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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 Debbie Bris-

Fellowship

It is great to watch as we, the members of Good Shepherd and friends, come together for fellowship. That time may be between services or following a summer service. We connect through words. We catch up on each other's lives and become closer through that fellowship. Acts 2 says, "They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and to the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer... all the believers were together and had everything in common."

The Congregational Life committee is hoping to expand the small group ministry here at Good Shepherd. It's fun to get together with others who share the same interests. We hope this will be a great opportunity for members to get to know others on a deeper level. This could also be a wonderful way for newer members to get more involved.

What are you interested in? The committee is looking for ideas. At this point we are forming a Gourmet Club, see below for details. The plans for a parenting support group are also in the works. Other ideas may include, but are not limited to, a book club, a group that gathers on a regular basis to try out a different restaurant, a singles group, a couples group, a grief support group, a support group for those with aging parents, etc. Maybe those who enjoy a hobby want to get together with others who do also. This may include photography, sewing, travel, wood working, scrap booking, walking, running etc. The possibilities are endless.

We really want to hear from you! The committee will help you get organized and try to provide you with the information & support you need to get started. Watch for more information coming soon. If you have questions or ideas feel free to contact Mike Boraas, Congregational Life Chair at 876-0133 or mboraas2@yahoo.com or Deb Weinrich, Shared Ministries Coordinator at 524-4256 or deb.goodshepherd@embarqmail.com.

Good Shepherd Gourmet Club

In April of 2006 our congregation in step with the Learning Team, Church Council, and Strategic Planning Team discerned and endorsed a shared-vision and strategic plan that would guide us for the next 3-5 years. Here we are just 2 years later and by the grace of God we are further along in our strategic plan than we anticipated. There are many joys to celebrate!

Echoed through the Psalms and at many a table prayer are the words, "Let us give thanks to the Lord for he is good and his steadfast love endures forever!" These are the words we can't help to speak from our lips when we see all that God has done. In our world, it is all too easy to dismiss what God has done and to keep trudging along without taking time to give thanks. We don't want to miss the opportunity to come together as the people of God, and to collectively give God our thanks and praise! After some staff and council leader conversations, we are beginning to make some plans for a "Give Thanks to God" Event in September.

Sunday morning worship is by nature a weekly time to celebrate what God has done. As in all our ministry, when we come together God can use us to do greater things. If you have gifts that could be used along side of others to plan and carry out an event that intentionally focuses our energies on celebrating what God has done, please contact Shared Ministries Coordinator, Deb Weinrich at [**deb.goodshepherd@embarqmail.com**](mailto:deb.goodshepherd@embarqmail.com) or at 534-3675.

When we take time to give thanks, we are not only giving God an obedient response. We also are living in the blessing of Thankful living! So often we can get caught up in focusing on "what we don't have" and "what we are still hoping will happen in the future," that we miss out on seeing what

God has done, and enjoying the blessings of the present day that the Lord has made.

“Let us give thanks to the Lord for he is good, and his steadfast love endures forever.”

In Thanks,

Pastor Kevin Woestehoff

Thank you for your care and support!

In 2008, there have been two early Sunday mornings where my family has unexpectedly spent time at the hospital. Once in February when I had a lone atrial fibrillation episode, and more recently in May where Sally had an intestinal tract issue that brought us to the emergency room. Your prayers, support, and ministry have not gone unnoticed! We are all doing well, and cannot tell you thank you enough. We are continually amazed by God’s grace, and the way God continues to work through all of you.

SENIOR HIGH YOUTH

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.

MINNESOTA TWINS 15TH ANNUAL LUTHERAN NIGHT

The Minnesota Twins 15th Annual Lutheran Night is being held on Tuesday, August 19 at 7:10 p.m. The Twins will be playing the Oakland Athletics.

Lower Level Reserved tickets: \$21 (regular \$30)

Upper Level Club Reserved tickets: \$16.00 (regular \$21)

Upper Level General Admission tickets: \$6 (regular \$7)

If you are interested in ordering tickets or organizing a group to attend, pick up a sheet with full details in the narthex.

MILESTONE MOMENTS

Baptisms...

