

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 Franny Schwantz (876-2253) or Pat Hanson Haack (534-3088) during the month of October.

A PRESENTATION ON THE SPACE STUDY SUNDAY, OCTOBER 4TH AT 9:15 A.M.

As a congregation we continue to master plan to live out our calling to "Grow deeper in faith and service." In carrying out this vision, we look at the ministry tools of staffing, programming, finances, and facility.

As we look at our facility as a ministry tool, we continue to need your thoughtful input. The space study has asked the question, "What kind of space is needed to do ministry well?" We have received some great ideas, questions, and other feedback to the preliminary drawings that have been posted in the narthex. Thank you for taking time to write your thoughts on the drawings, and please continue to give your feedback.

In order to further engage in this conversation, David Kane of Kane & Johnson Architects will be at Good Shepherd on Sunday, October 4th from 9:15-10:15 a.m. to lead a presentation on the space study and to look together at some drawings. The conversation will take place in the sanctuary following the 8:00 a.m. worship service.

Thank you for your partnership in this space study!

Blessings,

The Space Study Team

Arlan Simonson, Chair; Ron Fahrenz, Carol Goergen-Fenske, Dawn Suntken, Gloria Keseley, and Pastor Kevin Woestehoff

**"...But grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ."
2 Peter 3:18**

Through a series of congregational cottage meetings one year ago, we discerned God's call for us to grow deeper in faith and deeper in service. This verse from 2 Peter is very fitting to be in large letters on the narthex wall. Growing in our relationship with Jesus is what being the people of God is all about!

Since the end of May through November, our church is living in the season of Pentecost. Pentecost is not only the day that celebrates the gift of the Holy Spirit. Pentecost is the season that is represented in the color of green, the color that represents growing. God invites us to continue to grow in our relationship with Jesus Christ. God invites us to continue to grow in our service to the world.

On Ebenezer Sunday we celebrated many ways that God has been at work bringing GROWTH and life to our ministry. Please take time to read the "Enlarging the Circle of Ministry" column to ponder more ways we can "Grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ."

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ENLARGING THE CIRCLE OF MINISTRY

HOW CAN WE LIVE OUT OUR CALLING TO GROW DEEPER IN FAITH AND DEEPER IN SERVICE?

Bible Study - There is a strong connection between the studying of God's word and growing in discipleship. We can't emphasize Bible Study enough. This year we are intentionally growing in regularly offering adult bible study opportunities on Sundays and Wednesdays. Monthly schedules are included in the newsletter. The schedule for the year is available at goodshepherd-elca.org.

Stewardship – How do you use the gifts God has given you? This includes money but is not only money. The question of how will I use my gifts to serve is a faith question about our relationship with Jesus.

Worship - Worship is a defining mark of being a Christian. Taking part in the community of faith to hear God's word and share in Holy Communion is central to being a follower of Jesus.

Fellowship – Christ is experienced in community! We are not created to go it alone as individuals, but we are called to live as a community. How can we grow in building friendships that are centered in Christ? Fellowship can happen in small groups. It can begin with making a point of reaching out to visit with someone you don't know after worship concludes. Fellowship happens when you come and participate for the sake of others, especially on days when you feel like staying home.

As God's people we are called to respond to his grace and blessings. I invite you to take time to ponder and plan how you can grow deeper in faith and deeper in service.

HOW DOES OUR VISION SHAPE OUR COUNCIL, STAFF, AND MINISTRY TEAMS?

Our church council, staff, and ministry teams are continually planning and asking how we can carry out the vision of growing deeper in faith and service.

Previous planning has helped to create staffing and systems that have helped us to grow radically in the number of people using their gifts to serve.

Plans for adding the staff positions of "Shared Ministries Coordinator" and "Passing on the Faith Facilitator" have seen growth in the number of people involved in ministry and worship. In one year alone average worship has increased from 162 to 175!

Milestones ministry is another outgrowth of vision and planning. This ministry is helping us grow in strengthening the partnership between church and home. Faith baskets with blankets, worship DVDs, and some instructions are given to the family of everyone baptized as a tool to help grow in our relationship with Jesus.

We continue to look at ministry tools of programming, staffing, finance, and facility and how they can best serve our shared vision.

