



October 2011

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

## FIRST GLANCE from The Interim

Be watching your monthly and weekly newsletters for unfolding idea and conversation opportunities during this exciting Interim transition time. Yes, exciting. Unique. Special. We would like the perspectives of every member during this Interim process, to add to the mix! There will be monthly printed updates and Interim Forums for conversation as we move into this process. The Interim Pastor, Church Council Leadership, Pastors and Staff...will keep you the Congregation in the loop for a sharing of perspectives, ideas, and thoughts that will shape the future. Exciting? Yes! The Future is NOW, and is even already springing forth. God has great hopes and dreams for all of us together. And God has planted the gifts for the future in us to bring new hope and generosity!

-Rev. David Beckstrom, Interim Pastor



## 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! The Oct. 1-2 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.

## Extravagant GENEROSITY The Heart of Giving

In Matthew 6:21, Jesus says, "Where your treasure is, there your heart will be also." On October 15<sup>th</sup> & 16<sup>th</sup> we will begin our fall stewardship journey

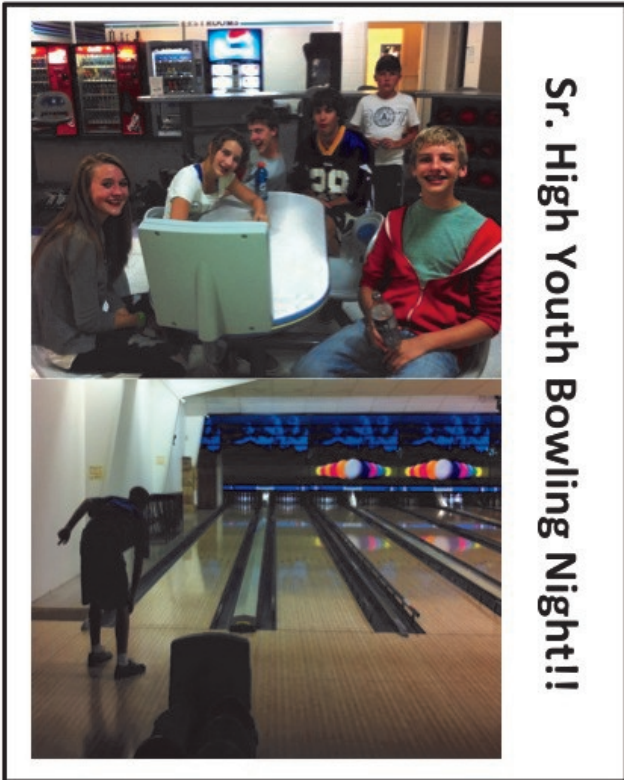
where we will thank God for all the extravagant blessings and treasures God has given to us. We will also walk together as a community of faith to see how God is calling us to grow in faith and commitment through our mission as a community of faith, in our homes and in our lives each and every day.

During the next few weeks, we will be hearing more about extravagant generosity and join together prayerfully considering how God is calling us to generously share our gifts and lives as a response to God's extravagant grace. We will be blessed to hear God's word, to experience Christ's gospel and to reflect on how the Spirit is moving us in the following ways:

- **EKG:**  
Ministry flows from the Heart
- **The Art of Love:**  
Relationships are Matters of the Heart
- **Bucket Lists:**  
Vision & Hope are Inspirations of the Heart
- **Declarations of Your Heart:**  
Extravagant Generosity is an Expression of your Heart

Stewardship is a word that all of us struggle with, yet we are stewards of the earth and all that God has entrusted to us. Stewards were people in ancient times who were trustees, who had responsibilities, who cared for things owned by someone else. We pray this fall that as a community of faith we may continue to be stewards and broaden our idea of how God is calling us to give towards the ministry and mission of Good Shepherd and beyond. May we be challenged to think how we can "Generously" give back our time, talent and treasures which God has first given to us.

Blessings - Pastor Karen & Pastor David



Sr. High Youth Bowling Night!!

