



GOOD SHEPHERD LUTHERAN CHURCH
WEDNESDAY ANNOUNCEMENTS
December 18, 2024

Love God
Love Others
Make Disciples
The Great Commandment: Mark 12:28-34
The Great Commission: Matthew 28:16-20

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Advent: The King of Love Is Coming



First Reading: Micah 5:2-5
Psalm: Psalms 80:1-7
Second Reading: Hebrews 10:5-10
The Holy Gospel: Luke 1:39-56

Click on the scripture
to read directly from
YouVersion
Bible

Also see Pg. 4
“Learn More About Advent”

Even if you cannot attend in-person service, be sure to join Jeff (Ffej) Stephenson online at 8:00 AM or 9:30 AM. If you are unable to attend the service in person, you will still be able to view the service online. You will find us on YouTube or Facebook. Search for Good Shepherd Utah. You can also find the service from the church

website <https://goodshepherdutah.com/>. Look under Worship Services, Watch Online. Or click [Here](#).

While watching the live stream from Facebook or YouTube, remember to hit the Like or Thumbs Up button to let us know you are there. You can also hit the Share button so your friends and family know where they can worship with you. And, if you haven't done so already, make sure to follow and/or subscribe and turn on notifications. You'll receive instant notifications when we go live or post new content.

### Top Announcements

#### Thank You Operation Turkey Dinner Volunteers and Donors!



Good Shepherd is blessed with an incredible number of members with servant hearts! This wonderful group donated money, purchased food, packaged the food and took it, along with \$25 Smith gift cards, to Sandy Elementary so that 100 families with students at the school would have a hearty Thanksgiving dinner.

A special thank you goes to Carla Johnson and Raina and Curtis Zeeh for organizing this event and to Sam Barbiero who did all the shopping and pickup.

#### Breakfast with Santa Thanks

We extend our sincere thanks to Good Shepherd for your invaluable support of Breakfast with Santa. The event was a resounding success, filled with joy, laughter, and warm holiday cheer. We were thrilled to see both familiar and new faces, all welcomed with exceptional hospitality and kindness. Santa Claus brought delight to children of all ages as they posed for memorable photos. The Boy Scouts of Troop #51 truly outdid themselves, serving over 150 plates of pancakes, overseeing craft activities, assisting with photos, and tidying up afterward.



#### Christmas Eve Services Volunteers Needed



Good Shepherd will be holding its customary 4 Christmas Eve services this year with the 7:00 PM service being live streamed. Christmas Eve services are an enormous endeavor. Unless you are on the team, it's hard to fathom how many people it takes to make Christmas Eve services run smoothly. Talk to your family about helping. Many people



attend one service and volunteer at another. **Click [Here](#) to see what help is needed** and to sign up or scan the QR Code.

Some of the open positions include snow removal (if needed), parking lot attendants, greeters, communion servers, ushers, tidy-upper: (tidy restrooms and lobby), cocoa makers and pastor's assistants. Please contact Rick ([rick@gslc.net](mailto:rick@gslc.net)) directly if you would like to be a part of the Tech Team.

Remember, these services aren't just for our congregants. We have families of families, people from the community who only come at Christmas and Easter and perhaps someone

who is looking for peace in their life and a church home. Let's give them a reason to come back and find that Baby Jesus is here all year.

## Pastor Ffej Ordination Service, January 12

The Ordination Service for Pastor Ffej has been scheduled for January 12 at 4:00 PM. Please put it on your calendar and come welcome Ffej into pastorship.

## Children and Youth Ministry Happenings

### Children's Church Each Sunday @ 9:30 AM



**THIS SUNDAY, December 22** – the children will be singing a special song during the 9:30 service and then having our **“Happy Birthday, Jesus” party in the Quad.**

No Children's Church on December 29 – worship with your family at the 9:30 service and enjoy a cinnamon roll after.

### Sunday Morning Youth 9:30 AM

Every Sunday morning, except for the 1st Sunday of the month, junior and senior high students gather in The Trench for worship, fellowship and Bible study. Please Note: There will be **no class on Sunday, December 29**. All students are invited to join their families in the Sanctuary for service.

### Worship Service Sunday - 1st Sunday of the Month

There is no Sunday morning youth (Jr and Sr High) class on the first Sunday of each month. Students are instead encouraged to attend the worship service and/or assist with a Sunday service opportunity. If you would like to assist with a Sunday service opportunity, talk to Jolyn to help in Children's Ministry, Rick to help with audio visual, Barb to be an usher or greeter and Ffej to be an acolyte.

