



THE STAFF
LUTHERAN CHURCH OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD
December 2017

THANK YOU!

Dear faithful members,

Lisa and I could not be more touched by all the ways you have said goodbye to us in the past few weeks. Spending three and five years, respectively, with all of you has brought us much joy and friendship, and it is hard to say goodbye.

There are many, many ways in which we will remember you, as we tell stories and look at pictures – even our wedding pictures! – in the months and years to come. Your gift of a stole – I chose a white one for Easter and Christmas – will serve as a beautiful physical reminder of all the ways you have been so generous with and to us. Thank you.

You will be in our prayers, and we will read the newsletter each month with great interest, as we wish for you blessings and joy in your continuing ministry.

Pastor Daphne and Lisa

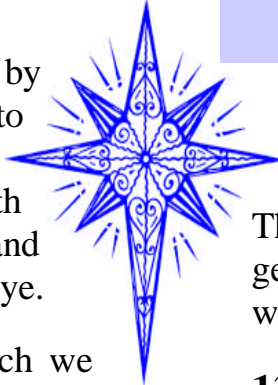
Upcoming Events

No Sunday School in December
12/17 Voters' Meeting

www.goodshepherdhamden.org/calendar

SUPPLY PASTOR FOR DECEMBER

Rev. Angelika Zollfrank



JOY OF GIVING

Thank you to everyone for your generous donations—giving many a wonderful Thanksgiving meal.

13 Turkeys were delivered to Hamden Food Bank

John Downs will be delivering food to the food bank also within the week.



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Pictured is a comic strip created by Nicholas and Tyler about Elijah.

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1/1/17—12/31/17

President: Linda Kapitan
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Treasurer: John Downs
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Publicity: Paul O’Braonain
Fellowship: Liane Moreland
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Property: James Learned
Worship: Ken Watson



	Pastor	Sally B.
	Daphne	
Claudia	Hawley	Elfriede Anna
Rudy	Pat	Lisa Mary Lou
Jimmy	Sue	Amanda Victoria
Emily	Marianne	David R. Pam
Harold	Arnold	Pat Mike
Rex	Gertrude	Howard Barbara
Alex	Linda & Darryl	Francisco Ellen V.
Abby	John	Alan

*Members of Good Shepherd who are homebound
Family and friends whom we name in our hearts*

Military personnel

Pray for the mission of the church



Rides for Ruth

12/3	Linda Kapitan
12/10	John Downs
12/17	Jim Learned
12/24	Paul O’Braonain (10:30am) Jim Learned (5:00pm)
12/31	John Downs

John Downs will schedule the rides from January on.

DECEMBER CELEBRATIONS

Birthdays

- 1-Chuddy Watson
- 7-Christopher Knoob
- 29-Emily Olson



Baptisms

- Jessika Dube, Jonathan Goodrich,
- Leo Goodrich, Barbara Kuslan,
- Christi Sharon

time —she enjoyed council meetings and retreats and the work accomplished. Transfer of information between pastor and council took place at the November and December council meetings and then with council president and council secretary. About 10 people went with Pastor to Elfriede’s to bring church to her. Six young adults will be confirmed 12/3. Worship is looking for an usher, worship assistant and altar guild person. Ken will ask at the voters’ meeting interest in caroling— maybe on 12/23. Council motioned to accept the recent application for parsonage rental. Council approved a request from a neighbor to park his truck in our lot a couple days a month and he will donate \$25 for every occurrence. Council approved the confirmands proposal to use a sandbox cross during the offertory throughout Advent as was used at Cathedral in the Night service. The proposed slate of 2018 council was reviewed and will be brought before voters. The proposed 2018 budget was accepted as presented and will be brought before the voters on 12/17.

