with joy, happiness and health. Spend all the time you can with your family. We are very blessed.

George W. Herz II  
Congregation Council President

## Holiday Craft Faire

December 5, 2009  
from 9:00AM to 2:00PM

Come for a day filled with fun, arts, crafts,  
BAKE SALE and other surprises!!



### Blood Pressure Screening - Last Screening for 2009 - Sunday, December 20<sup>th</sup>

Stop by the Parish Nurse office anytime between services (9:30 and 10:30 am) to have your blood pressure checked. Blood pressure dates for 2010 will be posted soon.

### NURSES NOTES

*Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men. ~Luke 2:14*

As I am writing this article, it's a few weeks before Thanksgiving and the Christmas music is on the radio! I love the sounds of the season, but my mind is racing with thoughts of what needs to be done. Overloaded schedules and to-do lists are stretched to the breaking point. How can we remember what this beautiful time of year is all about and not become crazed with the extra stuff that comes along with it? Here is a short excerpt from the website [www.Christian-Books-for-Women.com](http://www.Christian-Books-for-Women.com) about how to feel more Christian at Christmas:



- **“Start planning now.** Decide what's truly important and necessary as a family. Having Christian priorities means putting "all that's Christian" at the top of the holiday list. This is a great time to teach your kids the difference between giving and receiving.
- **As a family, evaluate all your scheduled holiday activities.** Only participate in those that you can honestly say you're attending because they bring you joy and contribute to your Christian holiday season.

There will always be pressure from other people coming at you from all directions during the holidays. Being a Christian at Christmas means you have to fight your way through the noise to get to all that's Christian about the season. The holiday season is a great opportunity to let others see you "walk the walk" and "talk the talk." *Saying* you're a Christian is one thing, actually *being one* at Christmas shows what you're really made of."

Here are some other things to try: 1) Take some time for yourself each day (15 minutes of meditation, reading, prayer or some quiet activity) and don't feel bad about it either. When you are on an airplane, you are told to put your own oxygen mask on first before you help anyone else, right? 2) Don't worry about things that you have no control over. This is energy that you can use elsewhere. 3) Exercise, eat right and get enough sleep (I know, easy for me to say). This preventative stuff does matter and it will help. Some additional Christmas CareNotes have been added to the kiosk in the lobby. Don't hesitate to take one, especially if you are dealing with grief or loss during this holiday season.

We collected 38 pints of blood at our Red Cross blood drive on October 17. Thanks to everyone who turned out to donate (either time or blood!). We would like to host blood drives a twice a year going forward. Stay tuned for our next date sometime in the spring of 2010.

We are happy to announce the arrival of our new AED machine. It was purchased for our church using funds from an anonymous donor (thank you, whoever you are!). AED stands for automated external defibrillator. It is a computerized medical device that can check a person's heart rhythm and determine if a shock is needed. The AED uses voice prompts, lights and text messages to tell the rescuer which steps to take. Our AED will be wall-mounted on the first floor outside of the men/ladies bathrooms. Signs will be posted around church to let people know where it is located. Because the AED is very self-explanatory and can be easily used by non-medical lay people no formal classes are going to be scheduled, if there is sufficient interest, I would be glad to review the machine with any group of

people who would like more information. You can also check out the company website at [www.zoll.com](http://www.zoll.com) which has a video which demonstrates the machine.

Now... what if you add illness into the mix this time of year? Arghhhh! Have you ever thought to yourself "I can't get sick now; I have too much to do." Please remember the basic things you should do to avoid getting sick: wash your hands often, cover your mouth when you cough/sneeze, keep your hands away from your face and stay home if you are sick. Please don't hesitate to use the bottles of hand sanitizer or purell wipes that have been placed around the building. It really does make a difference.

All God's blessings to you for a happy and healthy Christmas and New Year!

