



Happynings

January 27, 2012
THIS WEEK'S READINGS

Deuteronomy 18:15-20

Psalm 111

1 Corinthians 8:1-13

Mark 1:21-28

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

UNITED WAY - FREE TAX PREPARATION: IRS-Certified VITA/TCE Volunteer Tax Preparers with the AARP Tax-Aide Program will prepare your taxes for FREE if you are an individual or family with low to moderate income. Starting the second Monday in January, call one of the free tax sites listed for more information or to make a FREE tax appointment. **ROCHESTER:** Hawthorne Education Center 287-1958, Senior Citizens Service (Age 50+) 287-1404, The Salvation Army 424-4197. **STEWARTVILLE:** Civic Center 533-4787. Additional days may be scheduled at various senior high-rise apartments for residents, and arrangements can be made for counselors to provide tax help of those who are homebound by calling any of the sites. **FOR MORE INFORMATION:** Call United Way of Olmsted County at 287-2000 or check out our website at www.uwolmsted.org and click "Free Tax Preparation"

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.

SCRIP needs volunteers for selling cards on Sunday mornings/Saturday evenings. It is very easy to learn, please contact Erik Schlicht 507-258-0258 or theschlichts@gmail.com if interested.

THIRSTY THURSDAYS BOOK STUDY - February 2, 6:30 p.m. at Panera South. This month's book is "*Stumbling Into Grace: Confessions of a Sometimes Spiritually Clumsy Woman*"

THIS WEEK AT GOOD SHEPHERD

Fri Jan 27, 2012

Youth Ski Trip: Jan 26-29

Sat Jan 28, 2012

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9:00am—Rainbow School (FH)

5:30pm – Worship

Sun Jan 29, 2012

8:00am – Worship

9:15am – Education Hour

10:30am – Worship

Youth Ski Trip Returns

Mon Jan 30, 2012

6:00pm – Pipes & Drums

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

Tue Jan 31, 2012

7:30am – Men's Coffee - Panera

9:00am – Staff Meeting

6:30pm – Parent's Al-Anon

7:00pm—Council Meeting

Wed Feb 1, 2012

5:30pm – Backpack Program (Confirmation Group)

5:30pm – Confirmation, Ring & Sing, Praise Kids

6:00pm – Simple Supper

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

Thu Feb 2, 2012

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

6:30pm – Boy Scouts Troop 80

7:15pm – Rule 62AA (O)

Fri Feb 3, 2012

No Events Schedule

Sat Feb 4, 2012

5:30pm – Worship

Sun Feb 5, 2012

8:00am – Worship

9:15am – Education Hour

10:30am – Worship

7TH & 8TH GRADE CARD MINISTRY SUPPLY DONATIONS NEEDED

We are in need of seasonal stickers, stamping supplies and blank card stock/envelopes for our monthly 7th & 8th grade card ministry. If you have craft supplies you would like to donate to this important ministry please drop them in the office for Jen Casad.

GOOD EARTH VILLAGE 2012 SUMMER CAMP BROCHURES are now available at the Welcome Center. The brochures include a registration form. Super Early Bird rates are available with any registration completed by February 15th.

FAT TUESDAY FUNDRAISER: Please consider donating a basket or an item to put in a basket for the annual FAT TUESDAY fundraiser. Donations can be dropped off in the office. The funds raised will be used to subsidize the youth trip this summer to the ELCA Youth Gathering in New Orleans, LA. If you have questions please feel free to call Erik Schlicht @ 507-258-0258 or the church office.

Save The Date - VBS 2012

Date: June 11th - June 15th

Time: 9:00am to Noon

Who: 4 year-olds - 4th grade (2011-12 School Year)
We'll have a fun filled week Kickin' It Old School with the guys from Go Fish!!! Registration forms will be available Spring of 2012

PRAYERS

+ For all members of Good Shepherd, especially: Todd & Sara Ellerbusch (Lucas, Blake), Duane & Sonia Ellsworth (Jonathan, Stephanie), Jan Erickson (Maia, Skye).

+ JANUARY 29, 2012: 4th Sunday after Epiphany

For all congregations in the Southeastern Minnesota Synod, ELCA, including: Gloria Dei Lutheran in Rochester, Messiah Lutheran in North Mankato, Ushora & Ndago Lutheran Churches in Tanzania (partnered with Messiah, N. Mankato), First Lutheran in Hope, Cannon River Lutheran in Welch.

BIRTHDAYS

- 27th Kody Tibbetts
- 28th Kai Castro, Rose Koenig
- 29th Marlene Flynn-Harnack, Sue Olson
- 30th Karen Freitag, Olivia Kruse, Tanya Plonka, Karen Wolfe
- 31st Justin Adams, Paul Willemsen, Bonnie Gibson
- Feb. 1 Greg Johnson
- Feb. 2 Julia Accola, Kris Mulholland
- Feb. 4 Mitchell Hanson

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Saturday 5:30 PM

Sunday 8:00 & 10:30 AM

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