

Welcome to Shepherd of the Woods Lutheran Church and School

To KNOW Christ, To SHARE Christ, To SHOW Christ

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WE WELCOME all who worship with us today and pray the Lord will bless our worship together. We give thanks to God for the Spirit leading in your life, drawing you to Shepherd of the Woods on this day. Regardless of what is happening in your life, the Good News of Jesus Christ and of His love and forgiveness is for you! May our gracious Lord feed you in spirit and truth and may you be renewed in faith and hope.

Yellow Connection Insert - Please complete the yellow connection insert to let us know you worshiped with us today and place in the offering plate in front of the baptismal font when you leave.



Angel Tree Names – We have our Christmas gift tags for children from the Angel Aid Foundation next week in the Gathering Area. This organization supports families with terminally ill children. If you would like to sponsor one or more children, stop by and **sign out your tags** and be sure to follow the instructions on the sheet attached! **Please return your gifts with receipt copy or gift receipt, unwrapped, by Sun, Dec 4.**



Holiday Meal Baskets – We are now collecting non-perishables for our friends in ministry at Angel Aid for their family Thanksgiving Baskets. There is a specially marked bin in the Gathering Area for this food drive. You are welcome to continue providing items to our food pantry during the drive. For the Thanksgiving baskets: canned fruit and veggies, boxed stuffing & potatoes, gravy or gravy mixes, baking items, cranberry sauce. Grocery gift cards and financial donations are appreciated. Mark your check or envelope Holiday Basket or use the Care Square for debit/credit donations.

Thanksgiving Worship – We are so very blessed as a congregation and individually and we look forward to observing Thanksgiving to especially reflect on those blessings at this time. We invite all to join us for **Thanksgiving Worship on Wed, Nov 23rd** at Noon and at 6:30pm. It's a wonderful time to invite a friend to church and also to the luncheon. Please be sure to indicate on the Yellow Insert if you will be joining us for this meal and if you will be bringing anyone with you.



Our Annual Community Thanksgiving Meal will be on **Wed, Nov 23rd at 1:00pm**, following Noon worship. We need three volunteers to roast and slice a turkey at home, three additional volunteers to assist with cooking other items at home (we provide the ingredients) and invite anyone who would like to prepare a dessert to help! **Please indicate your interest on the Yellow Insert for donating a turkey, roasting a turkey, preparing an item, providing a dessert or assisting with set-up or clean up. This really helps our planning!**

Thanksgiving Meals for Shut-Ins – We will also be packing and delivering meals to shut-ins. **If you would like to assist with packaging meals, or if you would be available to deliver 1-4 meals on Wednesday after the Noon service, please indicate your availability on the Yellow Insert.**



January 2023 Peru Mission Trip – Our dates are set for **Wed, Jan 4th - Tues, Jan 17th** and we would love to have you join us!! If you would like more information, please indicate your interest on the Yellow Insert and make plans to attend an **information session on Sun, Nov 20th at Noon**. It does not commit you to going, it just lets us know you want info and updates as they are available. The cost depends on air fare and is estimated to be \$1500 - \$2000.



Notes for this Week

Our Annual Women's Retreat last weekend was just wonderful – lots of study, reflection, food, creativity, worship and fellowship. Our worship offering collected over \$800 for the NALC Discipleship Fund!! Our dates are already set for next year as we return to the Ebenezer Retreat Center in Rincon, GA on Nov 10-12, 2023. Ladies, please mark your calendars now and make plans to join us.

Thrivent Members – anyone who has Thrivent financial products (insurance, banking, etc.) is able to sponsor 2 community projects - Action Team Projects - each year with Thrivent providing up to \$250 as “seed” money for supplies or other needs. If you are a Thrivent member and still have one or both of your \$250 grants available, we have lots of projects going on where we could make use of these funds. Please indicate on the Yellow Insert and someone will be in touch with you to coordinate use of your Action Team funds.

Monthly Game Night – join us for food, fun and fellowship on **Sat, Nov 19th at 6:45pm**. Board games, cards, puzzles, charades – you never know what kind of fun will be had!! All ages are welcome although we do not provide childcare or a nursery at this time. Please bring something to snack on if you want, but never required!