## ALL Saint's & Halloween Family Celebration!!

Sunday - October 30<sup>th</sup>  
4pm to 6:30pm!!



- Movie Fun!
- Crafts & Cookies
- Trunk & Treat



Come in costume & have fun!!

Trunk or Treat



Maddie & Nathan receiving their 3 yr. old Bibles!!

It's never to late to join.....

Hand Bells: Monday 6:30pm

Ring & Sing: Wed. 5:30pm

Praise Kids: Wed. 5:30pm

Joyful Noise: Wed. 7:00pm

Choirs for all AGES!!!



## Blessing of the Animals

Join us on Sunday - October 2<sup>nd</sup> @ 2pm

as we celebrate the Feast of St Francis with a Blessing the Animals.

All creatures great and small are welcome to this special brief service of thanksgiving.

*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 (by the front parking lot) – so bring your lawn chairs & blankets to make yourselves comfortable & to have some fun!

## October Birthdays

- 1st Andrew Hung, Ryan Williams, Tyler Woodmun
- 2nd Alexa Fryer
- 4th Bailey Griffin, Emma Hockert, Val Jorgensen, Brian Krolak
- 5th Max Dearborn, Frank Fawcett, Carly Jo Monahan, Karla Sperry
- 7th David Junge, Rich Soli, Payton Wallaker
- 8th Priya Anderson, Jacob Brown, Eric Heitmann, Laura Taylor
- 9th Marcy Averill, Austin Castro, Bailey Kazeck
- 10th Scott Hansen, Wendy Phillips
- 11th Aleksander Stoltenberg
- 12th Linda Simonson
- 13th Jen Gunnarson, Taya McGovern
- 14th Riley McGovern, Alexis Thompson
- 15th Jan Bergert, Dexter Maass, Kory Oldfield, Marjorie Stallman, Claudia Swanton, Mark Van Norman
- 16th Ann Hoffman, Noah Van Norman
- 17th Eldon Anderson, Makinzee Kazeck, Noah Olsen
- 18th Michelle Gerlesberger
- 19th Bill Anding, Andrew Davick, Matthew Swenson, Noah Swenson
- 20th Reid McGovern, Matthew Tollefson
- 21st Jane Belau, Ellen Harty, Sally McGovern
- 22nd Lucas Ellerbusch, Linda Hanson, Erik Willman
- 23rd Austin Jorgensen, Andrew Norrie, Karen Pahl, Gene Simonson, Leanne Stroh
- 24th Karen Kruse, Mikah Nelson
- 25th Carolyn Junge, Austyn Sankey
- 26th Jim Cash, Sandy Koster, Justin Weber
- 27th Eric Lynne, Amy Mohr, Connie Scheid
- 28th Anna Kruse, Caden Olson, Bernice Rinde
- 29th Gage Bennett, Tom Louks, Dave Scheid
- 30th Chris Davidson
- 31st Kammi Books, Ben Gerlesberger, Olivia Lamb, Anna Willman

### AUGUST FINANCIAL SUMMARY

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

## Prayers

+ For all members of Good Shepherd Church, including: Bob & Kristi Beeman (Robert, Haley), Paul & Jane Belau, Steve & Marcia Belau (Alec), Ana Bennett (Alexis, Jacquelyn, Aryka, Gage), Eva Bennett, Sheila Bennett, Jim Cash, Tim & Brenda Berg (George, Eleanor), Jan & Betty Bergert, Wally Berglund, Tom & Kim Bertram (Eric, Jacob), Lynne Billing (Jonathan), John & Tammera Bird (Erica).

