

# The Shepherd's Staff

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## Growing in Jesus VBS June 6-9 6:00-7:45 pm

Vacation Bible School will kick off at Sunday morning worship on Sunday, June 6 (9:00 a.m. service). You won't want to miss the fun as we see how we are "Growing in Jesus"!

June 7-9 we will meet from 6:00 - 7:45 pm for Bible stories, crafts, games, snacks, and worship. Thanks to all the great adults and youth who have signed up to help!

If you have a child age 3 through 4<sup>th</sup> grade who has NOT registered but would still like to participate, check with Carole Joyce at 288-0551 or [carole35@charter.net](mailto:carole35@charter.net)

## ADULT CHOIR DIRECTOR POSITION

Good Shepherd is receiving applications for the Adult Choir Director position. This is a 5 hour/week position to lead weekly rehearsal/worship participation. Application packets can be requested from the church office or at 534-3675 or [Kevin.goodshepherd@embarqmail.com](mailto:Kevin.goodshepherd@embarqmail.com).

## 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? There is still a need for prayer sponsors for some of our 12 confirmands, 15 high school seniors, and senior high youth that will be going on the Youth Trip to Chicago. You can sign up by filling out the "Count Me In" form. 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!

### 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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## CHURCH COUNCIL NEWS

At the January annual meeting we did not elect a council member in the ministry area of property. We are pleased to announce that Kevin Gudmundson was appointed to serve as the property chair at the May 13<sup>th</sup> council meeting. Below is a listing of all the church council members.

Mark Jurgenson	President	Julene Horstman	Education
Debbie Bristow	Vice-President	Gary Melbostad	Worship & Music
Tom Anderson	Treasurer	Mike Boraas	Congregational Life/Youth
Barb Peck	Secretary	Misty Biers	Missions & Stewardship
		Kevin Gudmundson	Property

The church council and church staff have begun quarterly meetings to prayerfully plan how we continue to live out the vision. The next quarterly meeting will be held on June 10<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m.

## CONGREGATIONAL LIFE/YOUTH

### MILESTONES MINISTRY

#### Baptism

Blessings to Brady Wehrs, who was baptized on May 9, 2010. Brady is the son of Dustin & Becky Wehrs.

#### Affirmation of Baptism

Blessings to the following 8<sup>th</sup> graders who affirmed their baptism on May 2: Tony Crudele, Megan Fick, Morgan Fick, Larissa Jurgenson, Gannon Olson, Hayley Rau, Hunter Rau, Matthew Sackreiter, Nicholas Shanks, Lucas Simonson, Schuyler Thompson, and Dylan Tradup.

#### Graduating Seniors

Blessings to the following seniors who will be graduating from high school this spring: Jeremy Amos, Angela Balcome, Blake Biers, Kristin Fick, Lukas Herrmann, Katie Kappauf, Matthew Keseley, Nick Lange, Andrew Masee, Greg Naschansky, Clay Olstad, Kelsey Petit, Jessica Rohlik, Justin Webster, and Tommy Weinrich.

### SENIOR HIGH YOUTH

#### 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!

Before putting your aluminum cans in a bag to recycle, why not remove the pop-tops from the cans and keep them in a separate place. Then bring the pop-tops to church (a container will be provided) and when we get a fair number, we will deliver them to the Ronald McDonald House. Last year, the Ronald McDonald House received over \$10,000 just from pop-tops. Any questions, please contact Dave Haack.

# EDUCATION

## CHASE HUTCHISON MEMORIAL FUND

A financial gift was given from Good Shepherd to the Chase Hutchinson Memorial Fund for the playground in Elgin in thanksgiving for and in honor of the amazing caring adults who served as Sunday school and Confirmation leaders in the 2009-2010 program year! Thank you caring adults! And thank you children and youth for helping your leaders to grow in faith too!

## GOOD SHEPHERD IS GROWING...

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

### SO...

Let's have fun and celebrate our growth with a baby picture display! We'll enjoy guessing who is who and seeing our growth.

