



# Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd

*January 2024*



You are invited!

During the upcoming season of Lent, we reflect upon our lives of faith. In that reflection we acknowledge the challenges that this world presents while contemplating what life in God's kingdom looks like, both now and in our future together. To truly understand these things, we turn to the words of Jesus.

During this season of Lent the pastor will present the key teaching of Jesus Christ that has come to be called the sermon on the mount. This teaching encapsulates all that Jesus came to say to us and its words challenge us as we seek to follow Christ and be imitators of God, as we read in Ephesians.



## Mark Your Calendar

Good Shepherd will be hosting a blood drive **January 18, 2024 from 1:00 pm to 6:00 pm**. We are asking for volunteers to help check people in, hand out snacks, and don't forget to give blood. We are looking to collect at least 25 good pints. Please spread the word to your neighbors, co-workers, and friends.

### NOTICE!

All reports for the Annual Meeting must be submitted to Pat Morgan, no later than **JANUARY 21**. This is the absolute deadline!!

*We are Christ's hands and voice in the world*

# THE SHEPHERD'S HORN



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Friday - Closed

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### Website:

[www.goodshepherdvb.org](http://www.goodshepherdvb.org)

We ask that during this time that you join us, and we will coordinate among volunteers to serve soup and sandwiches as we learn together.

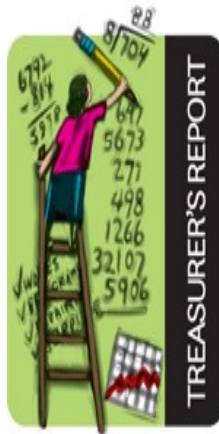
It is our prayer that this time of learning and worship will be a blessing during your journey of faith.

Shalohm,

Pastor

### HVAC System

The vote passed to replace the sanctuary gas heating/air conditioning unit. \$22,000 was approved for the new Carrier unit (\$20,000 for the unit, \$2,000 to cover unforeseen costs). The auxiliary electric unit is also experiencing issues and we pray will be an easy repair. Building Fund, Building Maintenance Fund, and Contingency Funds will be used to cover costs. The Building Fund and Building Maintenance Funds will be depleted. Donations toward the new unit will be appreciated. As of December 31st we have received \$1450 toward the unit. Thank you!



Below is the support for our ministries for the month of December, and the Year to Date figures. As you can see, we had a very good month, however, our YTD fell short of our anticipated income. Thank you to those who stepped up to help fill the gap.

	Month	YTD
Support	\$39,477	\$ 299,200
Expense	\$29,379	\$ 328,118
Over/[short]	\$10,097	\$ [28,,918]

Good Shepherd offers electronic giving for those who appreciate the convenience of online payments. Whether it is a one-time gift, or automated regular giving. Visit us online at [www.goodshepherdvb.org](http://www.goodshepherdvb.org) to find out more, or TEXT TO GIVE at 1-844-970-2662. You may also send your gift by regular mail to: Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, 1489 Laskin Rd. Virginia Beach, VA 23451.



# Serving This Month

## January 3

Food Pantry

Carlin Bachrach, Denise Haag, Mary Ann Beard 1/3

## January 7

Assisting Minister  
Communion Assistant  
Reader  
Usher  
Altar Guild  
Coffee Hosts  
Children's Message  
Food Pantry

Skip Banner  
Roger White  
Donna White  
Sunny Hollenbach  
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Parish Life

Bobbi Skinner-White, Gwyne Van Slyke, Linda Radix 1/10  
Mary Ann & Norm Beard 1/13

## January 14

Assisting Minister  
Communion Assistant  
Reader  
Usher  
Altar Guild  
Coffee Hosts  
Food Pantry

Steve Jackson  
Sunny Hollenbach  
Chuck Starbranch  
Cheryl Tennant, Buddy Anderson  
Ruth Crews, Jim Owens

Carlin Bachrach, Marilyn Berge, Robin Patrick 1/17

## January 21

Assisting Minister  
Communion Assistant  
Reader  
Usher  
Altar Guild  
Coffee Hosts  
Food Pantry

Jackie Rosendahl  
Cheryl Tennant

Mark Rosendahl  
Carlin Bachrach

Bobbi Skinner-White, Joy Whittaker, Linda Radix 1/24  
Mary Ann & Norm Beard 1/27

## January 28

Assisting Minister  
Communion Assistant  
Reader  
Usher  
Altar Guild  
Food Pantry

Bobbi Skinner-White

Gwyne Van Slyke, Marilyn Berge, Robin Patrick 1/31



# JANUARY

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# january

birthdays & anniversaries

- 1 Joyce Walsh
- 5 Rosie Solhaug
- 7 Linda Radix
- 9 Lesli White
- 10 Gregg Flick
- 14 Dorothy Williams
- 17 Rylie LaFontaine
- 21 Gwyne Van Slyke
- 22 Mary Addison
- 24 Will Tennant
- 26 Riley Fulmer
- 28 Michaela Wilson-Leavell

## ANNIVERSARY

- 1 Geri & Jim Smiejan
- 2 Jean & Ray Ingold
- 31 Cynthia & Jon Shochet

The Lake Family Lighting Advent Candle 2



The Patrick Family Lighting Advent Candle 4



The Farley Family Lighting Advent Candle 3



## Good Shepherd Sisters

This group of ladies working diligently to fill the 75 Christmas Stockings for the children at Samaritan House.

Also delivered were sheet sets, towels and washcloths and 18 pillows.



**Michael Farley talks about the Chrismon Tree**



**Donna White talks about the Nativity**



**Steve Sunderland on the harpsichord he built. What a treat to hear it once again.**



December 17, 2023

**A Fond Farewell to Steve Sunderland as he retires on December 31.**





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**Address Service Requested**

VIRGINIA SYNOD ELCA - YOUTH AND YOUNG ADULT MINISTRIES

*Early registration discount ends Jan. 8*

# Winter Celebration

OUR WEEKEND EVENT FOR 9<sup>TH</sup> - 12<sup>TH</sup> GRADERS  
Eagle Eyrie Retreat Center, Lynchburg, VA  
**Feb. 2-4, 2024**

**Winter Celebration**, the Virginia Synod's annual weekend faith sharing retreat for youth in 9th through 12th grade and their adult advisors will be **Feb. 2-4** (Friday evening to Sunday noon).

To **register for Winter Celebration** via the online form, follow this link: [https://forms.gle/](https://forms.gle/ZuoipGoYTWijnDhz6)

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To **download a printable registration form** for submission by mail, click this link: <https://vasynod.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/09/registration-form-WC2024.pdf>

**Early Registration discount ends January 8, 2024!**

If you have questions about Winter Celebration, contact Virginia Synod Youth Director Dave Delaney – [delaney@vasynod.org](mailto:delaney@vasynod.org), cell: 540-529-6893