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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 Bristow (534-0177) or Barb Peck (876-2284) during the month of July.

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“...Grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.”

2 Peter 3:18

Through our fall of 2008 cottage meetings, the people of Good Shepherd have felt God's call to grow deeper in faith and deeper in service. This verse from 2 Peter speaks of how we are to live in the present day. “Grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ” is a theme verse that you will see throughout the 2009-2010 church year. Our ministry leaders are planning ways for all ages to have opportunities to grow deeper in faith and service.

In this season of Pentecost, we celebrate God who provides growth of all kinds! During the 2009-2010 year we will have three intentional celebrations: one in the fall, one in the winter, and one in the spring, to come together for worship and fellowship to give thanks for what God has done.

The first of these celebrations will be Ebenezer Sunday on September 13th.

At 9:15 students, teachers and parents will gather for Sunday school. One worship service of thanksgiving will be held at 10:30. At 12:00 noon we will share a meal together on the front lawn. Please plan to spend the morning with us as we at Good Shepherd raise our Ebenezer stone to give thanks for the many joys and helps that God has given us.

Senior High Ministry

Fourteen senior high youth and two adult leaders will be leaving on July 21st 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 22nd and concludes on Sunday, July 26th. 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 27th with plenty of stories to share! God's blessings to you all on this exciting journey!

JULY 2009

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1 7:00 pm Worship Service	2 7:00 am Exec Council 6:00 pm Space Study Group	3 Pastor's Day Off	4 INDEPENDENCE DAY
5 communion 9:00 am Worship Service	6	7 9:00 am Staff Meeting	8 6:00 pm Cong Life Mtg 7:00 pm Worship Service	9 9:00 – noon Wabasha 4-H 7:00 pm Council Meeting	10 Pastor's Day Off	11
12 9:00 am Worship Service	13	14 9:00 am Staff Meeting	15 7:00 pm Worship Service 8:00 pm Adult Ed. Team	16	17 Pastor's Day Off	18
19 communion 9:00 am Worship Service 12:00 – 5:00 pm Garden Tour	20	21 Leave for Youth Gathering	22 7:00 pm Worship Service ELCA YOUTH GATHERING	23 ----->	24 6:00 pm Davis Rehearsal ----->	25 Davis Wedding ----->
26 9:00 am Worship Service ELCA YOUTH GATHERING	27 Return from Youth Gathering	28	29 7:00 pm Worship Service	30	31 Pastor's Day Off	

ENLARGING THE CIRCLE OF MINISTRY

Space Utilization Study: Some history and an update

April 30, 2006 -The people of Good Shepherd unanimously voted to endorse the NEW VIEW vision statement.

November 8, 2006 - A strategic plan, developed to carry out this vision was approved by our church council.

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 newsletter articles about the idea of carrying out this part of our strategic plan by completing a space utilization study.

January 25, 2009 – GSLC annual meeting, \$7500 was approved as a part of the 2009 budget to fund a space utilization study.

April 30 – Kane & Johnson Architects, Inc. of Rochester were selected by our church council to carry out the space utilization study for a cost of \$6900.

May 18 – May 26 – Invitations to ministry groups and Good Shepherd members to share their space needs on May 27.

May 27 – 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.

June 11 – Lindsey Scurlock, architect, met with the Good Shepherd Space Study Team to give detailed feedback about what they heard as our space needs. Twenty-two pages of notes were shared. A complete copy of these notes can be picked up in the church office. The Kane & Johnson architects took the list of space needs they heard and began equating a square footage. This meeting involved looking at numbers of people involved in ministry areas now, and projections for what it will be 10 years from now. These are all steps to get more of an accurate picture of the space needed to carry out our ministry well.

July 2 – The Space Study Team will meet with the Kane & Johnson architects to view some preliminary bubble diagrams or conceptual drawings of what our space could look like with each ministry having adequate space to support growing ministries. These drawings are very preliminary, and will be helpful to draw out more responses and conversations.

Thank you for taking time to think about and share the space needs of your ministry areas! **This is a process where everyone's input is desired. Please know that you can continue to submit your thoughts in writing to the church office or to Pastor Kevin's email, (Kevin.goodshepherd@embarqmail.com), and they will be forwarded on to Kane & Johnson. Thanks for taking part in these ministry conversations! Check the bulletin board in the narthex for ongoing updates.**

The Space Study Team consists of: Arlan (Arlo) Simonson, chair; Carol Goergen-Fenske, Gloria Keseley, Ron Fahrenz, Dawn Suntken, and Pastor Kevin Woestehoff.

CONGREGATIONAL LIFE/YOUTH

FIRST WEDNESDAYS

Beginning this fall, a change will be seen at Good Shepherd. The first Wednesday of each month will be a busy time as we fill that evening with food, education, committee meetings and fellowship. Look for changes to begin in October.

Dinner will be served in the fellowship hall by the senior high youth on October 7 from 5:30 – 7:00 p.m. A free will offering will be collected. Please join us before or after choir practice, a committee meeting, confirmation, or perhaps a Bible study. Hang out while your child is here, or join us just because you need a night off from cooking. Other groups will have the opportunity to serve these meals, so watch for sign up information on the "Count Me In" form.

