



Happynings

July 31, 2009

This Week's Readings

August 2nd: Pentecost 9
Exodus 16:2-4, 9-15;
Psalm 78; Ephesians 4:1-16;
John 6:24-35

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

NATIONAL NIGHT OUT: Save the Date! National Night Out is August 4th (from 6:00-8:00pm), and once again Good Shepherd Church will be hosting a neighborhood picnic. Thanks to the help of many volunteers, last year's event at Good Shepherd was awarded the Grand Prize. We can use your help to make this year's even better. If you would like to help, contact Sheila Bennett at 990-6179.

STORYTIME FOR 3-4-5 YEAR OLDS

On Sunday, August 2, 9, 16, 23, 30 and Sept. 6, all 3-4-5 year olds will be invited to participate in a story/craft time following the Children's Sermon at the 9:30 a.m. worship service. These will be led by parent volunteers and will be held in Room M. We hope children will join us for this time especially planned for them. No sign-up is needed, just come!

WE NEED YOUR HELP...

In a few short weeks, many of us will be back into fall and school routines. Providing Christian Education for all ages is very important for our congregation and in order to accomplish this goal, we need your help. Sunday School volunteers and Confirmation guides are still needed for several age groups. Please check the large display board in the Narthex and see where you might be able to help. Questions can be directed to Cynthia McLaren or Pastor Karen Pahl.

Green Team



8 out of 10 plastic water bottles used in the US end up in the garbage or in landfills, the more than 70 million bottles of water

consumed each day in the U.S. drain 1.5 million barrels of oil over the course of one year. Consider using a reusable water bottle. The Green Team meets monthly on the first Tuesday of the month at 6:00 PM. Please join us or call Donna Cafilisch for more information.

THIS WEEK AT GOOD SHEPHERD

Friday, July 31

5:00pm—Carr-Hermes Wedding Rehearsal/Dinner

Saturday, August 1

4:00pm—Carr-Hermes Wedding

5:30pm—Worship

Sunday, August 2

8:00am—Outdoor Worship

9:30am—Worship (Sanctuary)

Monday, August 3

Tuesday, August 4

7:30am—Men's Coffee

9:30am—Stay and Play

10:30am—Staff Meeting

6-8pm—National Night Out Picnic

Wednesday, August 5

Thursday, August 6

7:00am—Ephesians Bible Study

Friday, August 7

Saturday, August 8

5:30pm—Worship

Sunday, August 9

8:00am—Outdoor Worship

9:30am—Worship (Sanctuary)

PRAYERS

+ For all members of Good Shepherd, especially: Maryanne Lee, Nola Lee, Sue Lee (Erika, Spencer).

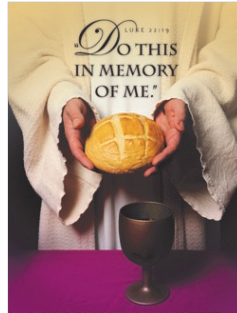
August 2nd — Ninth Sunday after Pentecost

+ For all congregations in the Southeastern Minnesota Synod, including: United Redeemer Lutheran in Zumbrota, St. Paul Lutheran in Harmony, Zumbro Lutheran in Rochester, Trinity Lutheran in Albert Lea, Emaus Mission in Colombia, Mkalama Lutheran Church in Tanzania.

THURSDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY CLASS has concluded their study of Ephesians and will be taking some time off. The class will resume at 7:00 a.m. on Thursday, September 10th, with a new study topic.

COMMUNION & ALTAR GUILD

Communion is not celebrated every Sunday in every congregation, but weekly communion has been a part of the history of Good Shepherd Church. Several things are done behind the scenes to make it possible for this practice to continue. Wine and grape juice are purchased and kept in stock, and a group of faithful volunteers provide bread.



Another part of the communion team is the group of individuals who serve on altar guild. These volunteers come to church 15-30 minutes before the service and get the bread, wine, and cups set up in the sanctuary and narthex. The instructions are posted in the sacristy, where most of the things that are needed are also found. After the service, 15-20 minutes of time is needed for clean up: hand washing plates, chalices and flagons and use of the sanitizer in our kitchen for cleaning cups. The volunteer takes home some linens to launder for a future Sunday. When you volunteer, you will be covering just one of the two Sunday services, another volunteer will take care of the other. We are in great need of volunteers to provide this simple but important service. This is a wonderful way to minister to your fellow members with a very small time investment. It is a myth that "someone else will do it" – that someone is you! Please call or email the church office (gscsecretary@goodshepherdchurch.net) indicating your willingness to occasionally do this work of the church, and you will be contacted regarding scheduling.

ATTENTION BUSINESS OWNERS, PROFESSIONALS AND SELF EMPLOYED:

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SUMMER 2009 TUESDAY NOONDAY PIANO RECITALS:

The Tuesday Noonday Piano Recital on August 4, 2009 will feature David Hovland, MM playing music of Gershwin, Beethoven and Rachmaninoff. The recital will be held at Christ United Methodist Church (400 5th Ave SW) from 12:20-12:50pm

BIRTHDAYS

- 31st Karen Christensen, Rita Hengel, Nick Leimer, Carol Michaelson
- Aug. 1 Terry Fisher-Flynn, Jacob Halverson, Alexis Swanton
- Aug. 2 Oliver Books, Nicholas Des Lauriers, Jan Jacobson, Ron Kruckeberg
- Aug. 3 Christopher Jones, Tricia Neale, Jessica Sankey, Haylie Strum
- Aug. 4 Liliana Davick, Ian Funk, Denise Krueger, Shirley Swedlund
- Aug. 5 Jessica McCamish
- Aug. 6 Kim Adams, John Fiek, Hannah LaMaster, Thomas Stockfleth
- Aug. 7 Adrienne Dormody, Scott Fenske, Matthew Halverson, Fred Hoeft, Joshua Pearson, Olivia Yennie

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Saturday 5:30 PM; Sunday 8:00 & 9:30 AM

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