



Happynings

April 24, 2009

This Week's Readings

April 26th: 3rd Sunday of Easter:

Acts 3:12-19; Psalm 4;

1 John 3:1-7; Luke 24:36b-48

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

Green Team



Spring is here and the weather is getting nicer every day. Consider giving your treadmill a rest and taking your walking or jogging routine outdoors. If an additional 10 percent of Americans who walk as their number one form of physical activity walked outside instead of indoors, it would save as much energy as it would take to drive a car forty thousand miles. Enjoy spring.

Summer Outdoor Worship is Coming...

Do You Want to Play Once again, between Memorial Day and Labor Day our 8am worship service will take place outside in the amphitheater. A variety of musicians help to provide music leadership in these services. Would you like to play? Do you play guitar? Piano? Drums? Would you like to provide vocal leadership? If you are interested for playing on one or more Sundays this summer, please contact the church office.

GSC Tennis Night

The 3rd Annual GSC Tennis Night will be held at the Rochester Tennis Connection, from 7-9pm on Saturday, April 25th. There will be 6 courts in use, with instruction for children (age 4 yr & up), adult beginners, and round robin play for experienced players. Cost is \$4 per person or \$10 per family. Rackets are available, so just bring your tennis shoes and plan to have fun! Please call 288-4851 to if you can, but walk-ins are most welcome too! Your hosts include: Tim & Jan Butorac, Diane Carr, Carol Kivimagi, Paul Mainz, Elliot Mainz, Tim Fynskov and possibly a few other GSC tennis players.

WE NEED YOUR HELP ON MAY 3: Pastor Karen and Jeff Pahl have sold their house in Red Wing and are moving to Rochester on May 3. Anyone who would like to volunteer to assist the Pahl's in their move should contact the church office. The moving crew will leave Good Shepherd at 2:00 p.m on Sunday, May 3. Also, if you have any connections to a moving van or truck, please let the church office know.

GSC Spring Cleanup Day — May 9th

Join us from 9:00am-12:00noon on Saturday, May 9th, for GSC Spring Cleanup Day. There will be various projects available, and the only thing you need to bring is a rake. We look forward to seeing you.

Prayer Shawl Ministry: The Ministry Team is off to a good start. We have met twice, and we have made ten shawls. These shawls were blessed at the Maudy Thursday service. Some of them have already been presented to various people. We are looking for more people to join us in making shawls. We meet once a month on the 2nd Wednesday of the month at 12:00-1:30 p.m. in Room A at Good Shepherd. We knit for awhile at our meeting; and we continue knitting at home. Please contact Ruth Friedli - 288-1471 or Pastor Karen for further informaton. We do have patterns available.

Thank you! The Eighth grade would like to thank the congregation for helping us to exceed our goal to raise \$1,000 to help the Global Barnyard! Over the Sunday School year, we raised \$1,304.13 from our offerings, Palm Sunday Barnyard breakfast and the Christmas drink mix sale. We couldn't have done it without your generosity!

AARP Driver Safety Courses

Good Shepherd will be sponsoring the Driver Safety Class on April 25 and May 9 from 8:30-5:30. Anyone can take this class, but for those of you over 55, by attending this class you should be able to get a 10% discount from your insurance company. Check with your insurance to find out just how much your discount would be. The cost is \$12.00 for AARP members and \$14.00. Contact Sheila Bennett at 990-6179 to register. Class size is limited to 25 each time and it is filling up fast.

What's up with Small Group Ministry!!!!

Do you enjoy.... Getting to know other people? Building relationships? Studying God's word? Figuring out how God is at work in your life? Serving in Jesus' name?

Then come join Pastor Karen to see what God can do through you in facilitating a small group here at Good Shepherd Church. **We will meet for an informational meeting on April 20th at 6pm in the office conference room.** Please contact Pastor Karen with any questions about this meeting or small groups in general.

Do you know that Good Shepherd has about \$1,250 available to our congregation through Thrivent Financial?

