



Happynings

January 30, 2009

This Week's Readings

February 1st: Fourth Sunday after Epiphany: Deut. 18:15-20; Psalm 111; 1 Cor. 8:1-13; Mark 1:21-28

The newsletter and calendar for Good Shepherd Lutheran Church (ELCA) Rochester • Minnesota

SOUPER BOWL OF CARING THIS SUNDAY!

We are inviting you to join together with our children and youth to fight hunger and poverty in our local community. Our goal is to have the **noisiest** offering ever!!! Dig in your jar's, pocket's, purses, car door's, sofa's and any other place you find change to bring it along – so we can offer it up to support a very important cause!! (p.s. - Quiet offering's will be accepted also!) This unique youth-led movement of caring is transforming the nation's biggest weekend of football into its largest weekend of giving!!

FAREWELL TO VICKY MULVIHILL! After nine years on the staff, Vicky Mulvihill is finishing up her duties as Volunteer Coordinator at Good Shepherd. Vicky has brought a wonderful attention to detail and dedication to our staff as she has matched members with volunteer needs at and beyond Good Shepherd Church. She will be missed as a part of our team. We will have a time to thank Vicky for her ministry as a volunteer coordinator at GSC on *Sunday, February 1* between services. **THANK YOU VICKY!**

GSC IS THE CHURCH OF THE MONTH: The Christian Book and Gift Shop is featuring Good Shepherd Lutheran Church as their Church of the Month in February. Throughout February, every time you make a personal purchase at the store, CB & G will donate 5 percent back to Good Shepherd Lutheran Church.

THE SHACK: Scott Skalisky and Tim Fynskov are co-facilitating a small group on Wm Paul Young's book entitled, "The Shack". Following are a few testimonials from the back cover...

"THE SHACK is the most absorbing work of fiction I've read in many years. My wife and I laughed, cried, and repented of our own lack of faith along the way. THE SHACK will leave you craving for the presence of God." -- *Michael W. Smith, recording artist*

"This story reads like a prayer - like the best kind of prayer, filled with sweat and wonder and transparency and surprise. If you read one work of fiction this year, let this be it." -- Mike Morrell, Zoecarnate.com

"Reading THE SHACK during a very difficult transition in my life, this story has blown the door wide open to my soul." -- Wynonna Judd, recording artist

If you're interested in a 4-6 session study that would focus on how tragedy + faith = transformation, this book is one you'll want to read, and this small group is one that would benefit by your participation. We'll hold a kickoff session in the GSC fellowship hall after second service on **Feb. 8...** pizza will come out of the oven around Noon. Be there.

THIS WEEK AT GOOD SHEPHERD

Saturday, January 31

8-11am Promise Practice (FH)
10am-7pm Children's Choir Festival
5:30pm Worship

Sunday, February 1

8:00am Worship
9:15am Ephesians Adult Bible Study (FH)
Reception for Vicky Mulvihill (FH)
Education Hour
10:30am Worship

Monday, February 2

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

Tuesday, February 3

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

Wednesday, February 4

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

Thursday, February 5

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

Saturday, February 7

8-11am Promise Practice (FH)
5:30pm Worship

PRAYERS

+ For all members of Good Shepherd, especially: Russ & Idelle Gunvalson, Tom & Brenda Hacker (Laura), Steve & Ammie Haley (Devin, Landon).

February 1st — 4th Sunday after Epiphany

+ For all congregations in the Southeastern Minnesota Synod, including: Messiah Lutheran in North Mankato, Ushora & Ndago Lutheran Churches in Tanzania (partnered w/ Messiah, N. Mankato), Bear Creek Lutheran in Grand Meadow, Cannon River Lutheran in Welch, Bethlehem Lutheran in Mankato, Iambi Secondary School in Tanzania (partnered w/ Bethlehem, Mankato).

DOROTHY DAY & GSC NEEDS YOUR HELP: We are still seeking volunteers to work the early shift at the Dorothy Day house on Feb. 10 & March 24. If interested, call Rod Rosaaen at 285-0790 or raros@charter.net

WE NEED YOUR HELP: Do you want to help the youth of Good Shepherd? We are looking for silent auction items or baskets for our Fat Tuesday Feast of Fools event coming up this month. We are raising money for our summer youth trips to New Orleans and the mission trip. Anything goes, be creative and use your talents. Bring any auction items to the church office and we thank you for your support of our youth program!

PLAN NOW FOR SUMMER: Vacation Bible School for children age 4-grade 2 will be June 15-19, 9:00-11:30 a.m.

CHILDREN & YOUTH (Kindergarten-Middle School) are encouraged to check out camping opportunities at Good Earth Village Bible Camp. Brochures can be found at the Welcome Center. GSC will pay \$10/child towards the registration fee for a single day of camps, or \$50 for weeklong camps.

BACKPACKING TRIP: We are looking for a few high school youth (completing grades 9-12) with a sense of adventure! We are organizing a backpacking trip on the Superior National Trail.

Cost: \$325/person; **Dates:** July 5-10

Contact: Ellen Herder (289-5723) for more information. 9 spaces are open, so sign up ASAP.

We are looking for 2 Co-Chair's to coordinate the hosting of Interfaith Hospitality Network (IHN) families.

What is this all about?? Good Shepherd serves as a host church to provide temporary shelter and meals to homeless families. We use our building for overnight shelter and provide meals for up to 14 people for one week at a time, four times a year. Two buddy churches, Evangelical Methodist and Church of the Savior, partner with us to provide staff for a host week. Families receive supper, lodging, and breakfast at the church; then go during the day to the Day Center for housing search, job search, skill development, etc.

Our next IHN family hosting is in March 2009 so it is important to fill these roles, so we can continue to reach out to the people who are in need of experiencing God's love through the volunteer's they meet during their stay at Good Shepherd. If you are interested in finding out more about this opportunity to serve you can contact Paul Willemsen at 507-288-8069, Joann Holt Angerman at 507-843-4641 or Pastor Karen at 507-289-1748.

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 1 IS SCOUT SUNDAY

Good Shepherd Church is the Charter Organization for both Troop 80 Boy Scouts and Pack 80 Cub Scouts. The Boy Scouts from Troop 80 will be present and assisting with the 10:30AM service. Any other Boy Scouts that attend Good Shepherd are invited to join us as greeters and ushers. Please wear your Class A uniform and be there by 10:15AM. Cub Scouts are invited to assist with the 8:00AM service as greeters and ushers. Please wear your Cub Scout uniform and be there by 7:45AM. Contact Kent Bruinsma (kentb1762@magnaspeed.net or 282-0317) for more information or with questions.

FAT TUESDAY FEAST OF FOOLS!

The first annual Fat Tuesday event will be happening on Tuesday, February 24th. The event is to raise money for our summer youth trips here at GSC. A portion of the money raised will also go to help charities in the communities we will be serving, as well as our Rochester community.

The evening will start with a wonderful Cajun meal at 5:30. Throughout the evening there will be silent auction items for you to bid on. The night will conclude with a talent show, as well as a few live auction items. The event will be fun for the whole family! Come for a night of food, entertainment, and excitement! Invite your friends and help us get the word out about the event.

BIRTHDAYS

30th Karen Freitag, Karen Wolfe

31st Justin Adams, Paul Willemsen

Feb. 1 Greg Johnson

Feb. 2 Julia Accola

Feb. 4 Mitchell Hanson, Grant Wilson

Feb. 5 Will Woodford

Feb. 6 Keegan Flaharty, Abbey Larson, Mark Manges, Kirstie Poppe, Stanley Ridgeway

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