Blessings,
Pastor Kevin Woestehoff

EDUCATION

TOGETHER IN FAITH

Fifth Graders and Parents: "REAL LIFE FAITH"

This series of two Sunday school classes designed for parents to attend with their children will be on October 11th and 18th. Parents and children will learn more about Martin Luther and discover how to connect Bible verses, prayer, and worship to every day life. Fifth graders will lead Martin Luther's Morning Prayer in worship on November 1st.

RELIGIOUS RELEASE TIME

Religious Release Time for 1st – 6th Grades at P-E-M Schools

4th, 5th, and 6th grade students: Wednesday, 8:00 -9:00 a.m. @ Trinity Lutheran – Elgin. Students will be bussed from the school in Elgin at 8:00 a.m. to a classroom at Trinity Lutheran Church in Elgin. Students will be bussed back to school at 9:00 a.m. Local students can go directly to Trinity Lutheran Church at 8:00 a.m., and be bussed back after release time.

1st grade students: Tuesday 12:05 – 1:05 p.m. at Community Presbyterian -- Plainview
2nd & 3rd grade students: Tuesday, 12:45 to 1:45 p.m. at Community Presbyterian -- Plainview. Students are walked with an adult to and from Release Time activities.

ADULT EDUCATION

We are never too old for Sunday school. Baptism begins a LIFELONG journey with Jesus Christ. One part of that journey is continuing to study the Bible and think about life's big questions in relationship to our faith. With that in mind, an exciting year of adult education opportunities is being planned for both Sunday mornings and Wednesday evenings for Good Shepherd adults. All adults are encouraged to attend.

Sunday mornings start with coffee and fellowship at 9:15 a.m. Then gather in the sanctuary at 9:30 a.m. for the following topics:

October 4 Space study discussion
 October 11 A Gardener, Two Travelers and a Cheat
 October 18 A Gardener, Two Travelers and a Cheat
 October 25 A Gardener, Two Travelers and a Cheat

An adult opportunity will also be offered on Wednesday evenings at 6:30 p.m.:

October 7 First Wed--Meeting Night and Meal
 October 14 NO adult study MEA
 October 21 Holy Baptism (Intergenerational)
 October 28 Holy Baptism (Intergenerational)

EDUCATION CONTINUED ...

SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS

We give thanks to God for the awesome leaders who will be teaching Sunday school this year! Please keep them in your prayers as they commit to sharing stories of God's love with our children and youth.

We have teachers for all the Sunday school classes; however, we are still in need of substitute teachers and a helper for the Preschool Sunday school class. Please contact Jake Thompson (798-2336) or Carole Joyce (269-9374) if you are interested in either of these education opportunities.

CONFIRMATION MINISTRY

7th & 8th Grade Confirmation Ministry

Confirmation ministry meets every Wednesday night from 6:00 -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.

<u>October Schedule</u>	<u>Host Family for Meals</u>	<u>Activities/Discussions</u>
October 7	Senior High Youth	Fellowship Night with Parents
October 14	N/A	NO CONFIRMATION (MEA)
October 21	Jurgenson Family	Learning Night – Holy Baptism**
October 28	Rau Family	Learning Night – Holy Baptism**

**The Holy Baptism classes are intergenerational

WORSHIP & MUSIC

THANK YOU, MARK!

Mark Jurgenson has served faithfully as our adult choir director over the past 6 years. The choir and its music has been a blessing to our worship. As Mark continues in ministry in many ways, the time has come where he has needed to resign the position of choir director. Thank you Mark for sharing your gifts in directing the adult choir!

The Worship & Music Committee is taking up the task of designing a job description for the future choir director. This transition gives us time to provide a description and expectations that will benefit the choir director and the congregation.

CONGREGATIONAL LIFE/YOUTH

FIRST WEDNESDAYS

Join us for food, education, a committee meeting or two, or just fellowship as we kick off *First Wednesdays* at Good Shepherd. On October 7th from 5:30 – 7:00 p.m. the Senior High Youth will serve dinner in the fellowship hall. A free will offering will be collected. All proceeds will go toward the mission trip which will take place during the summer of 2010. Everyone is invited.

