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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 Deb Bristow (534-0177) or Betty Fahrenz (876-2961) during the month of November.

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THANK YOU AND THANKS BE TO GOD!

As we continue in ministry I've been thinking of these words from Paul and Timothy. They are words that I like to take ownership of, and that I would like you to hear spoken to you.

"I thank my God every time I remember you, constantly praying with joy in every one of my prayers for all of you, because of your sharing in the gospel from the first day until now. I am confident of this, that the one who began a good work among you will bring it to completion by the day of Jesus Christ." Philippians 1:3-6

There are never a shortage of things to give thanks for, but here are just a few of the many that I would like to give thanks for and celebrate with you.

- In the midst of news reports of markets dropping we received a one day special offering for the food shelf of nearly \$1200, over and above our regular offerings.
- Weekly Wednesday Night Youth group has been attended by 11-15 Senior High Students. (To think that just four years ago we started meeting monthly, sometimes with just 2 or 3 students.)
- We celebrated the Folkert, Schreiber, Suntken, and Brinkman families during October 26th worship, as they have chosen to live out their discipleship as part of Good Shepherd.
- In the last few weeks and months a number of small group ministries have started: Gourmet Club, Women's Group, and Parent's group.
- Our average weekly worship attendance for the last 12 months has grown to 164.
- In September and October, an average of 193 people worshipped each week!
- We celebrate an increased demand by adults for opportunities to grow in faith!
- We celebrate a God who is with us in and through all things!

By your witness and the witness of the saints who have gone before us I am convinced that thankfulness and generosity have very little to do with material wealth a person has or lacks.

Thankfulness and generosity are something deeper. As children of God we live in the confidence that is spoken in Psalm 46, "The Lord of hosts is with us. The God of Jacob is our stronghold."

God's blessings to you as we live and serve in the care of our Lord,

Pastor Kevin Woestehoff

COTTAGE MEETING UPDATE

The second of three cottage meetings was held Monday evening, October 27th. An update of that meeting can be found under Enlarging the Circle of Ministry (Page 2). Please note that the final Cottage Meeting will be Monday evening, November 17th. Please plan on attending.

ENLARGING THE CIRCLE OF MINISTRY

COTTAGE MEETING UPDATE

After celebrating the great progress from our 2006 Shared Vision and Strategic Plan, we saw the need to go deeper and discern again where God is leading us. The whole congregation has been invited into this series of Cottage Meetings. The last cottage meeting will be held on Monday, November 17th at 7 p.m. in the fellowship hall. Below is an update from the second cottage meeting held October 27th.

Throughout this process we have been following the Ignatian model for making a “graced decision.” We have covenanted to be open to God’s guiding, and to be in prayer each day if only to say thank you. We have shared where we have experienced God’s presence, and have been intentional to ask ourselves each day where we have again experienced God.

Through our second cottage meeting we are asking ourselves a series of questions to look at each day. It will be helpful to post these on a bathroom mirror, or some place that will get your attention daily. Here is the series of questions, and an assignment to follow until we meet on November 17th.

What do you perceive God’s hopes and dreams to be for you?

- For your family?
- For your community?
- For Good Shepherd?

How have God’s gifts been revealed to you in creation?

- In God’s word?
- In life’s circumstances?

In your listening, what would God have as the goal of your life?

- Of your family?
- Of your congregation?

Assignment

- Pray every day, if only to say thanks to God at the end of the day.
- Continue to listen for God’s presence in your life and in your congregation.
- Ponder the question: What is *one* thing that you hear God calling you, the people of Good Shepherd to be about?

Our third cottage meeting will be at Good Shepherd on Monday, November 17th at 7 p.m.

CONGREGATIONAL LIFE/YOUTH

MILESTONES

Milestones are those significant moments in our lives where an event or developmental point changes the course of our life—the birth of a child, marriage, death of a loved one. Throughout history people have turned to the church to mark these life transitions with baptisms, weddings, and funerals.

Indeed God is with us in those milestones. In fact God is present in every moment of our life as the psalmist affirms in Psalm 139:

“O Lord, you have searched me and know me.
You know when I sit down and when I rise up;
You discern my thoughts from far away.
You search out my path and my lying down,
And are acquainted with my ways.”

Jesus too assures us of his never-ending presence: “I am with you always.” Matt 28:20.

