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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 (612-756-1646) or Lynn Eversman (534-2336) during the month of July.

MISSION TRIP TO CHICAGO (July 11-17)

On Sunday, July 11, sixteen senior high youth and four adult leaders will be heading into the heart of Chicago to serve the people that live and work there. CSM (The Center for Student Missions) will connect them with relationally-based ministries that work year-long and are in need of short-term volunteers.

CSM was founded in 1988 as a short-term mission organization that desires to "provide students with an effective urban ministry experience that transforms lives, influences local churches, and honors Christ". They currently work in ten different cities throughout North America and have brought more than 7,000 groups and 122,000 actual participants to serve in urban ministry.

After serving for a week in Chicago, our group from Good Shepherd will be returning home on the afternoon of Saturday, July 17. Thank you for all the prayers and support that have been offered!

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ENLARGING THE CIRCLE OF MINISTRY

“...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 for our ministry efforts.

In our summer worship services on Wednesday and Sunday, we hear Jesus continually calling us to follow. Jesus speaks with very strong words on the kind of commitment that he desires of his followers. Jesus is not cold or cruel. He doesn't want us to miss out on the best thing there is – life now in the kingdom of God.

Our church staff and church council have grown into a rhythm of meeting quarterly to prayerfully plan how our ministry areas carry out our calling to grow deeper in faith and service.

Our growth in faith and service is not an individual effort. Faith and growth happen as part of a community. Growth happens when we connect with others at worship, as prayer sponsors, in small groups, in study, at the food shelf, on a mission trip, etc.

How in our ordinary lives is Jesus calling us now to grow as disciples? We are called to grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

Growing in Christ together,
Pastor Kevin Woestehoff

ENLARGING THE CIRCLE OF MINISTRY CONTINUED...

GOOD SHEPHERD SPACE UTILIZATION STUDY

Good Shepherd Space Utilization Study is continuing. Though we have been in a time of reflection and evaluation, you will begin to see some additional changes being implemented to better serve our needs as we continue to grow and worship.

Below is a list of a few high points which have resulted from our Space Study:

1. Kane and Johnson Architects, Inc – hired and serving to guide our process.
2. Twelve group interviews were held to determine 'needs' of each.
3. Needs analysis was completed for classrooms, administration, worship, multi-purpose areas, and support functions.
4. Basic designs were drawn to present expansion options.
5. Feedback meetings were held.
6. Mortgage and finance discussions took place
7. Contractor interviews and selection were held to obtain estimated cost of expansion options.
8. Congregation presentation was held on October 4th, 2009.
9. Energy saving tips are being implemented.
10. Interim steps were discussed. The following have been implemented.
 - a. Painted the Chancel area
 - b. Painted the Narthex, with improvements to coat racks and conversation area.
 - c. Sunday school, music and youth rooms are in the process of reorganization.

During the next few months we will revisit the priorities and validate the information we currently have to date. If you have comments or suggestions, please feel free to let us know your thoughts.

Good Shepherd Space Study Awareness Committee
Tom Anderson, Mark Jurgenson, Steve Sawyer, and Pastor Kevin

CONGREGATIONAL LIFE/YOUTH

MILESTONES MINISTRY

Baptism

Blessings to Avery Jo Schumacher, who was baptized on June 6, 2010. Avery is the daughter of David & Jessica Schumacher.

Blessings to Starlyn Ann Wallraff, who was baptized on June 27, 2010. Starlyn is the daughter of Jerralyn Wallraff.

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

A riddle for you...

What has 29 kids, 21 fearless leaders, playdough, sand, lion cupcakes, s'mores, musical chairs, the limbo, faith stories, crafts, music, Bible stories, baby pictures, water blessings, and lots of great fun and conversations?

Why VBS at Good Shepherd of course!

Thanks to the 29 children, 21 adult and youth leaders, and all the other caring adults who came to "Grow in Jesus" at Vacation Bible School on June 7-9. We learned about God's gifts of grace: Jesus is our rock and foundation; we can talk to God anytime and anywhere. We also learned how we can grow by talking to God in prayer and using our gifts to welcome and serve others. Most of the kids can recite our congregation's theme Bible verse of 2 Peter 3:18 from memory (to the tune of The Mulberry Bush). Can you?

*But grow in the grace and knowledge
But grow in the grace and knowledge
But grow in the grace and knowledge
Of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.*

Thanks to the whole congregation for participating in the baby picture display and the growth chart. We'll leave it up through July, so it's not too late to add yours. Just bring it to church when you come!

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 Sunday school 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 people to help team teach: 1st, 2nd/3rd, 4th, and 7th/8th grades. Would you be a caring adult in their life? We can always use helpers and substitutes as well. Contact Julene Horstman at 534-3505 or Carole Joyce at 269-9374 or carole35@charter.net if you can serve in this way or have questions.

GOOD EARTH VILLAGE DAY CAMP

Fourteen children from Good Shepherd will attend day camp at Good Earth Village on Thursday, August 5. Students participating will receive a letter with details soon. Another three students will spend the whole week at Good Earth. Please pray for these students, their chaperones, and their counselors that God would bless their time together.