Council Notes



Council met 11/30. Pastor expressed her appreciation for the gift from the church. She already ordered a new stole. She stated this is an emotional

FINANCIAL RESULTS THROUGH OCTOBER 2017

	2017	10/12 of 2017 BUDGET	Over (Under) BUDGET	Prior year Comparative 2016 thru October
Receipts thru October	\$63,480	\$77,917	(\$14,437)	\$59,995
Expenses thru October	\$75,125	\$77,917	(\$2,792)	\$70,562
Surplus (Deficit)	(\$11,645)	\$0	(\$11,645)	(\$10,567)

Our total Operating giving for October was \$5,760 and our expenses were \$6,182 giving us a shortage of \$423 and increasing our year-to-date loss to \$11,645. This compares to a 2016 overage of \$2,625 for October 2016 and a year-to-date loss of \$10,567.

As the above shows our giving this year is ahead of last year by \$3,485, thanks to some extra gifts, but behind our budget by \$14,437. Our expenses through October are under budget by \$2,792 and over last year by \$4,563 primarily because of seasonal expenses.

John E. Downs, Treasurer

SCHEDULED TO SERVE

Date	Acolyte	Worship Assistant	Worship Assistant 2	Cantor	Reader	Ushers	Altar Guild
12/3	Jonathan Olson	Linda Kapitan	Lisa Martinell	~	Linda Kapitan	John Downs Lisa Martinell	Lisa Martinell
12/10	Anthony Papa	Lisa Ball-Goodrich	Sue Hartley	Paul O'Braonain	Leo Goodrich	Reggie Chang Leo Goodrich	Starr O'Connor
12/17	Elizabeth Ingerson	Linda Kapitan	Ken Watson	~	Barbara Kuslan	Ken Watson Leonard Lye	Linda Kapitan
12/24 10:30a	Aoife Weischedel	John Downs	Sue Hartley	Paul O'Braonain	Reggie Chang	Sue Hartley James Learned	Chuddy Watson
12/24 5:00p	Nicholas Papa	Paul O'Braonain	~	~	Barbara Kuslan	John Downs	Starr O'Connor
12/31	Jonathan Olson	Lisa Ball-Goodrich	Leo Goodrich	~	Leo Goodrich	Reggie Chang Leo Goodrich	Starr O'Connor
1/7/18	Anthony Papa	John Downs	Ken Watson	Paul O'Braonain	Ken Watson	Ken Watson Leonard Lye	Chuddy Watson

*If you cannot serve on your appointed day, please find a substitute, and make the change on the master schedule. **Thank you for your service!***

CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS

A sign-up sheet is posted in the Narthex for poinsettia plants. The cost is \$15.

Please sign up by December 10.
Thank you!



SANCTUARY DECORATIONS

Looking for helpers to decorate the sanctuary following the voters' meeting on 12/17.

- ♥ Set up the Christmas tree
- ♥ Hang wreaths
- ♥ Place candle holders in the windows
- ♥ Set up two crèches

Thank you in advance for your help!

FUN FACT TO KNOW AND TELL

Do you know why Mary the mother of Jesus is often portrayed wearing blue?

Back in the Middle Ages, many different precious stones, metals, and other natural elements were used to create different colors of paint, and then acquired special meanings. For instance, gold was used for halos, to designate holiness. The stone lapis lazuli, which was more valuable than gold, was used to make the color blue. Depicting the mother of God wearing clothes colored with this expensive paint was a form of adoration. It didn't take too long for that practice to lead to the tradition of Mary "always" wearing blue.

This carries forward to using blue for our Advent paraments; blue is now considered "Mary's color," and Advent is the season in which we wait with the pregnant mother for the Christ-child to be born.

FAREWELL LUNCHEON NOVEMBER 26, 2017



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As called Christians responding to the Great Commission of our Lord Jesus Christ (Matthew 28:18-20), we commit ourselves to nurturing the spiritual growth of our congregation by proclaiming the Gospel, bearing witness to God's saving grace, being stewards of the earth, and serving others, in our congregation, our community, and in all the world.

**LUTHERAN CHURCH OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD
MISSION STATEMENT**

Worship
Sunday School
(2nd and 4th Sundays)
9:30am

Worship
10:30am



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