In Peace,  
Kristen McCordick RN, BSN  
Parish Nurse

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On *Sunday, November 1<sup>st</sup>* we celebrated **All Saint's Day** and remembered those family members and friends who had gone before us to the eternal feast in the Kingdom of Heaven. Please remember:  
**Carol Belliveau** (friend of all at Good Shepherd), **Walter Matthews** (Gretchen's husband), **Lisa DeCristofaro** (Kristen McCordick's cousin), **Janice Bianchi, Vic and Betty Lala, Ron Lala, Tulio Bianchi, Paul Slimko** (friends and family of the Bianchi Family), **Joanne (Mauro) Montvitt and Nancy M (Campana) Hansen** (friend of Caryn Francese), **Fred Hollis** (Nick and Andrea's grandfather), **Kim Berry** (Zoe Cronin's godmother and Mimi Cronin's friend), **The Rev. Mark Pepoon**, (Mimi Cronin's father), **Dr. James Milton Tucker** (Doug Tucker's father), **Roland Bousquet** (Linda Frederico's father), **Youssef Ahrabinejad** (Arman Ahrabi-Nejad's father), **Mary Palma** (friend of Shawn Gillespie), **Muriel Downey** (Julie Herz's mother), **Pat Wezniak** (Zachary Wezniak's grandmother and Kim Wezniak's mother-in-law), **Owen K. Bean and Laretta Lassa** (Pastor Bean's siblings), **Paul Kenneth Shumaker** (Barbara Sumaker's brother-in-law), **Robert Miller and Terese Heilig** (cousins of Suzanne Gillam), **Patricia Hoyt** (David Hoyt's mother), **Lilian Jennings** (Britney Steckley's grandmother) **Laszlo Makray** (Maria Steckley's father), **Mark Pegoraro** (friend of the Abby & Kevin Cross), **Max Zimmermann** (grandfather of Matthias Walz and great grandfather of Emily, Hannah and Lucy Walz), **Tracy Dingmon** (friend of Laura Joyce), **Jian-Kwei Wang** (Li Chun's father), **Heinz Bindel** (Jochen Salfeld's uncle).



## SUNDAY MORNING ADULT FORUMS



The December topic will be  
**THE PEOPLE of FAITH SERIES.**

Explore the faith journeys of key people in the Bible and make connections between their stories and yours. This study will introduce us to four different people:

- Gomer, a prostitute
- Isaiah and Jeremiah, two prophets
- and Job

This study is a match for those who are new to Bible study, or those looking for a fresh new introduction to the Bible. So, while your children are in Sunday School or before or after you worship on a Sunday morning, plan to attend one of our two Adult Forum groups. We can promise you an enjoyable and rewarding hour spent in community nurturing your faith!

Both groups meet in the Kenneth O. Bean Library. The first group begins following our first worship service at approximately 9:00 AM; and the second group meets during the third service at 10:30 AM. Help yourself to a cup of coffee and a snack from the Fellowship Hall and come on up!

- ✓ Adult Forum **will not be held** on December 13<sup>th</sup>.

January's topic: **God's Secretaries**  
To be led by Jochen Salfeld

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## SUNDAY SCHOOL OFFERING

Sunday School envelopes are issued on the school year calendar from September thru August. Please continue using your current ones. If you would like a set, you can pick them up any Sunday morning at the check-in desk in the second floor Sunday School Lounge. Giving Statements will be issued for each envelope after the first of the year or can be accessed online.

Special gratitude to Al Graefing who is serving as Sunday School's Treasurer this year. What a blessing!

## CAMP CALUMET REGISTRATIONS

Now's the time to register for summer camp at Camp Calumet Lutheran in West Ossipee, NH. Registration forms are on the kiosk in the Narthex or can be downloaded from [www.calumet.org](http://www.calumet.org).

Don't miss out on a wonderful opportunity  
- ages 8-18.

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## 63 Sunday School Children attended church on Children in Church Sunday 11/8/09

We're hoping to see that number grow –  
Our next **Children in Church** Sundays are:  
December 20 and 27 and January 3.

## and 23 Sunday School Children brought a friend to church on Friendship Sunday 11/15/09 !!!

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## IN SERVICE TO OUR COMMUNITY



During December, Sunday School once again will be supporting the **TOYS FOR TOTS**. A box marked "Toys for Tots" will be at the Donation Station in the

Fellowship Hall. Please bring in a new toy for a child from newborn thru age 15. Presents should NOT be wrapped and should be brought in by December 13<sup>th</sup>. No stuffed animals, please!

Many **THANKS** to the Sunday School children and parents for their kind efforts in supplying food for **18 Thanksgiving Food Baskets** for families in need; and to the congregation for over \$400 to purchase 18 turkey gift cards! Special thanks to the **Rich Family** for supplying the 'green' shopping bags and for their annual donation of materials for our beautiful advent wreaths!

