



The Shepherd's Voice

Episcopal Church of the Good Shepherd

December 2025

Living Well With Jesus Requires

The Lectionary Readings on the Second Sunday of Advent are magnificent in their belief in understanding of and knowledge about the life in the kingdom of God. What we have is a mother lode of words, insights, attitudes, responses, and actions to absorb in Psalm 72, through Isaiah 11:1-10, Romans 15:4-13, and Matthew 3:1-12.

There will be an abundance of food and understanding and wisdom. The poor and the needy will be rescued and cared for, the oppressed will be made safe and healed, justice and mercy will reign, righteousness and equity will be the order of the day. The Gentiles will be converted. There will be the release of a tremendous power that can transform nature. And this power will bring peace, a harmony and order of things that will last forever and will transform our lives forever. It will glorify us in our new existence and burn away the chaff of our former lives. It's a life in the presence of God, the life in God's, the life of Christ.

If I read scripture in a literal way, I say sign me up! Wow! All I must do is show up and everything will be ready for me on the spot . . . correct? The answer— No. But why?

In part we've got it incorrect because we have misunderstood Christianity. We have failed to discern and understand that we belong to a religion of relationship, not a religion strictly of law. In a law religion, those disciple's job is to follow the rules, and, if a Messiah that is yet to come is part of the package, it is also our job to wait for that specific Messiah to come, following the rules in the meantime. In a religion of relationship, in Christianity, our job is to acknowledge our relationship with God and our neighbor where we engage in that relationship as living beings, just as God and our neighbor are living beings. We commit to a way of life in relationships. What does that require?

Living well with God, Jesus, and neighbors requires what all relationships require: presence—listening, responding, listening again, responding again that lasts more than an afternoon. It's hard; no likely impossible to have healthy relationship with someone if they never show up or only rarely acknowledge the others existence (Legislators have recently shown us that). I will at least acknowledge there is a relationship, but it is simply unhealthy or inactive when we or any group fail to participate as an active partner. We all have been guilty of that at least once in our lives (for me many times). And if we spend time asking why it is so? The answer in any unhealthy and inactive relationship with God, Jesus, and neighbors is more out of ignorance than out of ill will. The Good News in and through the Messiah we are currently awaiting is easy to overcome, and at the start of this liturgical Year A, is a good time to work on overcoming.

If we actually show up in person to witness to the light of the promised Messiah, what a wonderful new year is ahead for us. We will actually begin to live the glorious life in the kingdom that Paul's prayer for our new year and for every new day is that the God of hope fill us with all joy and peace in believing—believing that we have a relationship with God that can transform our lives, and by transforming our lives we are drawn into a healthy active relationship with our neighbors. Being moved off the sofa or recliner to some form of action. That's transition which can lead to transformation. Allow me to share this Biblical account.

In our tradition the Season of Advent transitions to Christmas because of few shepherds according to Luke; "In that region there were shepherds living in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night. Then an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid; for see—I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people: to you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is the Messiah, the Lord. This will be a sign for you: you will find a child wrapped in bands of cloth and lying in a manger." And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host, praising God and saying, "Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace among those whom he favors!"

Canon Galen+

ADVENT WORD at the CHURCH OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD



As we await the birth of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, **Advent Word** inspires followers of Jesus with an accessible and creative daily prayer practice. During this holy, busy season, disciples are invited to find small moments of reflection to stay connected to their personal faith, to others, and to God.

Advent Word, is available for **individual use** at home. It can be used to trigger daily meditation; as a way to connect with people who you associate with individual words; and as a way of starting family conversations around the dinner table.

Share Your Creative Spirit!

At Good Shepherd we would like to share some of your creative thoughts around the daily words.

For each of the four weeks of Advent, **bring to church for bulletin board display** any poems, short meditative writings, artwork, photographs that speak to a specific **Advent Word** of that week. Subscribe to this Forward Movement publication at

<https://adventword.org/sign-up-adventword/>

Each week's daily words can be found in the **Sunday lectionary** readings.

- **November 30** - again, said, tribes, quietness, reveling, gratify, day
- **December 7** - heed, counsel, equity, encouragement, written, brood, unquenchable
- **December 14** - honor, abundantly, recompense, highway, cleansed, robes, truly
- **December 21** - deep, declared, mother, angel, endless

Also, **"Living Well Through Advent 2025", — Practicing Generosity with All Your Heart, Soul, Strength, and Mind**, a daily meditation booklet from Living Compass, are available in the Foyer. It is also available online as a daily email. Sign-up online at Livingcompass.org.

Other small tracts pertaining to both Advent and Christmas are available on the Tract Rack.

