



Happynings

October 28, 2011

THIS WEEK'S READINGS

Jeremiah 31:31-34

Romans 3:19-28

John 8:31-36

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

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!

"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.

THIRSTY THURSDAYS BOOK CLUB meets at Panera South at 6:30pm on Thursday, November 3rd. This month, we will be discussing the book *Water for Elephants* by Sara Gruen.

CELEBRATING CYNTHIA MCLAREN'S SERVICE TO GOOD SHEPHERD CHURCH

Join us on Sunday, November 6th, as we celebrate Cynthia McLaren's 25 years of service here at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church. There will be a time of cake and fellowship between services.

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.

THIS WEEK AT GOOD SHEPHERD

Saturday, October 29

5:30pm – Worship

Sunday, October 30

8:00am – Worship

9:15am – Education Hour

10:30am – Worship (9th Grade Confirmation)

11:30am – Fellowship Hall reserved for Lisa Hart

4:00pm – All Saints & Halloween Family Celebration

5:30pm – Trunk-or-Treat

Monday, October 31

6:00pm – Pipes and Drums

6:30pm – Women's Bible Study

7:00pm – Handbells Practice

Tuesday, November 1

7:30am – Men's Coffee - *Panera*

9:30am – Staff Meeting

5:00pm – Thrivent Financial College Planning Workshop

6:15pm – Brownie Troop 44081

6:30pm – Parent's Al-Anon, Girl Scout Troop 40102

Wednesday, November 2

5:30pm – Backpack Program (Confirmation Group), Confirmation, Praise Kids, Ring & Sing

6:00pm – Simple Supper

7:00pm – Remix Sr. High Youth Group

Thursday, November 3

6:30pm – Thirsty Thursdays Book Study (*Panera South*)

6:30pm – Boy Scouts Troop 80

7:15pm – Rule 62AA (O)

Saturday, November 5

10:00am – Rainbow School Bazaar at GSC

5:30pm – Worship

Sunday, November 6

2:00am – Daylight Saving Time Ends—Fall Back 1 Hour

8:00am – Worship (Mehrken Baptism)

9:15am – Education Hour

10:30am – Worship (Threinen Baptism)

11:30am – FH Reserved for Threinen Family



DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME ENDS at 2:00am on Sunday, November 6th. Remember to set your clocks back 1 hour.

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

CONCORDIA COLLEGE ORCHESTRA CONCERT: The Concordia College Orchestra, under the direction of Foster Beyers, will be in concert at Century High School on Monday, October 31st. The concert will begin at 7:30pm. For more information, visit www.ConcordiaCollege.edu/orchestra.

BIRTHDAYS

- 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
- Nov. 1 Tracy Stahnke
- Nov. 2 Nicholas Fuelberth, Hazel Scheitel, Cynthia Tiedtke
- Nov. 3 Deb Norrie
- Nov. 4 Hunter Einertson, Debbie Fiek, Chris Persinger

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**

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SEPTEMBER FINANCIAL SUMMARY

September Giving - \$40,327

September Expenses - \$44,291

September Net Loss - (\$3,964)

Y-T-D Expenses - \$397,763

Y-T-D Giving - \$380,287

Y-T-D Net Giving - \$17,476

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

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

PRAYERS

+ For all members of Good Shepherd, especially: Larry & Linda Laures (Kelly), Nola Lee, Sue Lee (Erika, Spencer).

+ OCTOBER 30, 2011 REFORMATION SUNDAY – PENTECOST 20

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