## NORTHBOROUGH'S FOOD PANTRY

During December, Sunday School will also be collecting personal items for Northborough's Food Pantry to give their clients at this holiday time. All such items (including soap, shampoo, toothpaste and brush, deodorant, etc.) will be sent to NFP.



## FIRST COMMUNION CLASSES



Third Graders and older children who have not yet been prepared for the sacrament of Communion are invited to participate in Good Shepherd's First Communion classes.

Due to the large number of participants, classes will be held at 9:00 and 10:45 a.m. during Sunday School beginning **January 10<sup>th</sup>**.

**First Communion will be celebrated on March 7, 2010.**



**It's time for - Acolyte Training**  
4<sup>th</sup> graders through adults interested in serving as acolytes and crucifers should call the office ASAP to get their name on the training list. Don't miss out on being a charter member of The Order of the Good Shepherd!

## DECEMBER LEARNING LESSONS

### WITNESS Curriculum Age 3 thru Gr3

**December 6** Wisemen Reverence  
God guides everyone to Jesus  
**December 13** *Christmas Pageant*

### FIRELIGHT II Curriculum Gr 4 & 5

**December 6** Lost Coin Sess.3  
**December 13** *Christmas Pageant*

### PULSE Curriculum Grades 6, 7 & 8

**December 6** Followers of Jesus Sess.3  
**December 13** *Christmas Pageant*

### MIDWEEK Curriculum Grades 5 & 6

**December 2** Ruth and The Quizzer!  
**December 9** Samuel and Saul

### TRIPLE D DISCUSSION 7:00-8:00 Adults

**December 2 and 9**  
Getting Ready for Christmas  
Crafts and Stamping with Deborah Harvell  
Hymnals Angels with Pastor Baines

## SPECIAL TRIPLE D DINNER

December 9<sup>th</sup>

### Scandinavian Potluck Buffet

Freewill Donation



Does your family have a special dish to share? We're starting to put together the menu in celebration of St. Lucia's Day. We're linking up with Thrivent Financials for matching funds to help help make Triple D Dinners affordable for more families. Even if you've never had **Triple D Dinner** at church, mark your calendar to join us for this special Scandinavian Supper.

*Yes, Mac 'n Cheese will be available for the children!*



## TRIPLE D DISCUSSION FOR ADULTS -

**ADULT DISCUSSION for ADVENT**  
December 2<sup>nd</sup> & 9<sup>th</sup>

Join us Wednesday evenings to get ready for Christmas!

Deborah Harvell will facilitate a Christmas Readiness Workshop. It's a chance to work on holiday projects without interruptions -

- ❖ Making gift tags
- ❖ Wrapping presents
- ❖ Work on your Christmas cards
- ❖ Finish your own projects
- ❖ Whatever floats your boat!

Materials will be available for gift tags and card making. Any special requests? Let Deborah know at 508-852-3745.

Also continuing is the Christmas Angel Project led by Pastor Baines.



**Good Shepherd's Annual Talent Show  
and Pizza Supper**



**Sunday, January 24<sup>th</sup>**  
**Can we sign you up to  
share your talent?**

**A Fundraiser for  
Camp Calumet Summer Camperships and  
Family Discounts**

**CAMPERSHIP FUND UPDATE**



Thank you in advance to all who will help support the Campership Fund Sale at this year's Mini Craft Faire on Saturday, December 5<sup>th</sup>. We will once again be selling **Holysmokes** to help make the Fall Weekend at Calumet weekend more affordable for all.



Check out our new offering of **Wise Guys!** as well.

All are \$8 each, 2 @ \$15 and 5 @ \$35.

**Thank you so much!**



**Holiday Elves Needed**

**For Christmas School . . .  
Cookie Bakers**

Dec 1 or 2 or 3 On Site 9:30 – 10:30

**For the Pageant . . . Assist Kim Wezniak**  
with costume sorting, mending,  
distribution and collection

**For the Christmas Brunch**

Sunday, December 13<sup>th</sup>

Shifts between 10:00 and Noon

10:00-10:30 Food Warmers

10:30-12:00 Assist TAGS with

Buffet Line Set Up and Serving

12:00 Cleaner Uppers

**FRIDAY WOMEN'S GROUP**

Do you enjoy getting out on a Friday morning?  
Do you appreciate a good cup of 'Lutheran'  
coffee and a delicious baked goodie mixed with  
companionship and interesting conversation?

