

# 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 Debbie Bristow (534-2837) or Marlene Johnson (534-2273) during the month of February.*

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## LENTEN SUPPER & WORSHIP

### LENT 2010: Growing in prayer

**The season of Lent begins with Ash Wednesday on February 17<sup>th</sup>.** The ashes put on our foreheads reminds us of our mortality. This may seem like a sad ending, but it is an invitation to grow each day in our identity as a baptized child of God who lives in God's grace and forgiveness. One mark of our life as disciples is prayer.

This year we will turn to the Small Catechism and have an intentional time of growing in our prayer lives as we look closer at the Lord's Prayer. A prayer book and some other resources will be given out at some of the mid-week worship services.

**All mid-week worship services begin at 7:00 p.m.** On the five middle Wednesdays of Lent, we will worship using "That You May Have Life," an arrangement by Marty Haugen and Susan Briehl.

## LENTEN SUPPERS

Once again our Senior High Youth and their families will be serving suppers during lent. This begins on Ash Wednesday, February 17<sup>th</sup>, and continues through March 24<sup>th</sup>. All suppers will be served on Wednesday evenings in the fellowship hall from 5:30 – 7:00 p.m. The menu will include a variety of homemade soups (come early for best selection), a light sandwich with Great Harvest bread, and a delicious dessert, as well as drinks. A free will offering will be collected with a suggested donation of \$5 for adults and \$3 for children 8 years and under. All proceeds will go toward the 2010 mission trip to Chicago. Take a night off from cooking and join us for good food and fellowship.

## ENLARGING THE CIRCLE OF MINISTRY

### Space Utilization Study: Master Planning

Following the October 4, 2009 update and conversation with the congregation, the space study team carried out their charge to gather pricing information about these potential renovations and addition.

Interviews for a "Negotiating Contractor" were held with the assistance of Kane & Johnson, Architects. The search began with the premise that we have a preference for local contractors. Knutson Construction of Rochester was selected following interviews held on December 3<sup>rd</sup>. Again, please note that no construction has been ordered, but we are gathering pricing information.

Knutson construction will work with Kane and Johnson Architects and the Space Study Team to provide the congregation with some initial pricing numbers.

Our process has allowed ministry groups to share about their respective space needs. In the weeks ahead we would like to carry out some communication with the people of Good Shepherd to hear what you prioritize as our space needs (parking lot, classrooms, meeting rooms, gathering space, office space, youth room, etc.)

After gathering information on priorities and an initial look at costs, we will want to gather the congregation again for a formal update. No date is set at this time, but this would likely happen in March.

Thank you for your partnership in ministry,

The Space Study Team – Arlan Simonson, Ron Fahrenz, Carol Goergen-Fenske, Dawn Suntken,  
Gloria Keseley, and Pastor Kevin Woestehoff

## CONGREGATIONAL LIFE/YOUTH

### GOOD SHEPHERD WOMEN'S GROUP

#### Salvation Army Meal

On Friday, February, 26, the Good Shepherd Women's Group will be serving a meal at the Salvation Army in Rochester. A donation will be made to the Salvation Army to help cover the costs of the meal. February's noisy offering will go toward this donation. Watch for your opportunity to serve as Good Shepherd will be serving at the Salvation Army monthly, beginning in March. The time commitment is from 5:00 - 7:30 p.m. and duties include preparing a meal (which is provided), serving and clean-up. Five or six volunteers are needed for each month. Families, groups, etc., are encouraged to serve. Please join in as we continue to grow in service.

## CONGREGATIONAL LIFE/YOUTH CONTINUED ...

### FIRST WEDNESDAY DINNER IN FEBRUARY

On Wednesday, February 3<sup>rd</sup>, from 5:30 - 7:00 p.m., the Good Shepherd Women's Group will be doing the cooking. They will be serving a Spaghetti supper, with all of the fixings, in the Fellowship Hall. Proceeds will go to Women's Heart Health. A suggested donation of \$5 per adult and \$3 per child 8 and under will be collected. We hope to see all of you on the February 3<sup>rd</sup>.

