



Happynings

Dear Members of Good Shepherd Church:

We are deeply appreciative of the support and positive outlook of the congregation, church leadership and the council during this time of transition at Good Shepherd Church.

We are pleased to announce that Good Shepherd has entered into an agreement for interim ministry with Pastor David Beckstrom. Pastor Beckstrom will begin his time of service with our congregation on Tuesday, September 6.

Pastor Dave has recently concluded an eleven-month interim ministry at Mount Olive Lutheran Church in Rochester. He has served a variety of interim pastorates within SE Minnesota as well as in Bradley, Illinois and SE Wisconsin. He's also served installed pastorates in ND, IA, WI and IL.

Pastor Dave enjoys interacting with people of all ages. He is excited to begin working with Pastor Karen and our staff at GSC. We expect to hold periodic forums so that congregation members can stay abreast of developments during the interim period and have an opportunity to have discussion with Pastor Dave and Pastor Karen.

An important role that Pastor Beckstrom will play during our interim ministry is to guide our discernment about the optimal configuration of staffing resources necessary to best achieve our ministry mission, vision and values.

We are planning a welcome for Pastor Dave at services during our Fall Gathering Weekend, September 10-11.

Please continue to pray for our congregation, our staff and our new interim pastor as we enter into this new period of transition and discernment.

Yours in Christ's Love,

Dave Jasperson, GS Congregation Council President
Bart Hanson, GS Congregation Council Vice President
Pastor Karen Pahl



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July 29, 2011

THIS WEEK'S READINGS

Isaiah 55:1-5
Psalm 145
Romans 9:1-5
Matthew 14:13-21

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

COME TO OUR 5TH ANNUAL NATIONAL NEIGHBORHOOD NIGHT OUT!

Tuesday, August 2nd, 6:00-8:00 p.m. (Rain or Shine)

Our Neighborhood is coming out to play, and everyone is invited! There will be music, food, games, fire trucks, face painting, a petting zoo and a great time hanging out with your Neighbors. There is no cost for the event, but if able, please bring some non-perishable food items to help fill are food shelves!

OPERATION INASMUCH 2011 – Save the Date! – Saturday, October 1, 2011

Operation Inasmuch is a 1 day service blitz in the Rochester Community mobilized in Christ. Last year 161 volunteers contributed nearly 500 hours and provided service in 16 projects!! We provided coins and detergent at local laundromats, a wheelchair ramp for someone's home, handmade quilts for baby's born to incarcerated mothers, a free car wash and donuts and many other community outreach efforts. Operation Inasmuch will be on Saturday, October 1, 2011. Please join us. What do you see as a need in our community? What project can you lead? Please contact Jen Casad at Jen.Casad@gmail.com or 206-3669 by August 10, 2011 with project ideas.

GREEN TEAM WEEKLY TIP:

Keep shrubs and bushes trimmed away from the air conditioner so it can have the

Green Team



appropriate air flow around the unit.

THIS WEEK AT GOOD SHEPHERD

SATURDAY, JULY 30

Youth Summer Trip Returns
5:30pm – Worship

SUNDAY, JULY 31

8:00am – Outdoor Worship
9:30am – Worship
11:00am – FH reserved for Sanford Family

MONDAY, AUGUST 1

6:00pm – Pipes & Drums

TUESDAY, AUGUST 2

7:30am – Men's Coffee
10:30am – Staff Meeting
6:00pm – National Neighborhood Night Out
6:30pm – Parent's Al-Anon

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 3

Youth Softball Playoffs

THURSDAY, AUGUST 4

10:00am – Stay & Play (Rocketship Park)
7:15pm – Rule 62 AA (O)

FRIDAY, AUGUST 5

No Church Events Scheduled

SATURDAY, AUGUST 6

5:30pm – Worship

SUNDAY, AUGUST 7

8:00am – Outdoor Worship
9:30am – Worship

Summers, weekends and holidays off!!!

THE BACKPACK PROGRAM IS LOOKING FOR VOLUNTEERS! Our goal is to have people only commit to once per month. Here are the needs and times:

- o Deliver full packs to school on Fridays (occasional Thursdays due to school breaks) at 10 am -10:15 am – Need a BIG vehicle or 2 vehicles/volunteers. (Day and Time firm)

- o Pick up packs from school on Wednesdays at 10 am –10:15 am (Day and Time firm)

- o Pick up food from Channel One on Wednesdays between 12 pm-3 pm

There is always room on a packing team! Packing the backpacks with food usually starts about 5:30. If you are able, come early (~4:45) to set help up the packing area.

We are planning to start up the week of September 26 if the school is ready.

If you are interested in helping out please contact Janelle or Dayton Halverson or the church office.

jhalverson@mayo.edu or dayton.halverson@gmail.com

RAINBOW SCHOOL, a licensed Christian Preschool, seeks a part time preschool teacher for the 2011-2012 school year. Multi-age classroom of 3-5-year-old children. Hours are 8:30 am – 12:30 pm on Tuesdays and Thursdays. A Job description and application are available on our website, www.rainbowschool.us or via email rainbowdirector@hotmail.com

PRAYERS + For all members of Good Shepherd, especially: Neil & Kristi Jensen (Cole, Olivia), Carl & Molly Jepsen (Charles), Greg & Louann Johnson (Melissa, Gina, Emily).

+ July 31, 2011 Pentecost 7 – Lect. 18

For all congregations in the Southeast 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

BIRTHDAYS

29th Jan Garnatz, Lori Gartner, Delaney Sanford

30th Nola Lee

31st Rita Hengel, Nick Leimer, Carol Michaelson

Aug. 1 Alexis Swanton

Aug. 2 Oliver Books, Jan Jacobson, Ron Kruckeberg

Aug. 3 Christopher Jones, Jessica Sankey

Aug. 4 Liliana Davick, Ian Funk, Wendy Hanson, Denise Krueger, Shirley Swedlund

Aug. 5 Jessica McCamish

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Worship Services (with Holy Communion)

Saturday 5:30 PM;

Sunday 8:00 & 9:30 AM

Staff

Karen Pahl.....**Pastor**

Cynthia McLaren **Associate in Ministry**

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JUNE FINANCIAL SUMMARY

2011 June Giving \$37,699

2011 June Expenses \$41,665

2011 June Net Loss (\$3,966)

Year-to-date Giving \$274,686

Year-to-date Expenses \$254,242

Year-to-date Net Giving \$20,443

Giving includes a monthly transfer of \$3,500 from the Good Shepherd Fund.

Expenses include the total monthly mortgage expense of \$12,244

Other Year-to-Date Giving:

Global Hunger	\$7,834	Local Hunger	\$6,567
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Local Relief	\$3,082	Other Relief	\$ 825
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