If you answered 'yes' to the above, plan on  
visiting our **Friday Group** some Friday morning  
at 9:30. You'll find them in the Fellowship Hall.

This month, they'll be discussing  
**TO GOD'S BELOVED:**

**PAULS' LETTERS to the ROMANS**

Paul's letters are the oldest documents we have  
from the beginning of the church. They were  
written even before the four Gospels were  
written down. Many scholars suggest that Paul  
wrote his letter to the Romans in the mid to late  
50s, when he was staying in Corinth. We hope  
that some of Paul's words in this study will lead  
us into a better understanding of God's will for  
your lives. (**Lutheran Women Today Magazine**)

**HAVE YOU HEARD ?**

At *Children in Church* Sunday on November 8<sup>th</sup>,  
during her Children's Sermon, Pastor Baines  
spoke to the children about  
Good Shepherd's plan to  
help rebuild several  
houses in Honduras.

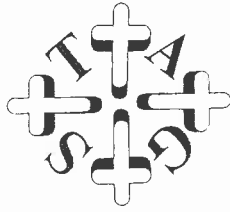


After church, the children  
had an opportunity to visit  
the Christian Cabinet to spend some of their  
earned coins. There was a basket at the  
checkout table for **Gifts to Honduras**. The  
children responded with generous hearts! They  
gave 245 coins ( = \$245 dollars ) towards the  
rebuilding project. It put us over the top!

The following Sunday when it was announced  
in church, Harrison, who was absent on the 8<sup>th</sup>,  
came to Sunday School and added 26 of his 46  
coins!

So along with \$3.50 in actual cash, the children  
have donated a remarkable **\$ 274.50**. Sunday  
School annually makes donations to two  
mission projects at \$1 per child. This usually  
translates to about \$150.00. The children  
outdid us for sure!

# Teens At Good Shepherd



*Together Always Growing Spiritually*

TAGS has a busy couple weeks ahead! We will serve breakfast on TAGS Reunion Sunday November 29<sup>th</sup>. On December 6<sup>th</sup>, all TAGS are welcome at GraceSpace for a conversation about Good Shepherd's future with Pastor Jeff as part of our congregational visioning process. Friday December 11<sup>th</sup> brings our TAGS Christmas Party! We will celebrate with good food and a Yankee Swap at Patty and Benet Bianchi's home in Hopkinton. Then on December 13<sup>th</sup>, TAGS are helping to set up brunch in the Fellowship Hall, to be served following the Christmas Pageant. And lastly, also on December 13<sup>th</sup>, TAGS (and the whole congregation) are invited to Christmas Caroling at the Westborough Nursing Homes. Afterwards, we'll take a little break for Christmas, and reconvene in January. See you at church!

## CALENDAR DATES

**NOV 29<sup>TH</sup>, Sunday**  
TAGS Reunion Sunday  
help serve breakfast .....all morning

**DEC 6<sup>th</sup>, Sunday**  
GraceSpace, TAGS Lounge..... 9 am

**DEC 11<sup>th</sup>, Friday**  
Christmas Party! .....5 - 9 pm  
At the Bianchi's Home  
14 Daniel Shays Rd. Hopkinton, MA

**DEC 13<sup>th</sup>, Sunday**  
Christmas Pageant - help set up brunch .....10 am

**DEC 13<sup>th</sup>, Sunday**  
Christmas Caroling, meet at GSLC .....2:45 - 5 pm

For questions or concerns, please contact Pastor Jeff at [pastorjeff@gs-lc.org](mailto:pastorjeff@gs-lc.org)



In the past month, our Confirmation youth have raised money for fighting poverty through the CROP walk, helped serve in worship, and continued to learn about the Lord's Prayer. December brings further classes on the Lord's Prayer before our Christmas break. See you in class!

- December 2..... Learn 6:30pm – 8pm  
*Forgive us our sins*
- December 9..... Learn 6:30pm – 8pm  
*Save us from the time of trial*
- December 16 ..... No class  
Guides Huddle
- December 23..... No class  
Christmas break
- December 30..... No class  
Christmas break

## COME AND SING.

**SING THE JOY OF CHRISTMAS.**

**SPREAD THE NEWS OF THE SAVIOR'S BIRTH!**



Come one and all – children and adults – join in singing the Carols of Christmas to those who are in caring facilities in the Westborough Community.


