



November 2011

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



**A Time of Remembrance
All Saints Worship**

the weekend of November 5th & 6th

This is a time when we gather together as a community of faith to lift up the Saints that have gone before us and the saints that are part of our lives today. As a congregation we will remember those who have joined our congregation through the gift of baptism and there will be a time during worship to light a candle in remembrance of those loved ones who have joined the church triumphant and who are now at rest in God's love, grace and mercy. *Join us for this special time of worship, prayer and remembrance.*

HANDBELLS FOR BEGINNERS COMING SOON

Have you listened to our GSC Ringers and wished that you could learn to play these beautiful bells? We hope to start a new group just for beginners in January, 2012 and would love to have newcomers! Let Cynthia McLaren know that you are interested by calling the Church Office or by e-mailing music@goodshepherdchurch.net. Visitors are always welcome to attend a bell rehearsal on Monday evenings at 6:30 p.m. to learn more about what is involved with ringing.

Please check us out-it's great fun and a wonderful way to meet other people and participate in worship.



**Thanksgiving Eve Service
November 23**

Thanksgiving Eve Worship will be at 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday, November 23rd. Our worship will capture a Thanksgiving theme in liturgy, in music and in emphasis.

Please come to give thanks for our blessings! After the service there will be a time for pie and coffee fellowship.

Sign up at the Welcome Center if you can help by serving, cleaning up or by bringing a pie.



**Join us for our Extravagant Generosity
Celebration Weekend -
Saturday November 12th
& Sunday November 13th**

This will be a time to celebrate together what it means to be an extravagantly generous community who is gathered, empowered and sent to share the love of Christ with all people!!!

God's love for the church is a mystery, beyond our understanding and we know that Christ has called us in the water's of baptism to be his light in the world. It has been exciting over that past weeks to have an opportunity to share what that light looks like; what we love about your church, people who have made a difference in our spiritual life & what our hopes and dreams are for our church. This weekend you will be invited to bring forth your time, talents and treasures during worship and prayerfully give thanks for what God has done, is doing & promises yet to do through our community of faith and beyond. After the Saturday night service we will celebrate together with a cheesecake & coffee fellowship and on Sunday morning we will have a congregational brunch served after each service. Come and bring your hearts of giving and celebrate our extravagant generosity!! Remember, no gift shared is too small if it represents your prayers, a sacrifice, and a generous portion of your resources. When our hearts are filled with gratitude, nothing God asks of us seems too impossible.

Blessings, Pastor Karen, Pastor David & the Finance/
Stewardship Ministry Team

Blessing of the Animals & Operation Inasmuch



November Birthdays

- 1st Tracy Stahnke
- 2nd Nicholas Fuelberth, Hazel Scheitel, Cynthia Tiedtke
- 3rd Deb Norrie
- 4th Hunter Einertson, Debbie Fiek, Chris Persinger
- 6th Brett Adams, Melissa Conger, Dave Krolak, Ann Rivard, Ryan Smyrk, Andrew Swenson
- 7th Lance Freitag, David Jasperson
- 8th Katie Steege
- 9th Lori Bates, Lauren Fynskov, Cindy Sanford, Beth Taylor
- 10th Carter Treptow
- 11th Sarah Anding, Sophie Groves, Olivia Haworth, Kim Taylor
- 12th Mike Schoenoff
- 13th Aryka Bennett, John Hockert, Kurt Schmidt
- 14th George Price, Dean Rinde, Jesse Steinke, Debra Stockfleth
- 15th Mara Danz, Carol Oldfield
- 16th Aaron Claus, Tyler Hansen
- 17th Bob Carlson
- 18th Joe Rivard
- 19th Sarah Ellefson, Ken Lynne
- 20th Kiana Larson, Carol Lucas, Mary Manges
- 21st Jacquelyn Bennett, Addison Read
- 22nd Dana Speer, Alex Woodmun
- 23rd Tim Butorac, Margaret Johnson, Molly Schmidt
- 24th Sydney Fryer, Marge Gamm
- 25th Larry Laures, Kim Sanford
- 26th Joel Williams
- 28th Sherry Pearson, Jennifer Ridgeway, Verna Wharton
- 30th Molly Jepsen, August Ridgeway, Chad Ridgeway, Cassidy Schlicht, Chad Wallaker

Prayers

+ For all members of Good Shepherd Church, including:
 Brenda & Ray Booth, Conrad & Betty Brekke, Kent & Becky Bruinsma (Tyler, Aaron, Eric), Bernice Brust, Mitch & Shannon Buchholtz (Parker, Kellin), Jan & Tim Butorac, Mardel Carey, Bob & Karen Carlson, Peter & Alicia Carr, Steve & Diane Carr, Dean & Jennifer Casad (Allie, Catie, Maddie), Steve & Sheryl Castro (Austin, Alayna, Kai).

