

THIS WEEK AT GOOD SHEPHERD
JANUARY 6—JANUARY 13

TODAY

8:00 am Liturgical Worship
 9:30 am Traditional Worship
 10:45 am Contemporary Worship

5:30 pm Adult Bible Study
 7:00 pm Worship Services
 7:00 pm Youth Bible Study
 7:30 pm Choir Rehearsal

MONDAY

1:30 pm Staff Meeting
 6:30 pm Men's Basketball
 6:30 pm Ladies Bible Study
 7:00 pm Relationships Bible Study

THURSDAY

9:00 am Circuit Pastors Conference
 at Zion, West

NEXT SUNDAY

8:00 am Liturgical Worship w/HC
 9:15 am Christian Education Hour
 9:30 am Traditional Worship w/HC
 10:45 am Contemporary Worship w/HC

TUESDAY

9:30 am Women's Bible Study

WEDNESDAY

6:30 am Men's Bible Breakfast
 5:30 pm Midweek Classes

FACTS AND FIGURES

DECEMBER 30 WORSHIP	397
(8:00-93 9:30- 147 10:45-157)	
GENERAL OFFERING	\$13,688
MISSIONS	\$100
 SIMPLY GIVING FOR NOVEMBER	 \$26,140

SIMPLY GIVING Please contact the church office at 402-332-3345 or make a note on your worship card/folder if you would like information about t5he "Simply Giving" automatic bank offering program. It is very convenient and helpful to our congregation's monthly stewardship needs.

Senior Pastor
 Rev. Gary Werling

Associate Pastor
 Director of Adult Ministry
 Rev. Sam Pitsch

Director of Children and
 Family Ministry
 Tara Hess

Director of Youth and
 Small Group Ministry
 Bob Broekemeier

Director of Preschool
 Lisa Stirtz

Director of Praise Band
 Andy Hardies

Director of Outreach
 Vern Nemitz

DCE-Specialized Ministry
 Warren Viehl

Head Organist
 Sonja Lundgren

Choir Director
 Sara Fandrey Lorenz

Parish Nurse
 Brenda Elson

Business Manager
 Jan Kounkel

Sunday Morning Worship:
 8:00 (Liturgical in Sanctuary)
 9:30 (Traditional in Sanctuary)
 10:45 (Contemporary in MAC)

Wednesday Evening Worship
 7:00 pm (Traditional in Sanctuary)

**Good Shepherd
 Lutheran Church**
 (The Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod)

**Epiphany of
 Our Lord**
 January 6, 2019

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WELCOME TO GOOD SHEPHERD!

- **Thank you** for joining us today! We pray that your time in worship will encourage and strengthen you. We share the greatest hope through the One who loves us the most - Jesus Christ!
- **Children's Sunday School, Youth Bible Studies, and Adult Education classes** meet in the educational wing and Ministry Activities Center today at 9:15 a.m.
- **Altar Flowers** are displayed in the Sanctuary and MAC and can be donated by signing up in the Altar Flower book located on the table in the back of the Sanctuary/MAC entry. The cost is \$25.00 per bouquet. Please make checks payable to Good Shepherd Lutheran Church and place in Altar Flowers mailbox directly in front of the church entry doors.

FOR THE 8:00 A.M. AND 9:30 A.M. SANCTUARY SERVICES

- **Attendance Cards** Please record your attendance with us in our attendance cards located in each pew. Pass these to the center aisle for the ushers to collect. Please do not place them in the offering bags.
- **Nursery** is available for our 8:00 service and staffed during our 9:30 service and is located next to the library in the educational wing for children 12 months up to 3 years. Parents are encouraged to use the nursery when your children become fussy during worship as a courtesy to fellow worshippers.
- **Hearing assistance receivers** are available for use and are located on a table in the back of the sanctuary.
- **Prayer Requests** Please note your prayer requests on the worship card. A prayer journal is located on a lectern in the front hallway.
- **Restrooms** are located in the hallway on the north side of the sanctuary and at the southwest end of the educational wing.
- **Coffee and rolls fellowship** is enjoyed between our 8:00 a.m. and 9:30 a.m. services in the hallway near the kitchen on the north side of the sanctuary. Please join us!