Our first stop will be *Whittier Rehabilitation* at **3:15 PM**; then on to *Westborough Healthcare* for **4 PM**. Our final stop will be *Beaumont* at **4:45 PM** where we will sing in the dining hall.

What an awesome gift we of Good Shepherd can give to people who do not have the mobility that we have. Renew the "Spirit of Christmas." Please, come and share the "Joy of Christmas." Make December 13<sup>th</sup> a family day of celebrating and giving!

A sign-up sheet will be available in the Fellowship Hall.

# Give the gift of faith

**W**ant help nurturing faith in children 6 and younger? *The Little Lutheran* (now also available as *The Little Christian*) teaches children about grace, forgiveness and making joyful noises. \$24.95 for one year, \$45 for two and \$59 for three. Or find friends to order with you and get an even better price:

For orders of six or more, the price is only \$12.95 each.  Perfect as gifts—and for your congregation too. Subscribe at [www.thelittlelutheran.org](http://www.thelittlelutheran.org). *Cost if you order 1 year at a time!* fill out the form below (add list of names if needed) or call 800-328-4648.



Children learn about **Katie Luther, Bill McDonald** and other saints, past and present.

## The Little Lutheran The Little Christian

**SEND TO:**

Child's name \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address \_\_\_\_\_  
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 Gift from \_\_\_\_\_  
 (parent, grandparent, godparent, etc.)

**BILL TO:**

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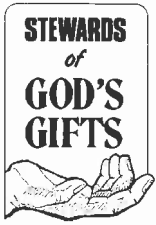
Send to: **The Little Lutheran, Augsburg Fortress, P.O. Box 1553, Minneapolis, MN 55440-8730.**

**T**he perfect item for you to give as a grandparent, godparent, parent, aunt, uncle or friend. Great for birthdays, Christmas, Easter or no occasion at all. *The Little Lutheran* is a gift of faith in the God you love. (Available as *The Little Christian* for children who may not be Lutheran. Same magazine. Same great price.)

*The Little Lutheran* also is perfect for congregations to use in the faith formation of children 6 and younger. It can be used for nursery or preschool, Sunday school, baptismal gifts or anniversaries, children's worship bags, cradle roll mailings, children's sermon resource, vacation Bible school, in-home resources to accompany curriculum, companion synod gifts, worship and for education, evangelism—and more.

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# The Little Lutheran



Dear Friends:  
 Faith, hope and love are the ingredients that have shaped the life of Good Shepherd through its 50 years. Decisions and plans for the future have been made again and again with faith in God's leading and hope for the

future. People have found in this place a community of God's people strong in love for God for one another and for those in need. With faith, hope and love we have met the changes and challenges over time. In this year leading up to our 50th anniversary, we are celebrating our past and looking to the future. The financial commitments our members make are helping us to reach out to more and more people, both within our immediate community and the greater community. So far we have received 111 estimates of giving cards and/or simply giving commitments, for total commitments to the 2010 stewardship campaign of \$394,000. Thank you for your great stewardship! If you have not submitted an estimate of giving card, we hope that you will continue to support our church and its mission, and ask that you prayerfully consider a financial commitment.

Sincerely,  
 Good Shepherd's  
 Stewardship Committee



**As always, December means time for the Giving Tree!**

Please look for the details in this issue of the Messenger. The committee is indebted to Dawn Von Der Vellen and Audrea Lehman for their dedication and hard work each year pulling this

extravaganza together! We are happy to acknowledge a new committee member who will be joining their forces this year – Chrisann McCarthy. She will be focusing on “learning the ropes” of this much-beloved outreach. Thanks, Chrisann!

As you read this we will have successfully hosted the Thanksgiving Eve Reception at St. Luke's to highlight and celebrate our 50 years of ministry in Westborough. Many, many thanks to Kim Wezniak for coordinating this event so beautifully!

In addition, we hosted our second dinner for Kids Express at Concordia in Worcester on **Friday, December 4**. Thanks to the dedication of this congregation, we continue to support this vital ministry to the children. Many families, including the Caseys and Anzedes have participated—ask them about it!! We have two upcoming dates (February and April) available and as always, contributions to defray food costs are welcome (Outreach envelopes are located in the pew racks).

Many thanks to everyone for their continuous support both financial and emotional of all of our many outreach projects and a special shout out to the members of the committee, without whom none of this would be possible.

