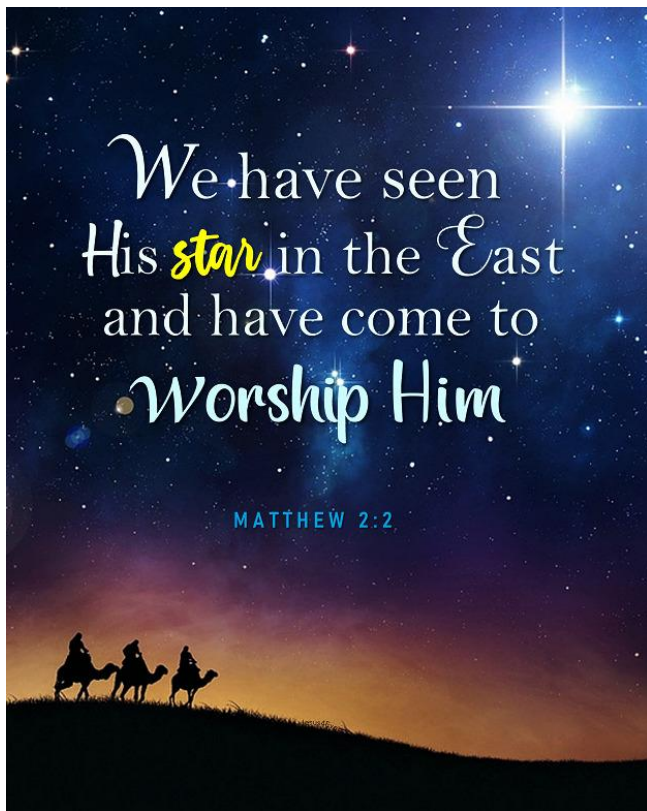


Good Shepherd

LUTHERAN CHURCH

EVERYDAY DISCIPLES



**SHARING CHRIST,
CHANGING LIVES!**

Gathering, Growing, Giving, Going

day, as you pray and read His Word and ask Him to help you.” *Billy Graham*

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ORDER OF SERVICE Traditional Printed Liturgy

HYMNS:

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THIS WEEK’S LESSONS AND PRAYER RESPONSE:

Isaiah 60: 1 – 6, Ephesians 3: 1 – 12, Matthew 2: 1 - 12

Sermon Theme: “Just Follow the Signs”

Sermon Text: Matthew 2: 1 - 12

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Prayer Bid & Response:

Pastor: Lord, in your mercy, **Cong: Hear our prayer.**

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As we enter to worship, let us gather in quiet contemplation and prayer. To worship is to quicken the conscience by the holiness of God, to feed the mind with the truth of God, to purge the imagination by the beauty of God, to pen the heart to the love of God, to devote the will to the purpose of God.

(Archbishop William Temple)

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Please see alternate service for liturgy this morning

THE SERMON: “Just Follow the Signs”

1. God's love for the world expresses itself chiefly in His strong _____
_____ of the people on this world.

God our Savior...wants all people to be saved and to come to a knowledge of the truth. 1 Timothy 2:3-4(NIV)

2. _____, but people are not.

Understand, therefore, that the LORD your God is indeed God. He is the faithful God who keeps his covenant for a thousand generations and lavishes his unfailing love on those who love him and obey his commands. But he does not hesitate to punish and destroy those who reject him. Deuteronomy 7:9-10(NLT)

3. Is there a problem with the signs God gives or the people to whom they are given? The _____ the signs God gives.

I called you so often, but you wouldn't come. I reached out to you, but you paid no attention. You ignored my advice and rejected the correction I offered. Proverbs 1:24-25(NLT)

4. The problem is that _____ to ask, "What is God trying to say to me?"

You are very precious to God. Listen carefully so that you can understand. Daniel 9:23(NLT)

5. People, claiming to be Christians, forget that _____ "is meant to lead you to repentance."

Do you not realize that God's kindness is meant to lead you to repentance? Romans 2:4(NRSV)

6. _____, God is active in our lives, trying to tell us how much He loves us, how dearly He wants our salvation.