If your group would be interested in serving a meal on May 5<sup>th</sup>, please indicate that on the "Count Me In" form. Please consider joining the fun on *First Wednesdays* by preparing a meal for your church family at Good Shepherd.

The committees that will be meeting on February 3<sup>rd</sup> and the times they will meet are listed below:

<u>COMMITTEE</u>	<u>MEETING TIMES</u>	<u>MEETING PLACE</u>
5th grade Sunday school class	5:00 pm	Food Shelf
Worship & Music	5:30 pm	Fellowship hall
Confirmation	6:00 – 7:30 pm	Fellowship hall/Sanctuary
Education Committee	6:30 pm	Nursery
Senior High Youth Parents	6:30 pm	Youth Room
Senior High Youth	7:30 pm	Youth Room

### WOODWORKING SKILLS NEEDED

Do you have wood working or building skills? We are looking for people to help with two different projects. The first is making faith chests to give to baptismal families. The second is making small crosses for Lent. For more information or to volunteer, please sign the "Count Me In" form, or contact Carole Joyce at [carole35@charter.net](mailto:carole35@charter.net) or 269-9374.

### GOOD SHEPHERD PRAYER BOOK

Thanks to those of you who contributed your favorite prayers, we will have a prayer book available for you to use for devotions at home this Lenten season. Worship with us on Wednesday, February 24<sup>th</sup>, or pick yours up at church after the 24<sup>th</sup>.

# CONGREGATIONAL LIFE/YOUTH CONTINUED ...

## 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!

## BOX PROJECT UPDATE

E-mail received Dec. 30. 2009

Dear Lonnie,

Thanks for the gifts and the money. I am ill. I had to go into the hospital on Wednesday before Christmas and got out today, Wed. Thanks so much for everything. I hope your holiday was happy as I know it was. You are so lucky and I pray God blesses you. You have such a wonderful family. God bless you all. Love, Jeanette and children

## MILESTONE MOMENTS

### Baptism...

Blessings to Kesler David Young, who was baptized on January 31, 2010. Kesler is the son of Isaac and Billie Jo Young.

## BAPTISMAL BLANKETS

Good Shepherd literally wraps babies in God's love when they are baptized. Each baby is given a blanket (a tie blanket or a tag blanket) at baptism to symbolize God's love which will surround them for the rest of their life. EVERYONE is encouraged and invited to help work on these blankets on Wednesday, March 24<sup>th</sup> from 5:00 - 7:00 p.m. Come for the Lenten soup supper and then take a few minutes before worship to help out with the blankets. If you can cut with a scissors or tie a knot, you have all the skills necessary!

In baptism, children are welcomed into God's family. Wouldn't it be wonderful if each blanket we give has been made by many, many hands from the Good Shepherd family? Children and youth are invited to help too.

# EDUCATION

## ADULT EDUCATION

### Sunday Morning Adult Education

There is always something interesting during the education hour 9:30 - 10:15 a.m. on Sunday mornings! Bring your coffee and join in the discussion.

- Learn more about yourself and your gifts on February 7<sup>th</sup> with Deb Weinrich as she leads LifeKeys.
- Our seminary intern, Beth Krolak will lead us through a study of the Beatitudes on February 14<sup>th</sup>, 21<sup>st</sup>, 28<sup>th</sup>, and March 7<sup>th</sup>, 14<sup>th</sup>, and 21<sup>st</sup>. Come for one or all of the lessons. What do these words which Jesus taught mean for us today?

### Wednesday Evening Adult Education

The only adult class during the month of February will be held on February 10<sup>th</sup>. The topic is "The Lord's Prayer: The Greatest Prayer". This class will be an intergenerational class (held with the confirmation students).

## TOGETHER IN FAITH

### Second Graders and Parents: "What's Fair?"

Second graders and their parents will meet in the nursery from 9:15 – 10:15 a.m. on February 7<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup>. These two sessions will be a time of serious fun, where we'll face one of our children's greatest frustrations – that life isn't fair! Discover together how to cope with life's unfairness and learn what God considers the fair facts. On Sunday, February 21<sup>st</sup>, our second graders will recite a Bible verse during worship.

