



Happynings

February 27, 2009

This Week's Readings

March 1: 1st Sunday in Lent:
Genesis 9:8-17; Psalm 25:1-10;
1 Peter 3:18-22; Mark 1:9-15

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

Lenten Midweek Worship Services Begin on March 4 with a New Look!

Lent is coming soon! Our Lenten midweek services will begin on Wednesday, March 4 with a theme of "Spiritual Gifts." Each Wednesday night will begin with a soup supper which will go from 5:45-6:45 in Fellowship Hall. Meal time will transition into worship time at 6:45 as we remain in Fellowship Hall for Lenten midweek worship. Our time of worship will wrap up at about 7:15 and those who wish to further explore Spiritual Gifts are invited to remain in Fellowship Hall and take a spiritual gifts inventory with Pastor Dave and Pastor Karen. (We encourage all members of GSC to take the Spiritual Gifts Inventory at one of eight sessions throughout this season.) We look forward to a time of fellowship, worship and exploration of gifts during the season of Lent.

Lenten Midweek Overview

All Events are in Fellowship Hall

5:45-6:45: Soup Supper

6:45-7:15: Worship

7:15- 9:00: Spiritual Gifts Exploration

LookOut2009 Strategic Plan Update:

Goal Options are Here!

Your Strategic Planning Team has been hard at work since the Spring of 2008 working with the congregation to develop a new Strategic Plan. They have developed twenty-two Goal Options based on feedback from their ongoing research and have separated them into five separate categories. As a congregation, we will choose ten of these goal options to be our new strategic plan (two goals per category). The Goal Option Packets are available at the Welcome Center and on our website. Check out the last of our three Goal Option Conversations this weekend:

Saturday, February 28 at 4:00pm

Sunday March 1 at 9:15am

Thank you for your prayers, contributions and excitement about this process!

Remember to SPRING AHEAD!

Daylight Saving Time begins next Sunday (March 8th), so remember to set your clocks ahead one hour.

THIS WEEK AT GOOD SHEPHERD

Saturday, February 28

8-11am Promise Practice
10:00am Spiritual Gifts Exploration
4:00pm Goal Options Meeting
5:30pm Worship

Sunday, March 1

8:00 & 10:30am Worship
9:15am Ephesians Adult Bible Study (FH)
Education Hour, Goal Options Meeting

Monday, March 2

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

Tuesday, March 3

7:30am Men's Coffee
9:30am Stay and Play
3:30pm Staff Meeting

Wednesday, March 4

5:30pm Ring & Sing, Praise Kids
5:45pm Lenten Soup Supper
6:45pm Lenten Midweek Worship
7:20pm Remix, Student-Mentor Time, Joyful Noise Singers, Spiritual Gifts Exploration

Thursday, March 5

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

Friday, March 6

7pm-7am Luther Middle School Lock-In

PRAYERS

+ For all members of Good Shepherd, especially: Joyce Hays, Marge Heaberlin, Pepe & Amy Headlee (Tricia, Pepe, Modesta).

March 1st — First Sunday in Lent

+ For all congregations in the Southeastern Minnesota Synod, including: Cross of Christ Lutheran in Welch, Christ the King Lutheran in Mankato, Muhintiri Lutheran Church in Tanzania (partnered w/ Christ, Mankato), Central Lutheran in Winona, Immanuel Lutheran Church in Tanzania (partnered w/ Central, Winona), East St. Olaf Lutheran in Byron.

A Free Gift For You! Please Read the Following:

Spiritual Gift (*'spir-i-chə-wəl 'gift*): Unique talents and abilities given by God to each person for the purpose of doing ministry. (See I Corinthians 12)

So... what are your spiritual gifts? Are you a musician? An artisan? A woodworker? A teacher? An evangelist? A leader? Do you have the gift of prayer? Do you have the gift of faith? What are your Spiritual Gifts?

Good Shepherd's Mission Statement says that we are "Gathered, Empowered and Sent to Share the Love of Christ with All People." We firmly believe that God has given us every gift and tool necessary to accomplish our mission... and during Lent we will discover what those gifts are!

Each member of GSC is encouraged to participate in one of eight sessions to discover their Spiritual Gifts. These sessions will be offered on the following dates:

10am-Noon Saturday, February 28

7:20-9pm Wednesday, March 4

4-5pm Saturday, March 7

12-2 Sunday, March 8 (Lunch Provided)

7:20-9pm Wednesday, March 11

7:20-9pm Wednesday, March 18

7:20-9pm Wednesday, March 25

7:20-9pm Wednesday, April 1

Please plan on attending one of these sessions – everyone will have the opportunity to take a "Spiritual Gifts Inventory" and learn more about how they can grow in the use of their Spiritual Gifts. ***Childcare will be provided!***

You can sign up in advance at the Welcome Center, call the church office, or simply drop in! We'll see you there!

Minnesota FoodShare

The 27th Annual March FoodShare campaign will begin soon! Our congregation will again collect food and money to donate to our local food shelf. In 2008, Channel One provided free supplemental food to an average of 3000 households each month, making food available to over 9100 people on a monthly basis.

This year Channel One again has an ambitious goal for the March campaign of \$125,000 and 75,000 pounds of food collected. The participation of churches like ours will again help make this goal a reality. Watch for information throughout the month and please consider a donation to this very worthy cause

Help Wanted with our Dorothy Day House Ministry

We are looking for a someone to be the Dorothy Day Volunteer Scheduler. This is a wonderful opportunity to serve the community by scheduling our dedicated volunteers to serve food at the Dorothy Day House on Tuesday Nights. If you are interested, please contact the church office.