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

November 6, 2011: All Saints Sunday – Pentecost 21

St. Olaf Lutheran in Austin, Vida Nueva Mission in Colombia (partnered with St. Olaf, Austin), Round Prairie Lutheran in Glenville, Trinity Lutheran in Wanamingo, Principe de Paz Lutheran Church in Colombia (partnered with Trinity, Wanamingo), Saetersdal Lutheran in Harmony

November 13, 2011: Pentecost 22 – Lect. 33

Trinity Lutheran in Hayfield, West Freeborn Lutheran in Hartland, Whalan Lutheran in Whalan, Mwanga Lutheran Church in Tanzania, St. John Mwando Lutheran Church in Tanzania

November 20, 2011: Christ the King Sunday

Specialized ministry partners serving in the military, in nursing homes and hospitals, in retirement communities, in Bible camps, and all retired pastors

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

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 7:30am Men's Coffee 9:30am Staff Meeting 5pm Thrivent College Planning Workshop 6:15pm Brownies 6:30pm Parent's Al-Anon, Girl Scouts	2 5:30pm Confirmation, Backpack Program, Ring & Sing, Praise Kids 6pm Simple Supper 7pm Joyful Noise Singers, Remix Sr. High Youth Group	3 6:30pm Thirsty Thursdays Book Study—Panera South 6:30pm Boy Scouts 7:15pm Rule 62 AA	4	5 10am-2pm Rainbow School Bazaar at Good Shepherd 5:30pm Worship
6 Daylight Saving Time Ends 8:00am Worship (Mehrken Baptism) 9:15am Education Hr., Adult Study:Lutherans 10:30am Worship (Threinen Baptism) 11:30am Threinen Family (FH)	7 6pm Pipes & Drums 6:30pm Handbells 6:30pm Women's Bible Study	8 7:30am Men's Coffee 9:30am Staff Meeting 6:30pm Parent's Al-Anon	9 5:30pm Confirmation, Backpack Program, Ring & Sing, Praise Kids 6pm Simple Supper 7pm Joyful Noise Singers, Remix Sr. High Youth Group	10 6-9pm Shades of Green Hosta Society 7:15pm Rule 62 AA	11 Veterans Day	12 Extravagant Generosity Weekend 5:30pm Worship 6:30pm Cheesecake & Coffee Social
13 Extravagant Generosity Weekend 8:00am Worship 9:15am Education Hr 10:30am Worship (Rogers Baptism) 9:15 & 11:30am Congregational Brunch	14 5:30pm Worship & Music, Girls Scouts 6pm Pipes & Drums, Cub Scouts, Kennel Club 6:30pm Handbells 6:30pm Women's Bible Study 7pm Rainbow School	15 7:30am Men's Coffee 9:30am Staff Meeting 6:30pm Parent's Al-Anon, Girl Scouts	16 5:30pm Confirmation, Backpack Program, Ring & Sing, Praise Kids 6pm Simple Supper 7pm Joyful Noise Singers, Remix Sr. High Youth Group	17 6:30pm Boy Scouts 7:15pm Rule 62 AA	18	19 8:30am-1:00pm FH Reserved for Mandy Jorgensen 5:30pm Worship
20 8:00am Worship 9:15am Education Hour, Adult Study: Commandments & The Lord's Prayer 10:30am Worship (Buchholtz Baptism)	21 6pm Pipes & Drums 6:30pm Handbells 6:30pm Women's Bible Study	22 7:30am Men's Coffee 8am Zumbro River Conf. (Ostrander) 1:30pm Staff Meeting 6:30pm Parent's Al-Anon 7pm Council Meeting	23 7pm Thanksgiving Eve Worship Service w/ Pie Social to follow	24 Thanksgiving Day	25 Office Closed	26 5:30pm Worship
27 First Week in Advent 8:00am Worship 9:15am Advent Congregational Event 10:30am Worship	28 5:30pm Girl Scouts 6pm Pipes & Drums 6:30pm Handbells 6:30pm Women's Bible Study	29 7:30am Men's Coffee 9:30am Staff Meeting 6:30pm Parent's Al-Anon	30 5:30pm Confirmation, Backpack Program, Ring & Sing, Praise Kids 6pm Simple Supper 7pm Joyful Noise Singers, Remix Sr. High Youth Group			