Over the past few years, the idea of milestone ministry in the church has grown way beyond weddings and funerals. If we believe that God is present in all of our life, then we can name God's presence in all of life's milestones

- from beginning Sunday school to beginning school
- from receiving a first Bible to losing a tooth
- from beginning Confirmation studies to getting a driver's license
- from the rite of Confirmation to graduating and moving away from home
- from anniversaries to retirement

Whether or not we have used the words “milestone ministry”, Good Shepherd has been naming and celebrating milestones. Already this fall we have seen the blessing of the backpacks, the beginning of Sunday school for three year olds, and receiving Bibles for third graders in addition to multiple baptisms and a wedding.

One of the exciting aspects of milestone ministry is the way it turns the naming of a life event into a sacred moment where we acknowledge that God is present at each point along our lifelong journey. Many congregations try to include the following four things into each milestone:

- naming and marking sacred and ordinary events of life
- worship to remind us of God's presence and to thank God
- symbol or gift as a reminder of God's promises
- opportunity for learning and growth which often brings together people of different generations

One of the things we would like to do at Good Shepherd is to think more intentionally about the milestones we celebrate and see if there are any others we would like to add. If you would like to help in this ministry at Good Shepherd or you would like to learn more about milestones, please contact Carole Joyce. We will be gathering a group of people to work on this project and we need your ideas and gifts to help shape it.

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**GOOD SHEPHERD
LUTHERAN CHURCH
ANNUAL COOKIE WALK**

***SATURDAY,
DECEMBER 6
7:30 AM – 11:00 AM***

***COOKIES
\$5.50 A POUND***

LEFSA AVAILABLE

***LOCATION:
HIGHWAY 42 SOUTH
BETWEEN PLAINVIEW AND ELGIN***

CONGREGATIONAL LIFE/YOUTH CONTINUED...

7TH & 8TH GRADE CONFIRMATION MINISTRY

Confirmation ministry meets every Wednesday night from 6-7:30 p.m. Each night begins with a meal in the fellowship hall, and continues with activities and discussions in the sanctuary that are designed to nurture faith.

December Meal Schedule

December 3
December 10
December 17
December 24

Host Family

Sackreiter Family
Jurgenson Family
Amos Family
No confirmation

SENIOR HIGH YOUTH

Aluminum Can Collection

The Senior High Youth continue to collect aluminum cans. Proceeds will go toward the trip to the ELCA National Youth Gathering in New Orleans, LA, planned for the summer of 2009. 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!

GOOD SHEPHERD PARENTS CLUB

The new parenting group is off and running, but it is not too late to join with other parents to...exchange ideas with parents of similar aged children, share the highs and lows of parenting, pray for your children, and learn how to better pass your faith on to your kids. The next gathering will be Thursday, Nov 6th, from 6:30-7:30 pm at Good Shepherd. Childcare will be available. Contact Mike Boraas at 358-8034 if you have questions.

THE SHARING TREE

Again this year we will be providing Christmas gifts to families in need in our community. We do know that during the holidays, at times money gets tight. As we provide assistance to families in our community, we don't want to leave out anyone in need within our own congregation. If you are in need of gifts for your family this Christmas season, you may call the church office at 534-3675, e-mail kevin.goodshepherd@embarqmail.com, or pick up a form in the church office. All names will remain confidential. Thanks for helping us share the love of Christ this holiday season.

CONGREGATIONAL LIFE/YOUTH CONTINUED...

GOOD SHEPHERD WOMEN'S GROUP

The first outing of the Good Shepherd Women's Group was very entertaining. We saw the romantic comedy play "Enchanted April" at the Jon Hassler Theater. It was the next best thing to taking our own vacation. Starting out in London, we were then taken to a villa in Italy for a month of rest and relaxation under sunny Italian skies. Not only did we enjoy the sunny skies, but we were treated to an "unbelievable full moon". Emotions ran high and low – some tears, some solemn moments, and lots of laughter. In fact, we had such a good time we decided to "do it again".

This time we plan on attending the play "Don't Hug Me". *Don't Hug Me* takes place in Bunyan Bay, Minnesota. It's the coldest day of the year and cantankerous bar owner, Gunner Johnson, wants to sell the business and move to Florida. Clara, his wife and former Winter Carnival Bunyan Queen, wants to stay. Bernice Lundstrom, the pretty waitress, wants to pursue a singing career. Her fiance, Kanute Gunderson, wants her to stay home. It's a battle of wills, and when a fast-talking salesman, Aarvid Gisselsen, promises to bring romance into their lives through the 'magic' of karaoke, all heck breaks loose!

