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PANCAKE BREAKFAST AND GOOD SHEPHERD EXPO

What's going on at Good Shepherd??

On Sunday, May 18th, the Hutchison family will be holding a pancake breakfast at Good Shepherd Church from 9:00 -11:00 a.m. in the fellowship hall. They will be serving pancakes, sausage, fruit, and coffee, milk or juice. The suggested donation is \$5 per person. All proceeds will go toward new park equipment for the City of Elgin Park in memory of Chase Hutchison.

During the same time as the pancake breakfast, please join in at the Good Shepherd Expo. Display tables will be set up, representing many of the committees and work groups which are active at Good Shepherd. While enjoying breakfast, take the time to visit with representatives and find out what is going on at Good Shepherd. You may just want more information or to get involved yourself.

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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 Doris Johnson

UPCOMING EVENTS

May 4 – 10:30 a.m. Affirmation of Baptism (Confirmation)

God's Spirit Gathers Us In And Sends Us Out

The summer worship schedule runs from Memorial Day through September 3rd.

Sunday: worship at 9 a.m.

Wednesday: worship at 7 p.m.

Gathering for worship is at the core of our identity. Here is a little information about our Summer Worship Schedule.

The lessons and sermon first shared at Sunday worship, will be shared again three days later at the Wednesday night worship. For example, if you were out of town on Sunday May 25th, you could share in the lessons and sermon at the next Wednesday night worship on May 28th.

Both worship opportunities will include "Gathering, Word, Meal, and Sending." and follow a biblically based liturgy. Both worship services are about God's people coming together to worship, to show hospitality, to be fed with Word and Meal, and to be sent out in God's mission for the sake of the world.

Sunday morning worshippers will gather in the chairs in the rows in the sanctuary. Wednesday night worshippers will be gathered around round tables in groups of about 7 people.

Both worship services will draw upon the diversity of music found in Evangelical Lutheran Worship and other worship resources. Sunday mornings will have a richness of traditional hymns. Wednesday nights will include more contemporary songs. I always look forward to worshipping together.

As we move into the season of Pentecost, let's live out our identity as children of God who have been given the gift of the Holy Spirit by:

Coming together to worship.

Listening to the concerns of friends and family.

Telling how God has been at work in your life.

Extending invitations to neighbors and friends to worship.

Blessings to you as we live out our baptism together,

Pastor Kevin Woestehoff

PENTECOST SUNDAY, MAY 11

Pentecost is May 11 – Wear RED for Pentecost

The third big celebration day of the church year is Pentecost. It is the day that commemorates the time when the disciples, while praying in Jerusalem during the Jewish festival day of Pentecost, were descended upon by the Holy Spirit. This was the gift of power, comfort, and encouragement that Jesus had spoken to them about, and told them to wait for. The Spirit manifested itself with wind and fire. This day is often referred to as the birthday of the church. The gift of the Holy Spirit empowered the disciples to go out and preach the Good News of salvation.

On Sunday, May 11 we will celebrate Pentecost with the color of RED. Red symbolizes fire, burning, aliveness, and passion. Just as the Holy Spirit empowered and enlivened the disciples to go out and preach, we as the church are to be alive in Christ, burning with a passion for the Gospel and with fire in our hearts go out and tell of the wonders of God and the life of Jesus.

Wear RED on Sunday, May 11!

FAVORITE HYMNS

Summer is fast approaching and we are preparing for our summer worship opportunities. During the month of May you are going to be given the opportunity to tell us your favorite hymn. These suggestions will be gathered together and added to our summer worship services.

Here is how it works. Each Sunday in May, there will be an insert in your bulletin labeled "FAVORITE HYMN". You can write down the name of your favorite hymn and put it in the offering plate during the offering collection time. The offering counters will put them in the Worship and Music Committee's mailbox and they will be gathered for use during the summer. If you know the number of the hymn, you can write it down but it is not required. If it is a hymn not found in our hymnal, don't worry. We will find it!

Each Sunday in the summer we will sing one of these "favorites" and in the "Worship Notes" there will be information about the hymn - some of its history. So get your requests in!! Fill out the "FAVORITE HYMN" insert on the Sundays in May. Do you have more than one favorite? That's great! Write them down.

We look forward to worshipping and singing with you this summer!

WORSHIP & MUSIC COMMITTEE HIGHLIGHTS

The Worship & Music Committee met on Tuesday, April 8th. Highlights of the meeting are listed.

- 2nd service worship assistant concerns
- Discussion on setting up worship assistant lead roles
- Discussion of flowers on the altar
- Discussion on guitar accompaniment for hymns
- Discussion on record keeping

CONFIRMATION MINISTRY

Confirmation Ministry (7th & 8th Grade)

The Service of "Affirmation of Baptism", also known as "Confirmation", will take place on Sunday, May 4th, 2008 at the 10:30 a.m. worship service. Confirmation pictures will be taking place in the sanctuary the morning of Sunday, May 4th from 9:15-10:15 a.m.

SENIOR HIGH YOUTH

Senior High Youth Group

May 7th : 9 – 12th graders hang out at Buffalo Wild Wings in Rochester.

Leave from Good Shepherd at 6:30 p.m.

May 14th: End of School Year Bar-B-Q. Gather at 6:30 p.m.

Bring a lawn chair and a beverage. Hot dogs, hamburgers, and chips provided!

EIGHTH GRADERS ARE INVITED TO JOIN IN FOR THEIR FIRST SENIOR HIGH EVENT!

Boundary Waters Canoe Trip

Seven students will be participating in the Boundary Waters experience from July 11th -17th. This trip is being coordinated through Wilderness Canoe Base and ELCA outdoor ministry. Students taking part will be Alex

Jurgenson, Matthew Keseley, Andrew Sackreiter, John Rollins, Tommy Weinrich, Noah Kuhlmann, and Quinn Tradup.