Supplies for Beaches Mission House - Now through Sun 11/27 - Mission House needs a number of items right now and there are collection bins in the Gathering Areas. **Current needs are: socks and underwear, gently used bath and kitchen towels, wash cloths, laundry supplies, toiletries, and personal care items.**

Beaches Mission House serves the community by providing meals, medical care, job search support and shower & laundry facilities to the area's homeless and indigent population. Your donations are appreciated, and volunteer opportunities can be found on their website. **We will cook and serve dinner on Tues, Nov 29th from 5pm to 8pm. If you would like to participate, please indicate your interest on the Yellow Insert.**

Sunday Morning Fellowship – we offer a time to visit with others after both our worship services and invite you to support this as you are able. **We remain in need volunteers every week, for each service, to provide simple snacks and drinks.** We also need volunteers to set up (make coffee, set out plates, cups, creamer, etc.) and to clean up after (tidy tables & chairs, wash up serving dishes and coffee carafes) and invite you to offer the gift of your time. Please use the Yellow Insert to indicate your support!

Food Pantry Needs - our “Shepherd Shelves” in the Gathering area serve many in our local community every week. We appreciate all donations. Currently, we are most in need of the following: breakfast cereal, canned soups and stews, canned fruit, canned meats & tuna, and canned beans. If you can provide any items, please leave them in the barrel next to the food shelves. Thank you for your care of our community.



Wed, Nov 23rd – Thanksgiving worship at Noon and 6:30pm
Wed, Nov 23rd – Community Thanksgiving Meal at 1:00pm
Sun, Nov 27th – Advent Begins
Wed, Nov 30th – Fellowship Dinner at 5:30pm & Service of Light and tree lighting at 6:30pm
Sun, Dec 11th – Christmas Caroling to Shut-ins (after 10:30 worship)
Sat, Dec 17th & Sun, Dec 18th – Live Nativity 6:30 to 7:30pm
Sat, Dec 24th – Christmas Eve Worship Services at 5:00, 7:00, 9:00 and 11:00pm
Sun, Dec 25th – Christmas Day Worship Service at 8:30 & 10:30am

The 2022 Charts are available in the Gathering Area for those who wish to sponsor the Altar Flowers, Communion Elements or the Eternal Candle during the year. These can be offered in honor of someone special or in memory of a loved one. Flowers are \$35 per arrangement and sponsoring Elements, or the Candle is \$10.

Today, the Flowers, The Communion Elements, and The Eternal Candle are given to the glory of God.

All are offered by Jacqueline Kuchta in loving memory Adam Kuchta



Thank You!

From Debbie Kellerman: I would like to thank Pastor Phillips, Pastor Jones, and all of the SOTW staff, who worked so hard to make this last weekend's Women's Retreat a wonderful and enriching experience in so many ways!

A Snapshot of Mission and Ministry at Shepherd of the Woods



TO KNOW CHRIST JOHN 10:14-15

- † We can know Christ because He first knew and loved us.
- † We are created and called to a relationship with Christ.
- † We are claimed through Baptism.
- † Rooted in the Word we grow through worship, study, and prayer.

To KNOW Christ - Bible Studies for Adults, Youth & Children

ADULTS

- ♦ **Bible Study Class** — Sundays 9:45am, in the Shepherd Center (Augsburg Series) and Annex (Crossways Series)
- ♦ **Midweek Bible Study** — Wednesdays 6:30pm, and on Zoom
- ♦ **Men's Bible Study & Breakfast** — usually held first Saturdays at 8:00am
- ♦ **Women's Bible Studies** — 2nd & 4th Mondays, 10am and a new evening study 1st & 3rd Wednesdays 6:30pm
- ♦ **Daily Devotions** — emailed every morning at 5am. To subscribe: email SOTWatJAX@aol.com

CHILDREN & YOUTH

- ♦ **Children's Class** — 4yrs — 6th Grade Children are dismissed from worship after Holy Communion at the 10:30 service. Additional opportunity at 9:30am during the Family Hour
- ♦ **Confirmation Class** — for 7th & 8th Grade meets at 9:30am
- ♦ **Senior High Class** — 9th — 12th Grade Bible Study meets at 9:30am
- ♦ **Youth Life** - 7th — 12th Grade youth participate in monthly activities, service projects, summer camps & weekend retreats.
- ♦ **Vacation Bible School** — is offered every summer to the community.
- ♦ **Summer Camp** — is provided to our young ones through our day school ministry.



TO SHARE CHRIST COLOSSIANS 4:5-6

- † Let your light shine.
- † We share what God has done for us with others.
- † We seek to share Christ in all of our Relationships.
- † We are called to share the Gospel at all times, using words if necessary.

To SHARE Christ - Opportunities to connect Faith & Life

Fellowship - Join us after worship for a time of fellowship and watch for special events!

Waving - is done before all services. Come early next week and join in on the fun!

Choirs - Traditional Choir - Tuesdays 6pm, the Bell Choir - Tuesday 7:15pm, the Praise Band /Choir Thursdays 6:30pm.

Peru Mission — Each year we take 1-2 mission trips to serve in partnership with our mission congregation in Tarma & Hauncal Peru to support them in sharing the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Next trip is Jan 4-17.

Day School — Our early learning center is dedicated to developing the minds, growing the hearts, and nourishing the spirits of all our students. We currently serve 2-year-olds through 2nd grade where children focus on loving, learning and serving!

Alpha Outreach — Exploring Christian faith basics. Coming Soon!

Senior Ministry — Seniors are connected for study, education, fellowship, and service. Our next gathering will be in Dec!



TO SHOW CHRIST MATTHEW 25:30-46

- † Ministry is Faith in Action.
- † We are blessed to be a blessing.
- † We are called to love and serve as we have been loved and served by Christ.
- † We are the feet and hands of Christ.

To SHOW Christ - Ways we share the Love and Care of Christ

Lutheran World Relief Quilting Ministry meets 2nd and 4th Wednesdays at 1:30pm to connect sewn quilt tops to lining and backing. No sewing ability or experience needed. Cutting Kits and Sewing Kits are available to take home.

Mission House Meal Ministry — cook and serve dinner on Fifth Tuesdays and regularly collect socks, and toiletries for them.

Meals on Wheels — volunteers deliver meals to elderly clients in our area. If you would like to be on the team to deliver once each month, please contact the church office.

Peru Mission — our Tarma pastor, congregation and support team continue to serve the people of Tarma with worship, an after-school program, food assistance and help to the disabled community. Next mission trip January 4-17, 2023.

Food Pantry — we offer a small supply of non-perishable food in the Gathering Area for those that visit seeking support.

Benevolence Ministry — supports mission work being done locally, domestically and internationally.

HELPFUL INFORMATION FOR YOU

We are glad you are here and we look forward to seeing you again!

Pastoral Contact Information:

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Pastor Peacock - pastorapecock@gmail.com 553-4203

Pastor DiBias - pastordibias@aol.com 514-3698

Restrooms are located just outside the first set of sanctuary doors on the left.

The Nursery is available for children (thru age 3) during Sunday worship and can be found next door in the Shepherd Center – signs will lead the way or ask an usher for assistance. There is also a “cry room” with a speaker at the back of the sanctuary for a brief “time-out” for restless worshipers. *Please bring children to worship if they are able, and to the nursery if necessary.*

Want more information? If you are interested in more information on our congregation, or who want to join, please indicate this on the Yellow Insert and leave in the offering plate by the baptismal font.

Come join us for daily spiritual growth! Get the daily Faith Matters devotion e-mailed by the pastoral staff. Just send a note to sotwatjax@aol.com or indicate on the Yellow Insert, and you'll be put on the email list. These are also available in print in the Gathering Area!

Remain informed! Please provide your email address to receive the most current information regarding worship and community notes. Send an email to sotwjax@aol.com or use the Yellow Insert and ask to be subscribed to Shepherd of the Woods email notifications, daily devotions and prayer requests emails.