So, ladies, check your calendars for Thursday, November 13th. The play starts at 7:30 p.m. and tickets are \$14.00. Contact person is Deb Weinrich. To register for the play, see the "Count Me In" form in your Sunday bulletin, or contact the church office by calling 534-3675 or e-mailing Deb.goodshepherd@embarqmail.com or Lynn.goodshepherd@embarqmail.com.

BOX PROJECT UPDATE

E-mail sent 10-29-8
Dear Lonnie,

I hope this letter finds you and yours in the very best of health and spirit. I know it's been a long time since I've written. We're doing okay. I will always appreciate any and everything that you and the Church do for me and my family. I'm working true enough, but I still need help financially at times. My lights will probably be cut off tomorrow because I didn't have the money to pay it today. My back glass in my car is out because I don't have the money to get it right now. I would appreciate any help you guys could send to help make Thanksgiving and Christmas more plentiful this year. I'm struggling at the moment, and I need you all to help and pray that things will improve.

The girls are doing fine. Quitta and Dreka go to school about 2 hours away. I talk to Quitta everyday, since I have her son with me. Cyndreka and I hardly talk. She seems to think I was the worst mom in her eye sight. I have to pray about that and let God handle that child of mine. Lavonne and Destiny are doing fine. Lavonne is in 9th grade and is a cheerleader. Destiny is in 7th grade and is playing basketball this year. LaQuintas is in his last year in head start. He will be going to school with me next year. He said he doesn't want to stay with his mom. All my mailing information is still the same, and it will not take me this long to respond next time. I have a computer at home now with an active internet access. It's time for me to get ready to go home. I will talk to you later. Please help for the holidays. School and household supplies are always needed.

Love, Lisa Washington and family

CONGREGATIONAL LIFE/YOUTH CONTINUED...

BOX PROJECT UPDATE (CONTINUED)

Email received on 10-14-8

Dear Lonnie,

Hello, we are having some cool mornings and nights, but nice weather in the day. We have to use a blanket at night. I am enjoying every bit of it. (smile) How is your weather there? What is going on with you and the kids? I am hoping they are alright.

I got home a little early, had some time and just wanted to let you know we were thinking of you. Monique is at a game this afternoon. She made the cheer leading team. She got third place at the school science fair out of all the schools in the area. We were so proud of her.

What do you do now that you are retired? I know when I am home; I get caught up on what I put aside like ironing, cleaning, etc. Most of the time, my friends will drop in and stop me from working. They stay too long when I have planned to do lots of work, but maybe I really need the break. Well, just wanted to say hello. Take care and I will write again soon.

Love, Jeanette and kids

Email received 10-28-8

Dear Lonnie,

Yes, the leaves are so pretty now. I have lots of trees in my yard, and they have put on their winter colors. I love this time of year. It's very cool here.

We had Family and Friends day at church on Sunday. We had a good time seeing old friends and their families.

Dedrick's little baby will be two in December, and the older one is four. They have gotten so big. The older one is named Dedrick and the next one is Cedrick. They are so cute. I know whatever donations you can get they will be grateful.

We are doing ok, just trying to deal with the high cost of living like everyone else.

Monique is fine. I had a bad scare with her last Wednesday. A man tried to get her, but two ladies saw the whole thing and rescued her from him. Our dog, Precious, got loose and she went down the street to get the man. She chased trying to catch him, but he out ran her. Monique was so afraid; she had a hard time getting to sleep. Thank God she is safe.

If you can find another tablet with the time tables, would you send one to Monique? Just send it whenever you send another box. Don't rush to find it, we can wait.

We have heat on, and I know you do too. Melissa and Dedrick are fine. This weather makes Dedrick hurt a whole lot, but he will be ok. We are trying to winterize our house in the evenings. You take care, and we will send some pictures of the children soon.

Love, Jeanette

MILESTONE MOMENTS

Baptisms...

Blessings to Jack Henry Schreiber, who was baptized on October 5, 2008. Jack is the son of Clint & Ashley Schreiber.

Blessings to Mason Anthony Boraas, who was baptized on October 26, 2008. Mason is the son of Mike & Tiffany Boraas.