FINANCE

GOOD SHEPHERD FINANCIAL REPORT

Sunday, May 30, 2010

General Fund Balance	\$13,318	
Total Restricted Funds	\$45,165	
Grand Total – All Funds		\$58,483
Income		
This Month's Income	\$15,489	
Budget	\$16,584	
YTD Income		\$81,295
YTD Budget Income		\$82,920
Expense Budgeted YTD		
Plus Mortgage Principle	\$85,845	
Total Budgeted Expense	\$10,434	\$96,279
Expense Actual YTD		
Plus Mortgage Principle	\$72,222	
Total Expenses (including mortgage)	\$10,434	\$82,656
Mortgage Balance (Refinanced 2003 5.5%)		
1/1/10 Balance	\$255,070	
	\$265,504	
Benevolence Paid YTD	\$ 7,787	

COMMUNITY

MINNESOTA VIKINGS FOOTBALL 2010 PEM H.S. FOOTBALL FUNDRAISER

SAVE UP TO \$58!

THE MINNESOTA VIKINGS WOULD LIKE TO EXTEND A SPECIAL \$25 TICKET OFFER TO PLAINVIEW-ELGIN-MILLVILLE FOOTBALL

GAME DATES:

**Saturday, August 28th
vs. Seattle Seahawks @ 7PM**

**Deadline to order is Friday, August 13th*

**Thursday, September 2nd
vs. Denver Broncos @ 7PM**

**Deadline to order is Friday, August 20th*

DETAILS:

- Tickets will be discounted to \$25 per ticket, normally \$50 - \$83 each (save up to \$58), are located in the upper level of Mall of America Field.
- \$10 of each ticket sold will benefit Plainview-Elgin-Millville Football.
- Orders will be filled on a first come-first serve basis with the best available tickets at the time the order is received.
- Order quickly, quantities are limited! Offer valid while supplies last. No refunds or exchanges.
- Return this order form via mail or fax (612-333-0458) only. Your tickets will be mailed to the address below.
- For questions contact Alex Chrysler at (952) 918-8449 or chryslera@vikings.nfl.net

** No substitute games. May not be combined with other promotions.*

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ **State:** _____ **Zip:** _____

Phone Office: (____) _____ **Fax:** (____) _____ **Home:** (____) _____

Email Address: _____

ORDER:

Saturday, August 28th vs. Seattle Seahawks @ 7PM

of tickets _____ x \$25 per ticket = \$ _____

Thursday, September 2nd vs. Denver Broncos @ 7PM

of tickets _____ x \$25 per ticket = \$ _____

Handling + \$ 4.00

Total Due = \$ _____

Please return this form with full payment to:

Minnesota Vikings
Attn: Plainview-Elgin-Millville Football
425 Chicago Avenue
Minneapolis, MN 55415
Fax: (612)333-0458

METHOD OF PAYMENT: *(credit card only)*

Charge No.: _____ **Exp. Date:** _____

Visa MasterCard American Express Discover

Signature: _____

(NOTE: Your credit card order cannot be processed without a signature)

COMMUNITY CONTINUED...

As many of you know, Kenny and Stacy Hutchison have been raising money for the past year with the goal of getting new bleachers at the Field in Elgin. They are now working with the Bulldog Quarterback Club to raise money for this project. Below are some different options available to support this project.

\$10 raffle tickets

Summer fishing trip for 6 people to Ballard's Resort on MN's Lake of the Woods.
3 nights lodging and 2 days guided walleye fishing.

\$1,499 value.

Winning ticket is valid until 10/31/2011.

Sponsorship Commitment (pamphlets available)

Touchdown (\$5,000+)

Team Picture Wall Plaque

Pass for 4 to all regular season home games 2010 season

Mini Football Helmet

Largest Size Name on "Wall of Champion"

Webpage recognition

Field Goal (\$2,500+)

Pass for 2 to all regular season home games 2010 season

Mini Football Helmet

Larger Size Name on "Wall of Champion"

Webpage recognition

Extra Point (\$1,000+)

Pass for 1 to all regular season home games 2010 season

Mini Football Helmet

Large Size Name on "Wall of Champion"

Webpage recognition

Gold (\$500+)

Mini Football Helmet

Large Size Name on "Wall of Champion"

Webpage recognition

Bronze (\$100+)

Webpage recognition

Silver (\$250+)

Name on "Wall of Champion"

Webpage recognition

Bulldog (\$25+)

Webpage recognition

The donations can be from a business, family, or individual. Or make a donation from a group, such as: your graduating class, your daycare, your child's classroom, your workgroup, a church group, a sports team, a neighborhood... You get the idea.

BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

Birthdays

07/02	Alexis Ernst		07/17	Joann Struthers
07/03	Cheryl Schneider			Brent Masee
	Jeff Webster			Casey Snyder
07/04	Dave Haack			Matthew Hanson
	Tom Anderson			Alexis Yust
07/06	Cheryl Endres		07/19	Colene Rau
07/07	Nick Lange			Gavin Wilhelmson
07/10	Karen Anderson		07/21	Amy Alger
	Penny Simonson		07/22	Chris Henderson
	Gavin Folkert		07/23	Gerald Ackman
07/11	Stan Tesch			Christopher Zimmerman
07/12	Sara Steele			Eric Hanson
	Ben Ninas		07/24	Brandi Yust
	Scott Folkert		07/25	Al Ninas
	Christopher Pahl			Shirley Lehmann
	Ellie Kobler		07/26	Joel Appen
07/13	Steve Tradup			Paul Appel
	Barbara Gramling		07/27	Carol Joyce
07/15	Ginny Mielke			Kali Jurgenson
	Wayne Wendt		07/29	Todd Wangen
07/16	Paige Gudmundson			David Rosckes
	Leah Ninas		07/30	Nora Henry
07/17	John Salek			

Anniversaries

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

***If you want to be original – be yourself!
God never made two people exactly alike.***

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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 2010 Newsletter is

THURSDAY, JULY 22.