Miss Worship or Want to Share the Sermon? Sermons are online, at www.sotwjax.com or they can also be sent via email – sign up on the Yellow Insert and we will add you to the weekly distribution list.

Shepherd of the Woods Lutheran School – We offer a caring, faith-based program for children 2-years through Second Grade. Our School is fully accredited, and oversight is provided by DCPS. We honor the McKay Scholarships and we are a free-VPK provider. For more information or to schedule a tour, contact Angie Ervin, Admissions Director at Admissions@sotwschool.com or 904-814-5234.

Please Note: In Compliance with CDC Guidelines for Schools - Only students and Day School Employees are permitted in the Annex and Shepherd Center facilities M-F 7:30am to 4pm. Please use the main or kitchen entrance to access the Church Office and Fellowship Hall during these hours.

Parking – We have plenty of parking in the back parking lot with easy access in and out of the annex/fellowship hall. The back parking lot also has 2 handicap parking spots.

Your Church Council: Gary Kovar (President), Rick Pepis (Vice-President), Kathy Bloom (Treasurer), Marti Baggs (Secretary), Cynthia Cannon, Gregory Redmon, Joanne Reinhart, and Kim Rowland.

The “Care Square” is a debit/credit card reader used with an iPad. It is a safe, secure way to provide offerings or pay for special events & activities. The Care Square is available in the church office.

Automated Checks – Still writing checks? Another convenient option offered by most banks and credit unions is **no-cost check writing services**. Many of our members use this easy process for regular offerings and the bank or credit union sends the check to our offices at no expense to you.

Simply Giving is a no-cost process that will provide a paperless recurring transaction (weekly or monthly) for the same amount each time. It can be stopped at any time.

Church Federal ID Number: If you have investments and would like to support your church with a donation from them, our EIN is 59-1939927.

Vision for the Future! - The ministry (care for people) and the mission (expanding the gospel) of Shepherd of the Woods are in constant focus for us and your participation (with time, talents, and resources) makes it all possible. Please consider remembering Shepherd of the Woods in your will as a legacy for future generations.

If you would like more information regarding any of these items, please contact Rhonda Taylor, our Financial Administrator, at sotwfin@aol.com or 904-477-2632.

“#SIPBoldly”!! Lutheran World Relief Farmers Market Coffee is coffee direct-from-farmer to you! Our support of the impactful program continues as we offer both our “traditional” coffee and rotating LWR products during fellowship each Sunday. We will try to keep a supply of all four varieties on hand for purchase or you can order by going online to LWR.org.

THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

SATURDAY (12th)

5:30pm – Worship Service

SUNDAY (13th)

8:30am – Worship Service – live-streamed

9:30am – Family Hour Bible Study Classes

Adult Class using the Augsburg Series – Conference Room

Adult Class using Crossways Series – Annex

Youth Life - Grades 9-12– Shepherd Center

Confirmation Class – Grades 7th & 8th – Pr Phillips' office

Children's 4-years – 6th Grade – Shepherd Center

10:30am – Worship Service –

Approx. 10:50am – Children's Sunday School for 4yrs – 6th Grade – Shepherd Center

MONDAY (14th)

10:00am – Women's Morning Bible Study

TUESDAY (15th)

6:00pm – Choir Rehearsal

7:15pm – Bell Choir Rehearsal

WEDNESDAY (16th)

6:30pm – Midweek Bible Study – Matthew

6:30pm – Women's Evening Bible Study

THURSDAY (17th)

6:30pm – Praise Band Rehearsal

SATURDAY (19th)

5:30pm – Worship Service

6:45pm – Monthly Game Night

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12:00pm – Peru Mission Trip information Meeting

UPCOMING

MONDAY (21st)

6:00pm – **Church Council Meeting**

TUESDAY (22nd)

6:00pm – Choir Rehearsal

7:15pm – Bell Choir Rehearsal

WEDNESDAY (23rd)

12:00pm – **Thanksgiving Worship**

1:00pm – **Community Thanksgiving Luncheon**

6:30pm – **Thanksgiving Worship**



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Be sure to "Check in" too!