



The Shepherd Messenger

Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Church, School, & Child Care

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THE WEEK AT A GLANCE

SUNDAY, DEC. 10

Congregational Meeting	9:30 a.m.	School Gym
International Discipleship	9:30 a.m.	Church Conf. Room
Christmas Concert-Military Benefit	4 p.m.	Worship Center
Confirmation Christmas Party	6 p.m.	Nick Arnold's Home

MONDAY, DEC. 11

CG/Jenny Curry	7 p.m.	King George House
SHLS Concert	7 p.m.	Worship Center

TUESDAY, DEC 12

Joy in the Morning	10 a.m.	King George House
CG/Sondra Bump	10 a.m.	King George House
English-Second Language	6:30 p.m.	CRS
CG/Geurts	7 p.m.	Host's Home

WEDNESDAY, DEC. 13

School Chapel	8:15 a.m.	Worship Center
Midweek Advent Worship	12:15 & 7 p.m.	Worship Center
English-Second Language	6:30 p.m.	CRS

THURSDAY, DEC. 14

CG/Jimi Friesenhahn	10 a.m.	King George House
CG/Mike & Pam Dau	6:30 p.m.	Host's Home
SHLS Christmas Program	6:30 p.m.	Worship Center
CG/Kurt Kunze	7 p.m.	King George House

FRIDAY, DEC. 15

CG/Shirley Zanta	10 a.m.	King George House
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SATURDAY, DEC. 16

CG/Barrows & Hatch	4 p.m.	Church Conf. Room
Kaps4Karing	12 p.m.	King George House
Visions of SonLight	3 p.m.	King George House
Ancient Oils Workshop	4:30 p.m.	Dove House
CG/Brian Lawrence	4:45 p.m.	Youth Room

• CG-Community Group • CRS-Center for Refugee Services •

SPECIAL OFFERING

Every year during the month of December we collect a "Gifts for the King" Offering. During the weeks prior to Christmas, we are asked to anticipate the amount we intend to spend on gifts and entertaining during the holiday season. We're encouraged to consider giving 10% of that amount to Gifts for the King. The Board of Elders and Deaconesses determine specific mission(s) who will receive these gifts (see below). Please direct your offering for "Gifts for the King" by placing in envelopes found in your offering envelope boxes marked "Christmas Eve Offering" and "Christmas Offering." If you are unable to locate the envelopes, you may place your offering in one of the blank pew envelopes and write "Gifts for the King" on the outside. Offerings not in envelopes to be used for "Gifts for the King" will be directed to the general operating fund.

Gifts for the King for 2017 will be distributed as follows:

- SHLS Scholarship Fund — 50%
- Mission Church in Del Rio, TX. & Acuna, MX — 30%
- World Mission Fund — Local & International — 15%
- LINC San Antonio — 5%

THANK YOU!!

Thank you to the following people who prepared our church for Christmas by sharing their decorating talents!!
 Dan Alwood, Nick Arnold, Claudia Bowden, Jeanne Brashear, Keegan Bryson, Tim Eickstead, Jimi, Judy, & Lily Friesenhahn, Madison Glenn, Kelsey Gunn, Kevin, Brenda, & Aaron Honeyager, Ashley Kennedy, Walker Langley, Gary Larsen, Bertha Moher, Allison Penton, Brenda Rosales, Mikki Senkarik, Cheryl Spears, Pam Thompson, Jim & Nanette Tondre, and Carol Valles.

ATTENDANCE & OFFERING

FOR DEC. 2/3

Saturday: 6 p.m. — 87
 Sunday: 8 a.m. — 201 10:45 a.m. — 235 Total = 523
 Weekly Offering: \$27,280 Average: \$20,600
 Needed Weekly to meet Ministry Plan: \$22,882 Revised
 Baptisms in 2017: Adults — 6 Children — 30 Total = 36
 Facebook Live Dec. 3 — 10:45 a.m.: 450 reached

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

Special Congregational Meeting on Dec. 10, 9:30 a.m. in the gym. At this meeting, the congregation will have the opportunity to issue a Divine Call for the Director of Music Ministry and to view floor plans and renderings for the proposed new building. A letter about the music candidate being recommended by the call committee is available at the Information Table in the church lobby.

