



Happynings

November 23, 2011

THIS WEEK'S READINGS

Psalms 80:1-7, 17-19

Isaiah 64:1-9

1 Corinthians 1:3-9

Matthew 24:36-44

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

Thank you for your continued Extravagant Generosity!! We have received 68 estimate of giving cards in for a total of \$217,612 and 111 Community of Gifts forms. We look forward to receiving additional giving cards and community of gift forms which help us plan for the life and ministry of our congregation for this up coming year! *We have been so blessed by your support this past year and are looking forward to using your financial gifts to pay down \$100,000 on our mortgage very soon.* God has provided so much and we look forward to sharing the ministry we have been called to through Christ.

We are starting rehearsal for our Christmas Program in December!! On December 4th, 11th, & 18th – Kids (K-6th). Each class will have a time to learn music & a time to practice their lines during the Sunday School hour. Parents please help your children learn their music and lines as well at home. Saturday, January 7th at 9:30am is All Kid's Rehearsal Day. Sunday, January 8th is the Program at the 10:30am Worship Service with rehearsal during the Sunday School Hour just beforehand.

Good Shepherd Lutheran Church seeks an experienced bookkeeper for our stipend Church Treasurer. The position responsibilities include the reconciliation of accounts, accounts payable, monitoring of expenses against budget, timely preparation of financial statements and presentation to the Finance Committee/Church Council. Candidate must be proficient in the use of accounting software, and be a person who possesses excellent organizational and communication skills. If interested, please forward your resume to Dick Kivimagi at dkiv@sjerh.com or call 507-292-0244 to receive a more detailed job description.

DECEMBER CONFIRMATION MINISTRY: 5:30-7:15pm (7th & 8th Graders). We will gather at People of Hope this month at 5:30pm for a short Large Group Time – grab some pizza, go to small groups and then worship together from 6:30-7:15pm.

Interim Forum, (9:30-10:15am, Sunday, December 11th). Hear from the Interim Pastor, Transition Team & Church Council.

Do you make dinner for friends? Send food home with friends when there are a lot of leftovers or make a bed up when family and friend's come to stay? WE NEED YOUR HELP! We are looking for more volunteers and 3 faithful folks to coordinate our longstanding ministries with Dorothy Day House, IHN (Interfaith Hospitality Network) and Community Food Response!! The volunteer help and the coordinator positions **are not monthly commitments** – but we do need people to step forward and serve to keep these incredible opportunities for serving in Christ's name moving forward and shining brightly!! Please prayerfully consider helping with one of these programs & talk with Pastor Karen or Carol Kivimagi if you have any questions.

SAVE THE DATE: Dec 10 & 11 – 6:30 pm – Dinner Theatre here at Good Shepherd! Performance of the delightful play "In Bethlehem Inn" while you enjoy a tasty supper! Tickets will be on sale at church starting Nov 20. \$12 per person or \$30 max per family. Hope to see you there!

COME DECK THE HALLS "Sanctuary/Church" for the Christmas season on Saturday, December 17th at 9:00am.

THIS WEEK AT GOOD SHEPHERD

Thursday, November 24

THANKSGIVING DAY

Friday, November 25

OFFICE CLOSED

Saturday, November 26

10:30am-1:30pm—Hansen Family in FH

1-4pm – Dinner Theater Rehearsal in FH

5:30pm – Worship

Sunday, November 27

8:00am – Worship

9:15am – Education Hour; Family Intergenerational

Advent Event in FH

10:30am – Worship

Monday, November 28

5:30pm—Girl Scouts 40392

6:00pm – Pipes and Drums

6:30pm – Handbells Practice, Women's Bible Study

Tuesday, November 29

7:30am – Men's Coffee - Panera

9:30am – Staff Meeting

6:30pm – Transition Team, Parent's Al-Anon

Wednesday, November 30

5:30pm—Backpack Program (Morgan's Team)

