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**Sunday Services**  
7:30am, 9:00am, 11:05am  
Sunday School for all ages  
during the school year 10:15am  
Nursery Care 8:30-12:30

**Midweek Service:**  
Tuesday 9:30 a.m.

#### Clergy

Rector  
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Associate Pastor  
The Rev. Shelly Fayette

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Greg Rhodes

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**Faith Community Nurse**  
Helen Lehner

**Administrative Leader**  
Anne Brown

## ~ A TIME TO REMEMBER ~

The Service of Remembrance on Sunday, December 19, at 1:30 pm is a service for those who have lost loved ones and find sadness at the holidays. Music, prayers for those we have lost, and a special meditation offer comfort to those who attend this service. Bring a photograph of your loved one to include in a Remembrance Display. Do you have friends who have suffered the loss of a loved one this past year? Invite them to attend.

## "LESSONS AND CAROLS" COMING SOON!

Plan attend our annual *Advent Lessons and Carols* service being held on Sunday, December 12, at 4:00 PM in the Sanctuary, featuring the Good Shepherd Choir, Good Shepherd Handbell Choir, and Children's Choir. The choirs will present music and readings appropriate for the season of Advent, as well as leading congregational hymn singing.

There is no admission charge, but a free-will offering will be taken in support of local charities. If you would like childcare for this event please call the church office by Thursday, December 9. Please join us for this very special afternoon of worship and music and be sure and invite a friend or two!!



## FAMILY CHRISTMAS PROGRAM

Please join the children and youth of Good Shepherd on Sunday, December 19, at 4:00 PM for an afternoon of Christmas drama and music. A reception for everyone will follow in the parish hall.

Questions: Kara Uhrich 892-7770 or [karau@goodshepherdvancouver.org](mailto:karau@goodshepherdvancouver.org)



## PAGEANT REHEARSALS:

The Christmas pageant will be presented by the Good Shepherd children, ages 4-6<sup>th</sup> grade, at the Family Christmas Program. Rehearsals will be in the sanctuary on Sat., Dec. 11<sup>th</sup>, 9:00 – 10:30; Sat., Dec. 18<sup>th</sup>, 9-11:00, dress rehearsal.

## Invite a Friend to Church !

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### **THIS IS YOUR COMMUNITY**

We invite you to share events and news of interest with the Good Shepherd community. See the back of this newsletter for due dates and contact information.

**SERMONS ONLINE** - Were you unable to come to church on Sunday? Sermons are available to listen to at [www.goodshepherdvancouver.org](http://www.goodshepherdvancouver.org). Click "sermons" on the top toolbar.

"We are people of God, committed to acting in love, seeking and serving Christ in the world, one another and ourselves."

### Good Shepherd Activities

Dec. 6: G.R.E.A.T. Group Potluck  
 Dec. 7: Vestry Chat  
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 Dec. 11: Lessons & Carols Rehearsal  
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 Jan. 30: One Service Only - 9:30 am  
 Jan. 30: Annual Meeting

### **HAVE YOU VISITED THE WEBSITE LATELY?**

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## NEWS OF THE G.R.E.A.T. GROUP



Ho, Ho, Ho. Santa Claus is coming and will delight the Good Shepherd mature members at their monthly potluck on Monday December 6 beginning at 12 noon in the parish hall. Santa (AKA the Rev. Dr. Keith Hackett, retired United Methodist minister) will tell us about the myths associated with Santa Claus. He will distribute the small gifts those attending bring to exchange which may be new (inexpensive, please) a white elephant or even homemade crafts or baked goods. Also, bring a dish to share and invite a friend to enjoy us for this special event. Questions? Call Betty Yingling at 256-2956

## CHAT WITH THE VESTRY

Members of the Vestry will again be available Tues., December 7 from 6:00-6:55 in the Parish Hall. If you need child care or a ride, please let a member of the vestry know no later than November 22. Contact information is available in the church entryway and on the web. We continue to look forward to dialoguing with the congregation.

## L.A. GROUP

The LA Group (living alone and laughing a lot most of the time) plans to meet on Sunday, December 12, at 1 pm at Ruby Tuesdays. Please join us for lunch and help in planning for our activities in the New Year. Carolyn Berkey is our coordinator and Grethe Barber is continuing as our special chaplain. If you have any questions, please call Carolyn at 254-7985 or Nancy Fritz at 571-5028.

