

Shepherd of the Hills Ministries

NEWSLETTER – DECEMBER 2025



Christmas is fast approaching. We are planning on serving over 500 children this year. We could use your help making Christmas a bit brighter for local families in need.

There are two ways you can help...

Bring a new unwrapped toy or item for kids to the auditorium in St. Olaf on December 11-12.

Or you could send a monetary donation so we can shop for items in need. The address is...

Shepherd of the Hills, PO Box 36, St. Olaf, Iowa 52072

Toys for Tots is supporting us again this year...However, they are unable to support the age groups of 14-17. If you are able to support this group, that is great.

Our Christmas for Kids event is underway. December 11-12 from 9am to 4pm, we will be sorting the toys and taking walk-in donations for the event. If that date/time does not work for you, we can schedule a date/time that does work.

December 17-18 we will be distributing the toys to families that have a referral.

Clothing Center Updates:

Wow...We had an awesome ½ off sale on Oct 31-Nov 1. This shows me that people are recognizing us as a thrift store, not just a place to help those in need. We are accepting winter/long sleeve donations at this time until March 2026.

We will be closed from December 24 - January 5.

This time allows us to spend the holidays with friends and family. It has been a wonderful year for us. Our volunteers are the best gift for Shepherd of the Hills. Thank you for supporting us in 2025.

Shepherd Conference News:

We would like to recognize Pastor Randy Baldwin on the anniversary of his ordination on December 8, 1985.

Mark your calendar for our Annual Conference Assembly on February 15, 2026 at 2:00 pm. Location this year is Zion Lutheran Church in Oelwein.

The **Operating Fund** pays the utilities, insurance on the building, supplies, salaries and Lawn/Snow Care.

The **Crisis Fund** is used to help families with emergency rent or utilities and our sponsored events throughout the year

Please utilize the **MEMO LINE** on your check to specify Crisis or Operating Fund!

Please indicate what church you are from as well to provide better bookkeeping.

IMPORTANT EVENTS/DATES:

**Christmas for Kids
December 17-18**

**Conference Assembly
February 15, 2026**

**Any event may be subject to change*

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