



GOOD SHEPHERD LUTHERAN CHURCH
WEDNESDAY ANNOUNCEMENTS
November 27, 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 Hope Is Coming



First Reading: Jeremiah 33:14-16
Psalm: Psalms 25:1-10
Second Reading: 1 Thessalonians 3:9-13
The Holy Gospel: Luke 21:25-36

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
Pastor Jeff Tally 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

Update on Pastoral Call of Jeff (Ffej) Stephenson

On Sunday, November 3, 2024, the Board of Trustees held the Annual Meeting of the Congregation. During this annual fall meeting, one of the tasks included voting on the budget for the following year. The 2025 budget, which was discussed, voted on and passed by the Congregation, includes a provision that allows the finances needed to **offer Jeff (Ffej) Stephenson a contract Associate Pastor position.**

A special Meeting of the Congregation will be held on **December 1 at 12:30 PM** so that the voting Members of the congregation have the opportunity to officially vote **Pastor Ffej** into this position. Just as in all congregation-wide meetings, all are welcome to attend, but only voting Members may vote.

-Yvonne Krause, Board of Trustees President Nov. 8, 2024

Per the GSLC Constitution (C5.03,) voting members are those members who:

- a. are at least sixteen (16) years of age and are received or confirmed, and
- b. profess Jesus Christ as their Lord and Savior, and
- c. are baptized in the Christian faith, and
- d. attend Good Shepherd Lutheran Church regularly, and
- e. give proportionally, and
- f. appear on the Congregational Roll, and
- g. declare themselves a Member of Good Shepherd Lutheran Church

Pastor Ffej Ordination Service

Pending a successful vote on December 1 (see above), an Ordination Service has been tentatively scheduled for the afternoon of January 12. Please save the date and come welcome Ffej into pastorship.

Our New Youth Minister, Shamber Brown, Has Arrived!

Shamber and her husband Ramon are here! Please come this Sunday to welcome them into God's service here at Good Shepherd. It was a long search for a new Youth Minister, and we are so grateful that God sent this wonderful young lady to us!



Breakfast with Santa, December 7, 9:00 – 11:00 AM

Make plans now to invite your family, friends, and neighbors to Breakfast with Santa on Saturday, December 7, 9:00 – 11:00 AM. This Open House includes pancakes, hot chocolate, photos with Santa, crafts and fun for kids of all ages.

Christmas Eve Services



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. A volunteer signup sheet will be available soon. Please contact Rick 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.

Children and Youth Ministry Happenings

Children's Church Each Sunday @ 9:30 AM



Children's Church starts its Advent series this Sunday featuring Bible stories, songs, and special crafts each week. Our mission focus is collecting items for gift bags to be given to members of the congregation who are homebound or have limited mobility.

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.

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.

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! There will be **NO MEETING TONIGHT** due to Thanksgiving.

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

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.



Need a Bible Study to hone your thankfulness? Follow the above instructions and search for thanksgiving or gratitude.



Coat and Warm Clothing Has Begun



For the past many years Good Shepherd has collected WARM clothing and coats to go to our area needy. These warm items will be given out during the Saturday food distributions.

The donation corral is set up in the church lobby. Items are not expected to be new, but we do ask that they are laundered before bringing them in. Gloves, socks, hats, boots and anything else warm are appreciated.

Men's Bagels, Bible Study & Brotherhood New Study Starting Soon

"The Men's Bagels, Bible Study & Brotherhood" will be starting a new study, "Israel, the Church and the End Times" on Dec 14. We will be 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. We meet 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.

Christ in Our Home Devotionals Have Arrived

The January-March Christ in Our Home devotional has arrived. You can find them in the literature rack in the lobby, in the back of the Sanctuary and in the office.

New Milestone House Renovation Project Starting in December



Just this past summer GSLC celebrated the reopening of the newly renovated Milestone House property at 741 E 8600 S. This renovation was a collaboration between Good Shepherd and Salt Lake County's Milestone Transitional Living Program. What is the

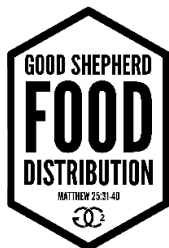
Milestone Transitional Living Program? Find information [HERE](#) or on the Salt Lake County website (slco.org/youth/programs).

Good Shepherd owns three “Milestone Homes” that are used by the county to house youths who are aging out of foster care. Now it is time to renovate the second home, located at 731 E 8600 S. Work on the home will start in December with actual construction work running January – May 2025. The list of all the work to be done is located on the “Upcoming Events” section of the bulletin board located in the hall of the church lobby.



There is a video available that will aid in the understanding of this building being not just a beautifully decorated house, but a HOME for those in need. Watch the video [HERE](#) or scan the QR code.

Next Food Distribution Date: Saturday, December 14



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 14th and 28th 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).