Aluminum Can Collection

The Senior High Youth will collect aluminum cans and proceeds will go toward the impact trip planned for summer 2008. Please place your bagged cans in the wood crate between the two sheds and we will take care of it from there. Thanks for your continued support.

Gourmet Coffee Shop

The Senior High youth will host their final coffee shop before the 2008 impact trip on Sunday, May 11. Gourmet coffees, hot chocolate and rolls will be for sale between services. All proceeds will go to support the summer 2008 impact trip. Thanks for all of your continued support.

BIBLE STUDY GROUPS

Afternoon Bible Study : The May meeting of the afternoon Bible study group will be at 3:30 p.m., May 2nd at the church. Please feel free to come and join in.

Evening Bible Study: The “Bad Girls of the Bible” Bible study has ended. The group has decided to do a book study for May, and another Bible study in the fall. The book that has been decided on to read is a Christian book by Karen Kingsbury called “Devine”. It can be purchased at Barnes & Noble or on-line (maybe at Sam’s Club). The group will meet at church on Monday, May 19th at 7:00 p.m. to discuss the book. Please join us on the 19th for fellowship and discussion.

EDUCATION COMMITTEE HIGHLIGHTS

The Education Committee met on Wednesday, April 2nd. Earth Day activities for Sunday School students on Sunday, April 27th were discussed.

MILESTONE MOMENTS

Weddings...

Blessings to Paul Appel and Karla Kurth who were married at Good Shepherd on April 5th, 2008.

New Members...

Welcome to the newest members of Good Shepherd Church: Kory Bigalk, Scott and Dylon Flattum, Bernie, Michelle and Landon Klennert, Dave, Angie, Joshua, Jacob and Ashton LaBare, and Dan and Jane McCann.

E-mail received 4-11-08

Dear Lonnie,

We are all well and are having some stormy weather. We are expecting a storm today. We had a bad one last Friday and haven't recovered from that one. So many people are still without power, but we do have it on.

I have not done any spring cleaning as yet. The weather won't let us. I am looking forward to getting into gardening and flowers. I love flowers. Do you have a garden? I plant one to have food for the winter and to help keep me out of the store. Everything is so high in the one store we do have.

Everyone sends a big hello to you and all the church families. It is not too cold now. You just need a sweater in the morning and then again in the afternoon. So it is pretty much nice if the rain and storm would stop and I know it will.

So take care. Love, Jeanette and family

CHURCH GARDEN CLUB

A new plan has been made by The Garden Club, and approved by The Church Council, to enhance the church entry area with added plant materials.

The plans are:

1. Remove sod in front of 6 existing shrubs on the south side of the walkway to circle drive.
2. Place a cross of annual flowers in the center of this area and surround with wood chips.
 - a. Remove about 12 feet of sod from north side of the walkway.
 - b. Place existing (north) bench back about 20 feet.
 - c. Place stepping stones made by Sunday school children in front of the bench.
 - d. Plant annuals beside bench.
 - e. Plant taller shrubs behind bench.
 - f. Surround area with wood chips.
3. Clean up around 3 deciduous trees near circle drive. Plant perennials around base of trees.

How can you be a part of this?

If you are interested in "owning some dirt" *, please consider one of the following:

- 1) One person for each of 3 deciduous trees.
- 2) Two people for cross
- 3) Two people or ? Sunday school around the bench.

* "owning some dirt" is planting and maintaining

In the past, trees have been planted in various places in the church yard in memory of a loved one. We would like to identify them and place a marker with the name. If you know of any of these, we would like your help.

Thank You!

The next meeting is Saturday, May 3rd at 9:30 a.m. Please come prepared to have fun planting, cleaning, etc.

The Garden Committee: Kevin Gudmundson, Bonnie McMillin, Betty Fahrenz

MAY BIRTHDATES

05/01 Matthew Hanson
05/02 Morey Applen
05/06 Don Mueske
Bob Petit
Wade Holst
Amy Thompson
05/07 Kit Sackreiter
05/08 Leitha Bothun
Misty Biers
05/09 Ron Fahrenz
Lee Olson
Trey Anderson
05/10 Deb Ninas
05/12 Justin Amos
05/13 George Tesmer
Kali Olstad
05/14 Renee Bergstrom
Monica Schneider
05/15 Lucas Simonson
Carly Goettl
05/17 Lisa Beck

05/18 Tracy Goettl
05/19 Tyler Albers
05/20 Carla Berning
Mark Scripture
Kelly Engler
05/21 Nyola Benitt
05/22 Kim Kurth
Zachary Burke
05/23 Jeff Tesmer
05/24 Sheila Grover
Kaylee Peter
Destiny Drenckhahn
05/25 Taryn Mielke
05/26 Tom Kappauf
Peter Zimmerman
05/27 Tami Froisland
05/28 Jessica Wheeler
Kristen Fick
05/30 Lennie Holst
Dana Schneider
05/31 Mark Timm

MAY ANNIVERSARIES

05/02 Jay & Kari Schmidt
05/11 Ron & Roberta Kurth
05/13 Paul & Kris Bedney
05/16 Jon & Stephanie Amos
Marc & Rachael Anderson
05/17 Mike & Tiffany Boraas
05/22 Patrick & Diane Petit
05/23 Allen & Marilee Sexton
05/31 Gary & Joanne Melbostad
Ted & Shirley Lehman

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

Thank You!

FOOD FOR THOUGHT

Nothing is real to you until you experience it; otherwise it is just hearsay.

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VISION STATEMENT

**Claimed by God through Word & Sacrament, we move
forward with a NEW VIEW:**

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

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