

December 4. If you have any questions contact Steve [Loehr:sloehr@kwiktrip.com](mailto:Loehr:sloehr@kwiktrip.com).

### **Scrip Giving for Christmas**

Scrip is a great place to shop for your Christmas gift giving! This time of year, many of us like to shop for our loved ones, those in need, or spend a little extra on ourselves. No matter the reason, Scrip is a great opportunity to benefit Good Shepherd's ministries using gift cards to shop where you're already shopping or to give to those hard to buy for people on your list. Great Lakes Scrip has over 750 gift cards available. Check out the back table in the narthex where you will find a list of retailers that participate in the scrip program. You will still receive your gift card in time for Christmas if you place your order by December 14th. Don't forget about those relatives that live out of town that may have a restaurant or store local to them – purchase a gift card to that special place for them! Local charities are looking for gift cards to help buy groceries and basic necessities – purchase a gift card for that charity. If you have any special requests or any questions, please contact our scrip coordinator, Joan Christie, at 608-790-5626, or at [scrip@gsholmen.org](mailto:scrip@gsholmen.org). Have a Blessed Christmas!

### **Recovery in Christ**

Recovery in Christ meets on Sundays, 6:00 p.m. at St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Onalaska. Recovery in Christ will meet, 1:00 p.m. at Coulee Recovery Center (933 Ferry Street, La Crosse). Call/text 608-567-3038 to confirm dates/times.

### **Grief Support**

Our next meeting will be Tuesday, December 7 at 7:00 p.m. We meet at St. John's Lutheran Church in Barre Mills. If you, or someone you know is grieving, please come for comfort from God's word and encouragement from fellow Christians. This month's topic for discussion will be "Grief during the Holidays".

### **Good Steward-Employment Opportunity and Volunteers Needed**

Good Steward Resale Shop has two employment opportunities available. They are currently offering a position of store coordinator and also warehouse worker. Interested parties may obtain a job description and application form at Good Steward or by calling **608-784-5035**. There is also more information posted on the church bulletin.

Volunteers are also needed at Good Steward Resale shop. It takes people helping people to make Good Steward work. If you can help by giving hours per week for Christ centered education, call **Lisa at 608-779-9763**.

# Worship of the Good Shepherd

December 5th/6th, 2021

### **Offering**

*Our congregation has joined together to share Jesus and his love in this community and around the world. This offering is a joyful response of our faith. If you are a visitor with us, please do not feel obligated to give an offering unless you desire to do so.*

**Offerings baskets** are found in the back of church as you exit/enter the sanctuary.

### **Electronic Offering Options**

◆ **VancoFaith** church app on Apple or Android device

◆ **Online** giving at [www.gsholmen.org](http://www.gsholmen.org)

*Credit card transactions have 3% processing fee deducted from offering.*

### **Serving in Worship Today**

Preacher: Pastor Johnathan Kruschel

Pianist/Organist: Karin Stellick

Soloists/Instrumentalists: Kate Patten

### **Worship Attendance November 24/28/29, 2021**

#### **In-person**

6:30pm 78

9:00am 118

6:30pm 25

#### **Online Views**

YouTube 43

Facebook 26

### **Ushers & Greeters 9:00 am**

Today: Aaron & Sarah Larson

John McDonald

Gene McCurdy

### **Next Week 9:00 am Ushers/Greeters**

Alan & Odetta Ross

Rodney Spencer

*Interested in serving as an usher or greeter?*

*Contact the church office!*

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# Good Shepherd's **Weekly Voice** December 5th/6th, 2021

## **Weekly Calendar**

**Sunday:** Choir- **8:15 am**  
Sunday Communion Worship -**9:00am**  
Sunday School and Bible Study -**10:15am**

**Monday:** Monday Communion Worship- **6:30pm**

**Wednesday:** Video Advent Devotion- **7:00am**  
Catechism Class- **5:00pm**

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**Livestream Worship YouTube—Sunday 9:00 am**  
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## **Christmas Worship Services**

### **December 19 @ 9:00 am – Sunday School Christmas Service**

The children of our Sunday school and teens from Good Shepherd will lead us to look into the manger and ask the question, “Who is he?”, and look to the Bible for the answer. This service will be filled with familiar Christmas readings and songs. Begin your celebration of Christ's birth!

### **December 24 @ 3:30 & 6:30 pm – Christmas Eve Worship**

Babies are born all the time! What makes this child so special? We turn to God's angels who appeared to the shepherds on the night of Jesus' birth to answer the question posed by the Christian hymn, “What child is this?” This service will be filled with beautiful music and a message that shows the connection between Christmas and you. We hope that offering two services will allow for additional seating and an option for those who prefer not to drive in the dark.

### **December 26 @ 9:00 am – Christmas Communion Service**

We are combining our Christmas Day worship service with our weekly Sunday worship service for a special Christmas Communion service. We lift our voices in response to the joy that dawned the day of Jesus' birth. This service will include many familiar Christmas songs along with a celebration of the Lord's Supper.

### **Monday Night Worship in December**

Due to special Christmas services, there will be **no Monday evening worship on December 20<sup>th</sup> or December 27<sup>th</sup>**. Monday night worship will resume on January 3<sup>rd</sup> at 6:30 pm.

### **Purchase New Hymnal for Sanctuary and/or for Self**

Thanks to all those who have given special offerings and memorials to help offset the costs of purchasing 125 of the new Christian Worship hymnals for our sanctuary. We have received money to cover the cost of 72 hymnals in addition to the 23 hymnals being purchased for personal use. **The final day for purchasing hymnals as part of this initial order and avoiding shipping costs will be Sunday, December 12th.**

### **Door Offering for Cost of Children's Treat Bags**

To help defray cost, Good Shepherd is having a door offering On Sunday December 5th and Sunday December 12th. This offering will go to the cost of treat bags that the children will receive after their Christmas Service on December 19th. Any donation will be greatly appreciated. Thank you!

### **Handling the Holiday Hoopla – Weekly Advent Video Devotions**

The month of December has turned into one of the busiest times of the year. There are the Christmas parties and family gatherings, indoor and outdoor decorating, and ordering, purchasing, wrapping and returning of gifts. How do you handle the holiday hoopla? Use the video devotions released on Wednesday, December 1, 8, 15 (Facebook & YouTube) for some practical guidance in how to handle three common areas of stress: gifts, family and time. Let the Lord help you through the holiday hoopla!

### **Great Study and Fellowship**

All men are invited for an hour of Bible study and Fellowship 8:00 a.m. at the Onalaska Kwik Trip Training Center (side door), 408 Sand Lake Road . Starting Saturday, December 4, the group will be studying the Augsburg Confession and what it means to boldly stand on God's Word in a world of doubt and confusion. Free breakfast on