+ For all congregations in the SE Minnesota Synod, including:

### October 2, 2011: Pentecost 16 – Lect. 27

Pilot Mound Lutheran in Chatfield, Trinity Lutheran in New Richland, Grace Lutheran in Mankato, Tobia Mission in Colombia Urughu Lutheran Church in Tanzania

### October 9, 2011: Pentecost 17 – Lect. 28

St. John Lutheran in Kasson, Shelui Lutheran Church in Tanzania (partnered with St. John, Kasson), Redeemer Lutheran in Alden, Our Savior Lutheran in Kiester, St. Peter Lutheran in Northfield, Wembere Lutheran Church in Tanzania

### October 16, 2011: Pentecost 18 – Lect. 29

Trinity Lutheran in Spring Grove, Root Prairie Lutheran in Fountain, Vasa Lutheran in Welch, Mkulu Lutheran Church in Tanzania

### October 23, 2011: Pentecost 19 – Lect. 30

Union Prairie Lutheran in Lanesboro, Trondhjem Lutheran in Austin, Good Shepherd Lutheran in Plainview, Nile Our Savior's Chapel in Faribault, Ishenga Lutheran Church in Tanzania, Kinyangiri Lutheran Church in Tanzania

### October 30, 2011: Reformation Sunday – Pentecost 20

All congregations of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America in Minnesota and throughout the United States, and all ELCA missionaries around the world

## 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

Lisa Feenstra ..... Spiritual Gifts Coordinator

Chad Wallaker ..... Youth Coordinator

Roger Harty, Mark Kubat, A.B.C. .... Custodians

**November Messenger deadline** ..... Oct. 21st by 4:00pm

Mike Thilges..... gscsecretary@goodshepherdchurch.net

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Paul Willemsen, Admin ..... (willemsen@charter.net)

# October 2011

THE MONTHLY CALENDAR FOR  
Good Shepherd Lutheran Church • Rochester, MN

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>Oct. 30</b> <b>Confirmation Sunday</b> 8:00am Worship 9:15am Education Hour 10:30am Worship & Confirmation Service 11:30am FH reserved for Lisa Hart	<b>Oct. 31</b> 6:00pm Pipes & Drums 6:30pm Handbells 6:30pm Women's Bible Study					<b>1</b> <b>9:00am</b> <b>Operation Inasmuch</b> 5:30pm Worship
<b>2</b> 8:00am Worship 9:15am Education Hour 10:30am Worship (Munsterman Baptism) 2:00pm Blessing of the Animals—Feast of St. Francis of Assisi	<b>3</b> 6:00pm Pipes & Drums 6:30pm Handbells 6:30pm Women's Bible Study	<b>4</b> 7:30am Men's Coffee 9:30am Staff Meeting 6:15pm Brownies 6:30pm Parent's AlAnon 6:30pm Girl Scout Troop 40102	<b>5</b> 5:30pm Confirmation, Ring & Sing (Gr. 2-6), Praise Kids (4 yr-Gr. 1) 6:00pm Simple Supper 7:00pm Joyful Noise Singers, Remix Senior High Youth Group	<b>6</b> 6:30pm Thirsty Thursdays Book Study 6:30pm Boy Scouts Troop 80 (FH) 7:15pm Rule 62 AA	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b> 5:30pm Worship
<b>9</b> 8:00am Worship 9:15am Education Hour 10:30am Worship (Augustin Baptism)	<b>10</b> 5:30pm Worship & Music Girl Scouts 40392 6:00pm Pipes & Drums, Kennel Club (FH), Cub Scouts 121 6:30pm Handbells 6:30pm Women's Bible Study 7pm Rainbow School Mtg	<b>11</b> 7:30am Men's Coffee 9:30am Staff Meeting 6:30pm Parent's AlAnon	<b>12</b> 1:30pm Helping Hands 5:30pm Confirmation, Ring & Sing (Gr. 2-6), Praise Kids (4 yr-Gr. 1) 6:00pm Simple Supper 7:00pm Joyful Noise Singers, Remix Senior High Youth Group	<b>13</b> 6:30pm Boy Scouts Troop 80 (FH) 7:15pm Rule 62 AA	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b> <b>Extreme Generosity</b> 9:00am Quilters 5:30pm Worship
<b>16</b> <b>Extreme Generosity</b> 8:00am Worship 9:15am Education Hour 10:30am Worship	<b>17</b> 6:00pm Pipes & Drums 6:30pm Handbells 6:30pm Women's Bible Study	<b>18</b> 7:30am Men's Coffee 9:30am Staff Meeting 6:30pm Parent's AlAnon 6:30pm Girl Scouts Troop 40102	<b>19</b> 5:30pm Confirmation, Ring & Sing (Gr. 2-6), Praise Kids (4 yr-Gr. 1) 6:00pm Simple Supper 7:00pm Joyful Noise Singers, Remix Senior High Youth Group	<b>20</b> Adult/Family Mission Trip 6:30pm Boy Scouts Troop 80 (FH), Girl Scouts 40981 7:15pm Rule 62 AA	<b>21</b> Adult/Family Mission Trip	<b>22</b> <b>Extreme Generosity</b> 11:00am Brenna Fjeld Piano Recital 5:30pm Worship
<b>23</b> <b>Extreme Generosity</b> 8:00am Worship 9:15am Education Hour 10:30am Worship (Kruse Baptism)	<b>24</b> 5:30pm Girl Scouts Troop 40392 6:00pm Pipes & Drums 6:30pm Handbells 6:30pm Women's Bible Study	<b>25</b> 7:30am Men's Coffee 9:30am Staff Meeting 6:30pm Parent's AlAnon 7:00pm Council Meeting	<b>26</b> 5:30pm Confirmation, Ring & Sing (Gr. 2-6), Praise Kids (4 yr-Gr. 1) 6:00pm Simple Supper 7:00pm Joyful Noise Singers, Remix Senior High Youth Group	<b>27</b> 6:30pm Boy Scouts Troop 80 (FH) 7:15pm Rule 62 AA	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b> 5:30pm Worship

