



Happynings

October 31, 2008

This Week's Readings

November 2nd, All Saints Sunday: Revelation 7:9-17; Psalm 34:1-10, 22; 1 John 3:1-3; Matthew 5:1-12

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Consecration Sunday is Coming

Congregations that approach financial stewardship from a biblical perspective do not view the money Christians give to their church merely as a way to pay its bills. Rather, such congregations see financial contributions as a way to help people grow spiritually in their relationship with God by supporting their church's mission and ministry with a percentage of their incomes.

Our congregation's finance committee has selected the *New Consecration Sunday Stewardship Program* as a way to teach the biblical and spiritual principles of generous giving in our stewardship education emphasis this year.

New Consecration Sunday is based on the biblical philosophy of the need of the giver to give for his or her own spiritual development, rather than on the need of the church to receive. Instead of treating people like members of a social club who should pay dues, we will treat people like followers of Jesus Christ who want to give unselfishly as an act of discipleship. *New Consecration Sunday* encourages people toward proportionate and systematic giving in response to the question, "What percentage of my income is God calling me to give?"

During worship on Consecration Weekend (November 15 and 16), we are asking our attendees and members to make their financial commitments to our church's missionary, benevolent, and educational ministries in this community and around the world.

Every attendee and member who completes an *Estimate of Giving Card* does so voluntarily by attending worship on Consecration Weekend. We urge all people to attend, even those who feel strongly opposed to completing a card. The procedure is done in such a way that no one feels personal embarrassment if he or she chooses not to fill out a card.

We will do no home solicitation to ask people to complete cards. During worship our guest preacher, Pastor Eric Finsand of Chatfield Lutheran, will conduct a brief period of instruction and inspiration, climaxed by members making their commitments as a confidential act of worship.

We will encourage participation in Consecration Weekend events through the Consecration Weekend team and Church Council members. Since we will make no follow-up visits to ask people to complete their cards, we will make every effort to inform, inspire, and commit everyone to attend Consecration Weekend worship.

Thanks in advance for your enthusiastic participation in Consecration Weekend events.

Jen Woodford, Church Council President

This Week at Good Shepherd

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 1

8:00am – Faith in Motion (Hy-Vee So. Cafeteria)

5:30pm – Worship

** Daylight Saving Time Ends: Set clocks back 1 hour

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 2 ALL SAINTS SUNDAY

8:00am – Worship

9:15am – Education Hour, Adult Study; New Member Orientation

10:30am – Worship (Reception of New Members)

11:30am – New Member Brunch (FH)

5:00pm – Small Groups Training

Monday, NOVEMBER 3

6:30pm – Celebration Handbells

7:30pm – Jubilation Handbells

Tuesday, NOVEMBER 4

7:30am – Men's Coffee

9:30am – Stay and Play

10:30am – Staff Meeting

Wednesday, NOVEMBER 5

5:30pm – Confirmation, Ring & Sing, Praise Kids, Wednesday Night Air

6-6:45pm – Simple Supper

6:00pm – New Member Orientation

7:00pm – Remix, Joyful Noise Singers

Thursday, NOVEMBER 6

7:00am – Galatians Bible Study

7:00pm – Sisters in Faith

PRAYERS

+ For all members of Good Shepherd, especially: Terry Flynn (Gabriel, Rori), Marlene & Gene Flynn-Harnack, Richard Fredrickson (Kelly, Cory).

October 26th — Reformation Sunday

+ For all congregations in the Southeastern Minnesota Synod, including: Union Prairie Lutheran in Lanesboro, Trondhjem Lutheran in Austin, Wangen Prairie Lutheran in Cannon Falls, Kisimba Lutheran Church in Tanzania (partnered with Wangen Prairie, Cannon Falls), Kinyangiri Lutheran Church in Tanzania.

SUNDAY ADULT CLASS—TRANSFORMATION and SANCTIFICATION: Two big words that are related in our lives as kingdom people. These stories are a part of our community at Good Shepherd. Our "Core Value" for this Sunday is "Stories." Come join us in the Fellowship Hall at 9:15am. Bring your coffee.