FOR THE 10:45 A.M. CONTEMPORARY SERVICE IN THE MAC

- **Attendance** Please record your attendance in the Welcome Folder as it is passed down your row. You may leave the Folder on the last chair near the outside walls.
- **Nursery** is unstaffed and located next to the library in the educational wing for children 12 months up to 3 years. Parents are encouraged to use the nursery when your children become fussy during worship as a courtesy to fellow worshippers.
- **Restrooms** are located on either side of the kitchen and in the hallway.

OUR 2019 CHURCH LEADERS

PRESIDENT:	Roger Ernst
VICE-PRESIDENT:	Chadd Hoeft
TREASURER:	Sara Rathjen
FINANCIAL SECRETARY:	Jennifer Angland
BOARD OF ELDERS:	Pete Eiden, Joel Elson, Kyle Johnson, Dan Theall, Steve Willey, Marcus Goldenstein, Shaun Nienhueser
BOARD OF ADULT MINISTRIES:	Sandy Aman, Gloria Lessmann, Drew Von Seggern
BOARD OF HOSPITALITY:	Mary Friehe, Loretta Hardies, Glenna Fisher
BOARD OF CHILDREN'S MINISTRY:	Stacy Eshbach, Valerie Starr, Andrea Salisbury (Nursery Room Coordinator: Shelly Schmidt)
BOARD OF FAMILY MINISTRIES:	Ariel Broekemeier, Brian Haynes, Tara Hess, Jessica Wheeler
BOARD OF HUMAN CARE:	Alane Johns, Sondra Harrold, Linda Hermes
BOARD OF MISSIONS:	Jacque Hardies, Marcile Katt, Chelsea Sernett
BOARD OF OUTREACH:	Tom Ernst, Ashley Ernst, Adreinne Luedders
BOARD OF PROPERTIES:	Kevin Damme, Alex Hansen, Mark Kardell, Terry Wiese, Paul Wimmer
BOARD OF STEWARDSHIP:	Gene Mackey
BOARD OF YOUTH MINISTRY:	Curt Harmon, Lori Harmon, Kathy Schaefer
AUDIT COMMITTEE:	Tony Eitzmann, Marcus Goldenstein

10:45 service, and volunteers can choose how often they participate. Please contact Andy Hardies at praiseband@gslcgretna.org if interested.

HAVE YOU EVER CONSIDERED BECOMING A PASTOR OR DEACONESS? If so, Rev. Scott Holder from Concordia Seminary, St. Louis would like to meet with you at Living H2O Campus Ministry (1124 S. 90th St, Omaha) on Monday, February 4 between 3:30-7:30pm. Rev. Holder is interested in meeting with prospective students of all ages—elementary school age through adults. Appointments are not necessary but encouraged. If you are interested in scheduling a specific time, please contact Rev. Holder at 314-505-7225 or email holders@csl.edu.

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: We are looking for a few more adults who love Jesus, who love kids, and who want to help kids love Jesus more! How can you do this? Sunday School teachers, Midweek small group leaders and Nursery staff are all needed to help make sure our kids have the very best experience and environment to grow in their relationship with God. Please consider serving in one of these areas. To find out more please talk with Tara Hess, Director of Children and Family Ministries.

MONDAY MEN'S BASKETBALL The men of GSLC are encouraged to meet at 6:30 p.m. in the MAC for some fun games of basketball.

POCKET PRAYER SQUARES Provided by the Board of Human Cares and GSLC volunteers. They provide comfort and strength for any one in need. Keep in your pocket or purse to remind you that you are not alone in your struggles. The squares are located in baskets at the back of the sanctuary/MAC entry.

