



# Happynings

**November 21, 2008**

## This Week's Readings

**November 23rd: Christ the King Sunday:** Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24

Psalm 95; Ephesians 1:15-23;  
Matthew 25:31-46

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**NORM NIGHT, NOV. 23RD** — The Strategic Planning Team will be hosting **Norm Night: Identifying the Norms of Life at Good Shepherd** this *Sunday, November 23 at 6:00 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 *LookOut* 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 *LookOut* 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!

**The Giving Tree** is now set up in the narthex. In the upcoming season of giving, we remember those who have needs for even the very basic items. Tags are attached to the tree noting specific needs of clients from Zumbro Valley Mental Health Center. There are about 30 people on the list this year. After you've purchased the item from the tag, please wrap it and attach the snowflake tag so we can keep organized. Please return your gift to church by December 7th. Thank you in advance for your kindness in considering a donation.

**Please Mark Your Calendar!** Families of all ages and sizes are invited to come to the Fellowship Hall at 9:15 a.m. On Sunday, Nov. 30 to prepare for Advent. The Seventh Grade class will open the hour with a brief skit on Bible stories leading up to the Christmas story. Following their presentation, there will be crafts and Advent wreaths/logs to make for your home. There **WILL NOT** be Sunday School during this hour for grades K-8. Pre-School children **WILL** have class during the 10:30 service time as usual. We look forward to seeing you on Nov. 30!

### The Education Committee

**Former GSC Pastor Chris Brekke** will be here after the 10:30 service on Sunday, November 23 to sell and sign copies of his devotional book, "Faith Appetizers: A Sampler Platter of Biblical Christianity." Make sure to get a copy and an autograph if you haven't done so already!

## This Week at Good Shepherd

### Friday, November 21

7:00pm Youth Lock-In Begins

### SATURDAY, November 22

7:00am Youth Lock-In Ends

5:30pm Worship

### SUNDAY, November 23

#### IHN Week (Nov. 23-30)

8:00am Worship

9:15am Education Hour, Adult Study

10:30am Worship

5:00pm Small Groups Training

6:00pm Norm Night (FH)

### Monday, November 17

6:30pm Celebration Handbells

7:30pm Jubilation Handbells

### Tuesday, November 18

7:30am Men's Coffee

9:30am Stay and Play

10:30am Staff Meeting

### Wednesday, November 19

5:30pm Confirmation, Wed. Night Air  
Ring & Sing, Praise Kids

6:00-6:45pm Simple Supper

7:00pm Joyful Noise Singers, Remix

### Thursday, November 20

7:00am Galatians Bible Study

7:00pm Sisters in Faith

### Friday, November 21

7:00pm Youth Lock-In Begins

### Saturday, November 22

7:00am Youth Lock-In Ends

5:30pm Worship

## PRAYERS

+ For all members of Good Shepherd, especially: Ladd & Paula Freitag (Amy, Karen, Lance), Randy Frey (Sarah), Pastor Jack and Ruth Friedli.

## November 21st — Christ the King Sunday

+ For specialized ministry partners serving in nursing homes, in hospitals, in retirement communities, and in the military, and all retired pastors.

## Senior High Ski Trip to Lutsen Mountain

Departs at 2pm on Thursday, Jan. 22 and returns between 7-8pm on Sunday, Jan. 25. The \$250 cost includes transportation, lodging, all meals, 3 days of lift tickets. This does not include cost of ski rental. Cost is \$150 if you will not be skiing. Those attending should bring snacks to share, \$ for meals during trip to and from Lutsen, games, swimsuit, towel, sleeping bag, ski gear and pillow. \$100 deposit and health release form is due to church by Dec. 15, with the remaining balance due by Jan. 10.

**Thank You:** We would like to express our sincere thanks for the visits to the hospital by Pastor Dave and Pastor Karen. We felt real blessed with all the cards and the caring expressed by so many of the Good Shepherd Members during Marvin's hospitalization. It is hard to express how much this meant to us. Marvin and Hazel Scheitel.

**SCRIP:** Are you feeling rushed to get that "special present" for a loved one? SCRIP is your one stop shop for all your gift needs. Allow SCRIP to give you your extra time needed to remember what the real meaning of Christmas is. All proceeds from gift card sales go to the youth and can be purchased at the welcome center after services on Saturday and Sunday. Anyone who makes a purchase between November 22-December 30 will be put in a drawing for a free \$25.00 gift card of your choice.

## What's warm? What's inviting? What's needed?

**Food.** Help support our effort to buy animals to help feed starving populations in the world. The 8th grade Sunday school class will be selling cookie and drink mixes in a jar between services on Dec. 7th to raise money for this program.

## SAVE THE DATE: Peder Eide is coming to Good Shepherd!

Nationally known Christian recording artist Peder Eide will be coming to Good Shepherd for a concert on Friday, December 5, 2008. Sponsored by Thrivent Financial for Lutherans, Peder will join us for an evening of music and fellowship as we move into the season of Advent and Christmas. So save the date and invite friends - All are welcome!

## Adult Study on Core Values

Good Grief: We have two values to consider and I need help. Please come and share your thoughts about "Laughter" and "Risk." Why were they chosen as "core values" and what do they mean for our life as a congregation? Join us this Sunday at 9:15am in the Conference Room inside the church office.

## Salvation Army Ringers Needed

As we enter the holiday season, the Salvation Army of Rochester is facing a serious shortfall of bell ringers. If you would like to volunteer, please call the Salvation Army at 288-3663.

**The Dorothy Day House** could use our help with a few items. First, they have a real need for individually wrapped toothbrushes (not packages) and toothpaste. Second, the DD House is taking donations for "gently used" winter clothing. Please bring any donations you can make to the church office. Help is also needed for Christmas Day. Two "extra special" meals will need to be cooked as well as treats throughout the day, decorating and putting the house in a festive mood and conversing with the guests, playing games, celebrating, etc. Interested people can contact Rod Rosaaen by email [raros@charter.net](mailto:raros@charter.net) or by phone at 285-0790, or contact the church office at 289-1748.

## NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

21st Jacquelyn Bennett, Sara Caflisch, Lia Cozik  
22nd Modesta Headlee, Dana Speer, Alex Woodmun  
23rd Tim Butorac, Margaret Johnson, Molly Schmidt  
24th Sydney Fryer, Marge Gamm  
25th Larry Laures, Kim Sanford  
26th Chris Gleason, Joel Williams  
28th Jennifer Ridgeway, Verna Wharton

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### Worship Services (with Holy Communion)

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

### Staff

Dave Berg..... Pastor

Karen Pahl..... Pastor

Jack Friedli..... Pastoral Assistant

Cynthia McLaren..... Education & Music Director

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Mike Thilges..... Office Administrator

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