GSC News and Notes

NEW ADULT FORUM/NEW MEMBER SERIES IN NOVEMBER

A new Adult Forum/New Member Series will meet from 9:15-10:15am on the Sundays listed below in the Fellowship Hall. The class is designed for adults who wish to find out more about the Christian faith and the Lutheran Church. This class, taught by Pastor Beckstrom, can serve as preparation for membership or a **Catechism refresher**. We ask **ALL** interested in membership to attend the first session. All sessions are suggested for non-Lutherans and encouraged for other new members. New members will be received on Sunday, December 11th. Orientation and reception dates are for **all** new members. **This series will also serve as a November Adult Forum series for the congregation!** So...you are invited! We focus on the book **Roots of Our Faith** as Christians and as Lutherans.

Date	Topic	We Will Study	Chapter
11/6	“Do I Belong Here?” “Who are the Lutherans?”	Confessions and Creed	1 & 3
11/20	“How Are We to Live?”	The Commandments, The Lord’s Prayer	2 & 4
12/4	“Called & Nourished”	The Sacraments	5 & 6
12/7 Wed.	New Member Gathering, Welcome & Orientation		N/A
12/11	“A Day of Welcome”	Reception of New Members	N/A

FROM THE INTERIM PASTOR’S STUDY

WE NEED ONE ANOTHER



The story is told of the dour old Scotsman who was not in church for many Sundays. The pastor of the church went out to see him in his small cottage along a country road. The pastor knocked; the old Scotsman came to the door, opened it, saw the pastor, and without a word, motioned him inside. He indicated a rocking chair in front of the coal fire and drew up another for himself. The two men sat in quiet and watched the coals burning brightly.

After a time the pastor stood up, took a pair of tongs, lifted one of the burning coals out of the fire, put it off to the side of the hearth, sat down in his chair and began to rock. Both men watched the lone coal as it grew ashen and cold.

After a time the pastor took the tongs, picked up the now dead coal, put it back in the fire, sat down, and both men watched as once again it burned brightly with all the rest. Without a word the pastor left.

The next Sunday the old Scotsman was in church and never missed from that time forward.

Every coal needs the fire and builds the fire that warms a church ...that warms a world.

-From Success Is A Moving Target by Robert Raines

TRANSITION TEAM BEING CREATED!

The Interim Pastor is teaming with The Executive Committee and Church Council in the process of calling a Transition Team of Good Shepherd. Names for consideration have been invited also from The Strategic Planning Team, Church Staff, and former presidents of the congregation. The Transition Team will be trained by the Interim Pastor, and will survey the congregation in December. Information gathering will lead to a report to The Church Council and on to The Congregational Meeting in January, then on to a Call Committee to use as a vital resource! Thank you in advance for your participation!

- Rev. David A. Beckstrom, Interim Pastor

Faith Formation



Join us for our Advent Congregational Event!!

Sunday – November 27th starting at 9:15am

We will gather together as a congregation to welcome the season of Advent as we wait for the coming of the Christ Child!

Join us for coffee, fellowship & some fun activities for all!!



Let's have some fun growing in Faith!!

Join us on Sunday Mornings at 9:15am

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

We are continuing our journey thru the Old Testament!!



**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 - 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 Continues weekly at 9:15am in the Fellowship Hall!! Bring your coffee, bible and a heart open to study God's word and growing in faith!!
Upcoming topic: Catechism Refresher & New Members Series

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WORSHIP PLANS FOR NOVEMBER

Saturday, Sunday, November 5-6
All Saints Remembrance with Candle Lighting
Sunday-Joyful Noise Singers

Saturday, Sunday, November 12-13

Congregational Celebration
of Extravagant Generosity at All Services
Sunday-8:00-GSC Handbells,
10:30-Praise Kids; Ring and Sing Youth

Saturday, Sunday, November 19-20

Festival of Christ the King
Sunday-GSC Brass, Joyful Noise Singers

Wednesday, November 23, 7:00 p.m.

Thanksgiving Eve Worship/Pie Fellowship Following

Saturday, Sunday, November 26-27

Advent begins
Joyful Noise Singers @ 10:30am service

9:15am Congregational Advent Event in Fellowship Hall



What is your favorite Advent hymn?

As you prepare for worship, check out the section of Advent hymns found in our ELW hymnal. Discover the richness in the texts and the message of hope and anticipation found in these hymns and let us know your favorite/s by listing them on the clipboard at the Welcome Center. We will make a list and publish them in a newsletter at the end of the Advent Season.

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