



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

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

Fourth Sunday of Advent. December 21-22, 2013
5:00 p.m. & 9:00 a.m. Worship

*Please stand

Gathering

Gathering Music
 Call to Worship “Breath of Heaven”. Seeking Him
 Advent Gathering Rite. See booklet in pew rack
 Lighting of the Advent Wreath
 Candle Prayer
 *Opening Hymn “O Come, O Come, Emmanuel” vs 1, 2, 7. ELW 257
 *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. With your abundant grace and might, free us from the sin that hinders our faith, that eagerly we may receive your promises, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Word

Children’s Message
 Song “Jesus, What a Wonderful Child”. ELW 297
 vs 1 & 2 Seeing Him vs 3 & 4 All
 Gospel Matthew 1:18-25
 Song “Mary Did You Know”. Seeking Him
 Sermon
 Song of the Day “Love Has Come”. ELW 292
 The Apostle's Creed
C: I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, God’s only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.
 The Prayers
 The Offering
 Offertory Song “Everywhere I Go”. Seeking Him

*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.

The Lord’s Prayer

Sending

Announcements
 *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.
 Song “Joy to the World”. ELW 267
 *Dismissal
 L: Go in peace. Christ is with you. **C: Thanks be to God!**
 Recessional “Jesus, What a Wonderful Child”. Seeking Him

Birthdays - Dec. 22-28 (If your birthday is not listed please contact the church office with mm/dd/yy.)
 22-Shari Winch 25-Mary Rollenhagen 27-Kathryn Ehlert 28-Jacob Elmer
 24-Julie Mattick 26-Matt Stern 27-Jackson Spizzirri 28-Jaxon Hart
 24-Lauryne Stern 27-Jerad Billings 27-Kim Stevermer

Sunday School Christmas Program - “Three Men and a Baby” will be presented today at 11:00 a.m. in the church sanctuary.

Wednesday Worship beginning Jan. 8th, 6:00-6:45 p.m. A mid-week recharge! Enjoy a home cooked meal on Wednesdays, serving from 5:00-6:30 p.m. in the Social Hall. \$4.00/person, \$15.00 max./family. Reservations are NOT necessary but it is appreciated if you can call 553-3513 or text 507-585-0216 the number who will eat. There will be no Saturday evening service beginning in January.

Are you a person of faith who has a heart for young people? We are seeking adult mentors to be paired with young Christians in the confirmation program. Being a mentor requires a time commitment and a willingness to listen and encourage a young person as they prepare for their day of confirmation. If you are such a person or know of someone you believe has the gifts for this ministry, please contact either Pr. Soli, Brian Ehlert, or Lynne Hanson before Christmas. The mentor program will be beginning early next year.

St. Casimir's Choir will host Lessons and Carols at 5:00 p.m. this afternoon. Take a break to peacefully contemplate the season's true meaning. Light refreshments will follow the program. Non-perishable items will be accepted for the Wells Area Food Shelf.

Word

Matthew 1:18-25

¹⁸Now the birth of Jesus the Messiah took place in this way. When his mother Mary had been engaged to Joseph, but before they lived together, she was found to be with child from the Holy Spirit. ¹⁹Her husband Joseph, being a righteous man and unwilling to expose her to public disgrace, planned to dismiss her quietly. ²⁰But just when he had resolved to do this, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, "Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary as your wife, for the child conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. ²¹She will bear a son, and you are to name him Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins." ²²All this took place to fulfill what had been spoken by the Lord through the prophet: ²³"Look, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall name him Emmanuel," which means, "God is with us." ²⁴When Joseph awoke from sleep, he did as the angel of the Lord commanded him; he took her as his wife, ²⁵but had no marital relations with her until she had borne a son; and he named him Jesus.

Sunday, January 26, 2014

6:00 p.m.

Good Shepherd Church

Everyone 18 & over is welcome!

Free Will Offering

"Winter Wonderland" is a celebration of family and friends. Join us in a wonderful dinner and enjoy the "Family Feud" game with Gary Hagen as the host. Find a team of 5 members (they do not have to be from the same family) and sign up by January 10. Limit of 4 teams.

"Winter Wonderland"

Dinner and Entertainment