5:30pm—Confirmation @ People of Hope Lutheran Church

5:30pm—Ring & Sing, Praise Kids

6:00pm—Simple Supper

7:00pm—Remix Sr. High Youth Group, Joyful Noise Singers

Thursday, December 1

6:30pm—Transition Team, Troop 80 Scouts

7:15pm—Rule 62 AA

Friday, December 2

6pm-9am—Pack 80 Scouts Overnight

Saturday, December 3

9:00am – Dinner Theater Rehearsal in FH

5:30pm – Worship

Sunday, December 4

8:00am – Worship

9:15am – Education Hr; Adult Inquiry/New Member Series

10:30am – Worship (Mehrkens Baptism)

1pm—Mother's of Multiples Christmas Party (FH)

BIRTHDAYS

- 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
- 12/1 Thomas Junge, Olivia Worlton
- 12/2 Lisa Feenstra, Roger Harty, Mallory Medes, Linnea Olson, Dale Sanford, Bob Steege

PRAYERS

+ For all members of Good Shepherd, especially: Steve & Diane Carr, Dean & Jennifer Casad (Allie, Catie, Maddie), Steve & Sheryl Castro (Austin, Alayna, Kai).

+ NOVEMBER 27, 2011 FIRST SUNDAY IN ADVENT

For all congregations of the Southeast Minnesota Synod (ELCA), including: Calvary Lutheran in Rapidan, Isanzu Lutheran Church in Tanzania (partnered w/ Calvary, Rapidan), Bethel Lutheran in Scarville (IA), Trinity Fellowship SAWC in Rushford, Nazareth Lutheran Church in Tanzania (partnered w/ Trinity Fellowship, Rushford).

SCRIP for Christmas: Please consider purchasing your gift cards for Christmas from the Youth SCRIP program. Gift Cards are purchased at a discount and sold a full price. All proceeds help subsidize the cost of the youth trips and other youth activities. There is a list of all available gift cards at the Welcome Center kiosk. SCRIP cards are sold every Sunday between services and Saturdays after service. Also, if you go to www.shopwithscrip.com and log into your account (or create one if you haven't done

so), there are a number of gift cards that can be purchased online and printed at home, look for the logo SCRIP NOW. Contact Erik Schlicht @ 258-0258 or theschlichts@gmail.com with any questions or if you would like to order a gift card not in stock. NOTE: Gift Cards not in stock will take about 3 days for delivery. Thanks for your support.

Advent & Christmas Poinsettias: To enhance our worship experience during Advent and Christmas, GSC will again be adding poinsettias to our seasonal sanctuary décor. You may purchase a poinsettia for this purpose and bring it to your own home after the Christmas Eve service. Many members buy a poinsettia in honor or memory of a loved one. The price of the plant is \$8 and can be placed in the offering plate, dropped in the mailbox outside the office door, or turned into the office during regular business hours. You can use the form below to note how many poinsettias you are ordering and who they are honoring.

Your name: _____ # ordered _____

In memory of: _____

In honor of: _____



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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)

The Perfect Christmas Gift For Your Pre-K—2nd Grade Student!!!



Share the excitement of God's word with an important youngster in your life this Christmas. The award winning Spark Story Bible includes 150 Bible stories. Each page is filled with colorful fun filled illustrations to make it easy for young children to connect with God's word. Place your order by December 4th to assure Christmas delivery.

Name: _____

Qty. _____ Total \$ _____
(\$19.99ea.)

*Orders can be left in the church office for Jen Casad - Education Coordinator with checks made payable to Good Shepherd Lutheran Church.

Need time to go Christmas Shopping??? Good Shepherd Youth are hosting a day of Childcare so you can have your hands free. On Saturday December 10th - you can bring your children (2 years old to 5th grade) to church from 10am til 3pm and we will take care of them. **You MUST RSVP to the church office by Wed. December 7th** with how many children will be coming and their ages so we can make sure we have enough help and food for lunch. *We ask that you make a free will donation that day to help support our youth for their Summer Youth Gathering trip to New Orleans!!*