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ASCENSION AND PENTECOST

After Jesus was raised from the dead, he spent forty days appearing to the disciples and teaching about the Kingdom of God. Jesus gave a promise to those disciples that they would receive power when the Holy Spirit would come upon them, and that they would be Jesus' witnesses in Jerusalem, Judea, Samaria, and to the ends of the earth. After giving this promise Jesus ascended into heaven.

The promise of the Holy Spirit arrived as Jesus said. That day is Pentecost! In that moment of a rush of a mighty wind, the church was given the gift of the Holy Spirit. The book of Acts tells of the great "acts" of the Holy Spirit in the early church. We continue to be blessed with the gift and power of the Holy Spirit -- the Spirit that gathers us in to worship our Lord. This Holy Spirit is at work in the fellowship we have with each other, and at work in our learning and growing in faith. Life doesn't stay in one place when it is touched by the Spirit. We aren't gathered in to be a club, and stay there. We are gathered in to worship, and learn, and connect, and then we are sent out to serve with the life giving power of Jesus Christ!

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.

MAY WORSHIP HIGHLIGHTS

- May 2** 8:00 a.m. Worship service - 5th Sunday of Easter
10:30 a.m. Affirmation of Baptism (Confirmation)
- May 9** 8:00 & 10:30 a.m. Worship service - 6th Sunday of Easter
Mother's Day
- May 13** Ascension Day
- May 16** 8:00 a.m. Worship Service - 7th Sunday of Easter
10:30 a.m. Baccalaureate
- May 23** 8:00 a.m. & 10:30 a.m. Pentecost Sunday (Wear Red!)
- May 30** Holy Trinity Sunday
Memorial Day Weekend
One Sunday Worship service at 9 a.m.
- June 9** 7:00 p.m. - First summer Wednesday night worship

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CONGREGATIONAL LIFE/YOUTH

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR MAY

There will be no First Wednesday meal in May; however, the following committees will be meeting (places and times are listed below).

<u>COMMITTEE</u>	<u>MEETING TIMES</u>	<u>MEETING PLACE</u>
Worship & Music	5:30 pm	Fellowship Hall
Children's Choir	6:30 pm	Back of the Fellowship Hall
Congregational Life	6:30 pm	Nathex

MILESTONES MINISTRY

Confirmation

On Sunday, May 2nd at the 10:30 a.m. worship service, we will celebrate with 12 confirmands as they say "yes" to the promises God made to them at Baptism.

High School Graduation

On Sunday, May 16th at the 10:30 a.m. worship service, we will recognize our 15 high school seniors as they graduate from high school.

Please be in prayer for all of the confirmands and graduates as they celebrate these milestones

First Communion

The following 5th graders received their first communion during the Maundy Thursday worship service on April 1: Max Breuer, Raelin Ellinghuysen, Gavin Folkert, Joe Goettl, Paige Gudmundson, Brooke Horstman, Kali Jurgenson, Shane Kingsley, Shelbey Ramthun, Taylor Thompson, and Randy Wendt.

Baptism

Blessings to Conner Ramthun, who was baptized on April 18, 2010. Conner is the son of Shannon Ramthun and Kenny Ramthun.

MULTIPLE TOUCH MINISTRIES

The Multiple Touch Ministry Team will meet on May 19th at 7:00 p.m. in the narthex. Please consider becoming part of this group, whose goal is to reach out to those in need or to celebrate with those in time of joy. Please join us as we make plans to improve communication and discuss more ways in which we can reach out to others. If you have any questions, you may contact Deb Weinrich at 534-2336 or by e-mail at deb.goodshepherd@embarqmail.com .

CONGREGATIONAL LIFE/YOUTH CONTINUED ...

PARENTS' GROUP

Calling all Parents and Kids!

Come to Wedgewood Park in Plainview on Thursday, May 20th at 5:30 p.m. Kids can play with friends, parents can hang out together. Pizza and faith conversation will be provided. All families are invited to come spend an evening playing in the park. Kids of any age are welcome, especially infants through 3rd grade.

PRAYER SPONSOR

Could you be a Prayer Sponsor?

Would you be willing to regularly pray for a student, and send them a post card monthly to let them know you are praying for them? We are looking for prayer sponsors for 12 confirmands and 15 high school seniors. You can sign up by filling out the "Count Me In" form. You can adopt a student, or perhaps a whole class. You will be provided with address labels, postcards, and some guidelines to answer your questions about carrying out this important ministry. Let's grow deeper through prayer!

SENIOR HIGH YOUTH

Wednesday Night Senior High Ministry Schedule

May 5th & 12th: 9 – 12th graders will be meeting from 7:30 – 8:30 p.m. to prepare for the summer mission trip to Chicago.

May 19th: 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. 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!