Our Parish Family



Birthdays



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| 2 Luke Rollins | 4 Zach Elliott | 5 Gianna Lipari |
| 6 AJ Nero Jr. | 7 Laura Williams | 8 Linda Sallee |
| 8 Carye Williams | 9 Ronald Schump | 13 Monica Elliot |
| 13 Mary Wilkens | 13 Thomas Gonzales | 17 Paxton Skinner |
| 18 Brentley Olsson | 19 Tom Kincaid | 21 Zoë Williams |
| 22 Judith Kost | 25 Casey Moore | 27 Lila Hale |
| 27 John Zaiger | 28 Christina Moreno | 28 Lyn Turner |
| 29 Ron Ham | 29 Rusty Suhr | 29 David Talbot |
| | 30 Paula Palmer | |



Anniversaries



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| 10 <i>Kathy & Bob Potter</i> | 13 <i>Daniela & Phil Graham</i> |
| 23 <i>Theresa & Eric Gaucher</i> | 26 <i>Laura Sawin-Armato & Mark Armato</i> |
| 30 <i>Mary & Bill Dodson</i> | |



Please Pray for



Healing of body, mind and spirit: Pam Cram, Ron Ham, Judy Lane, Allan Millican, Casey Moore, David Muldoon, Steve Nelson, Phyllis Paulsen, Mary Quick, Audrey Redman, Cindy Spellman, Dawn Voss-McReynolds.

Expectant Parents: Liz & Matt Braman, Aleah & Keith Petrie, Kaitlyn Minet & Derrick Suhr, Kilby & Sean O'Hea.

Those who are serving in our Armed Forces: Vincent Armato, Matthew Braman, Gary Cram, Michael Green, Carter Hale, Mark Nick, Dominick Scuderio, Cole Sherry, Doug Snodgrass, Korinne Takeyama, Kellan Travis, Kyle Voss-McReynolds, Daniel Wilson Young Jr. and Elias Wilson.

Those who were born to eternal life: Rev. Barbara Beam, George Kavanaugh



The Altar Guild is in need of **volunteers** to bake the custom bread for use at the Eucharist. The recipe will be furnished. You need not be a member of the Altar Guild to participate in this **baking ministry**.

Celebrate Christmas with **The Lunch Bunch**

Thursday the 11th of December, at 1:00 p.m.
at **Corner Cafe, 4541 NW Gateway Ave, Riverside, MO .**

If you plan to attend, **please call** the hostess, **Judy Lane** at **816-392-9422**

We must give the restaurant an accurate headcount.



All who enjoy a tasty meal with friendly folks are welcome!

Our bunch is not restricted to members of Good Shepherd.

A Prayer For Good Stewardship

0 Lord, you have taught us that you will require much from those to whom much is given: Grant that we whom you have called to so goodly a heritage may share more abundantly with others what we do richly enjoy, and in serving them may know the glory of serving you.

Amen.

'Laundry Day'

Sunday, December 7th, from 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.,
at Splash Laundry – **6036 NE Antioch Rd, Gladstone.**



This is a great opportunity to connect and meet the needs of our neighborhood and community, **and to share the love of Christ.**

Our parish has been very supportive of this new ministry. We have developed a faithful group of Good Shepherd volunteers (including The Good Redeemer's Youth Group - (combined youth from Good Shepherd and Redeemer) that support this ministry by volunteering their time on a Sunday to be at the laundromat. We also have volunteers that help by providing laundry supplies and gift cards that we bring to the laundromat.

Please consider sharing your time and presence. We will need extra volunteers as we anticipate a busy Laundry Day! The Chiefs play at 7:20pm, so you'll still have plenty of time to get home and prepare your game day snacks! If you are interested in volunteering, please see the Laundry Day **Sign-Up Sheet to the left of the elevators,** or contact Jill Hedge via phone or text at 816-516-4584, or email jhedge922@gmail.com

Please pray for this outreach opportunity, that we will carry the light of Christ into our community. **Donations of money, soap and clothes softener are welcomed!**

My touch with the past

I know fall has arrived when the farm mums begin to bloom. These mums are a deep red in color when they first open and then as they mature and expose the center, they grow lighter in color until the flower is a light bronze. They are very hardy with tough stems that can take a frost or light freeze that kills all the other garden flowers.

I call them the farm mums as they grew outside my bedroom window on the dairy farm where I grew up. When my parents sold the farm, I dug up some of them and transplanted them to my parents' new home in town. Later, when they had passed away and their home was sold, I again dug up some of the mums and planted them at my home. Over the years, each time I moved, I moved a clump of the mums with me.

Currently, I have some of them in a plot outside the front door of my apartment and also some in my church garden. I hope in the spring, to once more move a start of the mums into a flower bed at my son's new home.