Blessings to Braden Michael Melbostad, who was baptized at Good Shepherd on June 1st, 2008. Braden is the son of Jason Melbostad and Amber Fitzgerald.

BOX PROJECT UPDATE

E-mail received May 30, 2008

Dear Lonnie,

How is everything going with you and your family? We are doing alright. We are having some warm days now, and I am ready for it. It seems like it has been cold forever. My garden is doing fine. I just hope it continues so we can get the food. Food is so high with only one grocery store in town.

Yes, Monique is out of school. She is gearing up for the Learning Center for the summer. That way I can get her after work and she will be safe. They do music and art and crafts, math and reading, sports and computer.

Dedrick is still doing construction, and Melissa is still at the gift shop where people stop off for gifts, etc. I have put my flowers outside now that it is warm.

We are always glad to get a box from you. Most of the time, we can use what you send us, otherwise I can find someone else who can use it. We are always grateful. You have been so good to us. Thank you. I really don't know what we would do without your help. I will let you know when we get the box. I am thanking you in advance.

Love, Jeanette

E-mail received on June 7, 2008

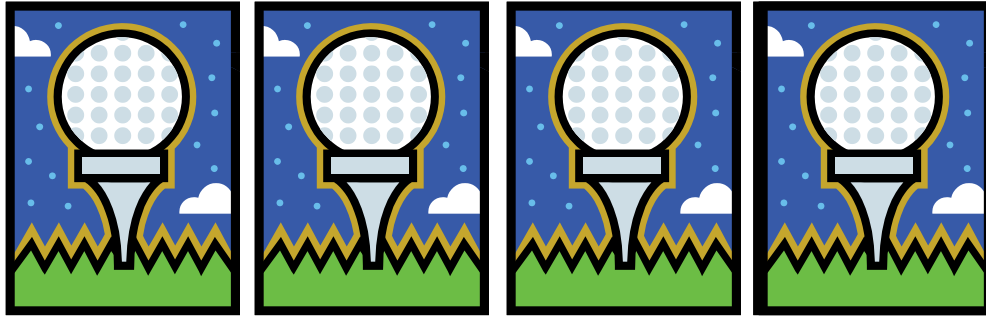
Dear Lonnie,

I got the boxes on Thursday. Thanks so much. We were glad to get it. I will give the baby bottles to the young ladies at church. They will be so pleased. I sure can use the linen and the throw rugs. They came in handy.

We all are doing fine. I am going to put up some pickles and squash next week. My garden is doing great. I hope it doesn't burn up before I can put the food in the freezer. Thanks so much and give love to all the families in your church for us.

We love you.

Jeanette and family



2008 Good Shepherd
9 Hole Golf Tournament



The Scheuneman – Hanson Memorial



Saturday, August 2, 2008
7:30 to 8:30 a.m. Tee Times
\$1 Entry fee plus green fees
Piper Hills – Plainview MN

Course Rules:

- No group larger than 4
- When your score has reached 10, pick up ball and record score at 10
- Every player must have a set of clubs
- Each group should keep up to the group ahead

Special Events

#1 Shortest Drive–Men #2 Longest Drive–Women #3 Closest to Pin on Green–Men #4 Longest Drive–Junior #5 Longest Putt–Men #6 Longest Putt–Junior #7 Longest Putt – Women #8 Closest to Pin on Green–Juniors #9 Longest Drive–Men

Prizes will be awarded at 11 am at The Hill

The Hill is open at 10 am and a full menu will be available.

**Golfers and non-golfers are invited to share lunch and fellowship
at that time.**

GARDEN TOUR

The 6th Annual Good Shepherd Lutheran Church Garden Tour will be Sunday, July 13, from

12:00 - 4:00 p.m. Cost of the tour is \$5.00 (Thrivent will match funds) with proceeds going to the Plainview Food Shelf. Tickets will be available at Good Shepherd Church the day of the tour from 11:30 - 2:30 p.m. or at any of the garden sites. Our featured gardens this year are titled:

- All Dressed Up in Purple, Red, White and Pink
- J & J's Eastwinds Garden
- Endless Gardens
- Four Room Cottage Garden
- Labor of Love
- Little Valley

All are creative and unique. We hope to see you there.