Blessings to Wade Lee Daniel Wells, who was baptized on October 26, 2008. Wade is the son of Blake Wells and Trish Bowen.

CONGREGATIONAL LIFE/YOUTH CONTINUED...

MILESTONE MOMENTS

New Members

The following families were welcomed into Good Shepherd on October 26th:

Jason & Darcee Brinkman, Jameson and Bo Donovan
John & Jane Folkert, Scott, Levi, Nolan, Claire, and Gavin
Clint & Ashley Schreiber and Jack Henry
Joe & Dawn Suntken, Benjamin and Jacob

Good Shepherd is stronger with your partnership in the ministry!

MISSIONS & STEWARDSHIP

YOU ARE GIFTED

As Good Shepherd's Stewardship binders arrive in your homes this month, you will notice a new information form included. We ask that each member of you family ages 7th grade through adult complete a form. There are Youth/Student forms for those in grades 7 through college. The basic information will be used to update our data base of contact information.

As Shared Ministries Coordinator I am often asked to find an individual who would be interested in filling a need within the church. This may be baking a pan of bars, decorating the Christmas tree, serving on the Education Committee, doing building repairs, etc. There are many members who I know very little about. It doesn't make much sense for me to ask someone to get involved in the music program at Good Shepherd if they have no interest in music, nor does it help if I ask that person whose primary interest lies in music to do help with building repairs.

The Bible promises us that each member of the body of Christ has been gifted by the Holy Spirit. In the body of Christ, each of us has something to contribute. The gifts you have are the ones God wants you to have. God gave us our gifts for one reason: to put them to use. In Ephesians 2 Paul says "For we are God's workmanship, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do." We are gifted and we are called to serve. Please help me get to know you and what gifts and interests you have.

Deb Weinrich
Shared Ministries Coordinator

MISSIONS & STEWARDSHIP CONTINUED ...

MINISTRY OF THE MONTH

Good Shepherd has six general teams that help us carry out our ministry, mission, and vision. Within each team, several specific ministries operate. It is our goal to lift up one of these teams and its ministries each month so that we may create an awareness of what these ministries are and recognize those who make them happen. New participants in these ministries and on these teams are always welcome and encouraged.

We began in September with the Education Team and continued in October with the Missions and Stewardship Team. In **November and December** we will highlight the **Worship and Music Team**.

The Worship and Music Team has a large scope of responsibilities and has many specific ministries within it. This team's purpose is to help the Pastor coordinate and plan our worship services and all that makes them happen. This includes music and liturgy selection, providing for choirs and directors, providing special music assembles for special festivals, scheduling and training of worship assistants (cantors, accompanists, ushers, lectors, acolytes, communion assistants, sound technicians, assisting ministers, greeters, video team, fellowship refreshments), planning of mid-week services, tending to the adornments in the sanctuary (paraments, flowers, candles, banners, seasonal decorations, baptismal and communion supplies), maintenance of musical instruments and maintain a budget to accomplish all of the above.

The chairperson and council representative for this team is Gary Melbostad. Members of this team are: Gary Melbostad, Joanne Melbostad, Donna Tesch, Jackie Arens, and Gloria Keseley. This team meets on the second Tuesday of each month at 4:00. If you wish to join this team or any of its ministries please contact Gary.

The specific ministries and leaders within this team are:

Lectors - Penny Simonson, Kim Lange
Ushers - Jeff Henry, Cheryl Schneider
Video Team - Bob Endres, Betty Fahrenze
Greeters - Jackie Arens, Marlene Johnson
Communion Assistants - Joyce Christenson, Julie Herrmann
Acolytes - Colene Rau, Betsy Munsch
Fellowship Treats - Misty Biers, Ginny Mielke
Coffee - Joanne Melbostad, Shelli Tradup, Donna Tesch
Cantors - Gloria Keseley
Sound Technologists - Tom Anderson
Altar Care - Donna Tesch
Flowers - Joanne Melbostad
Choirs - Mark Jurgenson, Gloria Keseley
Accompanists - Jan Fiskum, Karen Anderson, Gloria Keseley

Each week in November and December in our worship bulletin, one of these ministries will be highlighted. You will find out what the ministry does and the people who make it happen. As you can see from the list above, it takes a lot of participation for a worship service to take place. **THANK YOU** to all who already serve in these ministries and please know that new and more folks are always welcome. God would say, "Well done, my good and faithful servants!"