QUILTERS GROUP If you are interested in quilting, please join our GSLC Quilters group. We meet at 6:30pm on the 4th Tuesday of each month, EXCEPT June, July and December when we take a break. All skill levels are welcome to join us for fellowship and creative inspiration while quilting to help others.

SCHEDULE YOURSELF AND SERVE! If you or a family member would like to serve the Lord as Greeter, Acolyte, Usher, or for Youth Sunday, please go to our website www.gslcgretna.org and schedule yourself! This is a good way to select a Sunday that will work best for you and will also help our office as we put together our monthly schedules. Thanks so much for your willingness to serve our Lord and His people!

CONCORDIA JR. HIGH will host their Open House on Friday, January 11th from 5:00-7:30 PM. Please join us to meet and greet teachers, enjoy Mustang High School basketball games (beginning at 4:30), have a free meal deal and look at the new Jr. High addition! RSVP to Dawn Cooksey at 402-990-9444 or cookseyd@concordiaomaha.org.

IS YOUR STUDENT READY FOR KINDERGARTEN in the Fall of 2019? Please join us at Concordia Academy for our Kindergarten Round Up! Select either Thursday, January 17th beginning at 6:00 PM (free pizza dinner served!) or Friday, January 18th beginning at 1:00 PM. RSVP to Dawn Cooksey at 402-990-9444 or cookseyd@concordiaomaha.org

2019 – GSLC'S 40TH ANNIVERSARY YEAR

"Oh give thanks to the Lord, for He is good, for His steadfast love endures forever!" (Psalm 107:1)

This year marks the 40th Anniversary of Good Shepherd Lutheran Church! His hand of blessing has been seen in the faithful preaching and teaching of His Word, in the gifts of Holy Baptism and the Holy Supper, in the confirmations of young and old alike, in the sharing of the Gospel of Jesus' love locally and in missions across the world, in opportunities to serve the needs of others in Jesus' name, and in the loving fellowship we enjoy together as brothers and sisters in Christ. May we rejoice in all that God has done these past 40 years, and may we continue to live and share His saving love until He calls us Home!

NOTES FOR TODAY'S SERVICES

SERVING TODAY **Pastors:** Gary Werling, Sam Pitsch **Elders:** 8:00 & 9:30– Joel Elson 10:45– Kyle Johnson **Ushers:** 8:00– Rocky Keehn, Jim Oliver, John Sangimino, Chet Sears 9:30–Jason Hadenfeldt, Tom Lammel, Marc Lindblom, Steve Moore 10:45– Mark Kardell, Gene Mackey, k Cutch Mumm, Jeff Nielsen **Readers:** 8:00–Sarah Voss 9:30–Joel Kirby 10:45–Jacque Hardies **Acolytes:** 9:30–Ruthie Palmer 10:45–August Hardies **Greeters:** 8:00–Mike & Sharon Kauss 9:30– Kris Karstens 10:45–Craig & Lisa Stirtz **Pew Custodian:** Sharon Kauss **Counter:** Ken & Terry Stine **Organist:** 8:00, 9:30–Sonja Lungren **Singers:** 10:45–Stacie Moore, Lauren Madsen, Andy Hardies **Keyboard:** 10:45–Holly Dorathy **Guitars:** 10:45–Travis Beran, Warren Ueckert, Keith Niemann **Drums:** 10:45–Ben Schaefer **Powerpoint:** 10:45–Ashley Ernst

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION **Birthdays:** 1/6– Emily Coleman, Curt Harmon 1/7– Draven Campbell, Leora Peterson, Addison Webster 1/8– Andrew Domina, Brett Johnson, Tara Olson 1/9– Jackson Giles, Joel Kirby, Trey Knudsen, Jan Kounkel, Trevor Scholting, Whitney Weatherall 1/10– June Jordening, Marian Schiemann, Jessica Wheeler 1/11– Chad Schuler, Christine Strathman, Rusty Vance, Kim Wimmer 1/12– Katelynn Cogswell, Ronald Hansen **Anniversaries:** 1/7– Roger & Shelley Barber 1/8– Heather & Justin Stofer 1/9– Dean & Julie Johnson 1/10– Jon & Ellie Reed **Health and Strength:** Amy Adamson, Cathy Ahrens, Catherine Anderson, Mike Avery, Carolyn Behney, Gerhard Broekemeier, Karen Cooper, Christy Currie, Don Dickmeyer, Bryan Drebes, Rebecca Haussman, Violetta Hinkell, Ed Kauss, Steven Kayara, Bill Kiesling, Linda Killion, Amy LaFontaine, Scott Marr, Jessica Melvin, Mert Nielsen, Patrick & Dawna Nikiema, Riley Penny, Greg Poynter, Stephanie Rehbein, Elle Samples, Micah Settle, Larry Staley, Lynda Teeters, Gabriel Tegeder, Karla Von Seggern, Warren Von Seggern, James Edward Wagner, Kenneth Walters, Tammy Welker, Shane Werner, Rick Witcher, Bob Wood **Serving Our Country:** Trent Boyer, Jamie Durance, Jeffrey Durance, Jessica Durance, Daniel Ellis, Colton Fickler, Brayden Hardies, Samuel Kutz, Joe LeMaster, Corbin Michael, Shay Pippitt, Matthew Schuetz, Ryan Schuetz, Jon Spahn, Jason Vierra, Alan Wineinger **Overseas Servants of the Gospel:** Ahlman family, Alyssa Anders, The Ashor family, Baker family, the Cima family, the Clausing family, Nichelle Dykema, the Eisold family, the Fay family, Rev. Stuart & Debra Freese, Gail Grieser, the Hosch family, the Kuddes family, the Lehman family, the Lo family, Kendra McNatt, James & Christel Neuendorf, Judy Newhouse, Sharon Owen, the Paul family, the Rickman family, Steven & Cynthia Schumacher, the Sharp family, Douglas & Angela Thompson, the Wildauer family, the Wood family, and the Yang family.

TODAY AT GOOD SHEPHERD

INVITING FRIENDS If you have unchurched friends, why not invite them to Good Shepherd? To assist you, we have available a stack of letters drafted by Vern Nemitz, our Director of Outreach. The letters are located at the back of the church and in the MAC lobby on the Welcome Table. The letter serves as a friendly invitation to Good Shepherd. Pick up one or several and hand them to friends!

SUNDAY SCHOOL is provided for children ages 3 yrs (potty trained) thru 5th grade. Please join us for our Sunday School hour—9:15 until the end of the 9:30 service. Our DIG IN curriculum provides creative, multisensory teaching that immerses your kids in deep Bible learning, helping them to know Jesus personally and grow in relationship with him. Look for us in the education wing - all ages will meet together for opening and closing. If you have any questions please contact Tara Hess at 402-332-3345 or tara.hess@gslcgretna.org..

SUNDAY MORNING ADULT STUDY Join Pastor Werling or Pastor Sam every Sunday morning for a study of the Book of Judges. We meet from 9:15-10:15 am in the Joshua and Noah rooms in the educational wing. Everyone is welcome!

SUNDAY MORNING MIDDLE SCHOOL BIBLE STUDY Jesus used parables to teach a moral lesson. Join us as we embark on a journey to explore the parables from the bible. Through these stories God's character is revealed to us. GIFT Program for middle school youth meets in the classroom right outside the MAC on Sunday mornings from 9:15 am—10:30 am.

SUNDAY MORNING HS YOUTH BIBLE STUDY Sr. High youth will meet in the Sr. High room by the MAC. Students will be addressing current media events within the context of our Christian faith and our responsibility to influence our peer culture with that faith. ALSO, once each month the high school students will be visiting other Christian worship services in the metro area to better understand our reformation heritage. Please join us.