When God our Savior revealed his kindness and love, he saved us, not because of the righteous things we had done, but because of his mercy. Titus 3:3-5(NLT)

7. Signs _____ with Jesus because of God's great grace to us.

And this will be a sign for you: you will find a baby wrapped in swaddling cloths and lying in a manger. Luke 2:12(ESV)

Memory Verse: “Where is the newborn king of the Jews? We saw his star as it rose,^[b] and we have come to worship him.” Matthew 1: 2 NLT

Count me in: What signs are you seeing and how will you respond to them?

GENERAL INFORMATION

CALENDAR OF EVENTS Jan. 5 – Jan. 12, 2025 (at church unless noted)

Sunday: Worship/Communion, 8 AM & 11 AM
 Sunday School, 9:30 AM
 Prayer Shawls, 12:30 PM
 Mission Team Meeting, 12:30 PM

Monday: Woman’s Bible Study, 1PM

Tuesday: Bible Study, 9:30 AM

Saturday: Worship/Communion, 5:30 PM

Sunday: Worship/Communion, 8 AM & 11 AM
 Sunday School, 9:30 AM
 Prayer Shawls, 12:30 PM
 New Member Potluck, 12:30 PM

ANOTHER WAY TO GIVE

If you prefer the convenience of offering your gift via your smartphone there is a way to do that. Go to the Apple Store or Google Play and search for “Vanco Mobile Faith Engagement” (the half purple V) to download for free. Then enter Good Shepherd; next tap *Donate Now*. 3. Choose a fund and a preset amount or enter another amount. You can make a one-time donation or set up recurring giving right through the app. Select *Add* to add another fund or move forward to the payment information. 4. Scan or enter your card or bank account information. 5. Review your donation summary then select *Complete Donation*. Or if you prefer to have your gift automatically withdrawn from your checking or savings account, check that box on the right side of your connection card, “Automating My Giving” or contact the church office and we will provide you with the form you will need to complete in order for us to set that up.

HEARING LOOP



Good Shepherd is equipped with a hearing loop in both the Worship Space and the Gathering Space. If you don't have a hearing aid but need hearing assistance, we have system devices that you can use. Please see the folks at the tech board and they will supply you with one.

THANKS

THANKS TO THOSE SERVING JESUS

We thank Andy & Amanda Reding and Michael & Stephanie Cheney for working out a means for us to share worship with this week. We also thank Lisa Serron, Linda Benivegna, Roxann Muller, Lisa Brahm, Hugh Shipley, Glenn Banke, Doc Tessendorf, Sandy Voigt, Jacki Scheib, Stephanie Cheney & Waneta Ridley for their work in the office and building. We also thank all who serve at worship this weekend. There are many “angels” in our congregation and community who go about living out their vocations as the Body of Christ. We know they do this not

to be recognized, but because God has called and led them to do what they do. God bless you all and thank you to all!

SERVING ON JAN. 11 & 12

SATURDAY: Ron Baley, Lisa Serron

EARLY CHURCH: Karyl Hammond, Jim & Melaine McGuire, Brian Edwards, Vince & Tracy Romano, Terry & Linda Savage

LATE CHURCH: Tammy Beattie, Jacki Scheib, Andy, Amanda & Jared Reding, Bob & Sandy Smith, Jenny & Merrick Tessendorf-Khan, Sandy Voigt, Gary & Collen Paradise, Doc Tessendorf, John & JoAnn Pilecki

A HUGE THANK YOU FROM LITTLE LAMBS

Little Lambs wishes to thank ALL its contributors for making our Second Annual LL Boutique such a success, raising \$842. For the Roxann Muller Scholarship Fund. The gracious gifts and creations from these people made it so successful:

Roxann Mullen - quilts, gift bags and baked goods

Amanda and Tommy Reding - making note cards with the LL's

Bev Edwards - chocolate treats

Richard Landholm - fudge

Jen Bentley - cupcakes

Joyce and Jim Wicker - wooden artwork

Jacki Scheib - crocheted items

Marlys Braunlich - table runners

The Craft Group - Christmas ornaments and earrings

WHAT'S HAPPENING

PRAYERS FOR 2025

Each year, we rebuild the list of prayers for the sick and those traveling. We will begin using this new list in February. If you have someone that you would like to see continue on the prayer list or travelers, be sure to add them to that list on the sheets that will be on the counter by the

monitor in the Gathering Space this week. If you are adding someone to our prayer list, please use the Prayer Bid Sheet on the guestbook stand as usual. Anyone added to the prayer list this month will be included on the revised list.

CHRISTMAS OFFERING BEGINS

If you have not already received it, you'll soon see a letter about our Christmas offering for this year. We're seeking to be a blessing to four different organizations, including our own preschool. Please prayerfully consider a Christmas gift to help those in need and be a blessing to others which enables us to serve God by serving others. Each of the organizations selected uses a high percentage of the gifts received to accomplish their mission. If you would like to make an additional gift during this Christmas season, there are envelopes on the Usher Station. Christmas offering will end at the end of the Christmas season, on the first Sunday in January. So far, we have received \$9,965 in gifts.

FLOWER CHART

The flower chart for 2025 will soon be hanging on the door across from the family restroom. If you would like to have flowers placed on the altar in honor of a special occasion or in memory of a loved one, you can write them in or contact the church office either by e-mail or phone. Please include your name, the name(s) of those being honored or remembered and the occasion. As is the case with almost everything, the price of flowers has risen and so we must follow suit. The cost is currently \$15.00 or you can order a larger bouquet for \$25. Please let us know at that time if you are ordering the larger bouquet.

NEW ADULT BIBLE STUDY TO BEGIN, JAN. 12

“John: The Warren Wiersbe Bible Study Series.” This study takes an in-depth look at the life of Christ, from a miraculous public ministry that confirmed His calling, to personal revelations that can transform the life of every believer. Rich in theology and essential to being a “Great Commission Christian”, the book of John provides the definitive guide to Christ’s powerful message of Hope.

This study will begin on January 12th 2025. Books are \$10. Please pre-register by Jan. 5th so that books can be ordered.

SAVE THE DATE!



Save the date for Pastor and Roxann's Retirement Gala! Date_ **Saturday ,March 29, 2025**- 6:30 pm. MORE DETAILS will be forthcoming, but mark your 2025 calendars NOW!

SUPPORT

FOOD FOR THE MEMORIAL SERVICE FOR MILLIE O'NEIL

As you may know, Millie O'Neil, mother of Lisa Brahm, died recently. Her Memorial Service will be held at Good Shepherd on Jan. 8 at 1 PM with a reception to follow. If you can provide a dish to pass, please sign up on the Wittenburg Door. Please have food to the church by 11 AM. Thank you.

CCIA NOTES

Christmas is nearly here, and you can sense the joy and love all around us as we will soon be celebrating with family and friends.

As we wait and thank our gracious Lord for the love that's evident this season; let's not forget to love our neighbor as ourselves. We can serve our gracious Father through loving and helping our brothers and sisters as He has commanded. When you go shopping this week, let's not forget our neighbors in need.

The food pantry is currently running low on: **Spaghetti sauce, pasta, canned fruit, tuna, peanut butter, and pork & beans.**

Thank you all for being so very generous with what God has given you. Merry Christmas & Happy New Year!

A THOUGHT FROM THE PRAYER TEAM

"Everyday Disciples, Sharing Christ, Changing Lives!"

Are you waiting for a sign from God?

Have you ever been on an interstate highway and feel like you missed the sign for your destination? Then you realize you just missed the sign? It can feel like that with God sometimes. You realize that God has clearly given you signs and directions yet you just don't know what they are. Luckily each of us have a direct and instant line to God. It's called prayer...simply talk to God and He will lead you.