So, some sixty plus years after I left the family farm, I still have a tangible link to my childhood. Someday, I will reside in the columbarium at Good Shepherd and it gives me some comfort to know that in the fall, my son can go to the church garden and pick a bouquet of farm mums and place them on the graves of his parents.

I hope that all of you have something similar and tangible to pass along but if not, then ask that a tree or perennial be planted in your honor after your death, leaving something living after you are gone.

Thomas Kincaid

Christian Formation

Adult Bible Discussion(s)

Join us in the Common Room, in person **Sunday Mornings at 9:00 a.m.** for a lively discussion of Sunday's scriptures from the Lectionary.

The discussions are generally led by Tom Lanio, with the able assistance of Canon Galen and Deacon Lynda Hurt. They encourage participants to share any thoughts they have on Sunday's readings. For the readings and a commentary on them, send an email request to tomlanio@email.com.

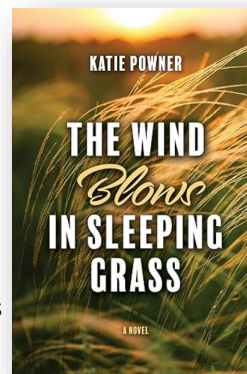
On **Wednesdays at Noon**, join us for **Noonday Prayer** in Our Lady of Walsingham Chapel or watch from the comfort of your home while it is live-streamed on the COGS Facebook page. Then at **12:30** the Bible discussion will begin.

The Good Shepherd Book Club

will meet **Tuesday, December 9th at 7:00 p.m.**,
in-person in the Common Room.

Joining **via Zoom** is available upon request.*

Sue Wilkinson will lead the conversation this month. The Wind Blows in Sleeping Grass by Katie Powner, a Christy award winner. "In remote Montana, a trash collector with anger issues who likes poetry and converses mostly with his potbellied pig is an unlikely hero. But Powner has readers rooting for Pete the garbageman from page one."



Bring a beverage or snacks to share if you wish.

Guests are always welcome!

Have a non-Good Shepherd friend who loves to read? - bring them, too!

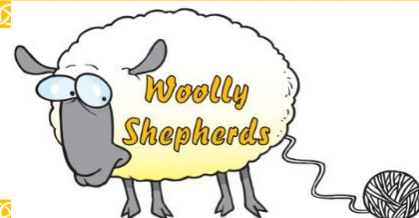
Contact club members or Judy Kile for more information.

*Contact Judy Kile (jkile@att.net) by **Monday, December 8th** for the **Zoom** invite.

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Sacred Earth, Sacred Soul
Continues Wednesday evenings
7:00-8:00 p.m.

See you next year



Sunday School

for children age 3 – high school



Our Sunday School begins at 10 a.m.

NOTE we begin 15 minutes before worship time.

Nursery and elementary school children will attend worship and hear a *Godly Play* story **in the Chapel** at 10 a.m., followed by an activity or craft.

- ◆ Preschoolers **3-5 years old** taught by Tiffany Olsson
- ◆ **Kindergarten & 1st Grade** taught by Vicki Nelson
- ◆ **2nd-5th Grades** taught by Janet Smith

Middle school and high school students will conduct morning prayer in the **Troy-Lewis study** before hearing a lesson based on that Sunday's lectionary readings.

- ◆ **6th-8th Grades** taught by Jason Hedge

Classes will not meet on December 28th.

Meditation on Advent

Waiting is something we do a lot. Women particularly have spent their lives waiting: waiting for the phone to ring, waiting for the baby to be born, waiting for someone to come home. My mother told me a good reason to learn to embroider or knit was because, as a woman, I would spend my life waiting and I might as well have something to do!

Waiting ...

... those chairs near dressing rooms that are occupied this time of year by weary men sitting glassy eyed amid bags and boxes, waiting. Children checking their calendars, "How many days 'til Christmas?" -- they're waiting. An eagle sitting comfortably on top a bare tree, the light shining on his feathers, turning to show his profile to watchers with a touch of vanity -- he is sovereign of this site, but he too is waiting.

And yes, the people of God wait, too. But we, O most fortunate ones, wait for joy; wait for the wolf to accompany the lamb; wait, with hearts filled with laughter; wait to bear witness to the light. And we do not wait in vain. By the very power of our expectation, by our very faith, our willing welcome, we assist in the annual birth of love, of hope, of innocence.

This Advent, let us wait well, in faith, in hope, and in sympathy with one another -- for together, we wait for joy!

—The Reverend Barbara Deane Price
from *Women's Uncommon Prayers*



Jesse Tree

We will once again decorate Jesse Trees, one in the Chapel and another in the Nave, during our worship in Advent. A Jesse Tree is a way of preparing for Advent by journeying through the stories on Jesus's family tree. Our ornaments were made by children in Sunday School classes years past. We save them and enjoy them again each Advent.

We hope you are excited for another Christmas season and another

Christmas Pageant!

Some important facts:



- The **Pageant** will be **performed during** the **Christmas Eve 4:30 p.m.** service.
- We will have an **important rehearsal, right after church, on Sunday, December 21st.** (The kids will be in rehearsal while their parents can be helping to green the church!) Players will try on costumes and learn where they will stand in the ultimate tableau.
- We would like to know if your child(ren) or grands will be available for both the rehearsal and the Pageant. **Children who are not able to participate in the rehearsal on the 21st, can still be a part of the Christmas Pageant,** but they **would not** be prepared to **take** on a **main role.** The **main roles** are Male: **Isaiah & Joseph;** Female: **Mary.** All other main roles and supporting roles can be either male or female: **Angel Gabriel, Star, three wise persons, camel, donkey, shepherds, sheep, and angels.**
- We need one or two **adults to be kings** and one or two **adults to be readers.**
- **Would you** be willing to **bring cookies** or **a small snack** on **rehearsal Sunday?** Children in the Pageant will not participate fully in coffee hour, they will be in the Common Room and we can use some extra treats.
- We would like **a few** adults **to help** children **take off** their costumes **right after they process out** on **December 24th.** (Children will join their families during the Peace). Please let us know if you can help!
- Let Mary know **how you can help,** and **which child(ren) you are able to bring** by **call, text, or email** (if you tell us in person, please make sure we write it down)!
- **P.S.** Also let us know **if your child(ren) can only be there for the pageant on December 24th.**

Mary Wilkens: text 816-721-6160 or email maryl.wilkens@yahoo.com

Big Thank You!

to all the children and adults who will toil to make this a memorable part of our Christmas service.

Attention Parents!

St. Nicholas Party for Children

Friday, December 5th, 6:00 – 8:00 p.m.

Would you like an evening to yourself or a little time to shop? Drop your children off at the party. Pizza, crafts, games, movies and a story about the “real” St. Nicholas and **a visit from you know who!!** Children ages 3 to 99! **Text or call** Janet Smith @ 816-260-3420 **by December 4th** so we can order accordingly.



P.S. Friends are invited as long as we know by December 4th.



Ladies Ornament Exchange

Saturday, December 6th at 7:00 p.m.

At **Good Shepherd** in the **Parish Hall**
Adults only please.

As usual, bring a wrapped ornament, drink, and an appetizer.

All women of Good Shepherd are invited. Please do not call the office or Canon Galen for questions. Sign up sheet is left of the elevator or **RSVP** and other questions to **Katy Clapp** at **816-898-6717** or email kclapp1951@yahoo.com.

Hope to see you there

Backpack Shepherds Christmas Box

Will be available for pick up on November 29th & 30th, December 6th & 7th.

A list of food items will be in each box.

Boxes will be distributed to Winnetonka High School, Eastgate 6th Grade Center & Greenway Elementary.

Any extra boxes will go to individuals in need chosen by the BPS Board.

Boxes need to be returned to church by December 14th.

PLEASE **DO NOT SEAL** THE BOX!



See you next year



The sign up sheet for **poinsettias @ \$23** is to the left of the elevator.

December 14th is the last day to sign up.

Please help beautify the church for this festive Christmas season.



80th Birthday Celebration & Good Shepherd Christmas Party

Saturday, December 20th

Come and join in the fun downstairs **following the 4:30 service.** There will be **free** libations, **free** food, and **Mike Wilkerson's band!** **Hope you can attend and start off the holidays with a party!**



Northland Assistance Center

Our pantry is low on soup, canned peas, carrots & potatoes & canned fruit. Any assistance you can provide is appreciated and can always be **dropped off at the Center**, or in the **Foyer Outreach Basket**.

Things we specifically need for the homeless:

- Protein with pop tops such as beanie weenies, Vienna sausages, soup.
- Ready to Eat tuna or chicken salad with crackers
- Individual chips, pudding cups and protein bars
- Water is a big need with going into spring and summer weather
- Quart size baggies

These items go in our food bags for the homeless and we appreciate any and all assistance you are able to offer us.

- Shampoo, Razors, Soap, Deodorant, Combs, Toothpaste, and Toothbrushes.