WORD AND WORSHIP

MONDAY NIGHT LWML BIBLE STUDY GROUP Come join us on Monday night at 6:30 in the library. We are also collecting mites (money) for Lutheran Women's Missionary League (LWML), and doing mission work projects for the church and community. Any questions call Lisa Stirtz at 402-657-0797 or email at lisa.stirtz@gslcgretna.org.

NEW MONDAY EVENING BIBLE STUDY A new Bible study on "Relationships" has begun and meets monthly. Join us Monday, January 7 from 7- 8:15 p.m. in the educational wing. Utilizing the Book of Genesis and other resources, explore how God instructs us to repair and reconcile with others. The study is led by Remy Ockander, visiting teacher from Good Shepherd Lutheran Church in Fremont where she serves as DCE in multiple ministry functions. Both men and women are invited to attend.

WOMEN'S TUESDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY from 9:30-11:00 in the Noah room. Pastor Sam leads our study. Our next study will be on angels. We'd love for you to join us!

MEN'S WEDNESDAY BIBLE BREAKFAST Come and join us at 6:30 a.m. on Wednesday mornings at Billy's Café in Gretna. We are looking at the Book of Genesis. Pastor Werling leads us, and we have a good discussion each week. We order off the menu. The Bible study ends at 7:15 a.m. and guys can leave earlier if they need to. However long you can be with us is great. Please come!

MIDWEEK SCHOOL Good Shepherd's Midweek School meets on Wednesdays for all children in Grades 3 – 8 from 5:30-6:20 pm in December. The younger classes (Grades 3 – 6) are taking up a new curriculum centering on the key events and stories in the Bible in a fun format. The 7th and 8th Grade Classes are the Confirmation Class with Confirmation for the 8th Graders in the Spring. All 3rd thru 6th graders should enter through the MAC door and go into the MAC. 7th and 8th graders should enter through the Sanctuary doors and go into the Sanctuary.

BAPTISM CLASS for those who are wishing to be baptized or have children baptized please contact Pastor Sam at sam.pitsch@gslcgretna.org for the date and time of the next class.

EVENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

LOYALTY SUNDAY JANUARY 20th Each year we set aside a Sunday to prayerfully consider making a loyalty commitment to the Lord in the areas of time, talents, and offerings. On January 20th in each of our services, there will be a time to dedicate to the Lord our stewardship commitments to Him for 2019. A special mailing with instructions will be mailed to all members this week. All gifts that we pledge to the Lord are to be given as a response to the Great Gift which He has given us all in our Savior Jesus Christ. Thank you for your partnership in our mission together!

PRIME TIMERS PLANNING MEETING All retirement age folks are invited to meet at the church on Monday, January 14, 2019 at 1:00 P.M. to plan our 2019 activities for our group. Please bring any cookies or candies left over from your Christmas festivities to share with the group. We will have coffee available. Bring all your ideas and suggestions so that we can consider them for our plans for 2019. We hope to see you there!

2019 PLANNING SESSION FOR ALL BOARDS will take place on Sunday, January 20 after the late service (around 11:50 a.m.). We will meet in the education wing for lunch followed by our planning session. All board members are asked to be present. 2019 looks to be an exciting year as we focus our planning on GSLC's 40th Anniversary!

IF:GRETNA –A WOMEN'S CONFERENCE IF: Gathering will be coming to GSLC February 8 and 9! This is a FREE two day event for women to gather for worship, prayer, biblical teaching, and community building. There will be 3 sessions: Friday, February 8 from 6 – 9 p.m.; Saturday, February 9 from 9 a.m.-12 p.m.; and Saturday, February 9 from 2-5 p.m. You may come to any or all of the sessions. Please join us and be sure to invite friends! For more details and to register, please visit <https://gretna.iflocal.com/> All questions may be directed to Chelsea Sernett at chelseakpetersen@gmail.com

PRAISE BAND The Praise Band is looking for vocalists and volunteers to play guitar, bass, keyboard, and drums. The time commitment is minimal. They practice an hour and a half before the