

Good Shepherd Lutheran Church

December 2024

Dear Christian Friends,

I've said it before and I'll say it again. It is a wonderful privilege and joy for me to serve as your Pastor. Thank you so much for receiving Debi and me into your midst these past ten months. The warmth of our fellowship here at Good Shepherd is one of many reasons why we are so delighted to be part of this congregation.



A huge factor in our relationships here at Good Shepherd, and in all our relationships, is the conversations we enjoy. Paul has this to say about the way we listen to and speak with one another in Colossians 4:5-6:

Be wise in the way you act toward outsiders; make the most of every opportunity. Let your conversation be always full of grace, seasoned with salt, so that you may know how to answer everyone.

Our sermon series theme on Sunday mornings will be **Advent Conversations**. We will be exploring four different Gospel lessons and asking the Holy Spirit to teach us the importance of 1) listening well, 2) asking good questions, and 3) speaking God's truths with kindness and patience.

May God bless our conversations in the days ahead, that they might be full of grace, seasoned with God's truths, and helpful answers.

Together in Christ,
Pastor Griffin



Upcoming Sermon Themes for Sunday Mornings Advent Conversations

- December 1 - Jesus and His Disciples
- December 8 - John the Baptist and the Crowds
- December 15 - Jesus, His Disciples, and the Crowds
- December 22 - Elizabeth and Mary
- December 29 - Simeon and Anna

Upcoming Sermon Themes Midweek Services

- December 4 - Christmas Hope
- December 11 - Christmas Love
- December 18 - Christmas Joy
- Christmas Eve - Christmas Peace

New Member Orientation

Sunday January 5, 2025 12:00-1:00

Who is invited? All members, especially those who have joined Good Shepherd in recent months.

Topics Covered?

1. A review of Good Shepherd Lutheran's history and structure.
2. A review of Lutheran teachings, with a focus on our Lord's Supper.