“Hear my cry, O God, listen to my prayer; from the end of the earth I call to you when my heart is faint. Lead me to the rock that is higher than I.” Psalm 61:1-2

CARING NOTES

“Carry each other’s burdens, and in this way, you will fulfill the law of Christ.” Galatians 6:2

Gary Paradise, (spouse, Colleen) as they deal with health issues:
3925 Rileys Run, Canandaigua, NY 14424

Leon & Theresa Pfunter as they both deal with health issues:
4890 County Rd 37, Hemlock, NY 14466

Donna Allhusen, daughter of Mary, a she recovers from liver transplant surgery:
6555 SW. 61st Ave., Davie, FL 33314

Delores Furnum as she deals with health issues:
66 East St., Canandaigua, NY 14424

Marlene Pawlukewicz, (spouse, Joe) as she deals with health issues:
5777 Bonnie Brae Circle, Farmington, NY 14425

Mary Ann Menge, for continuing health concerns:
175 Clark Meadows, Canandaigua, NY 14424

Tierney Bristol, for continuing health issues:
5794 Clover Meadow Lane, Farmington, NY 14425

Stu Schipper, (spouse, Nancy) as they seek healing:

Fairport Baptist Home, Rm F316
4646 Nine Mile Point Rd, Fairport, NY 14450

Jonathan Allhusen, son of Mary, (wife, Andrea, son, Christian), as he deals with health issues:

3352 West Locanda Circle, New Smyrna Beach, FL 32168

Karen Lenz, (spouse, Ted) as she recovers from surgery:

1718 Rio Vista Terrace, Parrish, FL 34219

Steve Hemingway (spouse, Cindy) as he recovers from surgery:

11 Moore Ave., Victor, NY 14564

Ross Phippen, (spouse, Beverly) as he deals with health issues

6165 Routes 5 & 20, Canandaigua, NY 14424

Tori Trost, as she recovers from surgery:

226 Evans Street, Buffalo, NY 14221

Steve Schneider (spouse, Barb) as he recovers from surgery:

5768 Bonnie Brae Circle, Farmington, NY 14425

Bill Fuge, as he recovers from surgery:

4858 Bedford Dr., Canandaigua, NY 14424

The Brahm Family, at the death of Lisa's mother, Mildred O'Neil,

Butch, Lisa & Tyler: 4184 Short Rd., Stanley, NY 14561

Ryan & Alanna, Carter, Parker & JJ: 10 Chapel St., PO Box 551, Rushville,
NY


Patrick & Ashley Henderson, Lily & Kylie: 4262 Leigh St, Stanley, NY 14561


COMMUNITY HAPPENINGS

START THE NEW YEAR WITH FINANCIAL PEACE!


"The plans of the diligent lead to profit as surely as haste leads to poverty." –
Proverbs 21:5


Make 2025 the year you take control of your money and build a brighter financial future! Join us for Financial Peace University, a 9-week course that will teach you how to:


 Pay off debt

 Save for emergencies

 Build wealth

 Give generously

 First Class: January 13, 2025, at 6:30 PM


 Where: The Parish Center at St. Dominic Church, Shortsville

 Cost: \$100 per family (financial aid available)

 Child care: May be available—ask for details!

Don't let another year go by without a plan. Start 2025 with hope, peace, and confidence in your finances!

Sign up today at: www.fpu.com/85D3AA

 Contact: Mark Cazer at 585-261-3029 or markcazer@gmail.com

New year, new you, new financial peace!

THE PRAYERS OF THE CONGREGATION

PRAYER BIDS FOR THOSE WHO ARE SICK

Jan. 4 & 5, 2025

Connected to Good Shepherd directly: Leon & Theresa Pfuntner & Annika Persson & Bill & Judy Ballway & Annie Roxburgh & family & Christa Schneider & Tom Castle & Karen Schumacher & Gary Paradise & Fred Salvagni & Amethyst Riverscrow & Bev Carlson & President John Pingel & Karen Lenz & Stu Schipper & Steve Hemingway & Marlene Pawlukewicz & Jake Cameron & Lori Burk & Hope Murray & Pastor Anthony Iovine & Ross Phippen & Millie Tilley & Sharon Ridley & Delores Furnum & Jean Bucher & Eli Ellison & Christine Davis & Modzel Family & Carol Gantz & Wayne Smith & Tori Trost & Dean Bugenhagen & Terry Henninger & Robert Joslyn & Steve & Barb Schneider & Vince Romano & Bob & Sandy Smith & Bill Fuge & Joanie Cheney & Bart Adams & Debbie Chappelle & Bart Adams;

Connected to Good Shepherd by family or friendship: Marie Benivegna, Pat Gunn, Mark Gunn, Tashi Benivegna, Kerri Eames & Ruthee Krop, family & friends of Benivegna'; Bob & Barbara Muller, Layton Vogel, Barbara Skillman, Ruth Boselli, Jen Boselli, Jo Ann Martin & Alecia & Deborah Scoville, family & friends of Mullers, Charles Bucher, brother of Jean Bucher; Peter Lead, Pricilla Cratsley, Ernie & Carol Cratsley, friends & family of Leon & Theresa Pfuntner; Larry Almeter & Bill Rifenburg, uncle & friend of Andy & Amanda Reding; Wes Utter, Steve Cochrane, Charlene Johnson, & Cheryl, family & friends of Don & Gayle Hendershot; Connie Pruden, Vicky Pruden, Shelly Adams Vahue, Tom McKerlie, Linda Rutherford, Michael & Kelsey Vahue, family & friends of the Bart & Deborah Adams;

Alex, grandson of Ken & Barbara Barnes; **Donna & Jonathan Allhusen**, daughter & son of Mary; **Wayne Savage, Marsha Johnson, Lisa Hough & Theresa Pulver**, family & friends of Terry & Linda Savage; **Marian Dorr, Caroline Crocker & Terry Rockwell**, mother & friends of Gail Herman; **Rich & Jacquie Wilder & Betty Marvel**, friend of Baley's & Hemingway's; **Tom Cheney & Gary Preece**, family of Michael & Stephanie Cheney; **Ken Chappelle & Judy Boutwell**, father and friend of Debbie Chappelle; **Chelsea Ellis**, daughter of Cindy Marino; **Erin Bernard, Shannon Drumma, Chris Wyant & Layla**, family & friends of Bob & Sandy Smith; **Aiden Jerry**, friend of Khans; **Derek Pittenger, Teresa Manuel, Betty & Joe Gentry**, son & family of Dave & Sandy Pittenger; **Chris Beattie, Jerry & Joanne Beattie, Jack Frederickson & Glenn Shaw**, family & friends of Tammy Beattie; **Brian Brocklebank**, son-in-law of Karen Schumacher; **Amanda Walters**, family of Alexa; **Char Fairman**, friend of Salvagni'; **Georgann Willimas, Jan & Jess Hemingway, Kathleen Crane, Nancy Pilch, Nan Thompson & Carol**, friends & family of Hemingway's; **Jennifer Powell, Natalie Wavrick & Mary Ann Campenella**, family of Mike & Vasa Klimeczko; **Ashely Smith, Kylee Smith, Steve Milligan & the mother of a neighbor**, family & friend of Jacki Scheib & Greg Quinn; **Sharon**, sister of JoAnn Krucko; **Kathy Fox, Mike L., Marilyn Lane, Sandy Hall, Don Poulin, Kelly & Michael**, friends & family of Sandy Voigt; **Susan**, friend of Glenn Banke;

Bradley Stell, son of Richard Stell; **Julie Gray, Baby Lucas & Jose Salazar**, friends & s-i-l of Mark & Lisa Serron; **Joyce Willard**, aunt of Charlotte Chrysler; **Lily Coston**, great-great granddaughter of Kathey Drennan; **Kamerom Simmons**, nephew of Robert Joslyn; **Belmon Hall**, former husband of Carol Gantz; **Patty Colon, Bryan Chapman & Cathy Benedict**, family & friend of Ron & Kathy Chapman; **Bill Ortiz**, friend of Kyrsten Scheib; **Bob Gustin**, cousin of Jim Wicker; **Brian & Kaylyn**, friend & niece of Landholm's; **John & Sandy Beatty, Allison Sacheli, Kitty Braddon & Suzanne Schenk**, friends of Bill Fuge; **Madison Perryman**, friend of Annika Persson; **Jason**, friend of Laura Ouimette; **Sherry Chambers**, friend of Maddie Ellison; **Child, 3 yr old boy & Brielle**, friends & daughter of Ellen Bischoff; **Ian Boni**, nephew of Mark Carlson; **Vivian**, friend of Meg Baxter; **Rob Giddy**, b-i-l of Barb Schneider; **Diana Speers**, friend of Amanda Modzel; **Skeet Constable**, friend of Bob Jauch; **Beaux Button**, grandson of Annie Roxburgh; **Alex Clark**, friend of Kerri Ellison; **Rebecca Victory-Proud**, coworker to Nola Trost; **Arthur Rood, Chris Werth, Holly Perry**, family & friends of Pam Rood

THIS WEEK'S ADDITIONS TO THE PRAYERS FOR THE SICK:

ERIN SMITH BERNARD, daughter of Bob & Sandy Smith; **KATHEY DRENNAN**;
JACKSON COSTON, great-grandson of Kathey Drennan

PRAYERS:

FOR THOSE TRAVELING: Ron & Jeffery Ouimette, Joe & Dan Beniveгна, Victoria Pruden, Mark Serron, Mel Lackey, Chris & Tammy Beattie, Deborah & Bart Adams, Nick Romano, Andy Paradise & his fiancé, Sudy Landholm, Dean Bugenhagen, Mary Allhusen, Bob & Barbara Jauch, Pete & Kerri Ellison, Cheney Family, Beniveгна Family, Scott & Melinda Norris; Butch & Lisa Brahm, The Henderson Family, Cliff & Kelly Nichols; **DON & GAYLE HENDERSHOT**,

THE NEXT PERSON whom God would lead us to invite or welcome into our church family.

REJOICING

- For the healing of Linda Utter & Linda Seward
- For the safe return of Pastor Don & Roxann Muller, Mark & Lisa Serron

OUR CALL COMMITTEE

OUR MISSIONARIES:

Dan & Sarah Hough family in Paraguay (friends of congregation)
Joe & Becky Harvey family in Congo (cousin of Roxann Muller)
Paul & Karen Hodges family in Africa (brother of Amanda Reding)
Brian & Tracy Heffron in South Africa

OUR PARTNERSHIP WITH HABITAT

PEACE IN THE WORLD AND FOR THOSE WHO GOVERN

OUR LEADERS

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SERVING OUR LORD SATURDAY EVENING

AV	Glenn Banke
ALTAR CARE	JoAnne VanBuren

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SERVING OUR LORD AT 8 AM

ELDER	Pete Ellison
AV	Bill Fuge
LECTOR	Kerri Ellison
ALTAR CARE	Lisa Serron
COMMUNION ASSISTANT	Deborah Adams
USHER	Fred Salvagni
GREETERS	Wayne & Leslie Smith

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SERVING OUR LORD AT 11 AM

ELDER	Gail Herman
SERVICE SHEPHERD	Jill Persson
A/V TEAM	Andy & Amanda Reding
LECTOR	Kathy Chapman
ACOLYTES	Easton Modzel
ALTAR CARE	Christine Davis
ASSISTING MINISTER	Sandy Voigt
COMMUNION ASSISTANT	Tammy Beattie
USHER	Kathey Drennan
GREETER	Ken & Barbara Barnes
HOSTS	Annie Roxburgh
OPENERS & CLOSERS	Wayne & Leslie Smith /Sandy Voigt

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WORSHIP SCHEDULE **Jan. 11 & 12, 2025**

Saturday	5:30 PM	Worship/Holy Communion
Sunday	8 AM	Worship/Holy Communion
	11 PM	Worship/Holy Communion