EDUCATION

CHRISTMAS PROGRAM

Christmas Program Information for Parents of Sunday School Children

The Sunday School Christmas program is set for **December 21 during the 10:30 worship service.** "Stars! Shepherds! Angels! Kings!" is a musical and different from other programs we have done in the past. The music tells the story and there is no speaking.

We will be practicing the musical during the month of November during the Sunday School hour. Attendance will be taken, offering collected and a snack offered. The rest of the time will be spent preparing for the program. All of the Sunday School children will be participating. The content of the program is their Christian education during that month. We will be relearning the Christmas story and learn the importance of each of the characters in that story. We will be learning some of the old familiar Christmas songs and some new ones as well. It will be extremely important for your child to be in regular attendance so that he or she can feel prepared for the program. If your family is going to be out of town during the weekend of the program, your child should still come to Sunday School because they should join us for learning the importance of each character's role in the Christmas Story and there may be a need for extra help on sets and costumes. We want all students to attend regularly through the month of November even if your family is going to be out of town on the 21st of December.

The teachers will be asking the children if they want to wear a costume. Not every child will be in a costume but we will have to know who is comfortable with wearing one. All of the Preschool and Kindergarten children will be dressed as stars. It is very important these little ones are in regular attendance because we need to know how many stars to make and it takes them longer to learn their songs and know where to move on the stage. Your cooperation and commitment to bring your little one to Sunday School is much appreciated!

If the children are in regular attendance, are on time for Sunday School so we can make the most of our hour together, and they work hard, we should not need a Saturday practice. At this time one is not planned. **All of the children need to be at church and ready to go by 9:15 each Sunday morning. They will be dismissed at 10:15.**

Thank you for passing on the faith by bringing your child to worship and Sunday School. As we bring our children to God's house to worship and allow them to be part of the religious education opportunities provided, we fulfill the promises we made at our child's baptism.

Thank you for sharing your child with Good Shepherd and for entrusting them to the care of our teachers and music director. Together we all pass on the faith!

God's Blessings from,
Amy Thompson, Julene Horstman, and Gloria Keseley
Program Directors

WORSHIP & MUSIC

VIDEO SYSTEM

One of our two video cameras has become unreliable. Due to its age, it's not possible to repair. The cost of replacement is \$1900. We have an immediate need to replace this camera, but because video equipment is not a budgeted expense, we're requesting your help. A new camera would be compatible with our existing video equipment and would not prevent us from making any future improvements to our video system. Thank you for considering this need.

Gary Melbostad – Worship & Music chairperson

WORSHIP AND MUSIC MEETING HIGHLIGHTS: 2008/10/14 – 4:00 PM

Attendees: Gloria Keseley, Donna Tesch, Pastor Kevin and Gary Melbostad

Meeting details:

1. Discussion on the proposed 2009 Worship & Music budget:
 - I updated the document discussed at our meeting and forwarded it to each of you, along with June Barnick and other folks whom I thought might be interested.
2. Discussion points on Donna questions/comments:
 - Red will be used for Reformation and White for All Saints' Sunday and Christ the King Sunday.
 - For the All Saints' Sunday memorial candles -- we had 3 members who died this past year.
 - We need a group of people to decorate the Christmas tree. The suggestion was made to add this to the count-me-in form. (I'll ask Lynn to add it.)
 - Advent greens? We discussed using real and/or artificial but I don't believe we came to any consensus..
 - Why were the chairs stacked in the front row? We were not certain but feel it was just a unusual occurrence. I see the chairs are back to their normal position now. It could be there was a temporary need for more space in the front of the sanctuary.
 - Video glare on the cross? I talked to Bob Endres and we discussed how to make sure that glare doesn't impact the video production. Our suggestion is to ask the ushers to make sure the lights above the altar are turned down slightly (although no official change has been made to the written guidelines). Also, we need to be sure the spot lights in the middle of the sanctuary are turned on. The switch is hidden in the storage room next to the copy machine.
3. Other items:
 - We discussed asking a family to do Advent candle lighting.
 - We need lectors, ushers and acolytes for the Wed. Advent services. Gloria said she would handle obtaining those. The Wed. services are not part of the current scheduling processes.
 - Joe Ulwelling will be working with Tom Anderson to handle sound system microphone set-up and placement.
 - We need to continue to focus on space for children's choir rehearsals
 - Gloria will let us know but is thinking of ordering 100 copies of a Lenten service.
 - The plan is to use the Holden service for Advent.
 - Pastor would like to include witness talks during the Advent Sunday services. There would be 3 people at 3 services. The last Advent service would be the Sunday Christmast program.