## 2011 PLEDGE ENVELOPES ARE HERE

Pledge envelopes are available for pick up in the library. If you didn't order a box, and would like one, please call the church office at 892-7770.

## HOLY BAPTISM

Those wishing baptism for themselves or a child are asked to contact Rev. Shelly Fayette at the church - 892-7770.

## DO YOU HAVE A TRUCK OR TRAILER?

The Green Team is in need of someone who could collect and deliver the recyclables a few Sundays a year. If you could help out with this increasingly popular ministry, contact Tina Katica, 696-2038.

## YOUR VESTRY NEEDS YOU!

As we recently shared with you the feedback regarding altering of service times on Sunday morning in order to provide more time for Christian Formation. This has been collated and are available on the website and outside of the church office. The Vestry feels that for any decision to be made it would be useful to have a broader conversation about worship opportunities. The Vestry invites you to be a part of a team to help design a process to discuss our worship, fellowship and spiritual growth Sunday mornings and beyond. If you would be interested, or would like more information about the process, please contact any member of the Vestry. Thank you for prayerfully considering the input posted on the web. We look forward to continued conversation.

Your Vestry

## THANK YOU FROM NED LUKENS

Unaccustomed as I am to being ill, I want to express my appreciation for the many messages of goodwill sent my way in recent weeks. I remain somewhat housebound, but am looking forward to my return.

Many Thanks,  
Ned

## JOIN US FOR ADULT FORMATION SUNDAY MORNINGS - 10:15 AM

**Nov 28 - Dec 19: *The Gospel of Matthew.*** Advent begins a new lectionary year, and this year we will be hearing from the Gospel of Matthew. Come learn about the distinctiveness of the Good News According to Matthew, its history and its gifts for us today.

## THANKSGIVING BASKETS

On Saturday, November 19 there were 44 boxes filled with a turkey and all “trimmings” thanks to the generous donations of food, gift cards and cash from the parishioners. This project was well organized by David Uhrich and Jim Kribs. The boxes were distributed to families who would otherwise not have had the luxury of enjoying a Thanksgiving Dinner.

A special thank you to David and Jim and those who helped: Sharon Mathews, Corrine Gannon, Jason West, Kara Uhrich, Karen Allenby, Susan Marssdorf, Mary Thompson, Patty Barnard, Julie Moyer, Erin Wellnitz and Deb Lawson. A heartfelt thank you to everyone who made this project possible, through such wonderful donations.



### CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS

If you would like to make an offering toward the Christmas poinsettias in memory of a loved one or in thanksgiving, please contact the church office at 892-7770 or

[office@goodshepherdvancouver.org](mailto:office@goodshepherdvancouver.org). Your remembrance will be included in the Christmas bulletins.

## A WELCOME TO STRANGERS...

Jesus said, “I was a stranger and you welcomed me.”

Do you remember the first time you visited Good Shepherd? How did you feel as a stranger in the midst of a congregation who seemed to know and enjoy each other? Were you welcomed?

There is rarely a Sunday when there is a not a ‘stranger’ in our midst. Are we welcoming them with a smile, an introduction and an invitation to coffee? All too often ‘strangers’ are standing alone during our time of fellowship in the Parish Hall. PLEASE, do not let this happen. Look around and if there is ANYONE standing alone, introduce yourself, welcome them, introduce them to others. Doing so will definitely make a difference in their decision to return or not return to worship with us.

~Newcomer Ministry

Make someone’s Christmas special...

## Invite Them to Church

### CHRISTMAS EVE

**4:00 pm\*** - The Holy Eucharist with sermon for the whole family. Music with children in mind. Infant and toddler care.

**6:00 pm\*** - The Holy Eucharist with sermon and a mix of traditional and contemporary music led by ShepherdSong.

**10:00 pm** - The Holy Eucharist with sermon, traditional Christmas carols and special music by the Good Shepherd Choir.

