



Happynings

December 28, 2011
THIS WEEK'S READINGS

Isaiah 61:10-62:3

Galatians 4:4-7

Luke 2:22-40

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

Worship & Office Schedule

Saturday, December 31st - Worship at 5:30pm

Sunday, January 1st - 1 service only at 10:30am

Monday, January 2nd - Office Closed

(There will be no Sunday School or Adult Bible Study on January 1st)

CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PROGRAM

Saturday, January 7th at 9:30am is All Kid's Rehearsal Day. The Children's Christmas Program is during the 10:30am Worship Service on January 8th, with rehearsal during the Sunday School Hour at 9:15am.

Save the Date - Annual Meeting

The Good Shepherd Lutheran Church Annual Meeting is scheduled for Sunday, January 22nd. There will be no 8:00 worship service on January 22nd. Our Education Hour begins at 9:15am, followed by worship at 10:30am. Following worship, a potluck and the annual meeting will be held in the Fellowship Hall.

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.

THIS WEEK AT GOOD SHEPHERD

Wed Dec 28, 2011

No Backpack Program Tonight

7:00pm - Joyful Noise Singers

Thu Dec 29, 2011

6:30pm - Boy Scouts Troop 80 (FH)

7:15pm - Rule 62AA (O)

Fri Dec 30, 2011

No Events Scheduled

Sat Dec. 31, 2011—New Year's Eve

5:30pm - Worship

Sun Jan 1, 2012

10:30am - Worship

No Adult Bible Study or Sunday School

Mon Jan 2, 2012

Church Office Closed

Tue Jan 3, 2012

7:30am - Men's Coffee - Panera

9:30am - Staff Meeting

6:15pm - Brownie Troop 44081 (Room L)

6:30pm - Parent's Al-Anon - Room O

6:30pm - Girl Scout Troop 40102 (Room A)

7:00pm - Pack 80 Leaders Meeting (E)

Wed Jan 4, 2012

5:30pm - Backpack Program (Morgan)

5:30pm - Confirmation & Sr. High Snow tubing Event

6:00pm - Simple Supper

7:00pm - Remix Sr. Hi. Youth Group, Joyful Noise Singers

Thu Jan 5, 2012

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

6:30pm - Boy Scouts Troop 80 (FH)

7:15pm - Rule 62AA (O)

Fri Jan 6, 2012

5:00pm - Dove/Nelson Wedding Rehearsal

Sat Jan 7, 2012

9:30am - Children's Christmas Program Rehearsal

2:00pm - Dove-Nelson Wedding

5:30pm - Worship

Sun Jan 8, 2012 CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PROGRAM

8:00am - Worship

9:15am - Education Hour/Christmas Program Rehearsal

10:30am - Worship/Children's Christmas Program

SIMPLE SUPPER REMINDER: There will be no Simple Supper on Wednesday, January 4th.

Wanted - One Small Covered Trailer

We are seeking one small covered trailer to be used on the Youth Ski Trip, January 26th-29th. Please contact the church office if you are able to help us out.

Women's Bible Study: The Women's Bible Study at Good Shepherd Church will be resuming on Monday, January 9th. The group will be studying the book "Becoming a Woman of Excellence" and the study is open to all women. The bible study meets on Mondays at Good Shepherd from 6:30-8:00pm.

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.

RAINBOW SCHOOL will start taking registrations for the 2012-2013 school year on January 9, 2012. Children must be 3 years old by September 1, 2012. Classes are 3 hours long and are available mornings or afternoons. Information will be available on our website, www.rainbowschool.us on January 1st. Please contact Cat with questions 261-0586 or email director@rainbowschool.us. Rainbow School is located in Zumbro Lutheran Church and is a ministry of Zumbro Lutheran, Good Shepherd Lutheran, Mount Olive Lutheran, and Our Savior's Lutheran congregations.

BIRTHDAYS

- 28th Joel Krueger, Matthew Nelson, Judy Olness
- 29th Wally Berglund, Becky Bruinsma, Tamsen Leimer, Hudson Mauer, Les Waxon
- 30th Eleanor Berg, James Davis, Zachary Stahnke
- 31st Devon Feijo, Erik Mainz, Zackary Olson
- Jan. 1 Pete Gerlesberger, Andrew Herder, Mike Stellenberg
- Jan. 2 George Berg, Ben Sticha
- Jan. 3 Geri Griebenow, Judy Larson, Darin Sanford
- Jan. 4 Joy Gibbons
- Jan. 5 Jonathan Billing, Joe Hanscom, Sue Titus
- Jan. 6 Bill Angerman, Juliane Herder, Donna Hochberger, Connor Phillips
- Jan. 7 Kent Bruinsma
- Jan. 8 Anne Backlund, Nate Davidson, Janelle Halverson

PRAYERS

+ For all members of Good Shepherd, especially: Bill & Beth Davidson (Nate, Chris), Greg & Jen Davis (Noah, James), Dennis & Connie De Lorme.

+ JANUARY 1, 2012: 1ST SUNDAY OF CHRISTMAS

For all congregations in the Southeastern Minnesota Synod, ELCA, including: First Lutheran in Lake City, Le Sueur River Lutheran in New Richland, Grace Lutheran in Austin, Divino Redentor Lutheran Church in Colombia, Kisimba Lutheran Church in Tanzania, Mijuhu Lutheran Church in Tanzania.

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Saturday 5:30 PM

Sunday 8:00 & 10:30 AM

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