



Happynings

September 30, 2011

THIS WEEK'S READINGS

Genesis 8:20-22; 9:12-17
Psalm 104:28-35
Revelation 22:1-5
Matthew 28:1-10

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

OPERATION INASMUCH IS HERE! Saturday, October 1 at 9 AM, we will meet at GSC for a sending service, then go into the community and serve! This weekend's services will celebrate Operation Inasmuch. Thank you for everyone's involvement!

If you have any questions, please contact an Opln Committee member: Jen Casad (Jen.Casad@gmail.com or 206-3669), Sue Olsen, Lynn Koehler, Shirley Schumacher, Jim Cash, Sheila Bennett, Pastor Karen or Bart Hanson.



FEAST OF ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS: October 2nd @ 2:00 pm around the patio by the front parking! All creatures, great and small, from horses to hamsters are invited to participate in this brief service. Bring your pets (on a leash or in a carrier) for a general blessing during the service and an opportunity for individual pet blessings by the pastor following the service. This is a casual event so wear jeans and casual clothes and bring your lawn chairs and/or quilts and make yourselves comfortable.

One of the goals of the Good Shepherd strategic plan is to develop an ADULT/FAMILY MISSION TRIP. On October 20-21 we will travel to a community in the St. Paul area for a two-day (one-night) mission trip. **There are still a few openings for this trip.** To register for the trip, email gscsecretary@goodshepherdchurch.net or call 289-1748.

LOVE WINS: Discuss Oct. 6th @ 6:30pm at Panera South Millions of Christians have struggled with how to reconcile God's love and God's judgment: Has God created billions of people over thousands of years only to select a few to go to heaven and everyone else to suffer forever in hell? Is this acceptable to God? How is this "good news"? Troubling questions—so troubling that many have lost their faith because of them. What if what Jesus meant by heaven, hell, and salvation are very different from how we have come to understand them? What if it is God who wants us to face these questions? Author, pastor, and innovative teacher Rob Bell presents a deeply biblical vision for rediscovering a richer, grander, truer, and more spiritually satisfying way of understanding heaven, hell, God, Jesus, salvation, and repentance. The result is the discovery that the "good news" is much, much better than we ever imagined.

ALL SAINTS & HALLOWEEN FAMILY CELEBRATION: Sunday, Oct. 30, 4pm to 6:30pm. Movie Fun, Crafts and Cookies, and Trunk & Treat. Come in costume and have fun!

THIS WEEK AT GOOD SHEPHERD

SAT OCT 1

9:00AM – OPERATION INASMUCH
5:30PM – WORSHIP

SUN OCT 2

8:00AM – WORSHIP
9:15AM – EDUCATION HOUR
10:30AM – WORSHIP (MUNSTERMAN BAPTISM)
2:00PM – BLESSING OF THE ANIMAL: FEAST OF ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI

MON OCT 3

6:00PM – PIPES & DRUMS
6:15PM – CUB SCOUT PACK 28
6:30PM – HANDBELLS, WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

TUE OCT 4

7:30AM – MEN'S COFFEE - PANERA
9:30AM – STAFF MEETING
6:15PM – BROWNIE TROOP 44081
6:30PM – PARENT'S AL-ANON, GIRL SCOUTS 40102

WED OCT. 5

5:30PM – BACKPACK PROGRAM (CAROL'S TEAM)
5:30PM – CONFIRMATION, RING & SING, PRAISE KIDS
6:00PM – SIMPLE SUPPER
7:00PM – REMIX SR. HIGH YOUTH GROUP

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6:30PM – THIRSTY THURSDAY BOOK STUDY (PANERA SO.)
6:30PM – BOY SCOUTS TROOP 80 (FH)
7:15PM – RULE 62AA (O)

SAT OCT 8

5:30PM – WORSHIP

SUN OCT 9

8:00AM – WORSHIP
9:15AM – EDUCATION HOUR
10:30AM – WORSHIP (AUGUSTIN BAPTISM)

PRAYERS

+ For all members of Good Shepherd, especially: Joel & Denise Krueger (Christian, Erik), Mark & Karen Kruse (Isaac, Anna, Olivia), Scott & Jenny Kruse.

+ OCTOBER 2, 2011 PENTECOST 16 – LECT. 27

For all congregations in the Southeast Minnesota Synod, including: Pilot Mound Lutheran in Chatfield, Trinity Lutheran in New Richland, Grace Lutheran in Mankato, Tobia Mission in Colombia, Urughu Lutheran Church in Tanzania.



