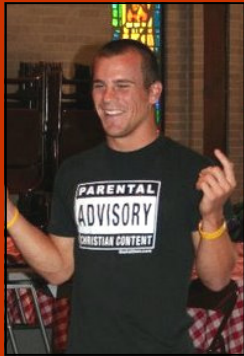


November -  
December, 2011



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Step on every  
crunchy leaf  
and pine cone  
you pass. It is  
good medicine  
for the soul.

For more details  
on events or to  
sign up for events,  
please  
contact the  
church staff at  
[youth@  
goserve.net](mailto:youth@goserve.net)

Also, don't  
forget Sunday  
School for all  
ages from  
10:15-11:15 am!

# GOOD SHEPHERD LUTHERAN CHURCH

## **YOUTH LINK**

### Movie Night

**Friday, November 11 from 6-8:30pm**

Movie night is back! Join us for a light pizza dinner in the Shepherd's Hall and then a movie. We'll be watching **Cars 2** and **Captain America**. We will accept donations to cover the cost of the pizza. If you would like to bring something to eat, small finger foods and appetizers are preferred. Please sign up at [youth@goserve.net](mailto:youth@goserve.net) so we have enough food.

### Young Family Group

**Sunday, November 20 from 4-6pm**

Ah, November, what a great month for chili! So that's exactly what we're having. Please contact Jaimie Higgs for more info and to be put on the contact list - [jaimiehiggs100@yahoo.com](mailto:jaimiehiggs100@yahoo.com).

### Parents' Night Out

**Friday, December 16 from 5-9pm**

Do you need to do some last minute shopping? Do you just want a date-night opportunity? Let us help! Bring your children of any age to Good Shepherd for an evening of babysitting. Our teens will care for them while we play games, eat snacks, watch Christmas movies and have lots and lots of fun. Cost of the services is a free-will donation toward our 2012 summer service trips: Middle School to work camp and High School to the National Youth Gathering. Feel free to drop off and pick up your children anytime throughout the evening, they do not need to be there all four hours.

### Young Family Group

**Sunday, December 18 from 4-6pm**

We're planning a pajama, pizza and Christmas movies get-together! I don't know of a better way to get in the Holiday Spirit. Sign up in advance, please.

### Christmas Pageant Rehearsals Begin

**Sunday, November 27 at 9am**

Come out and be a part of a great tradition. Rehearsals are Sunday mornings during the 9 o'clock service in the sanctuary basement and on December 17 at 9am. Performance is at the 5pm Family Service on Christmas Eve. Please contact pageant director [Nancy.carlson@verizon.net](mailto:Nancy.carlson@verizon.net) for more details and to sign up.

## **Family Events**

Families of All Ages



## **Pre-K and Elementary**

## **Elementary Events**

### Fall Play Day

**Friday, November 11 from 1-6pm**

The weather is nice and cool, great for getting outside and running around. Come join your friends for an afternoon of fun - after school lets out early - and stay for the Movie Night in the evening. It's going to be a jam-packed day of fun! (Eat lunch before you come.)

### Duckpin Bowling

**Saturday, December 3 from 9am-4pm**

Come enjoy a day of crafts, games, and, of course, duckpin bowling. Cost for the day is \$10.



## MIDDLE SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP Meets each Sunday afternoon (4:00-5:30)

## Middle School Events

Grades 6-8

This is a great opportunity for youth to come hang out with their friends in a structured setting. We play games, eat lots of food, laugh way too much and do some pretty crazy activities — and we bond over discussions of faith and current topics. The more people that come, the more fun we can have. And we are always encouraging our youth to invite their friends! See all the dates below!

### MIDDLE SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP DATES/TIMES

Sunday, November 6 from 4:00 – 5:30  
Sunday, November 13 from 4:00 – 5:30  
Sunday, November 20 from 4:00 – 5:30  
Sunday, November 27. NO MEETING. Enjoy the Holiday Weekend

Sunday, December 4 from 4:00 – 5:30  
Sunday, December 11 from 4:00 – 5:30

#### **\*Sunday, December 18 — Combined Group from 6:30-8pm (note time\*\*)**

It's time for some Reindeer Games! Come out and compete against the senior high group and prove that the 2011-12 Confirmation Class is FAR better than the 9th-12th graders. You may commence (polite) trash-talking now.

\*\*Sunday, December 25 – NO YOUTH GROUP. Merry Christmas!!