CHRISTMAS CONCERT

Christmas music celebrating faith, family, and freedom.

"I'll Be Home for Christmas"
 Sunday, Dec. 10
 4 p.m.
 Worship Center

The concert is free, with freewill donations accepted on behalf of the VA Fisher House and the Center for Military Music.

LET'S GO CAROLING!

Invite your family and friends to go Christmas caroling! (This is a great event for friends who have no church home.)

- Meet in the School Library at 3 p.m., Sunday, Dec.17.
- We'll divide into groups to carol at the refugee apartments on Wurzbach and Gardendale and the international student apartments on Louis Pasteur.
- At 5 p.m., return to the School Library for chili, hot chocolate, and Christmas cookies.
- Sign up at the Information Center in the church lobby.

Please let Alice Klement know how many you are bringing and if you are willing to contribute chili or Christmas cookies, alice@shepherdlutheran.com, or 210-614-3742 x511.

MIDWEEK ADVENT SERVICES

The Christmas story is contained in Matthew and Luke's Gospels, but did you know that John also has a version of the Christmas story? His version gives insight into the pre-existing Son of God, the Word who became flesh. Mid-week Advent services will explore texts from John 1:1-18. Please join us at 12:15 or 7 p.m. Wednesdays, Dec. 13 and 20.

JEWELS CHRISTMAS PARTY

Janice Barsun is hosting a Christmas party on Sunday, Dec. 17, at her home at 4526 Black Walnut Woods. Come when you can after church and bring a white elephant gift. If you have questions, contact Janice at 210-685-9419.

SCHOOL CONCERT & PROGRAM

Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran School invites you to gather in the worship center for:

- Ram Band and Choir Christmas Concert, on Monday, Dec. 11, 7 p.m.
- School Program featuring the talents of the kinder, first, and second graders on Thursday, Dec. 14, 6:30 p.m.

EVERYTHING FOR EVERYONE SALE

Our school is hosting the "Everything for Everyone Sale" on Saturday, Jan. 13, 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the gym. Sign up to be a vendor or donate items today! Informational flyer is at the school table in the church lobby.

FRANKINCENSE & MYRRH

Did you know Frankincense and Myrrh, along with gold, are forever intertwined with the Christmas story? Come learn more about how essential oils have been around since the very beginning of creation! Learn what these Gifts from God can do for you even today! Make your own blend of Frankincense and Myrrh in a spray bottle to take home for \$10. \$5 will be donated to the Shepherd@50 campaign. Class is Saturday, Dec. 16, 4:30 p.m. at the Dove House. Call or text to RSVP or for any questions to Bertha Moher, 210-863-5494.

MINISTRY OPPORTUNITY

Might God be calling you to work with the visually impaired community? Please come to the meeting of Visions of SonLight on Dec. 16, 3-5 p.m. in the King George House. RSVP to Diane Cooke at 210-957-4745.

2018 OFFERING ENVELOPES

Please pick up your 2018 offering envelopes from the church lobby. If you can't locate your set or haven't used them in the past but would like a set, please notify Shirley Yoakum at shirley@shepherdlutheran.com or 614-3742 x506.

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

Cindy Miller, Director of Children's Ministry, 614-3742 x408
cindy@shepherdlutheran.com

Children's Sunday school is studying "**Jeremiah and God's New Covenant.**" God promised to restore His wayward people, pointing them to a new covenant and a righteous Branch of David. **Families can discuss:** "*What challenges did Jeremiah face in life? What promises did God make to faithful Jeremiah?*"

Advent Take Out Bags are still available in the church lobby if your family didn't get to pick up one last weekend.

We're going Christmas Caroling! Children will love this activity! Join the fun on Sunday, Dec. 17! Meet us in the School Library at 3 p.m. This is a joint event offered by Children's Ministry and International Ministry. We will carol at the refugee and international students' apartments. After caroling we will return to Shepherd of the Hills for chili, hot chocolate, and Christmas cookies. Sign up at the Information Center.

STUDENT MINISTRY

Nick Arnold, Director of Student Ministry, 614-3742 x509
nick@shepherdlutheran.com

Confirmation Christmas Party at Nick's House, 7963 Woodchase, SATX 78240 on Sunday, Dec. 10, 6-8 p.m. Bring (1) a drink or snack to share and (2) a small wrapped present (\$10 or less) for a gift exchange! *Text or email Nick with any questions!* (210-793-7154 or nick@shepherdlutheran.com)

CHRISTMAS AT SHEPHERD

Christmas Eve Family Candlelight Service

Dec. 24 — 3 p.m.

We will sing the traditional Christmas carols and rejoice in hearing the words of the Christmas story. The service is designed with children in mind so there will be interactive and sensory components to spark the interest and attention of even the youngest participants to help them understand the good news about Christmas...Jesus!

Live Nativity

Dec. 24, 3-5 p.m.

Plan to come between 3-5 p.m. to pet the live animals in the nativity...chickens, sheep, goats, even a donkey!

Christmas Eve Candlelight Services

Dec. 24 — 5 p.m., 7 p.m., & 11 p.m.

Christmas Day Service

Dec. 25 — 9 a.m.

Please note: We will have one service at 9 a.m. on Sunday, December 24.

CELEBRATIONS THIS WEEK

Happy Birthday!

Aaron Honeyager
Sofia Fern
Rita Wilhelm
Laura Redenbaugh
Sky Hollister
Anita Eggert

Huguette Scoggins
Hannah Carter
Cindy Newman
Jennifer Hawley
Cayden Lewis
Henry Minzenmayer

Linda Garland
Emma Lundy
Noah Lundy
Ava Casiano
Michael Nelson
Liam Wallace



Happy Anniversary!

Gerald & Karen Carter Aaron & Bridget Miller
Pastor Mark & Sheryl Karle

SERVERS SCHEDULE

THANK YOU TO OUR SERVERS!

AUDIO VISUAL TECHS

Dale Stein, Jr., Michael Hinojosa, Marisa Hinojosa, Alex DeYoung

FACEBOOK LIVE TECHS

Michael Hinojosa, Marisa Hinojosa, E.J. Perales, Michele Oravec

USHERS

December 10

8:00 Kenny Bilbro, Walter Ward, Des & Linda Kittelson, Josephe Redmann

10:45 Curt Pearson, Ernest Huegele, Jimmy Moore, Ricky Torralva, Chasley Fortune, Heather Fortune

December 17

8:00 Clarence Zoch, Rod & Lori Rodriguez, Jeff Beal, Ed Garza, Wynn Curry

10:45 Roger Herzog, Bob Garland, Tommy Garcia, Rex Somerville, Jacob Somerville

HOSTS

December 10

8:00 Linda Kittelson, Pastor Bud & Eunice Redmann, Rachel Leinhos

10:45 Amy Tilt

December 17

8:00 Jerry Albert, Bradley & Stephanie Algieri, Cindy Garza, Margie Brien

10:45 Paula Somerville, Josh & Jenn Tonak, Jackie Shockey

ACOLYTES

December 10

8:00 Lydia Roese & Colleen Treadway

10:45 Destiny Hollingsworth & Emerie Schramm

December 17

8:00 Caleb Vogtlin & Caitlin Casas

10:45 Renae Rea & Caroline Romo

COMMUNION HELPERS

December 17

8:00 Cooper Rowland & Carson Rowland

10:45 Asher Biedinger & Sydney Rea

December 24

9:00 Samuel DeYoung & Alexandria Boggan