



# Happynings

**December 31, 2008**

## **This Week's Readings**

**January 4th: Second Sunday of Christmas:** Jeremiah 31:7-14; Psalm 147; Ephesians 1:3-14; John 1:1-18

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## **Sunday School Christmas Program**

Please remember our rehearsal for the Sunday School Christmas program on Saturday, January 3 from 1-2:30pm. We will also practice during the 9:15am Education Hour on Sunday, January 4. The program is at the 10:30 service on January 4. Thanks for your support. Cynthia McLaren.

## **Ephesians Class Begins Jan. 4th**

We will begin a study of Paul's letter to the Ephesians on Sunday, January 4th. In this six chapter letter Paul gives us some of his greatest insights into "The New Life in Christ." Now is a great time to join the class and enjoy the discussion and share in the fellowship. We even provide the bibles. Grab a cup of coffee at 9:15am and join us.

## **Save the Date – Annual Meeting!**

Sunday, January 25th is the Good Shepherd Annual Meeting. Bring a dish to share after the 10:30 service (approximately 11:45am) and join in fellowship as we celebrate the wonderful ministries of 2008 and look forward to our continued and vibrant ministry in 2009. We need people to help setup, serve and cleanup. Please see the signup sheet at the Welcome Center. We'll see you there!

## **PRAYERS**

+ For all members of Good Shepherd, especially: Chris & Mary Gleason (Lauren), Jason & Jodi Goetsch (Alexis, Corey), Michael & Kathleen Gozola (Mikey).

## **January 4th — 2nd Sunday of Christmas**

+ For all congregations in the Southeastern Minnesota Synod, including: Bethlehem Lutheran in Myrtle, Dale Lutheran in Kenyon, Epiphany Lutheran in Eagle Lake, Mungaa Lutheran Church in Tanzania (partnered with Epiphany, Eagle Lake), Glory to God Lutheran in Rochester, Mgori Lutheran Church in Tanzania.

## **THIS WEEK AT GOOD SHEPHERD**

### **Wednesday, December 31**

No Events Scheduled

### **Thursday, January 1**

Office Closed

### **Friday, January 2**

Office Closed

### **Saturday, January 3**

8-11 am Promise Practice (FH)  
1-4pm Christmas Program Practice  
5:30pm Worship

### **Sunday, January 4**

8:00am Worship  
9:15am Education Hour, Ephesians Adult Study  
Christmas Program Practice  
10:30am Worship w/ Christmas Program

### **Monday, January 5**

6:30pm Celebration Handbells  
7:30pm Jubilation Handbells

### **Tuesday, January 6**

7:30am Men's Coffee  
9:30am Stay and Play  
10:30am Staff Meeting

### **Wednesday, January 7**

5:30pm Ring & Sing, Praise Kids, Confirmation  
Wednesday Night Air  
6-6:45pm Simple Supper  
7:00pm Remix, Joyful Noise Singers

### **Thursday, January 8**

7:00am Galatians Bible Study  
7:00pm Sisters in Faith

### **Saturday, January 10**

8-11 am Promise Practice  
5:30pm Worship  
7-9pm GSC Youth Game Night

## Youth Stuff

**Remix** will return again on Wednesday, January 7th from 7-8:30pm! Be sure to join us.

**Senior High Sunday School** will start up again on **January 4th**. Join us in the youth room for a time of fellowship (pool, foosball, games, etc.) and a short devotion every Sunday morning during the education hour! Anyone in high school is welcome. We're also looking for adults to help during that time. Talk to Janet if you're interested!

## Celebrate Holy Communion!

Every week at every service at Good Shepherd we celebrate Holy Communion and experience the real presence of Jesus through the sacrament. This is a true celebration! We are looking for people to help with the celebration by doing Communion preparation and clean up for the 10:30 service. Are you willing to help? This is a wonderful area to volunteer and serve, if you are willing to help out (at the 10:30 service or for any of the others) please sign up for training dates at the Welcome Center.

## From Boy Scout Troop 80

Troop 80 Boy Scouts would love to come and help with the disposal of your Christmas tree and/or wreath for a \$5 donation. The pick-up dates will be January 10 & 11, 2009. If you would like to help the boy scouts with this fundraiser, or have any questions please contact Dawn Wiggins at: dawnwig@gmail.com or 529-1781.

## NOVEMBER FINANCIAL SUMMARY

November Income	\$48,589
November Expenses	\$57,455
November Net Loss	(\$8,866)
Year-to-date Income	\$486,196
Year-to-date Expenses	\$493,293
Year-to-date Net Loss	(\$7,097)
2005 Loss	(\$21,500)
2006 Loss	(\$43,103)
2007 Income	\$227
2008 Loss	(\$7,097)
Total Deficit	(\$71,473)

## BIRTHDAYS

- 31st Devon Feijo, Erik Mainz
- Jan. 1 Pete Gerlesberger, Andrew Herder, Mike Stellenberg
- Jan. 2 George Berg
- Jan. 3 Geri Griebenow, Judy Larson, Darin Sanford
- Jan. 4 Joy Gibbons, Brent Krueger, Michael Seide
- Jan. 5 Jonathan Billing, Joe Hanscom
- Jan. 6 Bill Angerman, Juliane Herder, Donna Hochberger, Jackie McNallan

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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 ..... Associate in Ministry
- Janet Youngers..... Youth Coordinator
- Mike Thilges ..... Office Administrator
- Vicky Mulvihill..... Volunteer Coordinator
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