

The Shepherd's Staff

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LUTHERAN CHURCH**

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Sunday, March 2nd – Don't miss the Cross Generational Event!

All ages should gather in the sanctuary at 9:15 a.m. This event will be led by Marilyn Sharpe, Director of Intergenerational Ministries and Christian Parenting at The Youth & Family Institute. Come and celebrate the unique gifts that each generation brings to the body of Christ, and celebrate our Lord who is with us through all the milestones of our life!

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Multiple Touch Ministry

Our mission is to reach out to congregation and community members in times of joy and celebration, pain, sorrow or whenever the need may arise. If you know someone needing a cheerful card, phone call, or food please contact Franny

HOLY WEEK WORSHIP SCHEDULE

<u>Date</u>	<u>Celebration</u>	<u>Worship Times</u>
Sunday, March 16 th	Palm/Passion Sunday	8 & 10:30 a.m.
Thursday, March 20 th	*Maundy Thursday	7 p.m.
Friday, March 21 st	Good Friday	7 p.m.
Sunday, March 23 rd	Easter Sunday	8 & 10:30 a.m.

FROM THE PASTOR'S PEN

It's okay to feel a bit defiant!

To be called "defiant" is not always a compliment. As we conclude the season of lent and begin Easter, because of what Christ has done we have some very good reasons to be defiant.

When we experience the deaths of loved family members and friends, and hear news reports of school shootings and students killed in school bus crashes our hearts can't help but sink. In time we can feel defiant against the pains of the present, knowing our Lord who died and rose again for us will see us through even the worst pains of today.

As our culture is filled with messages that tell us "it's all about us," and that we are nothing unless we buy the most recent, best-selling product we are again called to be defiant. We can be defiant against that garbage message, and cling to our identity as baptized children of God who have been sealed with the Holy Spirit, marked with the Cross of Christ, and sent out to use our gifts for the sake of the world.

We can be defiant when we hear the message that "God will begin to bless you once you get a plan," or "after you do these five things." Brothers and sisters in Christ, God doesn't wait around for us to get a plan or show our sincerity before he starts loving. If you ever doubt that, then hear again the story of the betrayed Jesus going to die on the cross for ungrateful sinners. God is love, and God is loving you today and always.

Blessings to you this Lent/Easter season,

Pastor Kevin Woestehoff

LENTEN SUPPER & WORSHIP

Lenten suppers will be held on March 5th and 12th, beginning at 5:30 p.m. They are hosted by the senior high youth ministry. A free will offering will be collected and all proceeds will support the impact trip planned for summer 2008. Everyone is encouraged to join us for food & fellowship.

March Menu Main Dish Items

March 05 - Lasagna

March 12 – Baked Potato Bar

Worship services will be held at 7:00 p.m. in the sanctuary.

SPECIAL THANKS

Special thanks go out to Merlin Mielke and Barb Peck for cleaning out the back storage room.

TOGETHER IN FAITH

Together In Faith Schedule

(Sessions are held from 9:15 – 10:15 a.m.)

2nd Graders and their parents

- **March 9th** - Attend the second session of “What’s Fair?” (In fellowship hall)
- **March 16th** - Recite Genesis 50:20 at worship.

4th Graders and their parents

- **March 9, 16, 30th** - We will work on memorizing the Apostles’ Creed and talk about what we believe. We will meet each week in the nursery.
- **April 6th** - Fourth Graders lead the Apostles’ Creed at worship.

SENIOR HIGH YOUTH

Senior High Youth Wednesday Night Schedule (Gathering in the Youth Room, 7:30-8:30 p.m.)

March 5th Discussion Night about Movies & Faith
March 12th Discussion/Hang out Night
March 19th Holy Week – No meeting
March 26th Wilderness Canoe Trip Meeting
April 2nd Multi-Media Night: Guitar Hero/Rock Band

Come and join in these fun student-led evenings! Faith and friendships make a great combination.

BIBLE STUDY GROUPS

Afternoon Bible Study : The March meeting of the afternoon Bible study group will be at 3:30 p.m., March 6th at the church. Please feel free to come and join in.

Evening Bible Study: The “Bad Girls of the Bible” Bible study will NOT be held Monday evening, March 3rd. It will resume again on Monday, March 10th at 7:00 p.m. at the church.

FOOD FOR THOUGHT

Faith is the ability to not panic.

NEW MEMBERS

A potluck/orientation to Good Shepherd’s ministry will be held Sunday, April 13th from 5:30-7:30 p.m. in the Good Shepherd Fellowship Hall. This is a time to connect, share stories, and learn more about Good Shepherd’s mission and ministry.

Those desiring to become members will be received during Sunday morning worship on April 20, 2008. If you would like to attend this potluck/orientation and desire to become a member, please contact the church office at 534-3675 or email lynn.goodshepherd@embarqmail.com.

SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES

Local Food Shelf

Our local food shelf is currently open just 1 day a week, Wednesday from 10 a.m. – noon and 1 - 5 p.m. To expand these hours, this service ministry needs people willing to receive a brief training and to be available for some evening or Saturday hours. At this point we are asking for interested people to contact Pastor Kevin at kevin.goodshepherd@embarqmail.com or at 534-3675.