*\*Nursery care will be available at 4:00 & 6:00 pm Christmas Eve.*

### CHRISTMAS DAY

**10:00 am** - The Holy Eucharist with sermon and Christmas carols. There will be no nursery care.





**The**

**Christmas Giving Tree**



**is an annual project at Good Shepherd.**



**We provide neighborhood families food, hygiene baskets,**



**and**



**two gifts for each child 18 and under, a clothes item and a special**



**request**



**gift like a toy. We receive names of families from local schools**



**and**



**also from a nursing home. We invite everyone who is able to take tags**

**from  
the  
tree**

**and buy gifts.**



The Good Shepherd community has made this a delightful and rewarding success over the years. There is more information and sign-up sheets in the church entryway. Please call if you have questions or if you would like to be in charge of any areas. Call Sandy at 571-0389.

**IMPORTANT DATES:**

**Sundays through Dec. 12: CHOOSING OF GIFT TAGS**

**Sunday Dec. 12, Thursday Dec. 16 & Friday Dec. 17: SHOP FOR GIFTS**

**Tuesday Dec. 14: RETURN GIFTS**

**Wednesday Dec. 15: YOUTH SHOP FOR GIFTS**

**Thursday Dec 16 starting at 4:00PM: SORTING OF GIFTS**

**Saturday Dec 18 starting at 1:30PM: GIFTS**

will be passed out at the church to their recipients.

*Additionally, you may be interested in purchasing gifts for an entire family, if so, please contact Sandy Bristol prior to November 23. Thank you!*

Sandy and Chuck Bristol @ 571-0389.

## **ADVENT CONSPIRACY at Good Shepherd & the Good Shepherd Montessori Scholarship Fund**

*It's about putting Christ back into Christmas, by helping one child at a time.*

The story of Christ's birth is a story of promise, hope, and a revolutionary love. So, what happened? What was once a time to celebrate the birth of a savior has somehow turned into a season of stress, traffic jams, and shopping lists; somewhere in the bustle of wrapping paper, packed malls, and office parties we made Christmas into something it's not. And when it's all over, many of us are left with presents to return; looming debt that will take months to pay off; and this empty feeling of missed purpose. Is this what we really want out of Christmas? The true story of Christmas is of a Savior who came to earth, who would one day redeem the world one person at a time. It's a story each of us longs to connect with. What if Christmas became a world-changing event again? Well then, welcome (again!) to Advent Conspiracy here at Good Shepherd and it begins with you AND four main principles:



**Worship Fully** – Enter the season with an overwhelming passion to worship Jesus to the fullest  
**Spend Less** – Many who do this find themselves more available to celebrate Christ during the season  
**Give More** – Time is the real gift Christmas offers; time to make love visible through relational giving  
**Love All** – By spending less at Christmas, we have the opportunity to join Christ in giving resources to those who need help the most

As is our tradition at the three (3) Christmas Eve worship services (**Dec. 24**), we will take-up and bless our Good Shepherd Montessori Scholarship Fund, which helps fund the tuition for many of our most needy students. Now and throughout the season of Advent (**Nov. 28 through Dec. 24**), please join us as we “conspire” to spend less on those gifts which just go to the bottom of the closet anyway, and learn how we can give a gift that truly “keeps on giving!” You can be a part of this Advent Conspiracy right here in our own Good Shepherd Community, through involvement and contribution to the Good Shepherd Montessori Scholarship Fund. Please pray about this and respond as your heart leads. You can be assured that every offering is deeply appreciated by the children and families whose lives are transformed by a rewarding preschool experience, the Church of the Good Shepherd, and the Love of Jesus Christ!

Any questions, please contact Fr. Tom+, 892-7770 ([tomw@goodshepherdvancouver.org](mailto:tomw@goodshepherdvancouver.org)) or a member of the GSM board. Thank you!

### **REMINDER!**

Please turn in your **commitment form** to the church office soon! This has several benefits: It helps the vestry plan next year's budget; it allows you to ignore future reminders; a commitment, even a conservative one, is a spiritually significant act. It says to God and to ourselves how we view ourselves as stewards of the blessings God has entrusted to us. Extra forms are available on the table in the church entryway. Thank you.