- Send or bring to church a copy of your baby picture or any photo of yourself from an earlier stage of life. Make sure your name is on the back—not the front.
- If you bring an original we'll make a copy and return the photo to you.
- If you e-mail a digital photo, we'll print it out. Email to [carole35@charter.net](mailto:carole35@charter.net) or the church office.
- Bring your photos as soon as possible. The display will go up in May.
- Questions? Contact Carole Joyce at 288-0551, 269-9374, or the above email.

Baby/childhood photos of children, youth, and adults are encouraged. We'd like photos of EVERYONE to see how we've grown!

# FINANCE

## SIMPLY GIVING


The **Simply Giving** program is working well for Good Shepherd members who prefer to have their contribution automatically deducted from their bank account. Some have expressed they miss the “act of giving” at worship services. As a result, we have created a laminated “**Simply Giving**” Card that you may place in the offering plate, in lieu of your offering envelope (example card is below). It is available in the narthex or from an usher. It may also be used for those who prefer to make their contribution on a monthly or bi-weekly basis.

I'm Giving Through  
Simply Giving\*

My contribution to Good Shepherd is  
being given automatically through the  
Simply Giving\* Program endorsed  
by ThriventBank.com  
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ACH - Convenient - Reliable  
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# MISSIONS AND STEWARDSHIP

## FOOD SHELF UPDATE

### March Campaign

The Minnesota FoodShare's March campaign was a great success at the state level, however, local donations were down.

Statewide, the MN campaign collected over 4.6 million pounds of food and almost \$7.5 million dollars. Each dollar raised can buy about 4 pounds of food, meaning almost 35 million pounds of food will be finding its way to Minnesota food shelves. Medtronic and its employees led the way with their record-breaking cash donation of \$485,000. The unprecedented donation translates into more than 2 million meals at a time when nearly 14 percent of Minnesota families don't have enough money for food.

Locally, both the number of contributors (businesses, personal contributions, schools, civic groups, etc.) and total food and cash contributions were down compared to last year. See details in the chart below:

#### PEM Food Shelf March Campaign comparison

	2010	2009	<u>Increase or (Decrease)</u>	
			Dollars	Percent
<b>campaign totals:</b>				
pounds of food	4,257	4,841	(584)	-12.1%
cash donations	\$16,141	\$22,022	(\$5,881)	-26.7%
 <b>Good Shepherd's contributions</b>				
cash donations	\$1,932	\$3,038	(\$1,106)	-36.4%
 <b>Other church contributions</b>				
cash donations	\$5,463	\$6,267	(\$804)	-12.8%

### **Summer doesn't take a break for hunger:**

Summer is an especially busy time for your local food shelf. With kids home from school, parents will need to provide an extra meal or two each day. Some of these families were already struggling, and for some, the struggle begins when school is let out. Seasonal workers also arrive in the summer to help process local crops. Many of these families will also need food assistance.

Please remember the food shelf and the continuing needs of hungry families this summer.

*Matthew 25:40*

*...Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me.*

# 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 30<sup>th</sup> through Labor Day weekend, September 5<sup>th</sup>.

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

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 13<sup>th</sup>, you could share in the lessons and sermon at the Wednesday night worship on June 9<sup>th</sup>.

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

<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>	Doris Kuhlmeier-Jones
	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>06/25</b>	Jon Lange
	Brianne Axelson			Carson Timm
<b>06/08</b>	Zoey Ziebell		<b>06/26</b>	Jack Christensen
<b>06/11</b>	Mike Boraas			Mya Larson
	Mark Johnson		<b>06/27</b>	Debbie Bristow
<b>06/12</b>	Karla Appel			Nathaniel Norregaard
	Kim Rosckes			Zachary Snyder
	Cort Wilson			Jack Schreiber
<b>06/13</b>	Bob Endres			Luke Woestehoff
	Jordan Getschmann		<b>06/28</b>	Roger Arens
<b>06/16</b>	Crystal Peterson		<b>06/30</b>	Alicia Pfeilsticker

## Anniversaries

<b>06/09</b>	Jim & Nyola Benitt		<b>06/18</b>	Mike & Sherry Tuxen
	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
<b>06/18</b>	Bill & Bonnie McMillin			

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

### **FOOD FOR THOUGHT**

***Whoever has a heart full of love always has something to give!***

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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 July 2010 Newsletter is**

***TUESDAY, JUNE 22.***