

# *THE GOOD SHEPHERD GAZETTE*



## *A Letter From The Undershepherd*

BY PASTOR EDWARD KILLIAN

The season of Epiphany is an important one in the cycle of the Church Year. Christmas is the time when we focus upon the truth that God became flesh in the form of a man. Epiphany season is the time that we focus on the truth that the Babe of Bethlehem is truly God.

Epiphany begins with the visit of the Magi from the East who come as gentiles bearing gifts. These strange gifts testify to their belief that Jesus is God worthy of praise and tribute.

As Epiphany continues, we see Jesus instituting Holy Baptism, and the Father and Holy Spirit joining Him in this salvific event. In the weeks that follow, we will learn of Jesus performing miracles that demonstrate His supernatural powers, and divine statements that proclaim Him the exclusive God. Jesus demonstrates plainly that He is our God and the anticipated Savior.

I look forward to sharing these texts with you, and the good news they bring to us. May they truly bring a blessed Epiphany to us all!

*Pastor Killian*

## Monthly Missions

In the New Year, we celebrate new life, which is why the mission for January is supporting those whose lives are the newest! Throughout the month, we will be collecting items for the Southbay Pregnancy Center. Whether the items are new or gently used, they can greatly benefit the families in our community!

The following items we will be collecting are:

- Diapers
- Baby wipes
- Baby clothes (Newborn-12m)
- Baby Blankets
- Formula and Baby Food
- Baby Carriers
- Pack 'n Plays
- Strollers
- Bouncy Seats
- Bassinets

## Lutheran Women in Mission at the Good Shepherd

This coming Sunday, January 5th, is **Mite Sunday** at the Good Shepherd! The focus of this month's Mite Mission Grants will supporting children and teens with special needs. Bring your mites and grab a treat!

Sunday, January 5th, is the last day to register for **PSD LWML Women's Retreat - "Rejoice in Hope and Joy"**. The retreat will be in Phoenix, AZ on January 24th through the 26th. Kari Vo will be the speaker. LWML retreats give Lutheran women to spend time in fellowship, prayer, and the chance to be uplifted together!

Ladies of the Good Shepherd! You are all invited the quarterly LWML Meeting after service on Sunday, January 19th. Join us for a quick devotion, hear about the upcoming meetings and events, and get information of the National LWML Convention.

On the third Monday of each month, there is a PSD LWML Zoom Bible Study! Join other Lutheran Women in our district to study and discuss new topics each month. If you would like to attend, you can find the link on [www.psdlwml.org](http://www.psdlwml.org) or let Moira know to send it to you!

Thanks be to God for the wonderful work at hand!

*"Therefore, my dear brothers and sisters, stand firm. Let nothing move you. Always give yourselves fully to the work of the Lord, because you know that your labor in the Lord is not in vain."*

1 CORINTHIANS 15:58

## JANUARY SCHEDULE

Sundays  
Morning Bible Study  
8:30 - 9:15 AM

Sundays  
Divine Service  
10 AM

Wednesdays (Beginning 01/15)  
Zoom Bible Study  
7:00 - 8:00 PM