Interfaith Hospitality Network

Interfaith Hospitality Network of Rochester provides temporary housing for working families that are homeless. This ministry is supported by 43 faith communities in the Rochester area who offer food and shelter. IHN is looking to expand in the Plainview-Elgin-Eyota area. Would you be interested in learning more about this ministry? A training session for volunteers will be held on Sunday March 2nd from 5-6:30 at the Holy Redeemer Catholic Church Rectory in Eyota, at 22 East 2nd St. Sign-up on the table in the narthex to take the next step in being a part of this great service opportunity. For more information on Interfaith

Hospitality Network, go online at www.ihn-greater-rochester.org

MILESTONE MOMENTS

Baptisms...

Blessings to Charli Elizabeth Yust, who was baptized on February 17th, 2008. Charli is the daughter of Andy and Brandi Yust.

Blessings to Tayla May Erickson, who was baptized on February 24th, 2008. Tayla is the daughter of Thor and Tina Erickson.

GOOD SHEPHERD SOUND SYSTEM UPDATE

Thanks so very much to everyone who so graciously donated to the new sound system. Our fund drive is complete, although we will always take additional funds to purchase additional microphones and personal hearing devices for the hearing impaired. If you are interested in having your own personal hearing device, please contact the church office or Tom Anderson.

The new sound system is scheduled to be installed the week between Palm Sunday and Easter. Upon completion, we will have a much improved system in the sanctuary, a special music sound system and speakers will be placed in the Narthex for individuals who feel they need to step out of the sanctuary during service.

We look forward to a much improved worship experience through a great sound system.

The Sound System Committee

E-mail received 2-16-2008

Dear Lonnie,

I got the picture you sent. The baby is so cute; I could just eat her up. How is your family? We have all been down with the flu. We are getting better now. The kids are back in school. They were out due to the flu. I am having tooth problems. I will have surgery on my gum on the 20th of this month. Everyone else is OK. We have been having some bad weather. Tell everyone at church hello for us and keep in touch. We love to hear from you.

Love, Jeanette and kids

E-mail received 2-19-8

Dear Lonnie,

We are doing much better after having the flu. We all had to see the doctor. Mine was the worst. I couldn't keep anything down for a couple of days, and I had a high fever. I feel better but weak.

Yes, due to this weather, Dedrick doesn't put in too many days of work, just enough to keep them from getting their unemployment. Melissa is not at Wal-Mart anymore. She works at BP which is a place where you get gas, food and gifts for vacation. She went there for more money to help pay her loans. She is a cashier.

No, we don't have a movie theatre here. We would have to go 65 miles to see a movie. That was why I used to ask you all to send us games and movies you were tired of watching. We only have one grocery store and one hardware and furniture store together. Our town is very small. We have a pizza place and a Sonic. Those are our eating places. You have to take the food home to eat. On Sunday evening we watch TV or play games or go for a walk. There is really nothing to do around here.

Tomorrow I go for gum surgery. I will let you know how I came out.

Lots of love, Jeanette and family

Benefit for Mark and Kathy Lehnertz and Family

Dinner 11:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m., Silent Auction w/Live Auction at 2:00 p.m.

Sunday, March 9th, 2008

Christian Life Center – Immanuel Lutheran Church, 30 South Wabasha, Plainview, MN

Mark and Kathy are long-time members of the community. In May of 2006, the dairy barn was struck by lightning in a storm and burned to the ground with everything lost. On December 8th, 2007, they lost a machine shed and heated shop from a fire. Come out on the March 9th and show your support to Mark, Kathy, and family.

If you are interested in donating money or auction items, please contact Nancy McNallan at 507-261-9436 or Liz Lehnertz at 507-534-3334. Donations can also be dropped off at First National Bank or Peoples State Bank in Plainview – Attn: Mark and Kathy Lehnertz Benefit.

MARCH BIRTHDATES

03/01	Joshua Burke	03/20	Kendall Heins
03/02	Candace Olstad Jordyn Anderson		Randy Wendt Carter Balcome
03/05	Rosie Rettmann Larissa Jurgenson	03/22	Jim Balcome Jeremy Tesch
03/07	Shirley Ponto Megan Froisland	03/23	Angela Loucks
03/08	Joan Boyer Zake Nelson	03/24	Marc Anderson Stephanie Froisland
03/09	Caleb Getschmann	03/25	Gene Bergstrom Kevin Schmidt
03/10	Diane Fick		Jan Sackreiter
03/11	Jayden Munsch		Camay Nelson
03/13	Bob Shanks Jason Melbostad	03/26	Dick Rasmussen Craig Beck
03/14	Dustin Sawyer Matthew Sackreiter		Jeffrey McConnell Bob Smith
03/15	Michelle Wendt Tara Ellinghuysen Jonny Weinrich	03/27	Eliza Norregaard Angalee Schmidt
03/16	Reed VanHove Leda Tangen Isaac Woestehoff	03/28	Roger Rettmann
03/17	Gary Melbostad Gary Tesmer Kate Burke	03/29	Marget Christison Amanda Schmidt
03/18	Mitchell Balcome	03/30	Sheryl Benike Danica Ferk Greg Naschansky Danica Froisland
03/19	Bonnie McMillin	03/31	Kristin Melbostad

MARCH ANNIVERSARIES

03/15 Allen & Dawn Breuer
03/21 Al & Karen Nelson
03/23 Ron & Betty Fahrenz
03/26 Jim & June Barnick
03/31 Dick & Kay Rasmussen

**Please contact church office if you have additions or
corrections to the list of birthdays and anniversaries.**

Thank you.

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forward with a NEW VIEW:**

Notice the needs of our congregation, community, and world with eyes of faith.

**THE SUBMISSION DEADLINE FOR THE
APRIL 2008 NEWSLETTER IS**