### Wednesday Youth Group

Calling all junior and senior high students! Join us in The Trench on Wednesdays from 6:30 to 8:30 pm for our weekly small group ministry program featuring a variety of Bible studies, servant projects and fun activity nights. And remember to Bring a Friend!

### Confirmation - 1st & 3rd Sundays

Confirmation class is held from 1:00-3:00 PM at GSLC for any junior or senior high student looking to complete the 2-year confirmation program. Just show up!

### Upcoming Youth Ministry Events

December 18 - White Elephant Party & Potluck

June 8-14 - Youth Mission Trip 2025 ([SIGN UP HERE](#) - only 1 spot left)

July 17-21 - Youth Summer Camp @ Big Canyon

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact Ffej Stephenson directly.

## Things to Know

### Christmas Eve Invite Cards are Now Available

Have some neighbors you want to invite to Christmas Eve service? Then pick up a few Christmas Eve invite cards to hand out. These handy little cards are located on the table at the back of the sanctuary and in the church office. They contain Christmas Eve service times and a QR code to Good Shepherd's website where they can obtain more information.

### Learn More About Advent

Advent starts December 1 and runs through Christmas Eve. During Advent, we focus on Hope, Peace, Joy and Love as we prepare ourselves for the arrival of Baby Jesus. Each Sunday in December until Christmas, we will look at one of these Advent topics. If you want to focus on Advent through your week, consider visiting the YouVersion website <https://www.bible.com/> or downloading the YouVersion app using the included QR Code for a selection of teachings on Advent. Whether online or on the app, choose Plans, then search for Advent or Advent Reflections.



Another option is the Bible Project (<https://bibleproject.com>). Whether online or by using their app, you will find several Advent teachings including [this 4 part series](https://bibleproject.com/explore/category/advent-series/). (<https://bibleproject.com/explore/category/advent-series/>).

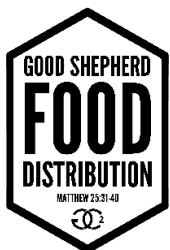


### Men's Bagels, Bible Study & Brotherhood New Study Has Started

"The Men's Bagels, Bible Study & Brotherhood" just started a new study, "Israel, the Church and the End Times" on Dec 14, but it isn't too late to join the group. They are utilizing Rev David Pawson's 4-hour video series as the basis for our study and discussion. This course is projected to go for 8 weeks and meets every Saturday at 9 AM in the House of Prayer building on the east side of our church campus. All men are invited to come, share and learn about this not talked much about topic. More info: Call Jerry Schmick, 801-906-3422 or [jerome.schmick@gmail.com](mailto:jerome.schmick@gmail.com).

### Donate all Year Long to the Christmas Stocking Fund

This fund helps members of the congregation with short-term financial needs. Donations can be made with a check (memo Christmas Stocking), a Giving Envelope from the pew backs (mark as Christmas Stocking) or by using this [Link](#) or QR Code.



### Next Food Distribution Date: Saturday, December 28

Good Shepherd has been partnering with Utah Food Bank for over a year and so many families have been blessed with food, a kind word, and prayer.



The next Good Shepherd distribution days will be Saturdays, December 28 and January 18 from 8:30 to 9:30 AM. Volunteers are needed from 7:30 to 10:00 AM. Click [Here](#) to sign up to volunteer (or see future dates) or scan the QR Code. Contact Ffej Stephenson with any questions.



Details on the Utah Food Bank's Mobile Pantry program can be found on their website ([utahfoodbank.org](http://utahfoodbank.org)).

## One Service on December 29

Come one, come all to the 9:30 AM service on Sunday, December 29! This will be the only service offered on this Sunday. We will all (young and old) meet in the sanctuary to thank God for 2024 and praise Him for the Hope, Peace, Joy and Love He will bring in 2025.



## 2024 Charitable Giving Statements Available on the Website

Use the instructions below to run your Giving Statement

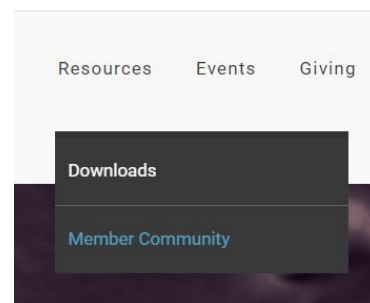
1. [CLICK HERE](#) to access the Good Shepherd Member Database\*
2. Click "Login" to be taken into the church database. (If you do not remember or have never set up your database login, click "Forgot Password")
3. Once logged in, select "My Giving" on the menu on the left.
4. Click on the "Giving Statement" box on the right side of the screen.

If you experience any difficulty with accessing or printing your statement, please contact Rick or Kathy in the office and they will talk you through the process. 801-255-8181.

\*Alternative ways to access the Good Shepherd Member Database

Enter <https://goodshepherdutah.ccbchurch.com/goto/individuals> in your browser. Then follow steps 2-4 above.

**OR** go to the church website (<https://www.goodshepherdutah.com>), choose "Resources", "Member Community" and follow steps 2-4 above.



## Ongoing

### Adult Confirmation And Bible Study Wednesdays, 7:00-8:00 PM

Adult Confirmation and Bible **Study** is held each Wednesday evening until February 26. (**There is NO CLASS on Christmas or New Year's Day**). For this class, you will need to bring your Bible and a copy of Luther's Small Catechism. Concordia Publishing has the Catechism available as an app for [Apple or Android](#). Each of these apps is free for the basics and \$7.99 for the enhanced version with explanations. A PDF version is available [online](#).

### Overeaters Anonymous at GSLC, Saturdays

Overeaters Anonymous (OA) is a community of people who support each other in order to recover from compulsive eating and food behaviors. We welcome everyone who feels they have a problem with food. The group meets every Saturday in the GSLC Chapel from 9:30 to 10:30 AM. Contact Summer Ehrmann (775-340-0145) for more information about the meeting or visit <https://oa.org/> for information about the program.



### Alcoholics Anonymous (A.A.) Meets Here



Good Shepherd hosts 4 A.A. groups each week. Three of those groups are currently open to the public. <https://www.saltlakeaa.org/>

Meetings are Mondays @ noon; Wednesdays @ 7 PM; and Saturdays @ 5 PM

## You are Needed for the Duct Tape Crew

The Duct Tape Crew is a group of people who help with special building needs requiring both skilled and unskilled labor. Our list changes regularly and includes things such as repairing a running toilet, making a run to the hardware store, or checking out a swamp cooler.

If you would like to be a part of the Duct Tape Crew, contact Kathy to be added to the group. When there is a need that arises, you will receive an email informing you of the need. Most of these tasks can be done whenever you choose.

## Audio/Visual Help Needed on Sundays



We are able to live stream our 8:00 AM and 9:30 AM Sunday services with the help of a twelve-member audio/visual team. We want to continue building our team with new people who have an interest in media and a heart for Jesus to volunteer.

There are several open positions, so check with Rick (Rick@gslc.net) in the church office to be added to the schedule. Training is provided.

## All the Many Ways to Give

Giving is easy. Scan the QR code or visit the Good Shepherd [website](#) and click on the Giving link. Choose one time only gifts or set up a recurring donation. Don't forget to choose where you want your funds to go. You can even text "GSLC UTAH" to (833)837-5938 to be taken to the above-described form. And as always, you can still go through your bank or mail a check.



## Schedule at a Glance

Month	Date	Event Name	Day	Time
Dec	12/18	ALPHA Circle Women's Bible Study	We	12:00pm-2:00pm
		Adult Choir Rehearsal	We	6:00pm-7:00pm
		COMMUNITY Youth Group	We	6:30pm-8:30pm
		Adult Confirmation and Bible Study	We	7:00pm-8:00pm
		AA (Serenity Now group - Open meeting)	We	7:00pm-8:00pm
	12/19	Knit & Crochet Together	Th	12:30pm-2:30pm
		Christian Motorcyclists Assoc Meeting - offsite	Th	6:00pm-8:00pm
	12/21	Men's Bagels, Bible Study & Brotherhood	Sa	9:00am-10:00am
		Overeaters Anonymous	Sa	9:30am-10:30am
		Art Ministry - Oil Painting	Sa	10:00am-1:00pm
		Pastor Shimbi Prayer Group	Sa	11:00am-2:00pm
		AA- Come as You Are	Sa	5:00pm-6:00pm
	12/22	Advent	Su	ALL DAY-ALL DAY
		8:00 AM Worship Service	Su	8:00am-9:00am
		9:30 AM Worship Service	Su	9:30am-10:30am
		Children's Church	Su	9:30am-10:30am
		Youth Bible Study	Su	9:30am-10:30am
		11:00 AM Worship Service	Su	11:00am-12:00pm

		Candle Dance Rehearsal	Su	1:00pm-2:00pm
		African Pentecostal Congregation Service	Su	1:00pm-3:00pm
	12/23	Adult Choir Rehearsal	Mo	6:30pm-7:30pm
		Monday (No Nonsense) AA	Mo	12:00pm-1:00pm
		Bell Choir Rehearsal	Mo	6:00pm-7:15pm
	12/24	Christmas Eve	Tu	ALL DAY-ALL DAY
		Christmas Eve Family Service	Tu	4:00pm-5:00pm
		Christmas Eve Traditional Service	Tu	7:00pm-8:00pm
		Christmas Eve Traditional Service		9:00pm-10:00pm
		Christmas Eve Candlelight Service	Tu	11:00pm-11:45pm
		Private Prayer Group	Tu	9:30am-11:30am
	12/25	Christmas	We	ALL DAY-ALL DAY
		African Pentecostal Congregation Christmas Service	We	1:00pm-3:00pm
		AA (Serenity Now group - Open meeting)	We	7:00pm-8:00pm
	12/28	Food Distribution w/ Utah Food Bank	Sa	8:30am-9:30am
		Men's Bagels, Bible Study & Brotherhood	Sa	9:00am-10:00am
		Overeaters Anonymous	Sa	9:30am-10:30am
		Art Ministry - Oil Painting	Sa	10:00am-1:00pm
		AA- Come as You Are	Sa	5:00pm-6:00pm
	12/29	9:30 AM Worship Service	Su	9:30am-10:30am
		African Pentecostal Congregation Service	Su	1:00pm-3:00pm
		Cinnamon Roll Sunday	Su	9:00pm-11:00pm
	12/30	Monday (No Nonsense) AA	Mo	12:00pm-1:00pm
		Bell Choir Rehearsal	Mo	6:00pm-7:15pm
	12/31	Private Prayer Group	Tu	9:30am-11:30am
		Indian Christian Fellowship New Years	Tu	10:00pm-11:45pm
Jan	1/1	Church Closed for Holiday	We	ALL DAY-ALL DAY
		Indian Christian Fellowship New Years	We	12:00am-2:00am
		African Pentecostal Congregation New Years Service	We	1:00pm-3:00pm
		AA (Serenity Now group - Open meeting)	We	7:00pm-8:00pm

## Save These Dates

Month	Date	Event Name	Day	Time
Dec	12/24	Christmas Eve	Tu	ALL DAY-ALL DAY
Dec	12/24	Christmas Eve Family Service	Tu	4:00pm-5:00pm
Dec	12/24	Christmas Eve Traditional Service	Tu	7:00pm-8:00pm
Dec	12/24	Christmas Eve Traditional Service	Tu	9:00pm-10:00pm
Dec	12/24	Christmas Eve Candlelight Service	Tu	11:00pm-11:45pm
Dec	12/25	Christmas, Church Closed for the Holiday	We	ALL DAY-ALL DAY
Dec	12/25	African Pentecostal Congregation Christmas Service	We	1:00pm-3:00pm
Dec	12/28	Food Distribution w/ Utah Food Bank	Sa	8:30am-9:30am
Dec	12/29	Cinnamon Roll Sunday	Su	9:00pm-11:00pm
Jan	1/1/25	Church Closed for the Holiday	We	ALL DAY-ALL DAY
Jan	1/1/25	Indian Christian Fellowship New Years	We	12:00am-2:00am

Jan	1/1/25	African Pentecostal Congregation New Years Service	We	1:00pm-3:00pm
Jan	1/12/25	Ordination Jeff (Ffej) Stephenson	Su	4:00pm-5:00pm
Jan	1/18/25	Food Distribution w/ Utah Food Bank	Sa	8:30am-9:30am
Jan	1/19/25	Dinner at Vinny's	Su	8:00am-6:00pm
Feb	2/1/25	Food Distribution w/ Utah Food Bank	Sa	8:30am-9:30am
Feb	2/15/25	Food Distribution w/ Utah Food Bank	Sa	8:30am-9:30am
Feb	2/16/25	Dinner at Vinny's	Su	8:00am-6:00pm

### Budget

	YTD 2024 November	YTD 2023 November
Income	\$639,878.13	\$624,228.20
Expenses	\$677,687.19	\$746,959.47
Net	(\$37,809.06)	(\$122,731.27)

**The Church Building will be Closed**  
**December 25 and January 1**  
**With Limited Staff Availability During This**