



**GOOD SHEPHERD LUTHERAN CHURCH**  
**Ministers: All The People of The Congregation**

**Called by God to: Grow; Serve; Love; Care and Worship**

**First Sunday of Advent** . . . . . November 30-December 1, 2013

**5:00 p.m. & 9:00 a.m. Holy Communion**

\*Please stand

**Gathering**

Advent Gathering Rite. . . . . See booklet in pew rack

Lighting of the Advent Wreath

Candle Prayer

\*Opening Hymn . . . . “Awake! Awake, and Greet the New Morn”. . . . . ELW 242

\*Greeting

P: From the one who was, who is, and who is to come: Grace and peace be with you all.

**C: And also with you.**

\*Prayer of the Day

L: The Lord be with you.

**C: And also with you.**

L: Let us pray.

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

Choir Anthem (9:00 a.m.) . . . . “My Lord, What a Morning”. . . . . Adult Choir

**Word**

Children’s Message

Lesson . . . . Isaiah 2:1-5 (printed)

Psalm 122 (read responsively)

Gospel . . . . Matthew 24:36-44

Sermon . . . . “Waiting Around”

Song of the Day . . . . “Rejoice, Rejoice, Believers”. . . . . ELW 244

**Sacrament**

Sacrament of Holy Baptism. . . . . pg 227

The Prayers

The Offering

\*Offertory Prayer

**C: God of abundance, we bring before you the precious fruits of your creation, and with them our very lives. Teach us patience and hope as we care for all those in need until the coming of your Son, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

\*Great Thanksgiving (spoken)

P: The Lord be with you. **C: And also with you.**

P: Lift up your hearts. **C: We lift them to the Lord.**

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God. **C: It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

P: For we know and believe the love God has for us. God is love! And all who live in love live in God, and God lives in them. There is no fear in love, because in this perfect love there is no reason to be afraid.

\*Words of Institution/The Lord’s Prayer

\*Invitation to Communion

P: Come be filled with all joy and peace in believing.

Distribution

Song: “O Come, Little Children” (Sung Together)

Refrain: O come, little children, O come, one and all. O come to the table and answer his call.

1. Jesus is calling to you and to me. O come to the table and there you’ll be free.

2. Jesus the lamb, took our sins far away. O come to the table, you’re welcome today.

3. Jesus is living and gives us his peace. O come to the table; O come to the feast.

Music During the Distribution. . . . . ELW 502 & 487

Post Communion Blessing

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

**C: Amen.**

\*Prayer

P: God for whom we wait, in this meal you give us a foretaste of that day when the hungry will be fed with good things. Send us forth to make known your deeds and to proclaim the greatness of your name; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**C: Amen.**

**Sending**

\*The Blessing

P: Rejoice that Jesus is Emmanuel, God with us. When he comes again in glory may he bring you to everlasting life.

**C: Amen.**

P: Almighty God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

\*Hymn of Anticipation . . . . “It Came upon the Midnight Clear” v 1, 3, 4. . . . . ELW 282

\*Dismissal

L: Go in peace. Christ is with you. **C: Thanks be to God!**

**Holy Baptism** - (5:00 p.m.) Ciara Jean Schrader, infant daughter of Brian & Jessica (Staloch) Schrader, born Oct. 2, 2013. Her Christian sponsors are Mike & Anna Schrader, Kim & Ed DuBois, Jeremy Staloch and Elisha Iverson.

**Holy Baptism** - (9:00 a.m.) Bexley Jone Wegner, infant daughter of Blair & Lana (Bauer) Wegner, born June 18, 2013. Her Christian sponsors are Britt & Kristyn Wegner and Heather & Ben Olsen.

**Birthdays** - Dec. 1-7 (If your birthday is not listed please contact the church office with mm/dd/yy.)

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|---------------------|-------------------|------------------|----------------|
| 2-Rick Baird        | 4-Sheila Niebuhr  | 5-Stacy Magnuson | 6-John Vee     |
| 2-Bonnie Groskreutz | 4-Skylar Niebuhr  | 6-Elaine Grunzke | 7-Trevor Foley |
| 4-Jesse Bye         | 5-Shane Buendorf  | 6-Ruth Noren     | 7-Jean Kruger  |
| 4-Daryl Kruger      | 5-Tammy Bullerman |                  |                |

**Personal Care Gift Bags** - The Social Concerns Ministry Team will be collecting personal care items through Dec. 4<sup>th</sup> to be used in gift bags for the Wells Area Food Shelf. Items may be left in the box in Memorial Hall.

**Congregation Special Meeting** - There will be a Special Congregational Meeting on Sunday, December 8, 2013 following the 9:00 a.m. worship service in the Social Hall for the purpose to approve the following recommendation to the congregation:

1. To replace the church roof with a new copper roof next spring.

In the event that a quorum of voting members (80) is not present, the meeting will be held on the next consecutive Sunday.