We are looking for a few Thrivent Financial members to take a leadership role in this distribution. The time commitment is minimal and it is a great way to support our congregation. Please connect with current members Judy Keeler, Dave Herder or Becky Fluegel to find out about this. We wish continue this funding to our church, but need your help! If your Good Shepherd group needs funding, please coordinate your requests with those noted above. Please note that a fundraising *event* must take place and be coordinated with Thrivent Financial, prior to the event.

Register Today: Please take a few moments to stop at the table in the Narthex this Sunday to register your child/children for Vacation Bible School in June, and for the 2009-2010 Sunday School year that begins in September. A representative from the Education Committee will be there to answer your questions.

BIRTHDAYS

- 24th Spencer Lee, Sam Monahan,
Ryaan Speer
- 25th Luke Schmidt, Sara Suginaka
- 26th Josh Augustin, Ruth Friedli, Eric Howe
- 27th Rick Turri, Cara Wilson
- 28th Brandon Threinen, Kim Bertram, Katie Carr,
Tim Gerlesberger, Diana Hansen
- 29th Alyssa Kolar
- 30th Kathy Dunham, Denise Walser-Kolar
- May 1 Jerry Hart

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

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Family Small Group Informational Session

We'd like to initiate a small group at Good Shepherd Church, which incorporates parents and children of all ages. The goal will be to incorporate both parents and children into a small group where there is an opportunity to have Christian fellowship and an overall purpose of serving others. We will complete special projects, as families, which will encourage our children to recognize the needs of other children who could benefit from the gifts and talents we have to offer. Frequency of meetings will occur monthly, with date and time to be discussed amongst those interested in participating. **Please join us on Sunday, May 3rd at 9:15 in the Room L** to further discuss participation in this group. Your entire family is welcome to attend. For questions, please contact Kelly Curtis at 507-261-2839.

YOUR'RE INVITED to hear words of thanksgiving and celebration at a groundbreaking ceremony to jump start the newest Thrivent Builds with Habitat for Humanity home in our community. The groundbreaking ceremony of this Thrivent Builds with Habitat for Humanity home will be held **at 2pm on Sunday, 4/26 at 1228 Harbor Drive SE**. For information, contact Patricia 507 252-0849x4 or volmgr@rahh.org. Street parking is limited please carpool if possible. (In case of rain, the groundbreaking will be postponed until May 3rd at 2:00pm).

IHN NOTES: IHN is requiring background checks on all volunteers. There are two forms that need to be filled out for all adults volunteering at GSC for IHN. The forms can be picked up from Mike in the office, or if you contact Joanne Markee at IHN she can e-mail the forms to you - her phone is 507-281-3122 and her e-mail is grihn@qwestoffice.net. IHN will get a discount if they submit the forms in bulk, so they are trying to get all of the forms completed ASAP.

Please note that there are two separate forms. On the Background Check document please fill out all three pages, and on the Behavior Policy please read the entire document and fill out the last page (5) - and return only page 5 along with the filled out Background Check forms.

THIS WEEK AT GOOD SHEPHERD

Friday, April 24

7th & 8th Grade Year End Confirmation Retreat
(April 24-26 at St. Croix State Park)

Saturday, April 25

8:30am-5:30pm AARP Driving Class (FH)
5:30pm Worship
7-9pm GSC Tennis Night

Sunday, April 26

8 & 10:30am Worship
9:15am Education Hour, Ephesians Study,

Monday, April 27

7:30pm Jubilation Handbells

Tuesday, April 28

7:30am Men's Coffee
9:30am Stay and Play
10:30am Staff Meeting
7:00pm Council Meeting

Wednesday, April 29

7:00pm Remix, Joyful Noise Singers

Thursday, April 30

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

Saturday, May 2

5:30pm Worship

PRAYERS

+ For all members of Good Shepherd, especially: David & Jan Jaspersen (Emily), Elysia Jeavons, Neil & Kristi Jensen (Cole, Olivia).

April 26 — Third Sunday of Easter

+ For all Synod Assembly Voters, the Planning Committee and Volunteers, Guest Speakers and Synod Staff who prepare for the Synod Assembly.