

Weekly

NEWS

Shepherd of the Hills Evangelical Lutheran Church



The Coming Week at Shepherd of the Hills

December 2, 2018

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	6:30 am Men's Bible Study- <i>Romans</i>	6:00 pm Bells 6:30 pm Choir 6:30 pm Bible Information Class	9:00 am Bible Study- <i>Hebrews</i>		9:30 am Sunday School & LYFE Christmas Service Practice

Next Sunday, December 9 ...

8:00 am Traditional Worship Service
(Special Music during service: Handbells)

9:15 am Sunday School & Youth Group- **Practice**
9:15 am Adult Bible Study- *To the Ends of the Earth*
10:30 am Contemporary Worship Service
12:00 pm Confirmation Class

Keep In Prayers

Connie Leimkuehler—
Hospitalized with hip replacement complications.

Mike, Friend of Gene Saucerman—
Continues to battle cancer and life expectancy is decreasing.

Grace- Benson & Vail and their call to Pastor Shane Krause who is currently serving Mt. Olive Lutheran Church in Overland Park, Kansas. Pastor Krause also has a call from Trinity Lutheran Church in Crete, Illinois.

Upcoming Events

TODAY — Caroling, 2:00pm (followed by potluck soup dinner at the Watson house)

Dec 7 & 8 — Live Nativity, 6:00-8:00 pm, Redeemer

Dec 9 — Special Music during 8:00 am service, Handbells

Dec 10 — Ladies Christmas Dinner, 6:00 pm (Bianchi's)

Dec 8 & 15 — Practice for the SS/LYFE Christmas service, 9:30 am

Dec 16 — SS/LYFE Christmas service, 10:30 am

Dec 21 — Christmas in the Courtyard, 6:00 pm

Dec 23 — Special Music during 8:00 am service, Ladies Choir

Dec 24 — Christmas Eve Candlelight Services, 5:00 & 7:00pm

Dec 25 — Christmas Day Service, 9:00 am

WEEKLY INFORMATION

Keeping God's people connected...



Christmas Poinsettias

We will be adorning the altar area with poinsettias this year. A sign-up sheet is posted on the bulletin board. **The cost is \$6.00 for each poinsettia. Please use your yellow special offering envelope and write "Poinsettias" on it and place it in the offering plate.** Help us beautify our church as we commemorate our Lord's birth.



Advent Family Devotion Books

The WELS Congregational Resources has produced a new PDF

Advent devotion booklet—*Family Devotions for Advent and Christmas*. If you would like this booklet for your daily devotions, please use the sign-up list on the bulletin board. (or email Lorisa at Iterrell@LutheranChurchTucson.com). You will receive a copy next Sunday.

You can view the booklet at: welscongregationalservices.net/download/c18-discipleship/

2019 Offering Envelopes

The 2019 offering envelopes are available on the table in the church entryway. **Please pick up your box even if you use online giving or bill-pay through your bank for your offering. We have many opportunities during the year to use your yellow special offering envelopes which are included in the box.** If you did not receive envelopes and would like some, please contact the church office 297-5710. Thank you!

GIFT CARD DONATIONS NEEDED

In these uncertain times there are many of our brothers and sisters in the faith who are struggling finan-

cially. One way that we can help is by giving them gift cards from **Fry's, Walmart or Circle K** (for gas). If you are in a position to do so and are willing to help, please consider purchasing these gift cards and placing them in the church offering plate in an envelope labeled, "Gift Card donation" and the counters will separate them out and give them to Lorisa and the Board of Elders for distribution to those in need. Thank you for your Christian love and concern.



Christmas in the Courtyard

Save the Date for Shepherd of the Hills' Family "Christmas In the Courtyard" on Friday December 21 from 6-7:30 pm. We will get together to unwind before Christmas as we enjoy hot chocolate and apple cider, Christmas cookie decorating, an interactive family Christmas story telling and singing carols around the fire. Look for more information soon and plan on bringing your friends and family.



Caroling and Soup Dinner

Join us TODAY Sunday, Dec. 2 at 2 pm to sing Christmas carols

at assisted living communities and at the homes of some members who have difficulty attending church regularly. We will meet at the church. All are welcome and this is not just for choir members! Afterward we will meet at Gordon and Mary Watson's house for a potluck soup and salad dinner (beverages will be provided). **A sign up sheet is posted. If you plan on coming – please sign up!**

Children's Christmas Program

This year's service will take place on Sunday, December 16th at 10:30 am. Packets went home containing recitations, song lyrics, and a rehearsal CD. **If you did not receive one, please inform your teacher or Mrs. Schmugge.**

Rehearsal will take place during the regular singing time (9:15 am) at the beginning of Sunday school.

