



The Voice of Good Shepherd

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This Week at Good Shepherd December 3rd, 2023 – December 9th, 2023

Sun. 3	Mon. 4	Tues. 5	Wed. 6	Thurs. 7	Fri. 8	Sat. 9
Adult Bible Study & Sunday School 8:45 am Service - 10:00 am Voters' Meeting 11:30 am	Men's Bible Study 10:00 am	Women's Bible Study – 9:30 am Home School Shakespeare Banquet 6:00 – 9:00 pm	Home School 9:00 – 12:00 pm Advent Services 3:00 & 7:00 pm	Home School 9:00 – 3:00 pm		

- 12/3 Christmas Gifts for Seminary Families** – The gifts need to be returned today, December 3rd. Please wrap them and attach the name of the individual it goes to. Thank you for supporting this worthwhile cause.
- 12/3 Christmas Giving Tree** – These are gifts for needy children in our community, as well as some of our shut-ins. Please take a tag and return the gift by December 17th. Thank you for helping to give a blessed Christmas to those less fortunate.
- 12/3 Voters' Meeting** – Following the service. The primary agenda item is the 2024 Budget. A light lunch will be provided. The church will supply meat and cheeses, chips, and drinks. Desserts are needed. Please plan to attend.
- 12/3 Women's Auxiliary Cookie Pack** – Bring your home baked Christmas Cookies to church for the Cookie Pack. No nuts, no bars, please. The packing is at Christ Lutheran, Cincinnati at 9:30 am Monday, Dec. 4th. All hands welcome.
- 12/16 Saturday Bible Study** – 10:00 a.m. Led by Billy Mitchell at church. We are reading through the Bible beginning with Genesis and discussing as we go.
- 12/17 Children's Christmas Program & Congregational Christmas Caroling** – December 17th, 2023 at 4:00 p.m. Immediately following the program, we will have Christmas Caroling and refreshments. The church will supply the drinks: coffee, hot chocolate and Christmas punch. The members of the congregation are asked to bring cookies for sharing. If you would want to participate in the "Cookie Exchange" please bring a separate batch of cookies ziplocked and ready to exchange. If you want to share the recipe along with the cookies, please feel free to do this also. If you have any questions, please contact Tammy Woolley at (859) 801-5597 or tammy.woolley@dcinc.org.

Advent Season – To enrich our experience this Advent season, we have the following services planned: Dec. 6, 13 and 20 are the 3:00 and 7:00 pm services for Wednesdays in Advent. The theme this year is "Waiting for the Lord." We are planning one Christmas Eve evening service at 7:30 pm with pre-service music beginning at 7:00 pm. The Children's Christmas program is scheduled for 4:00 pm on Dec. 17 with a sing along after the service in the fellowship hall.

Instrumentalists and Vocalists – If you would like to be a part of our special Christmas Eve preservice music and/or participate in the service, please see Glen or Kim Leavens. Thank you.

Advent Devotion – Please pick up your copy of the Advent Devotion "What Child is This" today. In Jesus' birth, God came down to earth for us. In "What Child is This?" We see how Jesus, foretold by the prophets and confirmed by God as His own Beloved Son, is the Father's ancient promise fulfilled. Born to save us from our sins, this lowly Child triumphed over sin and death to become our Savior. Copies are available in the Entryway and Gathering Area.

Current Weekly Bible Studies

Sundays

Adult Bible Study – 8:45 am
Led by Pastor Poynter in the FLC

**Women's Bible Study –
8:45 am - Duchow Room**

Mondays

Men's Bible Study
10:00 am

**Tuesdays
Women's Study
9:30 a.m.**

Wednesdays

Pastor's Study
Resumes in January

Jeremiah 23:6 – “**And this is the name by which he will be called: “The LORD is our righteousness.,”**” Jesus is our righteousness, our justification, our all. In Jesus, we are forgiven and receive every blessing from the Father. This knowledge sets us free to live as children of the heavenly Father without fear. Freed from the supposed need to justify ourselves, we can do good works for the *right* reason: to thank God and to serve our neighbor.

Our Servants This Week

Acolyte: Paul Poynter
Lead Worship Asst.: Keith Juergens
Greeter: Phillip & Jessica Brann
Reader: Sharon Snowden
Usher: Dave Wissler
Altar Care: Linnea Caldon
Refuse Duty: Dave Wissler
Offering Counters: Billy M. & Leroy R.
Audio/Visual: Dave Schneider

Our Servants Next Week

Acolyte: Madelyn Cottrell
Lead Worship Asst.: Eric Berns
Greeter: Lisa Berns
Reader: Vince Woolley
Usher: Barb Barvincak
Altar Care: Linnea Caldon
Refuse Duty: Leroy Raap
Offering Counters: Leroy R. & Marlis N.
Audio/Visual: Bill Shaw

**Good Shepherd
Prayer Requests**



If you have prayer concerns you would like listed in the weekly Voice or sent to the congregation’s prayer team, please contact Lynn Mitchell in the church office at secretary@gslicky.org with the following information.

- First and last name of the individual needing prayer.
- Relationship to the requestor
- The issue of concern
- The amount of information which may be disclosed in the Voice or to the prayer team.

Strength and healing prayers will be listed in the Voice for two weeks; although continued prayers may be requested. Long-term cancer prayers will be listed continually until the need ends.

Those dealing with cancer :

Andy Gawura
 Tony Herald, friend of the Woolleys
 Frank Giglio, Kathy Nielsen’s father
 Rachel Magee friend of Tammy Woolley
 Scott Buffa, Allison Shaw’s brother
 Lynnette Fredericks, Jessica Brann’s mom
 Pastor John Suguitan.
 Chris Maynard, friend of Good Shepherd

For Strength and Healing:

Louann Gawura, Andy’s Aunt
 Fran Robyler, Friend of Russell Loesch
 Jim Herr
 Chuck Abney, friend of Vince Woolley
 Glen Juergens, Keith’s brother
 Craig Twietmeyer, Keith Juergens’ cousin
 Mark Twietmeyer, Keith Juergens’ cousin
 Virginia Langsdale
 Billy Mitchell
 Edna Groger

Attendance Last Week

Total 82

13th Month Campaign ‘22-’26

Goal 2023: \$20,000.00
 Life To Date: \$28,664.55
 Goal 2026: \$100,000.00

September 2023 Giving

General Fund: \$17,573.06
 Budgeted: \$18,463.00
 Year-to-Date: \$181,989.54
 YTD Budgeted: \$166,167.00

September 2023 Expenses

General Fund: \$19,972.63
 Budgeted: \$20,640.67
 Year-to-Date: \$170,604.59
 YTD Budgeted: \$185,766.03

For Electronic Giving:
gslicky.org/give

Birthdays: Taylor Mason (5)

Altar Flowers

This week’s altar flowers are given to the glory of God by Mary Givhan, in honor of Taylor’s birthday.

**Scripture Readings
for Next Week:**

Malachi 4:1-6
 Romans 15:4-13
 Luke 21:25-36