### Kindergartners and Parents: "THE LORD'S PRAYER"

Throughout this year, we will encourage kindergartners to master The Lord's Prayer. We encourage parents to pray The Lord's Prayer with their children at home and during worship. On February 21<sup>st</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup>, parents should attend the parent-child Sunday school classes with their child for a fun and faithful look at the Lord's Prayer. The Kindergarten class will lead The Lord's Prayer during worship on March 7<sup>th</sup>.

## EDUCATION CONTINUED ...

### **MARK YOUR CALENDAR AND SAVE THESE DATES NOW...**

#### **Vacation Bible School: June 6-9 from 6:00 - 7:45 p.m.**

- 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 invited to attend with them—an opportunity to play and pray together.
- Kick off – with worship and activities will be Sunday, June 6.

Teachers, helpers, and organizers are needed. Sign up on the “Count Me In” form in Sunday’s bulletin, call or email Good Shepherd today, or talk to Julene Horstman or Carole Joyce.

#### **Good Earth Village Opportunities for Youth**

A week (or several days) at Bible camp is a wonderful way to have lots of fun, explore God’s amazing creation, and have great faith conversations. Because this can be such a meaningful experience, Good Shepherd will pay half the fee of any student who would like to go to camp at Good Earth Village this summer! This offer is for any student Kindergarten through 9<sup>th</sup> grade. (Full scholarships are available for anyone with financial need. Just talk to Pastor Kevin.) Brochures are available at church.

It would be fun to have a group go together, so we picked August 1-6 as Good Shepherd week. Our day at GEV for K-4<sup>th</sup> graders will be that week as well (see next article.) 3<sup>rd</sup>-4<sup>th</sup> graders can choose to do the day or stay for the whole week. If August 1-6 doesn’t work for you, choose any week that does. Brochures are available at church. Pick one up to register and see all the options. Send your registration and deposit directly to Good Earth Village. Then let us know you are going. (GEV recommends you register by early to mid-March to guarantee the week you want.)

#### **Day Long VBS Adventure for K-4<sup>th</sup> graders**

On Thursday, August 5 spend a day (9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.) at Good Earth Village with your Good Shepherd friends. Camp songs, games, Bible stories, and worship will be highlights of the day. Watch for sign up and details to follow. Good Shepherd will pay for this awesome adventure. (Any 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> graders who would prefer to go for the whole week of Aug 1-6, see above article.)

## EDUCATION CONTINUED ...

### CONFIRMATION MINISTRY

#### 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> 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.

On February 3<sup>rd</sup>, the confirmation students will be watching the video "Up".

#### February Schedule

February 3  
February 10  
February 17  
February 24

#### Host Family for Meals

First Wednesday Meal  
Linda Olson  
Lenten Soup Supper (Senior High Youth)  
Lenten Soup Supper (Senior High Youth)

## MISCELLANEOUS

For those who have an interest in the 15<sup>th</sup> Annual KCUE Women's Expo, it will be held on Friday, February 26<sup>th</sup> at the Red Wing High School. Expo doors open at 4:30 p.m. and the show begins at 7:00 p.m.

This year the Women's Expo will feature **Le Cordon Bleu College of Culinary Arts** of Minneapolis, Minnesota. Le Cordon Bleu is known as one of the finest culinary schools in the world, and their chefs are excited to share cooking recipes and preparation tips with you.

The KCUE Women's Expo will also offer a wide variety of exhibits featuring products for women and their homes. This year KCUE is excited to be able to offer everyone who attends the show a **free** cookbook featuring recipes from Le Cordon Bleu College of Culinary Arts, local businesses, and our listeners.

Tickets are now available for only \$10.00 at KCUE, Walmart, Econofoods and Community Education in Red Wing, Pierce Pepin Appliance in Ellsworth and Fiesta Foods in Lake City.