### **GIFTS FOR LIFE**

Another alternate to gift-giving is available from Episcopal Relief and Development. Through their **Gifts for Life catalog**, you'll find a variety of items to help people living in extreme poverty not only survive, but thrive. Pick up a catalog from a table in the church entry or in the parish hall today. Or go to their website to order **GIFTS FOR LIFE** at [www.er-d.org/giftsforlife](http://www.er-d.org/giftsforlife)

## PRAYER CORNER

In order for a Prayer Corner article to be in every issue of the Good News I need help from the Good Shepherd family. On Sunday mornings we have an opportunity to share our thanksgivings but not everyone is in attendance and not everyone feels comfortable going up in front of a lot of people. It would be wonderful if we could print an occasional "answered prayer" story in the Prayer Corner.

Sharing a story of answered prayers is a form of exhortation which is a spiritual gift.

### **EXHORTATION:** [Rom. 12:8](#)

to come along side of someone with words of encouragement, comfort, consolation, and counsel to help them be all God wants them to be (Greek Word: paraklesis - calling to one's side)

Won't you please consider submitting your "answered prayer story"? Let's exhort one another! Either e-mail Sue Justis, Prayer Ministries Team Leader at [justis12@comcast.net](mailto:justis12@comcast.net) or call me 834-5400.

PLEASE SAVE THE DATE:

### **GOOD SHEPHERD MEN'S SPRING RETREAT**

The men of Good Shepherd will be having their spring retreat:

**May 20-22, 2011**

at the diocesan retreat & conference center,  
St. Andrew's House,  
on the beautiful Hood Canal in  
Union, WA.

Mark you calendars NOW and plan on joining the men of the parish as we gather and share our journeys together. More information will follow in the next few months as we lock-down our speaker; arrive at the total cost per person for the weekend; and ask for commitments.

Any questions, contact Fr. Tom, 360.892.7770 or [tomw@goodshepherdvancouver.org](mailto:tomw@goodshepherdvancouver.org)

Thank you!



## **SUNDAY NIGHT AT THE MOVIES:**

*"Saints and Sinners of the Silver Screen"*

**1st & 3rd Sundays of each month**

**7:00-9:30 pm in the Youth Bldg**

### **For older teens and adults**

Here's a chance to view films and explore their theological messages. We'll begin each session with a short presentation of the film to be shown, then watch the film together and take time to share and discuss our responses. Come, join with us for experience in the appreciation, understanding, and love of the film.

**Dec 19: *The Apostle* (with Robert Duvall)** We end the year's offering with the theme of vocation, which we will examine throughout the Winter and Spring of 2011. Running from the law Reverend Sonny becomes the Apostle E. F. and starts up a church. Will he be able to save himself – or "only" others.

## **GOOD NEWS CONTRIBUTORS**

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**ALL GOOD NEWS DEADLINES ARE DUE  
MIDNIGHT ON THE SPECIFIED SUNDAY.**

Thank you!  
Cheryl & Jennifer, your Good News editors  
Anne, your Bulletin editor

## News about the 2011 Vestry Election

The Vestry is made up of nine church members who are elected to serve three-year terms as the lay leaders of our congregation. At the Annual Meeting on January 31, three new Vestry members will be elected to replace Mike Tompkins, Patrick Perry, and Kelly Nolen, whose terms are expiring. Please begin praying about how you can take part in this process, either by nominating a fellow church member or considering serving yourself. For several Sundays during December, nomination forms will be available so that candidates may be lifted up for consideration.

As you pray about whether to submit a nomination, we invite you to consider how you see the following qualities for leadership at Good Shepherd rising up in yourself or a brother or sister in Christ:

- Vision for the future
- Ability to enlist others in making the vision a reality
- Flexible, and open to new ideas and approaches
- Collaborative
- Affirming others in their ministries, but also comfortable with healthy disagreement

The Vestry will prayerfully consider those nominated and discern a slate of candidates. Potential candidates will be contacted and receive information about Vestry member roles and responsibilities. Those who feel called to accept a nomination will complete a profile that will be made available to the congregation, and will also be available at Adult Education in January to answer questions.

Please pray for the Vestry as we proceed with the process to nominate and elect new Vestry members.

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## TAXABLE DONATION INFORMATION

Donations to be credited to the 2010 calendar year must be brought to the church or postmarked by December 31, 2010, per IRS regulations. Thank you for your support, Rose Stratton, treasurer.