Merry Christmas!  
 Alane Wanda  
 Service & Outreach Chairperson

*Sunday, December 6, 2009*

*7:30 PM*

*Good Shepherd Lutheran Church*

*183 West Main Street*

*Westborough, MA 01581*



**Tickets: \$15 can be purchased in advance or at the door**  
**For additional information: Call 508.366.7095**  
**or Email to [office@gs-lc.org](mailto:office@gs-lc.org)**



**Good Shepherd Lutheran  
 Church Cell Phone &  
 Laptop Recycling Drive**

In keeping with our corporate citizenship goals, Good Shepherd Lutheran Church is proud to announce a new, environmentally responsible community service initiative designed to benefit local charities while simultaneously helping to alleviate the fast-growing environmental problem of e-waste in the workplace. But we need your help – Simply dust off your old cell phones, ink jets, digital cameras, digital video cameras, iPods and laptop computers and drop them off in the recycling box located in church. 100% of the proceeds from the recycling of these items will benefit the Campership Fund. For more information please contact: Celeste Laak at 508-849-2607. Drop off Bins located at the **DONATION STATION!**

**Adopt-A-Quilt**

Our Faithful Stitchers have been at it again! Our newly made quilt is looking for a new home! This quilt is on display in the front foyer of GSLC. If you would like to “adopt” this quilt, your opportunity to buy tickets is now as the drawing will take place on December 6<sup>th</sup>! Tickets are \$1 for one (1) and six (6) for \$5.



<b>Worship Support</b>	<b>December 6<sup>th</sup></b> <i>2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Advent</i>	<b>December 13<sup>th</sup></b> <i>Sunday School Christmas Pageant</i>	<b>December 20<sup>th</sup></b> <i>4<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Advent</i>	<b>December 27<sup>th</sup></b> <i>Lessons &amp; Carols</i>
<b>Acolyte</b>	7:45 Hannah Moran 9:00 Molly Travis	8:30 Usher	8:30 Ethan McRae	8:30 Zoe Cronin
<b>Crucifer</b>	7:45 Hannah Moran 9:00 Sara Travis	8:30 Worship Assistant	8:30 Sam Lehman	8:30 Michaela Joyce
<b>Lector</b>	7:45 David Golden 9:00 Nicole Harvell 10:45 Ella Delyanis	8:30 Gail Piuze 10:30 Sunday School	8:30 Brad McRae 10:15 Paul Rettig	8:30 Ned Rich 10:15 Paula Mathieu
<b>Worship Assistant</b>	7:45 Jochen Salfeld 9:00 Jackie & Warren Hagenbuch 10:45 Scott Lehman	8:30 Gail Piuze 10:30 Sunday School	8:30 Joan Dickert 10:15 Paula Sulmasy	8:30 Stan Corbett 10:15 Michael Grim
<b>Communion Presenters</b>	7:45 Janet & David Golden 9:00 Lisa Anzede & Kim Wezniak	8:30 Gail & Ron Piuze	8:30 Darlene & Verle Zuehl	8:30 Linda & Robert Frederico
<b>Ushers</b>	7:45 Juliet & Richard Porter 9:00 Caryn Francese & George Willis 10:45 Cathy & Jeff Sooy	8:30 Richard Bergemann Jim Black 10:30 Sunday School	8:30 Janet & David Golden 10:15 Stephanie Leclair & Chris Sulmasy	8:30 Suzanne Gillam & Shawn Gillespie 10:15 The Wolf Family
<b>Greeters</b>	7:45 Penny & Jim Black 9:00 Darlene & Verle Zuehl 10:45 Cathy & Jeff Sooy	8:30 Elaine & Bill Rissmiller 10:30 Sunday School	8:30 The McCordick Family 10:15 Stephanie Leclair & Chris Sulmasy	8:30 Jackie & Warren Hagenbuch 10:15 The Wolf Family
<b>Altar Care</b>	Elaine Martin Stephanie Leclair	Trudy Roybal Christiane Merrow	Katie Zimmermann, Alex Albers & Cherrie Kindermann	Joan Olson Jean Smith

**Volunteers are NEEDED!**

*Home for the semester break?*

*Hosting Christmas at your house this year?*

*Worshipping at Good Shepherd on Christmas Eve?*

Why not help by serving as an **Acolyte, Crucifer, Communion Presenter or Usher** at any of the services?