Green Team Weekly Tip

Winter is on its way-change that furnace filter and maybe get your furnace checked to be sure it is in tip top running order.

"EXCELLING IN MISSION... A GENEROUS UNDERTAKING,"

An exciting opportunity for GSC! The ELCA is hosting "Excelling in Mission...A Generous Undertaking," on Tuesday, November 1 at Zion Lutheran Church in Stewartville, MN from 6:00-8:30 PM. The evening will consist of a meal, a discussion of mission planning for our congregation, the resources necessary to implement such a plan and means to evaluate and adapt that mission plan for future years. Please contact Dave Jaspersen, Bart Hanson, Pastor Karen or Pastor Dave if you are interested.

CARDBOARD BOX CITY: On Friday, October 21, 2011 you are needed to raise awareness and money for the homeless, right here in Rochester at Soldier's Field. The event includes a Treasure Hunt, Sheltered Reality Concert, Game Show, Soups, Beverages and Cookies (All Night) and more. All monies raised benefit Interfaith Hospitality Network and the Salvation Army. If you would like to volunteer, donate funds or need more information, contact Joann Holt-Angerman at (507) 843-4641.

ARE YOU PASSIONATE ABOUT MAKING REAL CHANGE IN YOUR COMMUNITY!

Then Lutheran Social Service of Minnesota offers you the opportunity to lead your congregation in changing lives by becoming a LSS Ambassador. There will be an informational gathering on the evening of November 3rd so contact us to get more information on this event and how you can be part of this exciting opportunity.

Why become an LSS Ambassador? If you are passionate about making real change in your community; if you are touched by the lives of the homeless, feel compassion for seniors who live in isolation, long to help persons with disabilities; these are primary qualifications. LSS Ambassadors guide their congregations through a process of discovery, engaging and supporting LSS services that "inspire hope, change lives, and build community." (LSS Mission Statement)

What is an Ambassador? An LSS Ambassador is a lay volunteer endorsed by their congregation to be a liaison to Lutheran Social Service. The Ambassador's primary role is to discover opportunities for volunteer service, advocacy, and congregational giving in support of LSS and to communicate these important opportunities to the congregation.

For more information contact Dave Herder: 289-5723 or Pastor Karen 289-1748

RAINBOW SCHOOL FALL BAZAAR: Saturday, Nov. 5 from 10am to 2pm at Good Shepherd Church. The bazaar includes family friendly vendors, a silent auction, Miss Kristin & Mr. Guitar Concert (\$5 per family suggested donation), children's games & activities, face painting, a bake sale and lunch from 11am-1pm.

BIRTHDAYS

- 30th Larkin Klaus, Erik Krueger, Derek Sperry, Shawn Stellenberg, Tina Tibbetts
- Oct. 1 Ryan Williams, Tyler Woodmun
- Oct. 2 Alexa Fryer
- Oct. 4 Bailey Griffin, Emma Hockert, Val Jorgensen, Brian Krolak
- Oct. 5 Max Dearborn, Frank Fawcett, Carly Jo Monahan, Karla Sperry
- Oct. 7 David Junge, Rich Soli, Payton Wallaker

CONTACT INFORMATION

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Worship Services (with Holy Communion)

Saturday 5:30 PM

Sunday 8:00 & 10:30 AM

Staff

- Karen Pahl **Pastor**
- David Beckstrom **Interim Pastor**
- Cynthia McLaren **Associate in Ministry**
- Mike Thilges **Office Administrator**
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- Lisa Feenstra **Spiritual Gifts Coordinator**
- Jen Casad **Education Coordinator**
- Chad Wallaker **Youth Coordinator**
- Roger Harty, Mark Kubat, ABC **Custodians**
- Web site** www.goodshepherdchurch.net
- Paul Willemsen, **Administrator** (*willemsen@charter.net*)

AUGUST FINANCIAL SUMMARY

- August Giving - \$43,155
- August Expenses - \$41,625
- August Net Giving - \$1,530
- Y-T-D Expenses - \$335,996
- Y-T-D Giving - \$357,436
- Y-T-D Net Giving - \$21,440

Giving includes a monthly transfer of \$3,500 from the Good Shepherd Fund. **Expenses** include the total monthly mortgage expense of \$12,244

Other Giving Year-To-Date:

- Global Hunger - \$10,636
- Local Hunger - \$9,383
- Local Relief - \$3,241
- Other Relief - \$825