2 Christmas Concerts are Scheduled at GSLC

[The American West Symphony](#) will be at Good Shepherd for their annual Christmas concerts on Friday, December 13 and Saturday December 14 at 7:30 PM. These concerts are free; however, donations are being accepted. See their [website](#) for information.

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 TONIGHT, the Wednesday before Thanksgiving**). 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
Nov	11/28	Thanksgiving	Th	ALL DAY-ALL DAY
		Church Closed for Holiday	Th	ALL DAY-ALL DAY
	11/29	Church Closed for Holiday	Fr	ALL DAY-ALL DAY
	11/30	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
		Pastor Shimbi Prayer Group	Sa	11:00am-2:00pm
		WOW Advent Tea	Sa	2:00pm-4:00pm
		AA- Come as You Are	Sa	5:00pm-6:00pm
Dec	12/1	Advent	Su	ALL DAY-ALL DAY
		8:00 AM Worship Service	Su	8:00am-9:00am
		Parish Nurse - Health Check Sunday	Su	9:00am-12:00pm
		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
		Special Meeting of the Congregation	Su	12:30pm-1:30pm
		African Pentecostal Congregation Service	Su	1:00pm-3:00pm
		Confirmation Class	Su	1:00pm-3:00pm
	12/2	Monday (No Nonsense) AA	Mo	12:00pm-1:00pm
		Bell Choir Rehearsal	Mo	6:00pm-7:15pm
	12/3	Explorer's Bible Study	Tu	9:30am-11:30am
		Art Ministry - Oil Painting, Evening	Tu	5:30pm-8:30pm
		Cub Scouts	Tu	7:00pm-8:00pm
		Boy Scouts	Tu	7:00pm-9:00pm
	12/4	Art Ministry - Oil Painting	We	9:00am-11:30am
		Adult Choir Rehearsal	We	6:00pm-7:00pm
		COMMUNITY Youth Group	We	6:30pm-8:30pm
		AA (Serenity Now group - Open meeting)	We	7:00pm-8:00pm
		Adult Confirmation and Bible Study	We	7:00pm-8:00pm
	12/5	Knit & Crochet Together	Th	12:30pm-2:30pm
	12/7	Men's Bagels, Bible Study & Brotherhood	Sa	9:00am-10:00am
		Breakfast with Santa	Sa	9:00am-11:00am
		Utah Royal Kids Club	Sa	9:00am-1:00pm
		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
	12/8	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	
African Pentecostal Congregation Service		Su	1:00pm-3:00pm	
12/9	Monday (No Nonsense) AA	Mo	12:00pm-1:00pm	
	Bell Choir Rehearsal	Mo	6:00pm-7:15pm	
	PEO Group Meeting - Time TBD	Mo	ALL DAY-ALL DAY	
12/10	Explorer's Bible Study	Tu	9:30am-11:30am	

		Art Ministry - Oil Painting, Evening	Tu	5:30pm-8:30pm
		Cub Scouts	Tu	7:00pm-8:00pm
		Boy Scouts	Tu	7:00pm-9:00pm
	12/11	Art Ministry - Oil Painting	We	9:00am-11:30am
		Adult Choir Rehearsal	We	6:00pm-7:00pm
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Nov	11/30	WOW Advent Tea	Sa	2:00pm-4:00pm
Dec	12/1	Special Meeting of the Congregation	Su	12:30pm-1:30pm
Dec	12/7	Breakfast with Santa	Sa	9:00am-11:00am
Dec	12/13	American West Symphony	Fr	7:30pm-9:30pm
Dec	12/14	American West Symphony (Choir)	Sa	7:30pm-9:30pm
Dec	12/14	Food Distribution w/ Utah Food Bank	Sa	8:30am-9:30am
Dec	12/15	Dinner at Vinny's	Su	8:00am-6:00pm
Dec	12/20	Milestone Holiday Party	Fr	6:00pm-10:00pm
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	We	ALL DAY-ALL DAY
Dec	12/28	Food Distribution w/ Utah Food Bank	Sa	8:30am-9:30am
Dec	12/29	Cinnamon Roll Sunday - Tentative	Su	9:00pm-11:00pm
Jan	1/1/25	Church Closed for Holiday	We	ALL DAY-ALL DAY
Jan	1/1/25	Indian Christian Fellowship New Years	We	12:00am-2:00am
Jan	1/12/25	Ordination Jeff (Ffej) Stephenson- TBD	Su	12:30pm-1:00pm
Jan	1/19/25	Dinner at Vinny's	Su	8:00am-6:00pm
Jan	1/18/25	Food Distribution w/ Utah Food Bank	Sa	8:30am-9:30am

Budget

	YTD 2024 October	YTD 2023 October
Income	\$545,960.36	\$579,566.63
Expenses	\$613,908.45	\$677,997.75
Net	(\$67,948.09)	(\$98,431.12)