COMMUNITY NEWS

GOONIE'S in ELGIN

**Saturday, November 15, 2008
Elgin American Legion**

Doors open: 5pm Dinner: 6pm Comedy Show: 7:30pm

(BBQ Pork Sandwich or Chicken Club Wrap w/choice of soup or salad and breadstick)

\$25 (*on or before 10-31-08*) **\$40** (*11-1-08 or after*)

TICKETS CAN BE PURCHASED AT GOPHER LANES & ELGIN AMERICAN LEGION

Proceeds benefit The Chase Hutchison Memorial
shutch@embarqmail.com/ 507-876-1174

KATIE FERDEN CANCER BENEFIT

12-year old daughter of Michelle (Olson) and
Tom Eversman, and Larry Ferden of Elgin

**SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 8, 2008
ELGIN LEGION, ELGIN, MN**

**DINNER AND BAKE SALE – 4:00 P.M.
SILENT AUCTION – 4:00 to 6:00 P.M.
LIVE AUCTION – 6:30 P.M.
RAFFLES AND DOOR PRIZES AVAILABLE**

Donations can be made at Peoples State Banks
Checks payable to: Katie Ferden Benefit Fund

For more information or to donate please contact:

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Cindy Lien: 507-534-3274

BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

Birthdays

11/03	Dillon Beck	11/19	Kenny Hutchison
11/04	Tommy Weinrich	11/20	Tammy VanHove
11/05	Andrea Getschmann		Stephanie Lundeen
11/06	Gregg Luebke		Autumn Deyo
	Anthony Keseley	11/21	Clark Olstad
11/07	Dustin Luebke		Alice Henderson
11/09	Donna Tesch	11/24	Holly Shones
11/10	Emily Scripture		Jon Olmstead
11/11	Susan Nienow	11/25	George Back
	Allen Sexton		Phillip Eversman
	Barb Petit	11/27	Jill Kobler
	Mary Tesmer	11/28	Becca Snyder
11/16	Howard Haugstad	11/30	Don Benike
	Mariah Henry		Andrea Fasching

Anniversaries

11/02	Frank & Julene Horstman
11/27	Al & Randi Fravert
11/28	Kevin & Cindy Fuerstneau

FOOD FOR THOUGHT

Many folks want to serve God, but only as advisors.

NOVEMBER 2008

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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2 communion 8:00 am Worship Service 9:15 am Sunday School/ Fellowship Hour 10:30 am Worship Service ALL SAINTS SUNDAY	3 Pastor's Day Off	4 7:00 pm Education Meeting	5 6:00 pm Confirmation 6:30 pm Children's Choir 7:30 pm Senior High Youth 7:30 pm Adult Choir	6 5:30 pm Executive Council Meeting 6:30 pm Parent's Group	7	8
9 8:00 am Worship Service 9:15 am Sunday School/ Fellowship Hour 10:30 am Worship Service	10 Pastor's Day Off	11 9:00 am Staff Meeting 4:00 pm Worship & Music	12 6:00 pm Confirmation 6:30 pm Children's Choir 7:30 pm Senior High Youth 7:30 pm Adult Choir	13 6:00 pm Congregational Life 7:00 pm Council Meeting 7:30 pm Women's Group at Jon Hassler Theater	14	15
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23 8:00 am Worship Service 9:15 am Sunday School/ Fellowship Hour 10:30 am Worship Service	24 Pastor's Day Off	25 9:00 a.m. Staff Meeting	26 7:30 pm Ecumenical Thanks- giving Eve Worship @ St. Joachims	27 THANKSGIVING	28 OFFICE CLOSED	29
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VISION STATEMENT, GOOD SHEPHERD LUTHERAN CHURCH

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.

Educate all from cradle to grave.

Worship in thankfulness and joy.

Value all generations in passing on the faith.

Identify and affirm the gifts of God's people.

Energize God's people to use their gifts for ministry.

Welcome the opportunity to walk the talk with our youth.

The submission deadline for the December 2008 Newsletter is

Saturday, November 22.