



# Happynings

April 30, 2010

## THIS WEEK'S READINGS

Acts 11:1-18

Psalms 148

Revelation 21:1-6

John 13:31-35

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

**DID YOU KNOW...** Ground was broken on the original building in January of 1964 on a day which topped out at a temperature of 14 below zero. Downside... it was cold. Upside... short groundbreaking ceremony speeches! *Get ready for Good Shepherd's 50th anniversary party this coming summer! SAVE THE DATE – August 28 and 29 We will be enjoying great music, a market place with crafts & games, worship, dinners, and special guests. You will not want to miss this time.*



**THANK YOU!** Good Shepherd Church thanks all of the young musicians and singers who have contributed their talents to our worship services this past year. Thanks also go to their parents and to their leaders for all of their time and dedication. **RING AND SING:** Director: Cynthia McLaren; Bells: Becky Bruinsma; Piano: Mary Christiansen; Assistant: Diane Klaus. Participants: Bryn Adams, Miya Ohashi-Berg, Aaron Bruinsma, Eric Bruinsma, Jonathan Ellsworth, Stephanie Ellsworth, Nicholas Fuelberth, Andrew Hoffman, Greta Hoffman, Gracie Killian, Andria King, Olivia Lamb, Claire Larson, Cade Poppe, Zabryna Stahnke, Maddie Woodford, Will Woodford, Emily Powell, Christian Swenson, Andrew Swenson, Greta Van Loon, Ashley Louks, Joshua Pearson, Megan Koehler, Jackie Klein, Annika Angerman, Makayla Griffin. **PRAISE KIDS:** Song Leader: Heidi Lowe; Piano: Kirstie Poppe; Assistant: Joann Holt-Angerman. Participants: Hanna Hewitt, Sammy Hart, Brody Lamb, Isaac Feenstra, Teagan Tagtow, Sam King, Noah Swenson, Matthew Swenson, Eli Thompson, Grace Larson, Hayden Jones, Brig Poppe, Sophie Klein, Zane Angerman, Brennan Jones, Lance Freitag, Isaac Thompson, Kaia Langemo.

**PICNIC AT GSC:** Tyler Bruinsma will be selling cinnamon rolls between Sunday services for the next few weeks. These are being sold to raise roughly \$1500 for picnic tables for the patio at GSC. He will build these for his Boy Scout Eagle Project. There is also an option to purchase seats for these tables. See him at the table on Sundays between services or Saturdays after service for more information.

**SAVE THE DATE — MAY 16TH OR 23<sup>RD</sup>:** Training sessions for those who have volunteered or are interested in volunteering for Good Shepherd's 8:00am Summer Outdoor Worship services will be held on May 16th & 23rd. The training sessions will be held in the Fellowship Hall between the 8:00 and 10:30am services.

## THIS WEEK AT GOOD SHEPHERD

### FRIDAY, APRIL 30

6:00pm — Murder Mystery Rehearsal (FH)

### SATURDAY, MAY 1

5:30pm — Worship

6:45pm — Murder Mystery Dinner Theater (FH)

### SUNDAY, MAY 2

8:00am — Worship

9:15am — Education Hour, Adult Bible Study, Teacher Appreciation Brunch (FH)

10:30am — Worship

6:45pm — Murder Mystery Dinner Theater (FH)

### MONDAY, MAY 3

6:30pm — Handbells Practice

### TUESDAY, MAY 4

7:30am — Men's Coffee (Panera South)

10:30am — Staff Meeting

### WEDNESDAY, MAY 5

9:30am — Stay & Play

7:30pm — Remix, Joyful Noise Singers

### THURSDAY, MAY 6

7:00am — Thursday Morning Bible Study

### SATURDAY, MAY 8

5:30pm — Worship

### SUNDAY, MAY 9

8:00am — Worship

9:15am — Education Hour, Adult Bible Study

10:30am — Worship

### MONDAY, MAY 10

5:45pm — Worship & Music Committee

6:30pm — Handbells Practice; Education Comm.