Thank You

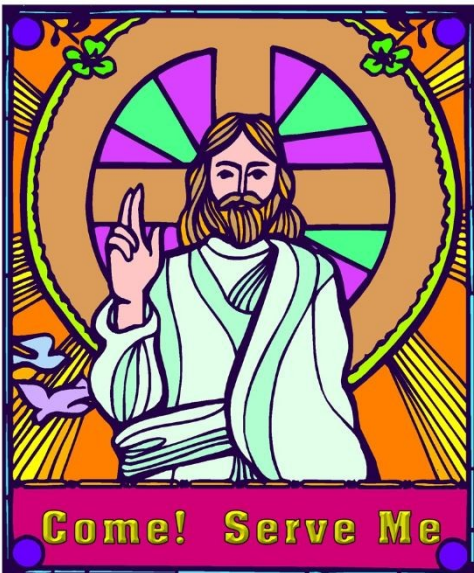
Merry Christmas



Christmas Eve Plate Offering to Sheffield Place

Sheffield Place opened its doors in February 1991 as a community response to the growing population of homeless mothers and their children in the Kansas City area. Sheffield Place has assisted more than 1600 families in making the difficult journey from homelessness to self-sufficiency. Empowering the families to heal from the severe, chronic, and continuous trauma they experienced is the first step in the process of self-sufficiency.

Thank you for your generosity this Christmas Eve.



Good Shepherd Vestry Candidates

Nominations for four vestry seats.

Nominee requirements are:

- 1) Must have taken communion three times in the last year.
- 2) Be known to the treasurer. In other words, a member who donates to the financial well-being of Good Shepherd.
- 3) Must be a confirmed member of the Episcopal Church.
- 4) Plan on attending vestry meetings held the third Tuesday of each month.
- 5) Be active in prayer, worship, and spiritual growth.

Please talk with one of these vestry members of your interest:
Bill Millican, Mary Quimby, Cynthia Takeyama or Canon Galen

BLUE CHRISTMAS SERVICE

Monday, December 29th at 6:30 p.m.

For many people, the Christmas holiday does not bring with it the joy and happiness that is advertised on television or in greeting cards. They may be facing the holiday after suffering through an emotional trauma such as the death of a loved one, a divorce or the inability to have a child. Or perhaps they feel pressured and overwhelmed by holiday preparations.

In recent years, many churches have attempted to reach out to those who feel such burdens by adding **Blue Christmas** services to their worship offerings. These services have a more quiet, somber feel than a traditional Christmas worship service. Scripture, music, and meditations/sermons focus on the comfort God offers during dark times.

Blue Christmas services include an emphasis on candles, with people in the congregation invited to come forward and light a candle in memory of someone or to mark an event in their lives. Some will say words out loud, others silent in prayer. Candles are also sometimes lit as prayers or Scripture readings are recited. It is wonderful to have a quiet, spiritual time during a busy season.

How can you help? Pat White has agreed to play his clarinet for this service.

**It would be nice to have four readers,
and one or two eucharistic ministers.**

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Something Always Happens When We Pray

Intercessory Prayer

A Time for Soaking and Healing Prayer.

Will be available after this service.



Altar Flowers

The **2026** Altar Flowers list is on the bulletin board across from the elevator. For those unable to stop by the church, send an email to office@episcopalcoqs.org or call the office at 452-0745 with your preferred date. Please mark checks for altar flowers in the memo.



Cost \$48.00



The Brotherhood of St. Andrew
Making a difference in the Kingdom of God since 1883
A worldwide ministry to men and youth in the Episcopal/Anglican Communion & beyond

Church of the Good Shephard has a **Rideshare Ministry** to help parishioners get to and from church events within the Kansas City metro, free of charge. If you need a ride, please contact the office (office@episcopalcoqs.org) or Edward Miller (ed@obodobodo.com) with details of the date, time, and location for your trip: we will arrange a ride as best as we are able. We can often accommodate reoccurring trips!



Something Always Happens When We Pray

Intercessory Prayer
A Time for Soaking and Healing Prayer.
1st and 3rd Sundays of Each Month at Noon.
In Our Lady of Walsingham Chapel.



Jesus went down with them and stood on a level place. A large crowd of his Disciples was there and a great number of people from all over Judea, from Jerusalem, and from the seacoast of Tyre and Sidon, who had come to hear Him and to be healed of their diseases. (Luke 6:17-18)

Please bring your questions to Sally Verkleeren, who has years of education and experience in healing ministry. You may reach her by phone (805) 798-5502 or email prariemoth@aol.com

Calling all Cursillistas!

Atreya!

Topic:

Making Room

The Spiritual Practice of Hospitality

December 13th, 2025
10am - Noon

Bring favorite food to share and
a White Elephant gift with the
theme of Roosters and
Rainbows.

Those interested in learning more
about Cursillo are invited as well.

Host church in
Kansas City
St. Mary's

Host church in
Springfield
St. James





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Volunteering as part of the **Laundry Day** community service opportunity with members of Good Shepherd on **Sunday, October 7th, from 1:00-3:00 p.m.** See page 5 above for more info. Please let **Laura know** if you can make it.



Christmas Party

Sunday, December 14th, from 4:00-6:00 p.m. at **Mother Miranda's house.** Her address will be sent via text the week of our party.