## HEALING WEEKEND AT CHURCH OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD

**Save the date:  
FEBRUARY 11-13, 2011**

**The Order of St. Luke** will sponsor a **Healing Weekend at Good Shepherd**

The theme of the weekend is

**“The Heart of Wholeness”**

Keynote speaker is Rev. Dr. Russ Parker from Surrey, England.

**Friday** evening from **7-9PM** will include keynote, worship and prayer.

**Saturday** is from **9AM-5PM** and will include keynote, worship, workshops, and prayer.

Workshops will be offered on the topics of:

Centering Prayer, Healing Meditations,

Inner Healing, Grief, Forgiveness

Journey towards Wholeness,

Listening with the Whole Person.

What is OSL? (Order of St. Luke)

Early registration is highly recommended as it is \$20 in advance and \$30 at the door. The fee includes coffee, donuts and lunch. Register for two workshops to enjoy. More info and registration is forthcoming. Be sure to save the date for this exciting weekend!!

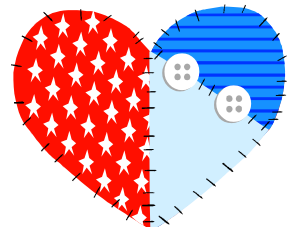
Contact Saran Warne 258-0134 or Barbara LeRoy 253-7173 with any questions.

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## 11<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL MYSTERY QUILT CLASS

The Mystery Quilt Class is scheduled for January 29<sup>th</sup>, 2011. Once again, Lawry Thorn, from the Stitchin' Post in Sisters, Oregon will be our instructor. This is a very fun day of quilting along with great fellowship and fabulous food created by Linda Dawson and Sandi Green. Registration forms will be available in the narthex beginning November 28. We are holding the price at \$40.

Your check must be attached to your registration form to confirm your registration. Space is limited to 30 people, so sign up early. Questions? Contact Bette Ludden, 571-0471.





### Women's Getaway Retreat, January 14-17, 2011

– Calling all women to enjoy a weekend away with friends, the great outdoors, and a warm fire to keep cozy by! Let Huston's hospitality take care of the work so you can have time to chat, hike, or simply relax. A chaplain, massage therapist, and certified yoga instructor will offer opportunities to rest, contemplate, and revitalize. Four night and three night stay options available. Visit [www.huston.org](http://www.huston.org) or contact the Huston office for more information. A registration form will be available soon!

**Summer Schedule 2011** – Calling all kids!! Experience overnight camping, hiking, archery, arts & crafts, challenge, discovery, and more, all while learning more about yourself and your important role in a Christian community. We know schedules fill fast so here is a sneak peak at the upcoming summer camp sessions available – you can start planning ahead!

**Information** about the summer camping program and sessions can also be found online at [www.huston.org](http://www.huston.org).

### CLASSES AT THE PRIORY CENTER

#### In The Hands of the Potter: Discerning Life Choices for Women

January 7-9, 2011 Friday. 7:15pm – Sunday 1:30 pm  
Register by prior Friday  
without spiritual direction \$150  
with spiritual direction \$185

#### Restoration & Rejuvenation (Knitters and Spinners)

January 8, 2011 Saturday 9:45AM-6:00PM  
Register by prior Friday \$50

#### Lectio Divina: Feasting on the Word

January 15, 2011 Saturday 9:15AM-3:00PM  
(Optional: **How to Facilitate Lectio Divina for a Group** will meet from 3:00-4:00PM.)  
Register by prior Friday \$50 (+ 10 for optional facilitation class)

#### Christian Dreaming: A Living Resource

January 22, 2011 Saturday 9:15AM-3:00PM  
Register by prior Friday \$50

#### What Fills Your Bowl?

January 29, 2011 Saturday 9:15AM-3:00PM  
Register by prior Friday \$60

#### THE PRIORY SPIRITUALITY CENTER

500 College St NE, Lacey WA 98516  
360-438-2595

See fuller description <http://www.stplacid.org>

**Good Shepherd Children's Choir**

*Come sing with us  
this Advent season!*

**Rehearsals:  
Tuesdays, 6:30 - 7:15 pm**

For further information please contact  
Maureen Walker, @ 254-2556

**Singing to the Lord, all the world!**

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Thank you,  
Cheryl Armstrong and Jennifer Myers-Power, editors

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