If you are interested in helping out at the garden tour, there are openings for Ticket Sales at the church from 11:30–2:30 p.m., or Garden Site Assistants from 12:00–2:00 p.m. or 2:00–4:00 p.m. A sign-up sheet is located in the narthex.

SUNDAY SCHOOL CHRISTMAS PROGRAM

We know the holiday we are about to celebrate is the Fourth of July not Christmas but the Sunday School Christmas program team has already begun its work! We want you to mark your calendars and plan ahead so your children and family can be a part of telling one of the most loved stories of all time.

This year's program will be on **December 21, 2008** during the **10:30 worship service**. The children will be preparing to tell the story during the month of November so we hope parents will make every effort to bring your children to Sunday School each week so they can prepare. All of our children, Preschool through sixth grade, will be part of telling the Christmas story.

The program will be a bit different this year. It is a Children's Christmas Musical titled "**Stars! Angels! Shepherds! Kings!**" by Patrick Messick. The story has all the traditional characters present in the first Christmas long ago and some familiar music but it is **all** music - no speaking.

We hope you will mark your calendars and make plans to come and **HEAR** the Christmas musical that will be presented by the Sunday School children of Good Shepherd Lutheran Church. Watch for more information to come next month.

Good Shepherd's Christmas Program team,

Amy Thompson

Julene Horstman

Gloria Keseley

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL 2008

Good Shepherd has changed their format for this summer's VBS. We will be offering the Adventurers camp at Good Earth Village for any students completing grades K-6. This is a one day camp with grades K-4 going to GEV on Thursday, August 7th. Grades 5 and 6 will go on Wednesday, August 6th. The camp runs from 9 to 4 with lunch provided. Good Shepherd will pay the camp fee and provided transportation to and from GEV in Spring Valley. If you would like to participate in the great opportunity please complete and return the form below by July 16. If you have any questions please call Jake Thompson at 798-2336.

NAME: _____

GRADE (2007-2008): _____

PARENTS' NAMES: _____

ADDRESS: _____

DAYTIME PHONE NUMBER: _____

EMERGENCY CONTACT AND PHONE NUMBER:

_____ I am available and willing to drive campers to and from Good Earth Village in Spring Valley.

PLEASE RETURN THIS TO THE CHURCH OFFICE BY JULY 16.

GOOD EARTH VILLAGE CAMP

Summer is Coming!

Have YOU signed up for camp? **Good Earth Village** still has space available for this summer. Join them for a day, an overnight or an entire week!

Camp offers a chance to learn about God and grow in your faith while having a ton of fun! Spend time playing games, cooking over the fire, splashing in the creek, meeting new friends and enjoying God's amazing creation! We guarantee it will be the highlight of your summer!

For more information or to register, contact Good Earth Village (see below).

Send e-mail to: www.GoodEarthVillage.org

Send e-mail to: info@GoodEarthVillage.org

Call: **(507) 346-2494**

SUNDAY SCHOOL

WANTED: Sunday School teachers for 2008-2009. No experience necessary. Just a willingness to share God's love with children. Please prayerfully consider being a teacher. If interested, please call the church office at 534-3675 or email Lynn (Lynn.goodshepherd@embarqmail.com) or myself (Thompson.jacob@mayo.edu) and let us know what grade you are interested in helping out with.

Thank You and God Bless!

Jake Thompson

Education Committee chair

PLAYGROUND EQUIPMENT INSTALLATION

The installation of the playground equipment (in memory of Chase Hutchison) will be Saturday, July 26th - Monday, July 28th. The times and details are still being worked out. For those interested in volunteering, please call Stacy at (507) 876-1174 or (507) 259-8869, or e-mail her at [**shutch@embarqmail.com**](mailto:shutch@embarqmail.com) and let her know your names, dates and times that you would be available to help out. The Hutchisons are compiling a list and will be in contact with you when more details become available. **Thank You** from Kenny, Stacy and Kaylee!

INTERFAITH HOSPITALITY NETWORK (IHN)

Interfaith Hospitality Network (IHN) of Greater Rochester is a network of volunteers who offer food and shelter to families who find themselves homeless. IHN offers these families the basic necessities of life – food, shelter and security – while they are going through their personal crisis. IHN gives them a chance to regroup, rejuvenate and then get back on their feet with dignity. The network operates 365 days a year and has room for 14 people. Host churches host families for a week at a time. Buddy and support churches supply volunteers to help serve the families.