Please plan to **bring a gift** (\$10 or less) to **exchange** and a **snack to share.**



Diocesan Save the Dates

January 17th-19th, 2026 – Miqra: A weekend retreat for **grades 6-12** to dive deeper into scripture and grow in faith through study, worship, and community.
Grace Cathedral, Topeka

February 6th-8th, 2026 - Happening 81:

A Christian experience presented by teenagers, for teenagers, with the support of clergy and adult leadership. A powerful weekend of faith, friendship, and spiritual growth.

The Church of the Redeemer, Kansas City

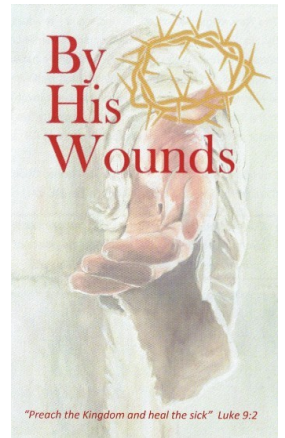
April 17-19, 2026 - Jr. High Retreat: Theme: Who do you say I am?

A weekend designed for **junior high students** to explore identity in Christ and what it means to live as Christians.

St. James, Springfield

Save the Dates

Friday, April 24th, 2026
7:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m.
Saturday, April 25th, 2026
9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.



What is a “Good Healing Conference” and why pray for it?

A good healing conference prepares us for an encounter with God’s saving grace and love. We cannot do this with our efforts alone.

- We need to invite God’s help and guidance.
- We pray for that to happen for many months ahead of the event while we are planning and developing the program.
- We pray to make way for God to do His work in us through the teaching, preaching, music, hospitality, meals and prayers at this conference.
- Our conference does not need a showcase healing spectacle. We have no power to heal like Jesus. When we join our prayers with the desire of God to heal, something always happens when we pray. When Jesus healed others He did this “to show He was from the Father” and to reveal God’s love for us. We pray to be devoted to what Jesus called us to do. “Ask and you shall receive.” God is faithful in answering our prayers in abundance with power and grace.

When we pray, we are saying

- Yes we accept the love and promises from Christ.
- We invite his Holy Spirit to guide us and increase our love for God and others.
- We want to pray so others will come and also experience that saving love.
- At this conference, we will pray that those in need may experience forgiveness, strengthening of faith, healing of addictions, relationships repaired, unity in our diocese, renewal of our churches, healing of the sick and more.

It is God’s desire to bring us together as a people. Can we humble ourselves to pray in one voice for the next few months? We invite you to join in prayer for support, unity and guidance for this upcoming Healing Conference. We pray also for our speaker Rev. Nigel Mumford, for his good health and preparations.

A prayer for our April Healing Conference

Holy and Gracious God may Your Holy Spirit guide our preparation for our April Healing Conference.

Soften the hearts of all laity, priests, and deacons, that they may hear and heed

Your call to encounter this facet of Your will for us.

May our Healing Conference lead to the renewal of our parish and all the parishes of the Diocese.

Guide us to perceive Your will in this and grant us both the courage to pursue it and the grace to accomplish it through Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen.

**Be well, do good works; and for the sake of God, love one another!
I am not a healer—God alone is the healer. —Rev. Nigel Mumford**

Proper	Day	Date	Time	Name	
Advent II	Saturday	December 6	4:30 PM	Jan Huster - EM Pat Muldoon - R	
Advent II	Sunday	December 7	8:00 AM	Phil Graham R & EM	
Facebook Live & YouTube -->	December 7	10:15 AM		Tom Kincaid - R1 Judith Del Porto - R2 Deacon Lynda Hurt - Gospeller Mary Wilkens - POP Gary Gee - Verger Tom Lanio & Laura Sawin-Armato EMs	
Advent III	Saturday	December 13	4:30 PM	Allan Culp R & EM Deacon Lynda Hurt - Gospeller & POP	
Advent III	Sunday	December 14	8:00 AM	Phil Graham R & EM	
Facebook Live & YouTube -->	December 14	10:15 AM		Jill Shaub - R1 Marie Ebert - R2 Deacon Lynda Hurt - Gospeller Sally Verkleeren - POP DOK Crucifer Tom Lanio & Jill Hedge EMs	
Advent IV	Saturday	December 20	4:30 PM	Jan Huster - EM Kim Snodgrass - R Deacon Lynda Hurt - Gospeller	
Advent IV	Sunday	December 21	8:00 AM	Kathy Potter R & EM Deacon Lynda Hurt - Gospeller	
Facebook Live & YouTube -->	December 21	10:15 AM		Doris Fry - R1 Jeff James - R2 Deacon Lynda Hurt - Gospeller Mary Wilkens POP Jill Hedge - Crucifer Gary Gee & Jeff James EMs	
	Greening of the Church				
Christmas Eve	Wednesday	December 24	4:30 PM	Sally Verkleeren - R1 Ed Miller IV- R2 Deacon Lynda Hurt - POP Judy Kile - R1 Yourh - R2 thru R5 Yourh - Crucifer Phil Graham & Ed Miller IV EMs	
Facebook Live & YouTube -->	Wednesday	Christmas Eve	December 24	9:00 PM	Marie Ebert - R1 Kathy Potter - R2 Deacon Lynda Hurt - Gospeller & POP Tom Lanio - Crucifer Charles Cram & Gary Gee EMs
1st after Christmas	Saturday	December 27	4:30 PM	Vicki Nelson R & EM	
1st after Christmas	Sunday	December 28	8:00 AM	Charlie Cram R & EM	
Facebook Live & YouTube -->	December 28	10:15 AM		Sally Verkleeren - R1 Jill Shaub - R2 Deacon Lynda Hurt - Gospeller & POP Judith Del Porto - POP Brotherhood of St. Andrews - Crucifer Jill Hedge & Ed Miller IV EMs	

Readers are responsible for finding their own substitute and informing Laura
With great appreciation, Deacon Lynda



Daily Office for December 2025



Mon, Dec. 1: Psalm 1, 2, 3 * 4, 7. Amos 2:6-16, 2 Pet. 1:1-11, Matt. 21:1-11.
Tue, Dec. 2: Psalm 5, 6 * 10, 11. Amos 3:1-11, 2 Pet. 1:12-21, Matt. 21:12-22.
Wed, Dec. 3: Psalm 119:1-24 * 12, 13, 14. Amos 3:12-4:5, 2 Pet. 3:1-10, Matt. 21:23-32.
Thur, Dec. 4: Psalm 18:1-20 * 18: 21-50. Amos 4:6-13, 2 Pet. 3:11-18, Matt. 21:33-46.
Fri, Dec. 5: Psalm 16, 17 * 22. Amos 5:1-17, Jude 1-16, Matt. 22:1-14.
Sat, Dec. 6: Psalm 20, 21:1-7(8-14) * 22. Jude 17-25, Matt. 22:15-22.

Week of Advent II

Sun, Dec 7: Psalm 148, 149, 150 * 114, 115. Amos 6:1-14, 2 Thess. 1:5-12, Luke 1:57-68.
Mon, Dec. 8: Psalm 25 * 9, 15. Amos 7:1-9, Rev. 1:1-8, Matt. 22:23-33.
Tue, Dec. 9: Psalm 26, 28 * 36, 39. Amos 7:10-17, Rev. 1:9-16, Matt. 22:34-46.
Wed, Dec. 10: Psalm 38 * 119:25-48. Amos 8:1-14, Rev. 1:7-2:7, Matt. 23:1-12.
Thur, Dec. 11: Psalm 37:1-18 * 37:19-42. Amos 9:1-10, Rev. 2:8-17, Matt. 23:13-26.
Fri, Dec. 12: Psalm 31 * 35. Haggai 1:1-15, Rev. 2:18-29, Matt. 23:27-39.
Sat, Dec. 13: Psalm 30, 32 * 42, 43. Haggai 2:1-9, Rev. 3:1-6, Matt. 24:1-14.

Week of Advent III

Sun, Dec 14: Psalm 63:1-8(9-11), 98 * 103. Amos 9:11-15, 2 Thess. 2:1-3, 13-17, John 5:30-47.
Mon, Dec. 15: Psalm 41, 52 * 44. Zech. 1:7-17, Rev. 3:7-13, Matt. 24:15-31.
Tue, Dec. 16: Psalm 45 * 47, 48. Zech. 2:1-13, Rev. 3:14-22, Matt. 24:32-44.
Wed, Dec. 17: Psalm 119:49-72 * 49,[53]. Zech. 3:1-10, Rev. 4:1-8, Matt. 24:45-51.
Thur, Dec. 18: Psalm 50 * 37: [59, 60] or 33. Zech. 4:1-14, Rev. 4:9-5:5, Matt. 25:1-13.
Fri, Dec. 19: Psalm 40, 54 * 51. Zech. 7:8-8:8, Rev. 5:6-14, Matt. 25:14-30.
Sat, Dec. 20: Psalm 55 * 138, 139:1-17(18-23). Zech. 8:9-17, Rev. 6:1-17, Matt. 25:31-46.

Week of Advent IV

Sun, Dec 21: Psalm 24, 29 * 8, 84. Gen. 3:8-15, Rev. 12:1-10, John 3:16-21.
Mon, Dec. 22: Psalm 61, 62, * 112, 115. Zeph. 3:14-20, Titus 1:1-16, Luke 1:1-66.
Tue, Dec. 23: Psalm 66, 67. I Sam. 2:1b-10, Titus 2:1-10, Luke 1:26-38.

Christmas Eve: Wed, Dec. 24: Psalm 89:1-29. Isa. 59:15b-21, Phil. 2:5-11.

Christmas Day and Following

Thur, Dec. 25: Psalm 2 & 85 * 110:1-5(6-7), 132. Micah 4:1-5: 5:2-4, 1 John 4:7-16, John 3:31-36.
Fri, Dec. 26: St. Stephen Readings: Psalm 31. Jer. 26:1-9, 12-15, Acts 6:8—7:2a, 51c-60, Matthew 23:34-39.
Sat, Dec. 27: St. John Readings: Psalm 92. Exodus 33L18-23, I John 1:1-9, John 21:19b-24.

First Sunday after Christmas

Sun, Dec 28: 93, 96 * 34. I Sam. 1:1-2, 7b-28, Col. 1:9-20, Luke 2:22-40.
Mon. 29: Psalm 18:1-20 * 18:21-50. 2 Sam. 23:13-17b, 2 John 1-13, John 2:1-11.
Tue., Dec 30: Psalm 20, 21:1-7(8-14) * 23, 27. I Kings 17:17-24, 3 John 1-15, John 4:46-54.
Wed., Dec 31: Psalm 46, 48 * --. I Kings 17:17-24, James 4:13-17, 5:7-11, John 5:1-15.

Eve of Holy Name:

Psalm 90. Isa. 65:15b-25, Rev. 21:1-6. 146, 147 * 111, 112, 113. Amos 1:1-5, 13-2:8, 1 Thess. 5:1-11, Luke 21:5-19.

Good Shepherd Ministries

Ministry Group	Contact	Meeting Time/Date	Ministry Group	Contact	Meeting Time/Date
Acolytes	Gary Gee	Monthly obligations as scheduled	Nursery Teachers	Tiffany Olsson	9:00 through 10:15 service
Altar Guild	Laura Sawin-Armato Cynthia Takeyama	Monthly obligations, Quarterly meeting	Office Helpers	Laura Sawin-Armato	As needed
Building and Grounds	David Talbot	1 st Tuesday of each month, 7:00 PM Workday, 3 rd Saturday of each month	Pastoral Care, EVs	Deacon Lynda Hurt & Canon Galen	As scheduled
			Backpack Shepherds	David Talbot	Outreach Chair: Tom Kincaid Reaching out to our local community, the nation, and the world. 2 nd Monday of each even numbered month 7:00 PM
EMs	Deacon Lynda	Monthly obligations as scheduled	Northland Clothing Center	Tom Kincaid	
Coffee Hour	Jill Hedge	After the 10:15 service	Nourish KC	Judy Lane	
Circle of Friends	Canon Galen	2 nd & 4 th Thursdays at 11 AM	Northland Assistance Center	John Zaiger	
Daughters of the King	Sue Wilkinson Mona Hale	2 nd Sun. of the month after 10:15 service	Outreach Garden	Bob Kile	
Christian Formation	Judy Kile	2 nd Monday, 7:00 PM	Shepherd's Center	Vacancy	
Cursillo Liaison	Carye Williams	As needed	Ushers	Sue Wilkinson	Monthly obligations as scheduled
Financial Ministries Council (FMC)	Nina Edwards	Thursday of week before each Vestry meeting, 6PM	Vestry	Marie Ebert Canon Galen	3 rd Tuesday of each Month
Liturgical Readers	Deacon Lynda Hurt	Monthly obligations as scheduled	Good Redeemers	Laura Williams	Weekly as announced
Music Instrumental	Canon Galen Linlin He	As needed	St. Francis Ministry	Susan Jacobs	As needed
Music Vocal		As needed	Book Club	Judy Kile	2 nd Tuesday at 7 PM
Newsletter	Pat Muldoon	Published monthly	Greeters	Jason Hedge	As needed
Woolly Shepherds	Marie Ebert	3 rd Thursdays at 6 PM	Sunday Adult Bible Study	Bob Kile Tom Lanio	Sundays 9:00-10:00 AM
Streaming Services	Joe Armato	10:15 AM Sundays	Intercessory Prayer	Sally Verkleeren	1 st & 3 rd Sundays Noon in Chapel
St. Killian's Candle System	Brotherhood of St. Andrews	Brothers as scheduled	Shepherds of the Earth	Zach Elliot	Last Monday of Month 8:00 PM Zoom
Brotherhood of St. Andrews	Gary Gee Tim Smith	Monthly Meeting 3 rd Thursdays at 6:30 PM	Shepherd Responders	Gary Gee Tim Smith	As needed

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