**PLEASE email Marilyn Reiman at** ([mjreiman5@yahoo.com](mailto:mjreiman5@yahoo.com)) so she can to set-up the schedule. Thank you!



## DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

1 <sup>st</sup>	Altheia Corbett	14 <sup>th</sup>	KT Rich
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Liam Brady	15 <sup>th</sup>	Richard Weiland
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Verle Zuehl	16 <sup>th</sup>	Erin Purcell
4 <sup>th</sup>	Andrea Hollis	17 <sup>th</sup>	Zoe Cronin
6 <sup>th</sup>	Jim Thomas	19 <sup>th</sup>	Chris Lapp
7 <sup>th</sup>	Patty Bianchi	23 <sup>rd</sup>	Scarlett Lagerholm
8 <sup>th</sup>	Traci Parath		Hans Salfeld
9 <sup>th</sup>	Michael Mrazik,		Richard Aducci
10 <sup>th</sup>	Kathryn Olson		Walter Matthews
	Sheila Taylor		
	Zachary Mansfield	25 <sup>th</sup>	BJ Grim
		26 <sup>th</sup>	Alyssa Brady
	Allison Grams		Henry Toczykowski
	David Hoyt		Sophia McFetridge
	Cheri Kindermann,	28 <sup>th</sup>	Roger Olson
	D. Samuel Lehman		William Wig
	Findley Miller		Pat Fontes
13 <sup>th</sup>	Corrine Ahrabi-Nejad	29 <sup>th</sup>	Isabella Capone
	Richard Bergemann		Stephanie Leclair
31 <sup>st</sup>			Susan Steinbrecher
			Matthew Wolf
			Cheryl King
			Debra McDonnell



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<b>9-11 am Christmas School</b> 12-1 AA (DFH) 3 <sup>30</sup> -6 D Bennett Music (MR) 7 Connections						
<b>9-11 am Christmas School</b> 9 <sup>15</sup> Early Intervention (N & FH) 11 Staff Meeting 3 <sup>30</sup> -4 <sup>30</sup> D Harvell Tutoring (CL 14) 3 <sup>30</sup> -8 D Bennett Music (MR) 4 -6 Amy Rawston (CR 11) 6-7 K Arnold Music (CR)						
<b>9-11 am Christmas School</b> 9 <sup>15</sup> Early Intervention (N & FH) 12 Interfath Clergy Lunch 5 Dinnerbelles 6 Bell Choir (BL) 7 <sup>30</sup> Learning (CED) 7 <sup>30</sup> Worship & Music (KOB) 7 Troop 4 8 AA (FH)						
9 <sup>30</sup> Woman's Study Group 12-1 AA (DFH) 4 <sup>30</sup> -6 Girl Scouts (DFH)						
9 AM - 2 PM Mini-Craft Fair (FH) 10 - Noon Pageant Rehearsal 7 AA (FH)						
<b>Triple D</b> 5 <sup>30</sup> Dinner (FH) 6 <sup>30</sup> MidWeek (DFH) Confirm. (L&CRs) Devotions (S) 7 Adult Class (KOB) 7 <sup>30</sup> New Direction						
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Advent</b> <b>Regular Schedule</b> 6 Swedish Smorgasbord 7 <sup>30</sup> NE Ringers Concert						
10-11 <sup>30</sup> (FH) Chatterbox Café 12 - 1 <sup>30</sup> EI Music Group (Nursery & FH) 3 - 5 Brownie Troop 597 (DFH) 6- 8 <sup>30</sup> Pack 4 Tigers & Bears - Josh Krugman (DFH)						
12-1 AA (DFH) 3 <sup>30</sup> -6 D Bennett Music (MR) 7 Council 7 Troop 4 Adult Committee meetings (DFH)						
9 <sup>15</sup> EI (N & FH) 11 Staff Meeting 3 <sup>30</sup> -4 <sup>30</sup> D Harvell Tutoring (CL 14) 3 <sup>30</sup> -8 D Bennett Music (MR) 4 -6 Amy Rawston (CR 11) 6-7 K Arnold Music (CR)						
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9 <sup>15</sup> EI (N & FH) 5 Dinnerbelles 6 Bell Choir (BL) 7 Health Ministry (KOB) 7 Troop 4 8 AA (FH)						
9 <sup>30</sup> Woman's Study Group 12-1 AA (DFH) 4 <sup>30</sup> - 830 Girl Scouts Investiture (DFH & Kitchen)						
10 - Noon Pageant Rehearsal <b>Noon Acolyte Training (S)</b> 7 AA (FH) <b>Candidacy Committee Worcester</b>						
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
<b>3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Advent</b> 8 <sup>30</sup> Traditional <b>10<sup>30</sup> Sunday School Pageant &amp; Brunch</b> 4 Troop 4 Patrol Leaders (DFH) 7 <sup>30</sup> AA (FH)						
10-11 <sup>30</sup> (FH) Chatterbox Café 12 - 1 <sup>30</sup> EI Music Group (Nursery & FH) 5-9 Troop 554 Investiture Ceremony (FH & Kitchen) 7- 8 <sup>30</sup> Pack 4 Weebelos - Josh Krugman (DFH)						
12-1 AA (DFH) 3 <sup>30</sup> -6 D Bennett Music (MR) 7 Property 7 Service						
9 <sup>15</sup> EI (N & FH) 11 Staff Meeting 3 <sup>30</sup> -4 <sup>30</sup> D Harvell Tutoring (CL 14) 3 <sup>30</sup> -8 D Bennett Music (MR) 4 -6 Amy Rawston (CR 11) 6-7 K Arnold Music (CR) 7 <sup>30</sup> New Direction						
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10 Choir Rehearsal (MR) 7 AA (FH)						
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
<b>4<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Advent</b> <b>Children In Church Sunday (No SS)</b> <b>Special Services</b> 10 Blood Pressure Screening (NO) 4 Daisy Troop 30124 (FH) 4 Troop 4 Patrol Leaders (DFH) 5 Blue Christmas (S) 7 <sup>30</sup> AA (FH)						
12 - 1 <sup>30</sup> EI Music Group (Nursery & FH)						
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<b>Christmas Eve</b> 5 Children's Service 7 Traditional 11 Festival Service						
<b>CHRISTMAS DAY</b> <b>Office Closed</b>						
7 AA (FH)						
27	28	29	30	31	KEY	
<b>Lessons &amp; Carols</b> <b>Children In Church Sunday (No SS)</b> <b>Special Services</b> 7 <sup>30</sup> AA (FH)						
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<b>Office Closed New Year's Eve</b>						
BL = Bell Loft CED = Christian Ed Office N = Nursery FH = Fellowship Hall DFH = Downstairs Fellowship Hall KOB = Library CR # = Classroom # L = Lounge S = Sanctuary NO = Nurse's Office						