THIRD ANNUAL CHASE HUTCHISON MEMORIAL BREAKFAST

Please join us for breakfast on May 16th during the fellowship hour (9:15 – 10:15 a.m.). The Hutchison family, along with our ministry teams, will provide breakfast. A free will offering will be collected with proceeds going toward the Chase Hutchison Memorial Playground in Elgin. Everyone is welcome!

EDUCATION

THANK YOU SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS AND CONFIRMATION GUIDES!

Good Shepherd has the most amazing team of people who pass on the faith by teaching and supporting the Sunday school and Confirmation ministry of this congregation! Thank you to the following people for the commitment they made to grow in faith and relationship with our children all year long. Parents, take time to thank these faithful leaders—especially your child's teachers.

Pre-K:	Shelley Henry Jen Peters Jen Sadler
Kindergarten:	Michelle Wendt Shannon Ramthun
1st and 2nd:	Jennifer Matti Tracy Goettl
3rd:	John Folkert
4th:	Dawn Suntken Carol Goergen Fenske
5th:	Amy Thompson Julene Horstman
6th:	Mike and Kathy Sveen Kevin and Shelly Gudmundson
7th and 8th:	Lee Olson
SS supplies:	Alice Henderson
Greeter:	Joanne Melbostad
Music :	Gloria Keesley
Christmas program:	Linda Olson
Confirmation small group leaders:	Susan Shanks and Karen Jurgenson
Church Council Education Leaders:	Jake Thompson and Julene Horstman

SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHER AND CONFIRMATION GUIDE THANK YOU May 16 at 9:00am

Sunday school teachers, Confirmation small group leaders and education leaders are invited to a thank you breakfast on Sunday, May 16th during the education hour. Get your food from the breakfast being prepared by the Hutchinson family and then meet in the nursery. A donation will be made to the Chase Hutchison Memorial Playground (in Elgin) in your honor.

Teachers, come to receive our thanks. Come to enjoy the fellowship with other teachers. Bring suggestions and thoughts on this year to help us plan for next year.

EDUCATION CONTINUED ...

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL NEWS

Growing in Jesus VBS - June 6-9 from 6:00 - 7:45 p.m.

It's not too late 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! Fill out the registration form located in the gathering space at church.

- Activities and learning are planned for 3-year olds through 4th graders.
- 5th 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 Sunday, May 30th.

Thanks to those who have already signed up their kids or have signed up to help! But there is always room for more, so sign up on the registration form to get involved. For questions call Carole Joyce (269-9374), Julene Horstman (534-3505), or the church office (534-3675).

WORSHIP & MUSIC

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 30th through Labor Day weekend, September 5th.

Our 7:00 p.m. Wednesday night worship services will take place from Wednesday, June 9th through August 25th.

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. For example, if you knew you were going to be out of town on Sunday June 13th, you could share in the lessons and sermon at the Wednesday night worship on June 9th.

Both worship opportunities will include "Gathering, Word, Meal, and Sending", and will 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

BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

Birthdays

05/01	Matthew Hanson	05/17	Lisa Beck
05/02	Morey Applen	05/18	Tracy Goettl
05/06	Don Mueske	05/19	Tyler Albers
	Bob Petit		Karly Peter
	Amy Thompson	05/20	Carla Berning
	Wade Holst		Kelly Engler
	Alex Hanson	05/21	Nyola Benitt
05/07	Kit Sackreiter		Dawson Koepsell
05/08	Leitha Bothun	05/22	Kim Kurth
	Misty Biers	05/23	Jeff Tesmer
05/09	Ron Fahrenz		Kale Benike
	Lee Olson	05/24	Sheila Grover
	Trey Anderson		Alana Wilson
05/10	Deb Ninas		Kaylee Peter
05/11	Clint Schreiber		Destiny Drenckhahn
05/12	Justin Amos	05/25	Taryn Mielke
05/13	George Tesmer	05/26	Peter Zimmerman
	Kali Olstad	05/27	Ben Hanson
05/14	Renee Bergstrom	05/28	Kristen Fick
	Monica Schreiber	05/29	Annaliese Tuxen
05/15	Lucas Simonson	05/30	Lennie Holst
	Carly Goettl		Dana Schneider
05/16	Peyton Schumacher	05/31	Mark Timm

Anniversaries

05/02	Jay & Kari Schmidt	05/17	Mike & Tiffany Boraas
05/11	Ron & Roberta Kurth	05/22	Patrick & Diane Petit
05/13	Paul & Kris Bedney	05/25	Joe & Brenda Crudele
05/16	Jon & Stephanie Amos	05/31	Gary & Joanne Melbostad
	Marc & Rachael Anderson		Ted & Shirley Lehmann (30 yrs)

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

FOOD FOR THOUGHT

*The service we render to others is really the rent we pay
for our room on this earth.*

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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 2010 Newsletter is

SATURDAY, MAY 22.