### TUESDAY, MAY 11

7:30am — Men's Coffee (Panera South)

10:30am — Staff Meeting

1:30pm — Lutheran Woman Today Bible Study @ Fairview Ridge

7:00pm — Committee Meeting Night

## Please Come to the Congregational Meeting on Sunday, May 16 at 9:30am

Based on feedback from the Finance Forums this past January, we are having a **Congregational Meeting on Sunday, May 16 at 9:30am (between services) in Fellowship Hall** to decide if Good Shepherd will proceed with a Debt Reduction/Capital Campaign in the Fall of 2010. This campaign would reduce our debt in order to free up money for ministry expenses, such as filling suspended staffing positions, restoring benevolence to previous levels, funding ministry objectives from our strategic plan, and paying for necessary, ongoing building upgrades. There will be one item on the agenda on May 16 – to vote on proceeding with a Debt Reduction/Capital Campaign in the Fall of 2010. The recommendation of your church council is to use the services of Stewardship Key Leader (SKL), which is a ministry of the ELCA. SKL would work with Good Shepherd to determine how best to reduce our debt and further the reach of our mission and ministry. A vote in the affirmative will allow the congregation to proceed in the designing of a campaign and utilize the services of Stewardship Key Leader. Please make plans to attend this meeting which will help determine how we will live our mission of being *Gathered, Empowered and Sent to Share the Love of Christ with All People*.

### SUNDAY SCHOOL & CONFIRMATION TEACHER

**APPRECIATION:** This weekend, Good Shepherd Church celebrates and thanks the many volunteers who serve as Sunday School teachers, Confirmation teachers and Youth Guides. Your efforts in teaching our children the faith are greatly appreciated. Teachers and guides include: Caroline Anderson, Kaylie Anderson, Monika Anderson, Kelly Arroyo, Lori Bates, Marcia Belau, Alexis Bennett, Brenda Berg, Abby Brown, Jeff Brown, Kent Bruinsma, Tyler Bruinsma, Sheryl Castro, Erik Daniel, Tanja Daniel, Janis Evers, Felicia Faldet, Delbert Feenstra, Lisa Feenstra, Laurie Feijo, Heather Fuelberth, Karissa Funk, Alexa Fryer, Brian Geer, Jen Hanscom, Andrew Herder, Ann Hoffman, Jennifer Jacobson, Emily Jaspersen, Elysia Jeavons, Dan Johnson, Michaela Johnson, Sarah Jones, Vanessa King, Erik Krueger, Jeff Lamb, Cheryl Larson, Kathy MacLaughlin, Anna Manges, Jenny McHenry, Nicole Miller, Robyn Ohashi, Jeff Pearson, Sherry Pearson, Tanya Plonka, Kirstie Poppe, Ashley Price, Katie Price, David Roe, Molly Schmidt, Maxine Sims, Rich Soli, Craig Swenson, Sue Titus, Sue Trcka, Heather Willman, Eric Woodford, Jen Woodford.

**SUMMER OUTDOOR WORSHIP IS COMING...** Can you believe it!! We are a month away from the start of our 8:00am outdoor worship service. Your help is greatly appreciated in being able to continue this beautiful outdoor worship service! We can use your help with set-up & clean-up, Ushering, and Altar Guild. A variety of musicians are also needed 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 please contact the church office.

The **Thursday morning Bible study** will be viewing 26 lectures from a course called "New Testament History and Literature" presented by Yale University professor Dr. Dale B. Martin. From the course description: "This course provides a historical study of the origins of Christianity by analyzing the literature of the earliest Christian movements in historical context, concentrating on the New Testament." For more information on the series, see <http://academicearth.org/courses/new-testament-history-and-literature>. All are welcome to join us at 7 a.m. on Thursday mornings. Questions? Contact Julia Accola at 281-5688 or [jaccola@chartermi.net](mailto:jaccola@chartermi.net).

### APRIL BIRTHDAYS

30th Kathy Dunham, Denise Walser-Kolar

### MAY BIRTHDAYS

1st Heath Danz, Jerry Hart

2nd Lee Powell

4th Lynda Hyberger, Mike Johnson, Marika Larson, Jake Titus

5th Mike Lindquist, Gary Meldahl, Ashton Voss-Read

6th Marge Heaberlin, John Krystosek

7th Sonia Ellsworth, Raymond Laures

### PRAYERS

+ For all members of Good Shepherd, especially: Glen & Claudia Swanton (Alexis, Gabriel), Curt & Shirley Swedlund, Craig & Lisa Swenson (Andrew, Christian, Noah, Matthew).

### + May 2, 2010: 5th Sunday of Easter

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

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#### Worship Services (with Holy Communion)

Wednesday 6:45PM; Saturday 5:30 PM;  
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