The committees that will be meeting on October 7th and the times they will meet are listed below:

<u>COMMITTEE</u>	<u>MEETING TIMES</u>	<u>MEETING PLACE</u>
Confirmation	6:00 –7:00 pm	Fellowship hall/Sanctuary
	7:00 pm	Nursery
Congregational Life	7:00 pm	Narthex
Education Committee	6:00 – 7:00 pm	Nursery
Finance	7:00 pm	Office
Senior High Youth	7:00 pm	Youth Room
Women's Group	5:45 --6:45 pm	Narthex
Worship & Music	7:00 pm	Fellowship hall

Pastor Kevin plans to be available to attend a portion of each meeting as needed, but for this to happen, communication is key. Join with us as we strive to grow deeper in faith and deeper in service. Let's fill the walls of Good Shepherd on *First Wednesdays*.

FIRST WEDNESDAY MEALS

Is your group, committee or team willing to prepare a dinner on a Wednesday evening at Good Shepherd? These dinners will be served from 5:30 – 7:00 p.m. on the first Wednesday of each month beginning in October. A free will offering will be collected. This money can be used to fund a project or be donated to a cause of the groups choosing. If your group is interested in serving a meal, please indicate on the "Count Me In" form. The Senior High Youth will kick off the meals by serving the October dinner. Available 2009 dates are November 4 & December 2. Please consider joining the fun on *First Wednesdays* by preparing a meal for your church family at Good Shepherd.

DID YOU KNOW YOU WERE HELPING TO TEACH A FUTURE PASTOR?

Beth Krolak is in her second year of studies at Luther Seminary in Saint Paul, MN. Beth is pursuing a four year Master of Divinity Degree, with plans to become a pastor in the ELCA. One part of the seminary experience is being involved in the life of a congregation. Beth is connecting with Good Shepherd as her "Teaching Parish." You will see Beth in different roles: assisting in worship, leading an adult education class, etc. This is all part of Beth's effort to be in ministry and to keep developing her gifts for ordained ministry.

CONGREGATIONAL LIFE/YOUTH CONTINUED ...

NEW MEMBERS

A new member orientation and potluck will be held on Sunday, October 18th

On a weekly basis, Good Shepherd Lutheran Church is blessed with people who are worshipping at Good Shepherd for the first time, as well as many returning worshippers who are desiring to live out their discipleship as part of the ministry of Good Shepherd. An orientation to Good Shepherd's ministry will be held Sunday, October 18th from 5:30-7:30 p.m. in the Good Shepherd fellowship hall. This is a time to learn more about Good Shepherd's mission and ministry. Sandwiches and refreshments will be provided. Please bring a dish to pass. Those desiring to become members will be received during Sunday morning worship on October 25th, 2009. If you would like to attend this orientation and desire to become a member please RSVP by October 11th to the church office at 534-3675 or by email to kevin.goodshepherd@embarqmail.com.

SENIOR HIGH YOUTH

Senior High Youth Ministry – A good thing growing! (Grades 9-12)

The senior high youth meet every Wednesday evening from 7:30 – 8:30 p.m. All senior high youth are welcome and encouraged to attend.

Aluminum Can Collection

The senior high youth continue to collect aluminum cans. 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 Claudia Mary Pahl, who was baptized on September 6, 2009. Claudia is the daughter of Mike and Beth Pahl.

Blessings to Mya Mae Larson, who was baptized on September 20, 2009. Mya is the daughter of Kevin and Melissa Larson.

CONGREGATIONAL LIFE/YOUTH CONTINUED ...

**“GROW in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.”
2 Peter 3:18**

On Ebenezer Sunday (September 13) we raised our Ebenezer and gave thanks to God. Here are but a few of the joys we celebrated:

- ✚ The gift of God who has “helped us this far,” and in whom we live and move and have our being.
- ✚ The people of Good Shepherd who feel God calling us to grow deeper in faith and service.
- ✚ Weekly average worship attendance has grown to 175. A year ago we celebrated average attendance of 162.
- ✚ Regular and designated giving has grown in 5 years from \$118,000 to over \$200,000.
- ✚ We no longer have unpaid bills, and have been able to grow to giving over \$12,000 to ministries beyond Good Shepherd. (World Hunger Appeal, Food Shelf, Mission Starts, etc.)
- ✚ Growth in staffing and programming to carry out our vision of growing deeper in faith and service.
- ✚ Beginner’s Bibles are given to every 3 year old, to enjoy reading the Word together at home.
- ✚ 14 Senior High Youth students took part in the ELCA National Youth Gathering in New Orleans, Louisiana.
- ✚ Weekly gatherings of 10 -15 Senior High Students on Wednesday nights.
- ✚ Five years in a row of impact trips to West Virginia, ELCA Youth Gatherings, Juarez, Mexico, Peer Ministry Camp and the Boundary Waters.
- ✚ Average weekly worship attendance this past summer was 127. Our average for the whole year in 2003 was 113.
- ✚ We really enjoy being the church together in worship, study, fellowship and service!
- ✚ The gift of “Faith baskets” are now given at each baptism.
- ✚ Weekly Bible studies and other faith growth opportunities for adults are scheduled for the 2009-10 program year.
- ✚ Support for the Food Shelf increases with volunteers and giving. Garden Tour this year alone gave \$2361.10 to Food Shelf.
- ✚ Growth in Service Ministries through the Sharing Tree, Operation Christmas Child, Food Shelf, IHN, and “Count Me In.”
- ✚ Countless ministry efforts that you live out in your homes, workplaces, schools, neighborhoods, and community!
- ✚ Multiple Touch Ministry offers ongoing care.
- ✚ Growing number of adults serving as Sunday School teachers, confirmation small group leaders, and hanging out with senior high youth.
- ✚ Painting and lettering in the sanctuary and narthex.
- ✚ Garden Club continues to beautify our church grounds with flowers and landscaping.
- ✚ Living with the “good problem” of struggling for space for staff and for ministry programs on Sundays and Wednesdays.
- ✚ Over 100 students enrolled in Pre-K through 8th grade Sunday School.
- ✚ Development of new small group ministries: Gourmet Club and Parent’s group.
- ✚ Broader base of ministry participation with increases in number of worship assistants, co-leaders, and ministry team members.
- ✚ Worship blessed with three choirs, three accompanists, Chicago folk musicians, cantors, and intergenerational involvement.
- ✚ A church council that begins with prayer and devotions/Bible study as an essential part of each meeting.
- ✚ Being united in Christ, seeing our lives as ministry!

FINANCE

AUGUST 31, 2009

General Fund Balance **\$ 5,722**

Restricted Fund Balances

Computer Fund	\$ 87	
Cookie Walk	\$ 6,122	
Emergency Funds	\$ 692	
Garden Tour	\$ 2,010	
Good Earth Village Campership	\$ 210	
Interest		
Meditation Garden	\$ 1,317	
Memorial Fund	\$ 5,956	
Milestone Ministries	\$ 604	
Maintenance Fund	\$ 8,063	
Parking Lot Fund	\$ 529	
Sound & Technology	\$ 230	
Sunday School	\$ 2,011	
Youth & Family Ministry	\$ 3,113	
Total Restricted Funds	\$ 30,944	
Grand Total – All Funds		\$36,666

Income

This Month's Income	\$ 15,201
Budget	\$ 16,900
YTD Income	\$129,853
YTD Budget	\$135,200
Expense Budgeted YTD	\$136,824
Expense Actual YTD	\$114,492
Mortgage Balance (Refi 2003 5.5%)	\$273,695
Benevolence Paid YTD	\$ 9,756

MISSIONS & STEWARDSHIP

2009-2010 NEIGHBOR-TO-NEIGHBOR STEWARDSHIP PROGRAM

Thank you for your partnership and support of the ministry of Good Shepherd Lutheran Church. Your participation in past stewardship programs has been outstanding. Our giving has continued to annually increase in recent years, allowing us to grow closer to becoming the vision we feel God is calling us to. **Thank you for your generosity in giving.**

Later this month Good Shepherd will begin the 2009 Neighbor-to-Neighbor Stewardship drive. Like recent years, each household is being organized into a route of neighbors. Updates and revisions are taking place to further enhance this year's program. Here is how it works:

1. In early October, you will receive a letter that shows what neighborhood grouping you belong to, and when you can anticipate the "relay book" coming to your household. Each route will have a route leader who will pick up the relay book from the church narthex on Sunday, October 11th. The route leader will make follow-up phone calls to homes on the route, in an effort to keep the book progressing on time.
2. One "relay book", a three ring binder, will be passed along each route. Each household should take time to look through the book. After you have looked through the relay book, we ask you to prayerfully consider your plan for giving for 2010 in light of your total income. Each binder will also include a form to be completed with updated household information as well as individual interests and skills. After placing your "statement of intent" and household information into a sealed envelope in the back of the binder, pass it on to the next household.

Thank you again for your participation in this year's Neighbor-to-Neighbor Stewardship Program.

OPERATIONS CHRISTMAS CHILD

Please begin thinking about our fall missions project, Operation Christmas Child, which sends a shoebox filled with small gifts and other items to a child in a Third World country that would otherwise not receive a gift at Christmas. Along with the shoeboxes, the parent organization, Samaritan's Purse, distributes Bibles and other literature and teaches the children about Jesus. Information packets are available in the narthex.

FOOD FOR THOUGHT

The real measure of your wealth is how much you would be worth if you lost all your money.

COMMUNITY

Everyone is welcome!

Memorial Benefit for Gerald Timm BJ's Bar & Grill

@ Whippoorwill Kampground - Plainview, MN

Saturday, November 14, 2009

Noon till gone

Bar B Q Chicken Fry

Live Auction begins @ 2:00 p.m.

**Suggested
donation of
\$10.00
per person**

(Donated and prepared by the Wabasha Fire Department)

Bake Sale, Silent Auction

Music by Captain Jack

We need donations for the Silent/Live auction & Bake Sale!

Your generous donation will be used to offset expenses that the family accrued since the accident.

Monetary donations can be made at Peoples State Bank, Plainview – Gerald Timm Benefit

Contributions or questions can be directed to:

Pat Barnes	534-2647	pbarnes@lakes.com	
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Menu:
Bar B Q Chicken
Buns
Baked Potato
Corn
Home Made Pie

**Supplemental funding has been applied for from
Thrivent Financial for Lutheran**

COMMUNITY Continued...

Your assistance is needed:

Donations needed by *November 6th*

We are needing you to be creative and put together/donate baskets with items for the silent auction. i.e. movie basket, hair care basket, bath basket, food basket, date basket, PEM Bulldog basket and anything you can come up with. We will be needing items to put in baskets that we will create for you. We need gift certificates.

We will be holding a live auction and looking for larger items for this. i.e. are you crafty, creative, wood worker, MN Wild Tickets, Vikings tickets, or do you have something that you know would be a great item. What can you offer?

If you have an item, please contact Donnie or Cindy Lien. They are the main contact for donations, but anyone on the committee can assist you! Please contact someone on the list to arrange for pick up or drop off.

Potatoes by *November 6th*

We are needing "BAKING" Potatoes the 90 count potatoes – We need 500 of them. They need to be poked with a fork – washed and wrapped in tin foil prior to bringing them.

Bake Sale Donations by *November 13th*

We are seeking donations for the bake sale. DO NOT BRING PIES!!! These will be made in mass quantities for the lunch and sale by a group of people that has been arranged. Do not bring white cut out cookies, these will be made by a group of people.

BUNS by *November 13th*

We are needing 75 dozen party buns for the lunch.

Workers are needed:

Saturday, November 7 – Christian Life Center – Immanuel Lutheran Church

8:00 a.m. -- Baking

White Cut out Cookies and we will be frosting and decorating them for the bake sale.

Thursday & Friday, November 12 & 13th – Christian Life Center – Immanuel Lutheran Church

9:00 a.m. -- Baking

We will be having a pie baking event. We will need people to peel and assist with pie baking.

Friday, November 13th

We will need many workers for loading to unloading to set up to clean up to prepare for the auction/silent auction and bake sale.

Saturday, November 14th

We will need many workers for this day from loading to unloading, serving, set up, clean up

Our website on Facebook.com is updated daily! Our committee can direct you to the Gerald Timm Fan Club

Anyone on the committee listed will be able to assist you. If you can help, please let us know!

COMMUNITY Continued...

JOSH KOEHLER SPINAL CORD INJURY BENEFIT

Saturday, October 10, 2009 at the Plainview American Legion

Josh Koehler of Plainview (formally of Dover) fell at his home, hyper extended his neck, and bruised his spinal cord on June 13. As a result of this fall he sustained an "incomplete spinal cord injury" which resulted in having no movement below his chest line when he arrived at St Mary's by Mayo 1. During the MRI they noticed a congenital disorder of his C3 and C4 vertebrae causing it to be narrower than normal. This disorder is probably why, when he fell, the bruise was so damaging. Josh underwent surgery right away to fix this congenital disorder, but unfortunately this would not be able to help the bruise that he sustained in the fall. Josh has been working very hard through hours of rehabilitation to bring back as much normal function as possible; however, he will need approximately 1 year of rehab and out-patient therapy. Please join in to help support Josh continue this rehabilitation and out-patient therapy.

Purchase tickets in advance for \$8.00 or \$10.00 at the door (Kids 5 and under are FREE)

Pork sandwich dinner	4:00 pm – until food is gone
Auction	4:00 pm – 8:00 pm
Music	8:00 – 12:00 pm

For more information or to make a donation, please contact:

Donna Meyer – 507-259-9740 or Tonia Fix – 507-259-8613

** All proceeds will be given to Josh and his family to help with medical expenses.
Supplemental funds have been applied for through Thrivent Financial for Lutherans.

FAITH IN ACTION (FIA)

Faith in Action (FIA) is seeking volunteer drivers who transport senior citizens and handicapped people who live in Wabasha County to routine doctor appointments. An anonymous donor has offered to donate \$25 to your church for each volunteer driver members from your church recruit. Volunteers must be registered with Faith in Action before transportation assignments take place.

Faith In Action is a private non-profit organization with a mission to provide a package of services designed to help senior citizens and handicapped people to live a quality and independent life in their home of choice. FIA has been functioning since January 2001 and has helped hundreds of people in need of assistance. During 2008, over 55 volunteers helped over 90 senior citizens and handicapped people and volunteers went out on work assignments over 1,500 times. Drivers are reimbursed for miles transporting needy people. They are paid (about twice the cost of gasoline used) for miles they drive while transporting assigned needy people. The volunteers are also reimbursed a limited amount for parking fees and meals. Each volunteer will establish the amount of times and frequency they will volunteer to drive, and they will not be asked to exceed their set limits.

Interested people should telephone Rose Jech, Faith In Action office at 534-1244 , to learn more and receive required papers.

BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

Birthdays

10/01	Joy Tesmer		10/18	Tyscen Hagen
	Bob Ellinghuysen			Ben Keseley
10/04	Troy Munsch			Ainsley Schwantz
	Angie LaBare			Landon Klennert
10/05	Jim Barnick		10/19	Todd Rau
	Leslie Ackman			Rich Pett
	Arlo Simonson		10/20	Nolan Folkert
	Shelley Henry			Brooke Horstman
10/06	Arich Herrmann			Jacy Lundeen
10/07	Susan Shanks		10/22	Andy Yust
	Julene Horstman		10/23	Terry Yust
10/08	Jasmyne Johnson			Bob Tangen
10/09	Taylor Thompson			Jeff Melbostad
10/10	Matt Anderson		10/25	Tara Schwantz
	Andrew Sackreiter		10/26	Alyce Tidball
	Jacob LaBare		10/27	Collin Buntrock
10/11	Angie Lehmann			Anthony Ellinghuysen
10/12	Eric Grover		10/29	Mike Sveen
10/14	Ken Norregaard		10/30	Kris Bedney
	Thomas Zimmerman			Schuyler Thompson
10/15	John Folkert		10/31	Jeremy Amos
	Jeff Henry			Nick Shanks
	Anthony Rosckes			Torin Erickson
10/17	June Barnick			

Anniversaries

10/03	Todd & Colene Rau		10/15	Jeff & Sheri Webster
	Steve & Tami Sawyer		10/16	Kent & Barb Kingsley
10/05	Todd & Brook Schwantz		10/17	Bob & Susan Shanks
10/06	Howard & Janice Haugstad			Mike & Jill Kobler
	Kenny & Stacy Hutchison		10/18	Bryan & Tracy Goettl
	Craig & Sara Steele		10/19	Ben & Jen Peter
10/13	Mark & Karen Jurgenson		10/26	Gerald & Leslie Ackman
	Dustin & Heidi Boettcher			Mike & Jeanette Morath
10/14	Bernie & Michelle Klennert		10/27	Kirk & Lily Bartz

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

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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 November 2009 Newsletter is

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 22.