**Thrivent Chapter # 31187** invites you to coffee and goodies in the Fellowship Hall today. Come join us following the church service to see what Thrivent is doing with monies through Caring in Our Communities. You will also have the opportunity to vote on the annual Thrivent Board ballot. Hope to see you there.

**Morning Coffee** - Several have been enjoying coffee, conversation, and the newly decorated narthex before church services begin. We're now looking for volunteers to help with serving (once a month or less). If you can help, please call Lynne Hansen at 553-3675.

### **Family Ministry Presentation Thursday, Dec. 5<sup>th</sup>**

**Meal at 6:00 – Presentation at 6:30**

Congregations across the country and over 90% of the congregation show concern about reaching younger people with the gospel. What can the church do in this new era? Karen Gieseke, Director for Family Ministries of the Southeastern Minnesota Synod, ELCA will be our guest at Good Shepherd on Thursday, December 5<sup>th</sup>. She will address this question in her presentation entitled: "Christian Faith Formation and Ministry with Families of All Ages in the 21st Century."

If you are a parent, grandparent, teacher, or are interested in strengthening this ministry at Good Shepherd, you will want to make plans to attend. A meal will be served at 6:00 pm and the presentation will begin at 6:30. Signup for the meal when the clipboard is passed around or call the office to make sure there is food for everyone who wants to eat.

Karen brings with her a deep understanding of the realities of parenting and being the church in a new day and age. Her reading and research includes the writings of Kendra Creasy Dean. Dean, in her book "Almost Christian in a Nutshell" shares reach that leads her to lay out the challenge to congregation who want to reach the younger generation. The Center for Youth Ministry Training summarizes Dean's writings: (**emphasis added**)

"First, too many parents have thrust the role of faith development upon church youth ministries and Christian education programs, and youth pastors and Christian education directors have been too happy to oblige by providing a syrupy-sweet version of Christian faith to the young people under their care. The response of youth ministries to this study should not be to push responsibility for faith development back onto parents, but to discover new ways to come alongside parents in recognition that both community and parents must work in tandem to practice the arts of translation, testimony, and detachment before adolescents. **Youth ministry has to include parents, first by supporting parents in their own faith, and second, by helping parents model and communicate faith to their own teenagers.**

Second, for those looking for a quick fix to "benign whateverism" in teenagers, whether in new curriculum, a new youth program, or a new youth pastor, the thrust of Dean's book will be difficult to hear. **Namely, there is no quick fix but only radical revision of the life and faith of the whole Christian community.** This alone will be enough to send many congregations in search of a simpler solution—one that can be measured in dollars and hours rather than in the living of lives shaped by the self-giving love of Christ. The entire Christian community—parents and non-parents—are responsible for "shifting the emphasis of Christian formation from religious information to a trust born out of life [which] makes a profound difference in mobilizing faith," says Dean (119). The problem is that the church has not conveyed "the Christian story with fidelity," says Dean. To do so, "we must first become the church this story calls for" as we practice "Jesus' last-shall-be-first ethic of love" (89-90)."



You may RSVP online at <http://goo.gl/7YMe4E>

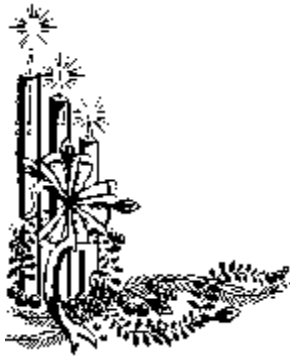
## Good Shepherd Women of the ELCA

Join us on Saturday, December 7<sup>th</sup>  
10:00 a.m. in our church Social Hall

Brunch of Egg Bake, Muffins,  
Fruit, Juice, and Coffee

Followed by our General Meeting  
and singing Christmas Carols  
We will determine disbursements  
from our 2013 income, install the new board,  
and plan our 2014 calendar.

\*\* Please bring a favorite Christmas  
decoration to share with the group.\*\*



### The Father's New Child

*To the tune of "Away in the Manger"*

O Ciara/Bexley, O Ciara/Bexley, today you are Mine.  
My Word and this water to you are My sign,  
That I am your Father and you are My child  
A brand new creation on whom I have smiled.

O Ciara/Bexley, O Ciara/Bexley, your sins I forgive,  
By water of rebirth and grace that I give;  
For you are now cleansed by the blood of My Son,  
Who by His own death your salvation has won.

We welcome you, Ciara/Bexley, to  
God's Family!  
Your brothers and sisters forever we'll be!  
God's very own Spirit through faith  
makes us one.  
And brings us together to live in his Son.

Words written by Rev. Wm. B. Wagner Jr.  
St. John's Lutheran church and School, Iona, MI  
Distributed in Cross Talk (1-3/98) CPH

### Isaiah 2:1-5

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

### Psalm 122 (read responsively)

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Gospel Acclamation . . . "Halle, Halle, Hallelujah"

Halle, halle, halle—lu-jah! Halle, halle, halle—lu-jah!

Halle, halle, halle—lu-jah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

### Matthew 24:36-44

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