## OTHER MIDDLE SCHOOL EVENTS YOU DON'T WANT TO MISS!!!

### **NATIONAL YOUTH GATHERING MEETING (8th Grade Attendees and Parents)**

**Sunday, November 6 from 12:30-1:30pm**

If you are attending the 2012 National Youth Gathering in New Orleans (hopefully you know who you are), this is our first meeting. Pastor Dave and I are working on information packets and a schedule for the upcoming 8 months. We will meet in the Youth Room. Please plan on attending.

### **THANKSGIVING FOOD BASKET DISTRIBUTION AT BOHRER PARK**

**Saturday, November 19 from 9am-1pm**

I'm looking for about a dozen very responsible youth to help distribute Thanksgiving meals to families in need from the community. We can split into shifts if you are unable to come for the whole time. The majority of help's needed from 9-10am to set up tables and prepare for Gaithersburg Holiday Giving distribution.

### **BABYSITTING FUNDRAISER & LOCK IN**

**Friday, December 16 at 5pm until Saturday, December 17 at 8am** (see page 3 for details)

### **NEW YEAR'S EVE LOCK IN**

**Saturday, December 31 — Sunday, January 1**

Come welcome in the New Year at GSLC! We will make sure we have way too much fun and usher in New Year 2012 in style. Please bring clothes for church the next morning. We will be attending the 10 am service. There is no Sunday School.

### **!!!! ATTENTION EVERYONE !!!!**

REMEMBER: All Middle and High School Youth are invited to help serve at the Lord's Table Soup Kitchen at St. Martin's Church. It is a great way to earn SSL hours while also providing a wonderful service to the community. It is the fourth Monday of every month from 3-5pm. Please contact David Shaffer to sign up or email youth@goserve.net. Rides can be arranged from various schools.

## SENIOR HIGH YOUTH GROUP Meets each Sunday evening (6:30-8:00)

## High School Events

Grades 9-12

This is a great opportunity for youth to come hang out with their friends in a structured setting. We play games, eat lots of food, laugh way too much and do some pretty crazy activities — and we bond over discussions of faith and current topics. The more people that come, the more fun we can have. And we are always encouraging our youth to invite their friends! See all the dates below!



### SENIOR HIGH YOUTH GROUP DATES/TIMES

Sunday, November 6 from 6:30 - 8:00  
Sunday, November 13 from 6:30 - 8:00  
Sunday, November 20 from 6:30 - 8:00  
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Sunday, December 11 from 6:30 - 8pm

#### **\*\*Sunday, December 18 — Combined Group from 6:30-8pm**

Did you see what the Middle School group wrote on their page (page 2 if you haven't)? Can you believe they think they're better than you? Everyone knows High School Students are superior to any Confirmation class. So come out and prove it once and for this year in some crazy Reindeer Games.

\*\*Sunday, December 25. NO YOUTH GROUP. Merry Christmas!!

## OTHER SENIOR HIGH EVENTS YOU DON'T WANT TO MISS

### **NATIONAL YOUTH GATHERING MEETING (Youth and Parents)**

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### **THANKSGIVING FOOD BASKET DISTRIBUTION AT BOHRER PARK**

**Saturday, November 19 from 9am-1pm** (see description on page 2)

### **SENIOR HIGH YOUTH SERVICE**

**Sunday, November 20 at 11:30am**

Please contact David Shaffer if you are interested in being part of this special church service.

### **BABYSITTING FUNDRAISER AND LOCK IN**

**Friday, December 16 at 5pm Until Saturday, December 17 at 8am**

Hey teens, we're helping out the parents of smaller children (and our parents, too) by taking care of their kids for a night. We are accepting donations toward our two service trips next Summer: Middle School work camp and High School Youth Gathering), so your presence is very important. What's that? You want a combined lock in following the event? Fine, I guess we can do that.



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**\*Are you in middle school? If yes, keep reading; if no, check the rest of the Youth Link for more age appropriate events!**

**\*Are you jealous that the high school youth always get to do all the cool, long Summer trips? If yes, keep reading; if no, you should be — they're really fun!**

**\*Do you want to take a week and attend a work camp yourself next Summer, 2012? If yes, keep reading; if no, why not?!**

**Good Shepherd wants to take a group of middle school youth on a weeklong work camp trip in 2012. We are headed to York, PA on June 24 and will be there until the 29th. Please contact David Shaffer if you are interested and for more details. It's an experience you'll be sure to talk about for years to come.**