## From Pastor David's Study

### "Will Our Children Have Faith?"

#### **Mark 10: 13-15**

*And they were bringing children to him, that he might touch them; and the disciples rebuked them. But when Jesus saw it he was indignant, and said to them, "Let the children come to me, do not hinder them; for to such belongs the Kingdom of God. Truly I say to you, whoever does not receive the Kingdom of God like a child, shall not enter it."*

A child does not simply learn facts of faith. Neither have you or I, if we think about it. Since childhood we have observed and learned values from others that we value. We "catch" the faith through nurturing relationships with others. Children then need to be a part of the Christian community. The worshipping community. The community of the Gospel.

The faith community at worship is the gathering of all the baptized people of God. Infants and children learn an early emotional attachment to what is going on. They learn that the occasion is important to Mom, to Dad, to many, many people—we are all here together. As children we learn to observe and take it all in; to imitate and join in language, songs, actions, customs, and behaviors. Children love to put an offering in the plate and pass the Peace and are proud to join in the Lord's Prayer, liturgy, and songs with the rest of the congregation. They are **eager** learners. As children grow in the midst of a faith community, they absorb and "catch" the particular, meaningful culture of the Christian Church. They learn that they belong. They "catch" the faith and devotion of the worshipping people of God, a community of great variety brought together by a common Faith. Children absorb all of that early.

Gradually, the rest of their lives becomes the journey of adding new "layers" of participation: Knowledge, experience, understanding, and inspiration in the maturing understanding of worship, Sacraments, basics of Christian faith, stories, traditions. Coming to know the congregation as a caring community of Christ, God's own people—together.

**Teaching The Faith...**Every Fall we "rally" around the teaching ministries of The Church. A "new year" of sorts has begun another precious cycle. We compliment and strengthen that vital education ministry with worship. Worship has been called "the faith classroom of the Christian Church." Each year the Church tells the story of Jesus and the story of God's love. We do this in the scripture lessons, the songs, and in the worship itself which reflects The Church Year.....