# FINANCE

## ANNUAL GSLC FINANCE REPORT

### 2009 Income

<b>Projected Revenue</b>	<b>\$202,800</b>	
Envelopes		\$175,825
Interest		\$ 243
Misc		\$ 492
Plate		\$ 5,174
Simply Giving (ACH from checking)		\$ 15,600
Special Services		<u>\$ 5,330</u>
<b>Actual Total Revenue for 2009</b>		<b>\$202,664</b>

### 2009 Expense

<b>Projected:</b>	<b>\$202,698</b>	
Administration		\$ 9,127
Benevolence (Funds going outside our Good Shepherd Family)		\$ 13,568
Maintenance		\$ 27,370
Mortgage interest		\$ 15,385
Programs		\$ 7,312
Support Staff & Pastoral		<u>\$ 93,550</u>
<b>Actual Expenses for 2009</b>		<b>\$166,312</b>

### Mortgage Balance 5.5% rate

January 1, 2009	\$289,623	
January 1, 2010	\$265,504	Principle Reduction
<b>Total 2009 Expenditures with Mortgage Reduction</b>		<u><b>\$ 24,119</b></u> <b>\$190,431</b>

### Restricted Fund Account Balances 12/31/09

Memorial Fund	\$5956.74
Parking Lot Fund	\$ 529.66
Computer Fund	\$ 80.93
Meditation Garden	\$1317.05
Cookie Walk	\$8408.40
Maintenance Fund	\$8063.73
Milestone Ministries	\$ 608.91
Sunday School	\$2083.08
GEV Campership Fund	\$ 210.00
Garden Tour	\$2010.47
Youth & Family Ministry	\$3069.60
Sound & Technology	\$ 780.72
Emergency Funds	\$ 692.70
Amazing Grays	\$ 260.00
Women's Group	\$ 153.08

# BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

## Birthdays

<b>02/01</b>	Riley Wendt		<b>02/17</b>	Jonathan Timm
<b>02/05</b>	Jon Amos			Ashton LaBare
	Barb Kingsley		<b>02/18</b>	Franny Schwantz
<b>02/06</b>	Emelia Lange			Monica Anderson
<b>02/07</b>	Sandy Ulwelling		<b>02/20</b>	Carol Buntrock
	Ashley Schreiber			Jenny Yust
<b>02/09</b>	Brenda Crudele		<b>02/21</b>	Steve Erwin
<b>02/10</b>	Neil Weaver			Lorne Lundeen
	Shannon Olstad			Justin Gusa
<b>02/11</b>	Katie Kappauf			Joe Weinrich
	Nikki Goergen		<b>02/22</b>	Buzz Christison
<b>02/12</b>	Chad Getschmann		<b>02/25</b>	Elaine Salek
<b>02/14</b>	Andrea Bartz		<b>02/26</b>	Shelli Tradup
	Megan Fick			Kory Bigalk
	Morgan Fick		<b>02/27</b>	Don Tradup
<b>02/15</b>	Dustin Boettcher			Kirk Bartz
<b>02/16</b>	Cindy Rettmann		<b>02/28</b>	Corrine Hanson
	Paul Fick			Andrea Masee
<b>02/17</b>	Jan Fiskum			

## Anniversaries

<b>02/06</b>	Bob & Sue Tangen
<b>02/11</b>	Clint & Ashley Schreiber
<b>02/14</b>	Jim & Char Balcome
<b>02/16</b>	George & Karen Back
	Steve Fenske & Carol Goergen-Fenske
<b>02/20</b>	Morey & Mary Applen

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

### **FOOD FOR THOUGHT**

***Take time to laugh – it is the music of the soul!***

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**VISION STATEMENT, GOOD SHEPHERD LUTHERAN CHURCH**

Claimed by God through Word & Sacrament, we move forward with a NEW VIEW:

**N**otice the needs of our congregation, community, and world with eyes of faith.  
**E**ducate all from cradle to grave.  
**W**orship in thankfulness and joy.

**V**alue all generations in passing on the faith.  
**I**dentify and affirm the gifts of God's people.  
**E**nergize God's people to use their gifts for ministry.  
**W**elcome the opportunity to walk the talk with our youth.

**The submission deadline for the March 2010 Newsletter is**  
***MONDAY, FEBRUARY 22.***