# Christmas at Good Shepherd

## *Sunday, November 29, 2009*

First Sunday in Advent  
Services: 7:45, 9:00 & 10:45 AM  
Sunday School  
Advent Wreath Workshop  
TAGS Reunion Sunday & Brunch

## *Sunday, December 6, 2009*

Second Sunday in Advent  
Services: 7:45, 9:00 & 10:45 AM  
Sunday School  
Swedish Smorgasbord: 6:00 PM  
New England Ringers Concert: 7:30 PM

## *Sunday, December 13, 2009*

Third Sunday in Advent  
Services: 8:30 & 10:30 AM  
Christmas Pageant at 10:30 AM Service  
Christmas Caroling at Whittier  
Rehabilitation, Westborough Healthcare  
and Beaumont.  
Meet at Church at 2:30 PM

## *Sunday, December 20, 2009*

Fourth Sunday in Advent  
Services: 8:30 & 10:30 AM  
*Children in Church*  
Blue Christmas Service: 5:00 PM

## *Thursday, December 24, 2009*

*Christmas Eve*  
Children's Service: 5:00 PM  
Traditional Service: 7:00 PM  
Festival Service: 11:00 PM

## *Sunday, December 27, 2009*

Lessons & Carols  
Services: 8:30 & 10:30 AM  
*Children in Church*

## *Sunday, January 3, 2010*

Second Sunday of Christmas  
Services: 8:30 & 10:30 AM  
*Children in Church*

**This schedule supersedes any other calendar or the Year-at-a-Glance!**

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**SAVE THE DATE – JANUARY 10, 2009**

The Mission Endowment Committee  
is pleased to announce that we have scheduled a  
***Lunch & Learn: Information & Planning Session***  
for everyone to learn more about  
**MISSION ENDOWMENTS.**

January 10<sup>th</sup> after the 10:45 service with Knute Ogren.