

# The Shepherd's Staff

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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 (534-3106) or Joanne Melbostad (876-2837) during the month of May.*

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## MAY WORSHIP SCHEDULE

May 3 – 8:00 a.m. worship (4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter)  
10:30 a.m. Affirmation of Baptism (Confirmation)

May 10 – 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter  
Mother's Day  
8:00 & 10:30 a.m. Celebration of the Shared  
Ministries of Good Shepherd

May 17 – 8:00 a.m. worship (6<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter)  
10:30 a.m. Baccalaureate

May 21 – Ascension Day

May 24 – 7<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter  
Beginning of Summer Worship Schedule  
One Sunday Worship service at 9 a.m.,

May 31 – Pentecost (Wear red!)  
One Sunday Worship service at 9 a.m.

Our Pentecost worship service will help to kick off our 2009 Vacation Bible School which will take place the evenings of May 31<sup>st</sup> through Wednesday June 3<sup>rd</sup>!

June 3 – Our first Wednesday night worship service at 7 p.m.

## FOOD SHELF UPDATE

### Thank You For Helping!

Thank you for contributing to the 2009 March Food campaign. Good Shepherd sent **\$3,088.34** to the Plainview-Elgin Area Food Shelf for their March fund-raising campaign. An additional **\$841.17** was raised during the remainder of Lent. In addition, **92.6** pounds of food were collected on Maundy Thursday. Thanks for helping Good Shepherd make a difference in our community

# ENLARGING THE CIRCLE OF MINISTRY

Our church council continues to follow-up the good work that happened in our cottage meetings. In the series of cottage meetings, we discerned that God was calling us to grow deeper in faith, and to grow deeper in our service to the world. So, the big question is, “how will it look to live out that calling in our different ministry areas?” That was the discussion in our March council retreat and will be the focus in future council times.

The Church Council has been interviewing potential firms to carry out a space utilization study. Proposals are being reviewed and studied as this newsletter goes to press. A firm will be chosen in May, and we anticipate the study happening this fall with dates being announced where ministry groups will meet to talk about the space needed to effectively carry out ministry.

Growing together in Christ,  
Pastor Kevin Woestehoff

## **Seasons of Easter and Pentecost: A time of Growth and New Life**

Easter is a season of rejoicing in the gift of salvation. Fears and death will not have the final say, but we have new hope and new life because of what God has done. Jesus has sent us out as witnesses of the resurrection. We are called to share the good news! This is our purpose as the church – to share the good news of Jesus Christ in word and deed. This is new life that the world needs.

As we move further into spring we see signs of new life in fields being tilled and planted, trees budding, and lawns greening. As we move into Pentecost time we celebrate this new life and growth that God brings! In John 15:5 Jesus says, “I am the vine, you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit...” Fittingly this will be the theme of our all ages Vacation Bible School that begins on Pentecost evening, May 31<sup>st</sup>. We celebrate the power of God growing new things in our lives. What is God growing in your life?

The Holy Spirit of God grew strong witnesses in the same men who fled when Jesus was arrested and sent to the cross? The Holy Spirit worked through the mouths of these men from Galilee, to tell the good news of Jesus to people of all different languages.

We are reminded of our role in God’s plan. God is the vinegrower, God is the source of life. Jesus is the true vine, we are the branches that connected to Jesus can bear fruit!

# ENLARGING THE CIRCLE OF MINISTRY CONTINUED,,,

## Summer Worship Schedule: God's Spirit Gathers Us In And Sends Us Out

The summer worship schedule begins in late May. We will have one Sunday morning worship service at 9:00 a.m. from Memorial Day, Sunday May 24<sup>th</sup> through Labor Day weekend, September 6<sup>th</sup>.

Our 7:00 p.m. Wednesday night worship services will take place from Wednesday June 3<sup>rd</sup> through August 26<sup>th</sup>.

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

The lessons and sermon will be first shared at Wednesday night worship, and will be shared again four days later at the Sunday worship. **This is a change from previous years.** For example, if you knew you were going to be out of town on Sunday June 7<sup>th</sup>, you could share in the lessons and sermon at the Wednesday night worship on June 3<sup>rd</sup>.

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 worshipers will gather in the chairs in the rows in the sanctuary. Wednesday night worshipers 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. I look forward to worshipping with you.

Blessings to you as we live out our baptism together,  
Pastor Kevin Woestehoff

# CONGREGATIONAL LIFE/YOUTH

## CONFIRMATION MINISTRY

### Confirmation Ministry

The Service of “Affirmation of Baptism” also known as “Confirmation” will take place on **Sunday, May 3, 2009 at the 10:30 a.m. worship service. Confirmation pictures** will be taking place in the sanctuary the morning of **Sunday, May 3 from 9:15-10:15 a.m.** We ask confirmands and their parents to attend **confirmation rehearsal on Wednesday, April 29.** We will have a meal together at 6:00 p.m., and the rehearsal will begin around 6:30 p.m. Those students affirming their baptism are: Justin Amos, Ashley Baber, Andrea Bartz, Dillon Beck, Nolan Folkert, Jordan Getschmann, and Jasmyne Johnson.