NORM NIGHT — NOVEMBER 23RD

The Strategic Planning Team will be hosting **Norm Night: Identifying the Norms of Life at Good Shepherd** on *Sunday, November 23 at 6 p.m.* We will begin with a pizza party before getting to a discussion of "norms." We will discuss several key aspects of our life together as a congregation with regard to – Children, Conflict, Money, Building, Clergy, etc. for Good Shepherd Church. This is step number five of the Look**Out** 2009 strategic planning process. This process has included a historical reflection night, demographic analysis, meeting with community leaders and much more. At the end of Look**Out** 2009 the congregation will identify eight key goals to work on for the upcoming years. Please make plans to join us for food and conversation on November 23 as we seek to be a congregation that is **Gathered, Empowered** and **Sent** to share the love of Christ with all people!

INVITATION TO FAIR TRADE FAIR

"Every Purchase Impacts a Life"

Enrich your life and change the world at the same time! You're invited to a **Fair Trade Fair at Good Shepherd Church following worship services this weekend (Nov. 1-2).** We will feature fairly traded handcrafts from around the world. Purchase a gift from our sale and you will provide income, dignity and hope to people in developing regions of the world.

ADULTS NEEDED!

We are looking for more adults to help with REMIX, our high school youth group on Wednesday nights. It's from 7 to 8:30 and we'd like to have enough people helping that we can put together a rotating schedule. Some of you come to church already for Confirmation, Adult Study, or Simple Supper, so just stay a little later and work with these amazing youth! If you're interested, please talk to Janet or e-mail her at janet.youngers@gmail.com.

NEW ORLEANS TRIP

The deadline to sign-up for the National ELCA Youth Gathering in New Orleans this summer is Sunday, November 2nd. Get your deposit and registration worksheet to Janet today!

YOUTH LOCK-IN!

We're having a lock-in for anyone in grades 7 through 12 on Friday, November 21st. The lock-in starts at 7:00 pm and goes until 10:00 am on Saturday morning. Join us for a time filled with friends, faith, and FUN! We'll have games, food, music, and movies, so come for what is sure to be a good time! We need adults to help with the event, so if you're interested, please contact Janet.

SCRIP – FEATURED CARDS OF THE MONTH

JC Penney's, Wal-Mart and Sam's Club are the featured SCRIP cards for the month of November. Also, did you know that orders can place orders online at shopwithscrip.com and use our enrollment code LEF9B63B15781. Questions about SCRIP???

OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

31st Kammi Books, Ben Gerlesberger, Olivia Lamb, Anna Willman

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

1st Abby Keeler

2nd Nick Fuelberth, Hazel Scheitel, Cynthia Tiedtke

3rd Deb Norrie, Michael Shevlin

4th Hunter Einertson, Debbie Fiek, Chris Persinger

6th Brett Adams, Melissa Conger, Dave Krolak, Ryan Smyrk, Andrew Swenson

7th Lance Freitag, Dave Jaspersen, Mitchell Wulff

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Saturday 5:30 PM; Sunday 8:00 & 10:30 AM

CHILD & ADOLESCENT DEPRESSION

Current Treatment and Future Directions

Dr. Chris Wall, Staff Psychiatrist with Mayo Clinic Department of Child and Adolescent Psychiatry. About 5 percent of children and adolescents in the general population suffer from depression at any given point in time. Depression affects a young person's thoughts, feelings, behavior, and body. Major depression in children and adolescents is serious; it is more than "the blues." Children under stress, who experience loss, or who have attention, learning, conduct or anxiety disorders are at a higher risk for depression. Depression can lead to school failure, alcohol or other drug use, and even suicide. Early intervention and treatment is critical.

Following the presentation, we will host a moderated panel discussion to gain insights from family members and those who have experienced depression in their youth. Time will be allotted for question, answer and discussion. CEUs will be available

Monday, November 10th; 7-8:30 p.m.

Christ United Methodist Church; 400 Fifth Ave SW

The presentation is FREE and open to the public.

For more information call NAMI Southeast Minnesota www.nami-semn.org 507-287-1692