There are 3 additional rehearsals:

- **Saturday, Dec 8, 9:30 am**
- **Sunday, Dec 9, 9:15 am (Sunday School hour)**
- **Saturday, Dec 15, 9:30 am**



Christmas Postcards

The insert today is the postcard that was mailed to 3000 people in the area surrounding our church. There are extra postcards available on the table in the entryway. **Please take some and distribute to your friends, co-workers, neighbors, and family.**



Ladies Christmas Dinner

Join us Monday Dec. 10 @ 6:00pm for our Ladies Christmas Dinner at Bianchi's Italian Restaurant

(3620 W. Tangerine Rd.) Ladies of all ages are welcome to attend and guests of members are also welcome. This is a great way to invite someone and let them get to know us and invite them to our Christmas services! **At the restaurant, we will be ordering directly from the menu and everyone is responsible for their own meal with a separate check. There is a sign up sheet on the bulletin board. If you have any questions, please see Mary Watson.**



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Keeping God's people connected...



Women's Bible Study

We will be starting a new 5 week session Jan 21 & 23. The same material will be offered

on Monday night at 6:30pm and again on Wednesday morning at 9:00am. Babysitting will be available at the 9am class. We will meet weekly weeks studying the book "Ruth- Living in God's Unfailing Faithfulness" by Naomi Schmidt. Johneth Myrmo & Becki Scheel will lead the Monday night study and Denise Rhoads & Mary Watson will lead the Wednesday morning study.

If you are interested, please sign up on the bulletin board to assist in planning and preparing material. Books will be provided.

To the Ends of the Earth

Each family can pick up a copy of the new outreach DVD, "To the Ends of the Earth" today. Please find your last name on the clipboard and check off that you have picked up your copy!

Tucson Campus Ministry

All college students and others of approximately college age are invited to join WELS Tucson Campus Ministry at Grace-Tucson near the UofA campus. They have Sunday evening Bible studies as well as other fun activities.

- Sun, Dec 2, 7:00 pm
Do Not Open Until Christmas
- Sun, Dec 9, 7:00 pm
Christmas Cookout

ALA Christmas Concert

Join us for the Christmas Concert at Arizona Lutheran Academy on Friday, Dec. 14, at 7pm, in the ALA gymnasium, featuring Concert Band, Orchestra, Jazz Band, Percussion Ensemble, A Cappella Choir, Concert Choir, Freshman Choir and ukulele ensembles.



Those serving the Lord— December 9

8:00 am Traditional

Greeters: Chuck & Pat Weber
Ushers: Brian Murray Paul Marsala

10:30 am Contemporary Service

Ushers: Mike Orlando Steve Wilson
Nursery: Millie Grimes Jan Krueger
Sunday Clean-up: Jody Pepin

Upcoming Anniversaries: 12/2-12/8

Anniversaries this week:

Tim & Jennifer Hendrickson as they celebrate 24 years of marriage.

Tom & Carola Milster as they celebrate 35 years of marriage.



Please welcome back our

Winter Visitors:



- *Dennis & Jan Krueger*
- *Jim & Joanne Christner*



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WELS Resources...

Prayer– Comfort & Healing

Dear Lord Jesus, during your earthly ministry there was no sickness you could not heal and no pain that you could not comfort. Even now it is you who gives comfort and healing to all who suffer. Let your loving hand rest upon all who are sick or injured. Let them know that no matter what problems they face, your power is made perfect in weakness. Ease their pain, calm their fears, and encourage their faith with the promise of your grace. Amen.

WELS Christian Aid & Relief

“WELS Christian Aid and Relief is now coordinating volunteers to help with cleanup and rebuilding efforts after Hurricane Michael. Efforts are primarily focused on Amazing Grace, Panama City, Fla., which was hit directly by the storm. Amazing Grace’s church and parsonage experienced extensive damage, as did homes of several members and many in the community.

WELS Christian Aid and Relief quickly mobilized two of its relief trailers after Hurricane Michael struck the Panama City area and began coordinating volunteers to help with the cleanup project, including a group of 10 students from Martin Luther College (MLC), New Ulm, Minn.

“These students had so much energy and enthusiasm,” says Elizabeth Zambo of Christian Aid and Relief. “They gutted the church and parsonage that had been flooded, ripping out drywall and insulation. It was messy work, but they never complained.”

“It was an eye-opening experience,” says Hailey Stade, a sophomore at MLC and a member of Immanuel, Farmington, Wis. “I had no idea what to expect until we crossed the bridge to Panama City. Buildings were flattened. Every tree you saw was on the ground or bent in half. Power lines were all over the sides of streets and sidewalks. Large boats were tipped to their side in the water, and a building was considered lucky if it even had some of its roof intact.”

To read more, visit:

wels.net/volunteers-cleanup-hurricane-michael/