### **CAREGIVER SUPPORT GROUP**

Providing care for an aging parent, spouse or friend can be a difficult task and a labor of love. If you need to learn more about caregiving, want to share your experiences, or learn from those who are facing the same hurdles, come to the Caregiver Support Group from 1:30-2:30 p.m., Tuesday, Oct. 4 (and every first Tuesday of the month) at Elder Network, 1130-1/2 7<sup>th</sup> Street NW, Rochester (elevator access at West end of the building). For more information or to reserve a space, call Holly at 285-5272.

### **FAIR TRADE MARKET**

Our Savior's Lutheran Church invites you to their fifth annual Fair Trade Market. This year's market will feature several new vendors with products offered for the first time at the market.

#### **Fair Trade Market Information**

Saturday & Sunday, Oct. 1-2

9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Fair Trade food tasting available during the Market (free will offering donated to Kids Against Hunger)

Our Savior's Lutheran Church

2124 Viola Road NE

Rochester, MN 55906

- All proceeds from the market go back to support the artisans, producers and their organization as they strive to sustain their families and improve their communities

### **FALL IN LOVE ALL OVER AGAIN!**

Remember that feeling when you first fell in love? Attending a Lutheran Marriage Encounter Weekend gives you the time and tools to revitalize romance, deepen communication, and nourish the spirituality in your marriage. In a relaxed atmosphere, four presenting couples, including a Lutheran clergy couple, give a series of presentations followed by questions you discuss in the privacy of your hotel room. There is no counseling or required group sharing

The Fall Lutheran Marriage Encounter Weekends in Minnesota are October 14-16 in Duluth and November 18-20 in Brooklyn Center . Please register several weeks in advance. For more information, contact Dick & Judy Dehnel at 952-432-3105, Pete & Phyllis McMahon at 763-561-1575 or visit [www.godlovesmarriage.org](http://www.godlovesmarriage.org).

## Thanks for a Great Start to Sunday School!!!!

Continue to join us on Sunday Mornings at 9:15am!

- Kindergarten thru 4<sup>th</sup> Grade Start in the Sanctuary
- 5<sup>th</sup> Grade thru 8<sup>th</sup> Grade go straight to their classrooms

**HOORAY FOR TEACHERS!**

**Blessing and Recognition of our Sunday School Teachers**  
will be on **October 2<sup>nd</sup> at the 10:30am service!**

Please join us in thanking them for sharing their gifts with  
us this year & helping our children grow in faith!!



**JOIN US ON WEDNESDAY NIGHTS TO CONNECT  
MUSIC, FAITH, FUN & FELLOWSHIP!!**

**SIMPLE SUPPER: 6:00 - 6:45**

We'll do the cooking tonight! For \$3.00 a person you, your family and your friends can come have a great dinner, catch-up with what has happened over the past week or just enjoy each other's company!!

**CHILDREN'S MUSIC MINISTRY: 5:30 - 6:30**

**Praise Kids: 4 yr olds - 1st Grade:** This is a time to gather together participate in lessons, crafts, singing and snack time. This has been a popular program and has helped out young ones grow in faith and friendship.

**Ring & Sing: 2nd—6th Grade:** This is a time to learn & grow playing hand bells, singing, and having fun!! This is a great opportunity to build and strengthen relationships through music and education.

**CONFIRMATION MINISTRY: 5:30 – 7:00**

**7th & 8th Graders:** We will gather for an opening time of large group, then gab dinner and head off to small groups for a time of check in and discuss of the topic for the day. We are at Good Shepherd on Wednesday nights for the month of October!!

**REMIX  
YOUTH GROUP**

**REMIX - Senior High Youth Group  
Meets Weekly on Wednesday Nights  
at 7:00pm til 8:30ish!!**

Meet people, EAT FOOD, have fun & praise God. Bring lots of friends - because everyone is welcome to be part of the group!

**ADULT BIBLE STUDY**  
Biblical | Challenging | Relevant



**Adult Bible Study** Continues weekly at 9:15am  
in the Fellowship Hall!! Bring your coffee,  
bible and a heart open to study God's word!!  
**Upcoming topic: Extravagant Generosity & more!**

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