## SENIOR HIGH YOUTH

### Wednesday Night Schedule

**May 6th:** 9 – 12<sup>th</sup> will meet at Good Shepherd at 6:00 p.m. and go to Buffalo Wild Wings.

**May 13th:** 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!**

### 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!

# CONGREGATIONAL LIFE/YOUTH CONTINUED,,,

## MILESTONE MOMENTS

### Baptism...

Blessings to Elise Lillian Adams, who was baptized on April 19, 2009. Elise is the daughter of Dave and Tracey Adams.

### First Communion...

Blessing to Caleb Getschmann, Amber Kingsley, Jake Kromminga, Ashton LaBare, Jayden Munsch, Anthony Rosckes, and Brady Sveen who received their first communion on April 9, 2009. Those students who were not able to take their first communion that evening were Hunter and Tanner Goergen and Billy Wallraff.

### Funerals...

Blessings to the family and friends of Tom Kappauf. Tom died on April 15, 2007.

### New Members...

Welcome to Nate, Kelly and Addison Nesler and Craig, Sara and Anika Steele who formally joined Good Shepherd on April 26, 2009.

## WOMEN'S GROUP

THANKS TO EVERYONE who has offered to donate food, money, and/or their time to work serving dinner at the Hope Lodge in Rochester. We have had an awesome number of women willing to help out in one way or another. More will be written in the June newsletter on how the night went.

Contact Deb Weinrich if you have any suggestions, ideas, or questions for and/or about the Women's Group ([Deb.goodshepherd@embarqmail.com](mailto:Deb.goodshepherd@embarqmail.com)).

## CHASE HUTCHISON MEMORIAL

### "Breakfast for Bleachers"

The Chase Hutchison Memorial Pancake Breakfast will be held at Good Shepherd in the fellowship hall on Sunday, May 17 from 9:00 -11:00 a.m. All proceeds will be used to help fund new bleachers for the PEM Bulldogs Football Field. Please plan to join us in supporting the Hutchison family in their fund raising efforts. Suggested donation is \$5 per person and \$20 per family. Donations of food, drink and kitchen time are needed. Please indicate your area of interest on the "Count Me In" form.

# CONGREGATIONAL LIFE/YOUTH CONTINUED,,,

## BOX PROJECT UPDATE

Email received April 27, 2009

Dear Lonnie,

I am a little under the weather and have not been feeling well. That is the reason I have not written to you. Monique's teacher has the pictures of the ball with Monique with the dress on. She has not given me the pictures yet and just as soon as she prints them out, I will send them to you.

I have arthritis so bad in my legs and right hand that we are just getting started trying to get our garden ready. Due to my illness the doctor has ordered me off my feet.

Dedrick is back working and Melissa is still working at the gift shop. I am not doing any work right now due to my legs. They were swollen so bad that my blood pressure went up, and I had to be put on blood pressure pills. I have not been to church in about a month now. I had a birthday on the 20<sup>th</sup> of this month.

We had to turn on the air conditioning as it is getting hot here. I love it and maybe my joints won't hurt so bad. My flowers don't look so good this year; they may get better later on in the summer.

School will close in May and Monique can't wait. Then she will be so glad when it reopens. How is everyone doing in your family?

I will be glad when I can go back to work. We are pinching pennies like mad. (smile) We better hurry and get our garden going so we can have some food. We will get rain all of this week so the garden will get a jump start. If it rains too much then Dedrick cannot work. Well I just wanted to check in with you. I send love to your family from us and take care and God bless.

Jeanette and kids

## EDUCATION

### VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

**Vine and Branches VBS: June 1-3, 6:00 - 7:45 pm**

It's not to sign up for VBS, but we need to know who is coming so we can order supplies and make plans. If you haven't signed up yet, do so TODAY! See registration form on following page.

- Activities and learning are planned for 3 year olds through 4<sup>th</sup> graders.
- 5<sup>th</sup> graders on up are encouraged to teach, help, or participate in the adult/youth Bible study.
- Parents or grandparents of preschoolers are encouraged to attend with them—an opportunity to play and pray together.
- Kick off –with worship and activities will be Sun May 31.

Thanks to those who have already signed up to help! But there is always room for more, so sign up on the "Count Me In" form in Sunday's bulletin to get involved. For questions call Jake Thompson, Carole Joyce, or the church office.

# WORSHIP & MUSIC

## WEAR RED FOR PENTECOST

### Pentecost is May 31.

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 31 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 31!**

# YOUTH & FAMILY MINISTRY

## MARILYN SHARPE AT GOOD SHEPHERD

On April 29, Marilyn Sharpe from the Youth and Family Institute was at Good Shepherd. She preached at worship, spoke during the education hour, and gave a lunch time presentation. Her visit comes at the culmination of a year long coaching relationship as Good Shepherd formed its NEW VIEW vision statement.

It isn't every day that congregations work together. And it isn't every day that busy people take time to make new friends and wonder together about faith. Yet that is exactly what happened on Sunday, April 26! Fifty caring adults from Good Shepherd, Mount Olive, and People of Hope gathered after worship to learn about *How to Be the Adults our Kids Need us to Be*. Marilyn Sharpe, from the Youth and Family Institute, began by asking: "Who stirred up faith in you? How did they do that?" We shared stories of those who led us to Jesus—family, congregation members, others...

Faith is gift from the Holy Spirit, formed through personal and trusted relationships. "Triple A Christians" (those caring people who nurture faith in us) have the following characteristics:

**Authentic**-To be authentic doesn't mean being perfect or know the answers. It means listening and noticing together God's presence in our life.

**Available**-God has given each of us 24 hours in each day. When we take time to listen and be truly present to each other, through our actions we let them know: "You matter to me. You matter to God."

**Affirming**-To be affirming means to see each other as God does—beloved, gifted, and forgiven.

Thanks to Marilyn's inspiring stories and practical ideas...Thanks to Good Shepherd's warm hospitality...Thanks to the caring adults who attended, some traveling many miles to participate...We will work together to share God's amazing love with those who yearn to hear—our children and grandchildren, our friends and neighbors, and all children of God (young and old).

# BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

## Birthdays

<b>05/01</b>	Matthew Hanson	<b>05/18</b>	Tracy Goettl
<b>05/02</b>	Morey Applen	<b>05/19</b>	Tyler Albers
<b>05/06</b>	Don Mueske		Karley Peter
	Bob Petit	<b>05/20</b>	Carla Berning
	Wade Holst		Mark Scripture
	Amy Thompson		Kelly Engler
<b>05/07</b>	Kit Sackreiter	<b>05/21</b>	Nyola Benitt
<b>05/08</b>	Leitha Bothun	<b>05/22</b>	Kim Kurth
	Misty Biers		Zachary Burke
<b>05/09</b>	Ron Fahrenz	<b>05/23</b>	Jeff Tesmer
	Lee Olson	<b>05/24</b>	Sheila Grover
	Trey Anderson		Alana Wilson
<b>05/10</b>	Deb Ninas		Kaylee Peter
<b>05/12</b>	Justin Amos		Destiny Drenckhahn
<b>05/13</b>	George Tesmer	<b>05/25</b>	Taryn Mielke
	Kali Olstad	<b>05/26</b>	Peter Zimmerman
<b>05/14</b>	Renee Bergstrom	<b>05/27</b>	Benjamin Hanson
	Monica Schneider	<b>05/28</b>	Kristen Fick
<b>05/15</b>	Lucas Simonson	<b>05/30</b>	Lennie Holst
	Carly Goettl		Dana Schneider
<b>05/17</b>	Lisa Beck	<b>05/31</b>	Mark Timm

## Anniversaries

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

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

### **FOOD FOR THOUGHT**

***Smile at a stranger: you just might make their day!***

# MAY 2009

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
					<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>
<b>3</b> communion  8:00 am Worship Service 9:15 am Sunday School/ Fellowship Hour 10:30 am Worship Service with Affirmation of Baptism	<b>4</b> Pastor's Day Off	<b>5</b>  9:00 am Staff Meeting	<b>6</b>  6:00 pm Senior High Youth 6:00 pm Congregational Life 6:30 pm Children's Choir 7:30 pm Adult Choir	<b>7</b>  3:30 pm Bible Study 5:30 pm Exec Committee	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>
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<b>17</b> communion  8:00 am Worship Service 9:00 am Chase Hutchison Memorial Breakfast 9:15 am Fellowship Hour 10:30 am Worship Service with Baccalaureate	<b>18</b> Pastor's Day Off	<b>19</b>  9:00 am Staff Meeting	<b>20</b>  5:45 pm Education Meeting	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>
<b>24</b>  9:00 am Worship Service  SUMMER WORSHIP BEGINS	<b>25</b> Pastor's Day Off	<b>26</b>  9:00 – 1:00 Pastor at Zumbro Conf.	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>
<b>31</b> communion  9:00 am Worship Service  PENTECOST						

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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 June 2009 Newsletter is**

***FRIDAY, MAY 22.***