Committee chairs and small group leaders, please plan to hold your meetings on the First Wednesday. Once you have established a time, please notify the church office. Pastor Kevin will be more available to attend these meetings as other caring adults will spend time with our confirmation students and senior high youth on First Wednesdays.

As we continue the journey of growing deeper in faith and deeper in service, let's fill the walls of Good Shepherd on First Wednesdays.

MINNESOTA TWINS 16TH ANNUAL LUTHERAN NIGHT

Wednesday, August 26 at 7:10 p.m.

Minnesota Twins vs Orioles

Lower Level Reserved tickets: \$22 (regular \$31)
Upper Level Club Reserved tickets: \$17.00 (regular \$22)
Upper Level General Admission tickets: \$7 (regular \$8)

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

BOX PROJECT UPDATE

Email received June 19, 2009

Dear Lonnie,

We got the boxes. They came in handy. Monique is going to Florida on the 19th of June with the Boys and Girls club for six days. The capri pants sets work so well for her to take with her. There were pink plaid one and two solid ones, a blue and a green one. She was so proud to get them. Thanks a million.

We have been going to our church for summer meetings. It is so hot here. We are just trying to keep cool. I have no plans for the summer, but to put up food in the freezer to help the cost of living.

I wrote you as soon as I got the boxes, but my email came back. I don't know what I did wrong that first time.

I hope your family is all well. We are doing nicely, thank God. Say hello to everyone for us. Thanks again.
Love, Jeanette

CONGREGATIONAL LIFE/YOUTH CONTINUED ...

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!

MILESTONE MOMENTS

Baptism...

Blessings to Kale Joshua Benike, who was baptized on June 17, 2009. Kale is the son of Josh and Michelle Benike.

Funeral...

Our sympathy to the family of Susan Nienow. Susan passed away on June 22, 2009. Services were held at Good Shepherd on June 26.

EDUCATION

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Wow! What a wonderful three days of Vacation Bible School on June 1-3! Thanks to the 28 children, 22 adult and youth volunteers, and all of the caring adults who came to play around in God's Word with their children. The theme of "Vine and Branches" helped us think about staying connected to Jesus the vine, because everything we have comes from Jesus the vine. Thanks to "Betty, the garden lady" we all went home with plants to continue to remind us of that theme. My plants and Mr. Seed Head are still growing...are yours?

SUNDAY SCHOOL OPPORTUNITIES

Teaching Sunday school is a great way to learn more about the Bible and get to know the awesome children of this congregation as you learn and grow together. You are invited to join the SS team and be a caring adult in the lives of our children and youth.

Thanks to the 7 fabulous leaders who have already committed to teach next year. The following classes still need a person to help team teach: 3-4 year olds, Kindergarten, 1st-2nd, 3rd, and 4th. We can always use helpers and substitutes as well. Contact Jake Thompson (798-2336) or Carole Joyce (269-9374) if you would like to serve in this way.

GOOD EARTH VILLAGE DAY CAMP

Thirteen children from Good Shepherd will attend day camp at Good Earth Village on August 4. Students participating will receive a letter with details soon. Please pray for these students and their chaperones that God would bless their time together.

BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

Birthdays

07/02	Alexis Ernst		07/17	John Salek
07/03	Cheryl Schneider			JoAnn Struthers
07/04	Dave Haack			Brent Masee
	Tom Anderson			Casey Snyder
	Matthew Scripture			Matthew Hanson
07/06	Cheryl Endres			Alexis Yust
07/10	Karen Anderson		07/19	Colene Rau
	Penny Simonson		07/21	Amy Alger
	Gavin Folkert		07/22	Chris Henderson
07/11	Stan Tesch		07/23	Gerald Ackman
07/12	Sara Steele			Christopher Zimmerman
	Scott Folkert		07/24	Brandi Yust
	Ellie Kobler		07/25	Al Ninas
07/13	Steve Tradup			Shirley Lehmann
07/15	Ginny Mielke		07/26	Joel Applen
	Wayne Wendt			Paul Appel
	Kayla Albers		07/29	Todd Wangen
07/16	Paige Gudmundson			David Rosckes

Anniversaries

07/03	Bob & Cheryl Endres		07/19	Bill & Carol Zabel
	Chris & Alice Henderson		07/23	Dick & Debbie Bristow
07/12	Marty & Sarah Hassig		07/25	Rich & Mary Ann Pett
07/13	Blaine & Misty Biers			Don & Shelli Tradup
07/16	Roger & Jackie Arens		07/26	Jeff & Shelley Henry
07/17	Jim & Karen Fasching		07/28	Pastor Kevin & Sally Woestehoff
07/19	Joe & Sandy Ulwelling		07/31	Jeff & Joy Tesmer

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

FOOD FOR THOUGHT

***God has given us two hands:
one to receive with and the other to give with!***

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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 August 2009 Newsletter is

WEDNESDAY, JULY 22.