Good Shepherd is looking forward to partnering in this mission acting as a host church in the future. There are a variety of ways you can volunteer and share your gifts. We are all called in different ways and at different times to reach out and share with those in need.

A short orientation is required of all volunteers. You may volunteer as an individual or include your family. Good Shepherd is hosting an orientation on Wednesday, July 9th at 5 p.m. Please RSVP to Julene Horstman at 534-3505 or contact with questions.

If you are interested in learning more about Interfaith Hospitality Network and the volunteer opportunities available to you and your family, visit [**www.ihn-greater-rochester.org**](http://www.ihn-greater-rochester.org).

CELEBRATION OF RETIREMENT FOR PASTOR RICHARD C. HEGAL

First Lutheran Church of Blooming Prairie (434 1st Street SW, Blooming Prairie, MN) is in the midst of planning a celebration in honor of Pastor Hegal's retirement as their pastor for the last 15 years. The celebration will take place after the 9:00 a.m. worship service on **Sunday, July 27, 2008**. A program is planned with a dinner to follow.

They are asking if anyone would be willing to share any special stories or experiences, if you would do so at the program in Pastor Hegal's honor.

The sharing can take whatever form suits you best. Perhaps you would like to share a story or two that is especially funny, or especially poignant. Perhaps you would prefer to make a toast. Or maybe it is more your style to participate in a "roast". Two to three minutes is adequate.

Please think and pray about this invitation, and let the church office know whether or not you plan to participate by July 15th. Knowing who the speakers are will help the Program Committee organize the event.

If you are not interested in speaking at the program, would you consider writing down a reflection for the program host to read on your behalf?

E-mails can be sent to: **firstluthoffice@yahoo.com**.

You can either call First Lutheran Church directly (507-583-6621) to inform them of your participation, or you can call our church office (507-534-3675), or send an e-mail to Lynn.goodshepherd@embarqmail.com, and we will compile a list and make one phone call with all the names who wish to participate.

There will be a gift presentation, though your own cards/gifts are welcomed.

JULY BIRTHDATES

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| 07/02 | Alexis Ernst | 07/17 | John Salek |
| 07/03 | Cheryl Schneider | | JoAnn Struthers |
| 07/04 | Tom Anderson | | Brent Masee |
| | Matthew Scripture | | Casey Snyder |
| 07/06 | Cheryl Endres | | Matthew Hanson |
| | Alicia Wheeler | 07/19 | Colene Rau |
| 07/10 | Karen Anderson | 07/21 | Amy Ulwelling |
| | Penny Simonson | 07/23 | Gerald Ackman |
| 07/11 | Stan Tesch | | Christopher Zimmerman |
| 07/12 | Ben Ninas | | Eric Hanson |
| | Ellie Kobler | 07/25 | Al Hanson |
| 07/13 | Steve Tradup | 07/25 | Shirley Lehmann |
| 07/15 | Wayne Wendt | 07/26 | Joel Applen |
| | Ginny Mielke | | Paul Appel |
| | Kayla Albers | 07/29 | Todd Wangen |
| 07/16 | Paige Gudmundson | | David Rosckes |

JULY ANNIVERSARIES

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|--------------|---------------------------------|
| 07/03 | Bob & Cheryl Endres |
| 07/13 | Blaine & Misty Biers |
| 07/16 | Roger & Jackie Arens |
| 07/17 | Jim & Karen Fasching |
| 07/19 | Joe & Sandy Ulwelling |
| | Bill & Carol Zabel |
| 07/23 | Dick & Debbie Bristow |
| 07/25 | Rich & Mary Ann Pett |
| | Don & Shelli Tradup |
| 07/26 | Jeff & Shelley Henry |
| 07/28 | Pastor Kevin & Sally Woestehoff |

**PLEASE CONTACT THE CHURCH
OFFICE IF YOU HAVE ADDITIONS
OR CORRECTIONS TO THE LIST OF
BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES.**

THANK YOU!!!

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**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
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