2nd & 3rd Grade Holy Communion Education

There will be a time for 2nd and 3rd grade students and their parents to learn about Holy Communion between services at 9:15am in Fellowship Hall on April 19 and May 3. This class is intended for students who have yet to receive their first communion, or those students who currently receive communion but would desire and benefit from further instruction. There will be a special recognition for those students who have completed the class and receive communion on Sunday, May 10 at the 10:30 service. If you are interested in attending the classes please call the church office.

Knitters and Crocheters

A prayer shawl ministry has been in effect at Good Shepherd for a few years. A prayer shawl is given out to anyone needing the comfort and concern of Good Shepherd. We have knitters who are prayerfully knitting these shawls. More knitters or crocheters are needed. If you are interested in taking part in this important ministry, please call Ruth Friedli at 288-1471. An informational meeting will be held on Wednesday, March 11 at 12:00 noon.

BIRTHDAYS

27th Nancy Collins

28th Rori Flynn, Paul Krueger, Jack Wilson

MARCH

1st Tera Douglas, Linda Laures

2nd Cory Groves, Tracy Medes, Roman Mulvihill

3rd Robyn Krystosek, Nobu Suginaka

4th Stuart Dormody, Terry Dunham, Tony Floyd, Samuel King, Seth Larson, Julie Newell

5th Betty Bergert, Jim Wacholz

6th Sheila Bennett, Karen Carlson, Amy Freitag
Eric Funk, Noah Hart, Matthew Roe

Rainbow School Open House

March 4, 2009

Come learn about Rainbow School. You can meet our teachers, ask questions and meet other parents. We will have snacks and treats for our friends while the grown-ups take a tour and ask questions.

Who: Parents, children and those interested in a wonderful Christian preschool experience.

What: Rainbow School Open House

When: 6:00 pm-7:30 pm March 4, 2009

Where: Rainbow School Preschool (located on the bottom floor of Zumbro Lutheran Church, 624 3rd Ave SW / Rochester, MN 55902.

Peder Eide in Concert March 5th

Peder Eide will be in concert on Thursday, March 5 at Rochester Central Lutheran School at 6:30pm. The concert will be held in the gymnasium in celebration of National Lutheran Schools Week (March 1-8).

Admission is FREE with a free will offering taken to assist with expenses. The concert is co-sponsored by RCLS and Thrivent Financial, Rochester Group.

The Promise of Rochester 2009

The Promise of Rochester, a musical drama portraying the life of Jesus Christ, will be performed at Bethel Lutheran Church (810 3rd Ave SE, Rochester) over two weekends in March. Over 24 area congregations are involved in the production.

Call 507-288-6430 for tickets (\$10 & \$8).

March 13 & 14	7-9pm
March 15	2-4pm
March 20 & 21	7-9pm
March 22	2-4pm

Habitat for Humanity News

Bits and Bytes

We need a web site (Google or yahoo) set up that all the participating Thrivent Build Lutheran Churches can access to document our progress on the house being constructed at 1228 Harbor Drive SE. This site will be linked to the Rochester Area Habitat for Humanity Site so all can access the pictures. You will need to show others how to use the site. If you can help, please email exec@rahh.org or call Kevin Worden 252 0849 extension 2.

Don't mind getting dirty?

The groundbreaking ceremony will be held at 2 p.m. April 26th at 1228 Harbor Drive SE. Planners of this celebratory event are needed. If you have ideas, can work with others and would be willing to help program this ceremony contact volmgr@rahh.org Patricia 252 0849 extension 4

Know Construction-Can lead?

Construction-experienced leaders are needed to help guide the inexperienced during shifts (4 or 8 hour) on the construction site. There is an overall site coordinator but having a team leader working with each group enhances safety on the job site. Contact Patricia volmgr@rahh.org.

Beyond Building with Habitat for Humanity

People with skills other than construction are needed as site hosts, snack coordinators, prayer leaders, photographers, publicists, fundraisers, child care providers. Many hands are required to make a home for a family. Got skills??? Willing to help??? Email volmgr@rahh.org or call Patricia 252 0849 ext. 4

Got the time – we've got the schedule

Scheduled construction days sign up is on a first come basis. Planning is critical for success. Construction starts Saturdays in May and then continues Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday during the rest of the construction season. Shifts are 4 or 8 hours long.

Teams of up to 5 are welcome at one time. Generally 2 teams work together. To schedule email volmgr@rahh.org or call Patricia 252 0849 ext 4. People must be at least 16 years old to work construction and at least 18 years old to operate power tools. Check your calendars now! Call Patricia to get on the schedule @ 252-0849 extension 4.

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Good Shepherd Church

Mission

Gathered, Empowered and Sent to share the love of Christ with all people.

Vision

Good Shepherd is a congregation...

Gathered by the Spirit in a community of welcome, worship and grace. **Empowered** as a community of risk takers daring to be the face of Christ for the hurting. **Sent** on a faith journey, inviting others to share and experience the Good News.

CORE VALUES

JESUS, STORY

WELCOME, SERVE

LAUGHTER, RISK

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

Staff

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Easter Lilies To enhance our worship experience during the Easter season, GSC will again be adding lilies to our seasonal sanctuary décor. You may purchase and Easter lily for this purpose and bring it to your own home after Easter Sunday services. The cost for each Easter lily is \$7. Many members buy lilies in honor or memory of a loved one. You can place your order in the offering plate, place it in the mailbox outside the office door, drop it off during regular business hours, or return by mail.

Your Name: _____

Ordered: _____

In Memory of:

In Honor of:
