

# 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 Marlene Johnson (534-2273) or Karen Anderson (534-3649) during the month of June.*

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## Coffee-House Style Worship Services begin June 3<sup>rd</sup>

7:00 p.m. Wednesday night worship services begin on June 3<sup>rd</sup>. These mid-week worship services will continue through the month of August.

**One change for this summer is that scripture texts and sermon will be experienced for the first time at the Wednesday night worship service, and then again four days later at the 9:00 a.m. Sunday morning worship.**

## Senior High Ministry

Fourteen senior high youth and two adult leaders will be leaving on July 21<sup>st</sup> for the ELCA National Youth Gathering in New Orleans, Louisiana. This year's gathering will be focused on being a place of service to those affected by Hurricane Katrina. The gathering begins on Wednesday, July 22<sup>nd</sup> and concludes on Sunday, July 26<sup>th</sup>. This event will be attended by 40,000 ELCA youth and adult leaders. As a part of our partnership with Mount Olive Lutheran Church, our youth and adult leaders will be traveling together by charter bus. We will return on Monday, July 27<sup>th</sup> with plenty of stories to share!

## Looking ahead to next fall...

## Wednesday Night Confirmation Ministry

Next year's 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade students and parents will gather for a potluck on Wednesday, September 16<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m.

**REMINDER THAT VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL RUNS FROM JUNE 1 THROUGH JUNE 3 FROM 6:00 – 7:45 P.M.**

# ENLARGING THE CIRCLE OF MINISTRY

## Space Utilization Study: Some History and an Update

Back on January 29, 2006, the people of Good Shepherd unanimously voted to endorse the NEW VIEW vision statement. A strategic plan was developed to carry out this vision. It was approved by our church council on November 8, 2006. Our strategic plan included:

- Develop a Facility Master Plan and Maintenance Schedule that is congruent with our ministry priorities and needs.

Since that time there have been conversations at annual meetings, church council meetings, and continual sharings in this column about the idea of carrying out this part of our strategic plan by completing a space utilization study. At the January 25, 2009 annual meeting, \$7500 was approved as a part of the 2009 budget to fund a space utilization study.

Kane & Johnson Architects, Inc. of Rochester were selected by our church council to carry out the space utilization study for a cost of \$6900. On May 27<sup>th</sup>, David Kane and Lindsey Scurlock, the architects from Kane & Johnson were at Good Shepherd from 2:00 – 8:30 p.m. to listen to the space needs and concerns of our different ministry areas. Around 35-40 people participated in these conversations. Thank you for taking time to think about and share the space needs of your ministry areas!

There will be more times within the next 3-4 months for everyone to share their input. If you were unable to attend, please know that you can continue to submit your thoughts in writing to the church office or to my email address, and they will be forwarded on to Kane & Johnson. Thanks for taking part in these ministry conversations!

Here are a few questions to keep pondering as we continue this conversation:

- ❖ What type of space does your ministry area need to do ministry well?
- ❖ What are you currently unable to do? (For instance, the Senior High Youth does not have a place to meet on Sunday morning.)
- ❖ What are the current needs, and what would you project as the needs 10 years from now?

The Church Council has appointed a Space Utilization Study team to be Good Shepherd's main communication contact with Kane and Johnson Architects. The Space Utilization Study Team includes: Arlo Simonson, Chair; Ron Fahrenz, Dawn Suntken, Gloria Keseley, Carol Goergen-Fenske, and Pastor Kevin Woestehoff

We invite your thoughts, questions, ideas, etc. as we look at how our facility can be best used to carry out our calling of growing deeper in faith, and growing deeper in service.

# CONGREGATIONAL LIFE/YOUTH

## 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!

## LIFEKEYS

### Lifekeys

Please consider joining our next **Lifekeys** session, which will be held Wednesdays, June 3, 10, 17 & 24, immediately following the Wednesday evening worship service. As a **Lifekeys** participant, you may learn more about ways to serve in the church and help you to say "yes" to opportunities -- opportunities that will help you fulfill your life and not just fill up your time. You will uncover what your passions are, the things you are interested in, and ways you hope to make a difference. You are valuable just as you are. Whatever gifts God, through his Holy Spirit has blessed you with, they are chosen to fit your way of life, your calling and your mission. Cost for the session is \$10 to help cover the cost of materials, payable the first night of class. To register, sign up on the "Count Me In" form or contact Deb Weinrich at [deb.goodshepherd@embarqmail.com](mailto:deb.goodshepherd@embarqmail.com). All adults are welcome and encouraged to attend.

## WOMEN'S GROUP

### Women's Day at Good Earth Village

Join us for a day filled with learning and laughter, fun and fellowship. The events for the day include worship, Bible study, lunch and an afternoon program. This Women's Day event will be held Saturday, June 20<sup>th</sup> from 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. The cost is \$25 per person. If interested in attending, please indicate on the "Count Me In" form or contact Sarah Hassig by e-mail at [tazdeviltaz@hotmail.com](mailto:tazdeviltaz@hotmail.com) or by phone at 507-951-6470.

## MILESTONE MOMENTS

### Baptism...

Blessings to MaKel Marie Plenge, who was baptized on May 2, 2009. MaKel is the daughter of Rick and Laura Plenge.

### Confirmation...

Blessing to Justin Amos, Ashley Baber, Andrea Bartz, Dillon Beck, Nolan Folkert, Jordan Getschmann, and Jasmyne Johnson who were confirmed at Good Shepherd on Sunday, May 3, 2009.

## CONGREGATIONAL LIFE/YOUTH CONTINUED ...

### BOX PROJECT UPDATE

Email received 5/5/9

Dear Lonnie,

Happy Mother's Day from our family. I am still having trouble with my blood pressure. We are getting some rain today.

Love, Jeanette

Email received 5-27-9

Dear Lonnie,

It took so long for me to get the pictures of Monique done, but I finally was able to send them to you. I am glad you liked them.

I had a good birthday with just my family. Melissa and Detric got the cake and ice cream. The picture of me is in front of my house. The lady that I work for picked the bricks for my house in the year of '99. It is a small house, but it is home and we are grateful for it. You guys played a big hand in sending things to us, so we could make our home our pride and joy. You will never know how you have touched our lives. The outfit I have on in the picture you sent to me. You may have forgotten it. That is why I tell you so often how much we value what you give us.

Yes, Detric's boys are so dear to my heart as well as Monique. We love her so much. She sang a song at the mayor's election.

Yes, we could use some more personal items. It is getting hot here. We are getting lots of rain. It is eighty degrees right now from time to time. I will send more pictures sometime. Keep in touch.

Love, Jeanette

## WOMEN OF THE ELCA

### Call to Convention

The Synodical Board of the Southeastern Minnesota Synod Women of the ELCA is pleased to invite you to attend the Synodical Women of the ELCA Convention. The convention will be held on Friday and Saturday, September 25-26, 2009, at Bethel Lutheran Church in Rochester.

The convention is for ALL Women of the ELCA. Each congregational unit may be represented at the convention by one voting delegate.

The convention theme is "Mission, Ministry, Mentoring, Message". The theme verse is John 7:37b, 38, "Let anyone who is thirsty come to me, and let the one who believes in me drink. As the scripture has said, 'Out of the believer's heart shall flow rivers of living water.'"

# WOMEN OF THE ELCA CONTINUED...

## Call To Convention (Continued)

There will be an election for all board positions (including a Nomination Ballot for President and Vice President), election of delegates to the 2011 Triennial Gathering in Spokane, WA, and other business will be conducted.

Registration will be from 6:30 – 7:00 p.m. Friday evening, September 25<sup>th</sup>, and from 8:00 – 8:30 a.m. Saturday morning, September 26<sup>th</sup>. Registration is \$25 per person and the deadline to register is September 1<sup>st</sup>.

There is not enough room to put all the information of the convention in this newsletter; however, if anyone is interested in looking at the packet of information, you can find it in the church office (or call the office and a copy can be sent to you).

## EDUCATION

### SUNDAY SCHOOL

#### End of Sunday School

The Sunday school year came to a close on Sunday, May 10<sup>th</sup>. **THANK YOU** to all the Sunday school teachers, the Sunday school students and their parents, and to everyone that helped with Sunday school in any way. The Sunday school teachers were:

Pre-K:	Tara Ellinghuysen & Shelley Henry
Kindergarten:	Alice Henderson & Michelle Wendt
1 <sup>st</sup> & 2 <sup>nd</sup> Grade:	Shannon Ramthun
3 <sup>rd</sup> Grade:	Dawn Suntken & Penny Simonson
4 <sup>th</sup> Grade:	Amy Thompson & Julene Horstman
5 <sup>th</sup> & 6 <sup>th</sup> Grade:	Mike & Kathy Sveen and Kevin & Michelle Gudmundson
7 <sup>th</sup> & 8 <sup>th</sup> Grade:	Lee Olson

Substitutes: Jennifer Matti, John Folkert, Liz Kromminga, Tracy Goettl, and Peter Zimmerman.

#### Heifer Project

A huge thank you to Sunday school students, teachers, parents, and the whole congregation. Through your generosity we brought in \$545 in SS offerings and another \$155 with noisy offering for a total of \$700. This amount will help buy the following items for needy families: 2 goats, 2 shares of a heifer, a trio of rabbits, 4 groups of chicks, 2 sets of bees, and a share of trees. **Thank you!**

# PASSING ON THE FAITH

## WOO HOO! IT'S SUMMER!

Oh the joy of summer vacation! Warm and sunny afternoons, no school, hanging out with friends, swimming, playing baseball, riding bikes... Each change of seasons gives us different ways to enjoy our life with each other and with God. Even though adults don't have the summer off like our children, the changing rhythms of summer gives us new and different ways to celebrate God's gifts to us.

What are the things your family enjoys doing in the summer? How do you recognize God's presence in those moments? Whether we are sitting around a campfire or working together to mow and rake the yard, God is there. Whether we are enjoying a day at the beach or worried about a sick friend or relative, God is there. Whether we are on a wonderful vacation, or at home like always, God is there. All of life is holy when we recognize God's presence. This summer, spend a few minutes each day checking in with each other. Share what gave you joy and tell about the concerns of the day. Then take these thoughts to God in prayer. Thank you, God... Please help... I'm sorry...

This summer you are invited to...

- Worship regularly on Sunday morning or Wednesday evening
- Participate in VBS
- Talk to God and listen to God every day
- Use the 4 key handout (found in the Sunday bulletin) at home or on vacation

Carole Joyce  
Passing on the Faith Facilitator

# BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

## Birthdays

<b>06/01</b>	Darlene Mueske	<b>06/17</b>	Caleb Tesmer
	Alexis Chavarria	<b>06/18</b>	Isabelle Snyder
<b>06/02</b>	Steve Fenske	<b>06/19</b>	Kelsey Van Hove
	Quinn Tradup	<b>06/20</b>	Claire Folkert
<b>06/04</b>	Scott Rohlik	<b>06/22</b>	Bob Sloan
<b>06/05</b>	Jessica Schumacher	<b>06/23</b>	Jackie Arens
<b>06/06</b>	Cindy Fuerstneau		Shane Kingsley
	Tyler Mielke	<b>06/26</b>	Jack Christensen
	Brianne Axelson	<b>06/27</b>	Debbie Bristow
<b>06/11</b>	Mike Boraas		Nathaniel Norregaard
<b>06/12</b>	Karla Appel		Zachary Snyder
	Kim Rosckes		Jack Schreiber
	Cort Wilson	<b>06/28</b>	Roger Arens
<b>06/13</b>	Bob Endres	<b>06/30</b>	Alicia Pfeilsticker
	Jordan Getschmann		Amy Christison
<b>06/16</b>	Crystal Peterson		

## Anniversaries

<b>06/09</b>	Jim & Nyola Benitt	<b>06/18</b>	Bill & Bonnie McMillin
	Jack & Joyce Christensen	<b>06/19</b>	George & Elaine Tesmer
	John & Elaine Salek	<b>06/20</b>	Jake & Amy Thompson
<b>06/10</b>	Kevin & Michelle Gudmundson		Buzz & Marget Christison
<b>06/14</b>	Brent & Andrea Masee	<b>06/24</b>	Arvin & Corrine Hanson
	Tom & Julie Herrmann	<b>06/25</b>	Troy & Betsy Munsch
<b>06/16</b>	Kit & Jan Sackreiter	<b>06/26</b>	Gene & Renee Bergstrom
<b>06/17</b>	Craig & Lisa Beck	<b>06/30</b>	Arlo & Penny Simonson

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

### **FOOD FOR THOUGHT**

*When happiness gets into the system,  
it always breaks out in the face.*

## JUNE 2009

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	<b>1</b> 6:00 pm VBS	<b>2</b> 9:00 am Staff Meeting 6:00 pm VBS	<b>3</b> 6:00 pm VBS 7:00 pm Worship Service	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b> Pastor's Day Off	<b>6</b>
<b>7</b> communion 9:00 am Worship Service	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b> 7:00 am Exec Council 9:00 am Staff Meeting	<b>10</b> 7:00 pm Worship Service	<b>11</b> 6:00 pm Space Study Committee 8:00 pm Church Council	<b>12</b> Pastor's Day Off	<b>13</b>
<b>14</b> 9:00 am Worship Service	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b> 9:00 am Staff Meeting	<b>17</b> 7:00 pm Worship Service	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b> Pastor's Day Off	<b>20</b>
<b>21</b> communion 9:00 am Worship Service	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b> 9:00 am Staff Meeting	<b>24</b> 7:00 pm Worship Service  <b>Woestehoff Baby???</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b> Pastor's Day Off  6:00 pm Storm Rehearsal	<b>27</b>  Storm Wedding
<b>28</b> 9:00 am Worship Service	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>				

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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 July 2009 Newsletter is**

***MONDAY, JUNE 22.***