



Happynings

January 9, 2009

This Week's Readings

January 11th: Baptism of Our Lord: Genesis 1:1-5; Psalm 29; Acts 19:1-7; Mark 1:4-11

The newsletter and calendar for Good Shepherd Lutheran Church (ELCA) Rochester • Minnesota

We're Moving! The Sunday Morning Adult Bible Study has outgrown the Conference Room. We will move back to the Fellowship Hall. That makes room for anyone who may have not attended the Ephesians study. This is a great time of fellowship, so be sure to join us on Sunday at 9:15 in the Fellowship Hall.

Annual Meeting: Sunday, Jan. 25, is the Good Shepherd Annual Meeting. Bring a dish to share after the 10:30am (approx. 11:45) and join in fellowship as we celebrate the wonderful ministries of 2008 and look forward to our continued and vibrant ministry in 2009. We need people to help setup, serve and cleanup. Please see the sign-up sheet in the Narthex and we'll see you there.

Celebrate Holy Communion: Every week at every service at Good Shepherd we celebrate Holy Communion and experience the real presence of Jesus through the sacrament. This is a true celebration! We are looking for people to help with the celebration by doing Communion preparation and clean up for the 10:30 service. Are you willing to help? This is a wonderful area to volunteer and serve, if you are willing to help out (at the 10:30 service or for any of the others) please sign up for training dates at the Welcome Center.

Attention: Parents and Youth

This Sunday (Jan. 11) during the 9:15 Education Hour, GSC member Russ Gunvalson will share his experience as a P.O.W. On Christmas Eve 1941. We hope you will plan to join us in the Fellowship Hall this Sunday.

7th & 8th Grade Sunday School Teachers

PRAYERS

+ For all members of Good Shepherd, especially: Ray and Joyce Grendahl, Les and Geri Griebenow, Doug and Dawn Griffin (Bailey, Brianna, Makayla).

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+ For all congregations in the Southeastern Minnesota Synod, including: East Chain Lutheran in Blue Earth, First Lutheran in Red Wing, Medo Lutheran in Mapleton, Fountain Lutheran in Fountain, Las Delicias Mission in Colombia (partnered with Fountain Sunday School), Nazareth Lutheran Church in Tanzania.

THIS WEEK AT GOOD SHEPHERD

Saturday, January 10

8-11 am Promise Practice (FH)
5:30pm Worship
7-9pm Youth Game Night

Sunday, January 11

8:00am Worship
9:15am Ephesians Adult Bible Study (FH)
Education Hour
10:30am Worship

Monday, January 12

5:45pm Worship & Music Committee
6:30pm Education Committee
Celebration Handbells
7:30pm Jubilation Handbells

Tuesday, January 13

7:30am Men's Coffee
9:30am Stay and Play
10:30am Staff Meeting
1:30pm Lutheran Woman Today Study at Wally & Loretta Berglund's
5:45pm Strategic Planning Committee
7:00pm Committee Night Meetings

Wednesday, January 14

1:30pm Helping Hands
5:30pm Ring & Sing, Praise Kids, Confirmation
Wednesday Night Air
6-6:45pm Simple Supper
7:00pm Remix, Joyful Noise Singers

Thursday, January 15

7:00am Galatians Bible Study
7:00pm Sisters in Faith

Saturday, January 17

8-11 am Promise Practice (FH)
9:00am Quilters (A)
5:30pm Worship

Remix returned on Wednesday, January 7th from 7-8:30pm! Be sure to join us every Wednesday night.

Senior High Sunday School resumed on **January 4th**. Join us in the youth room for a time of fellowship (pool, foosball, games, etc.) and a short devotion every Sunday morning during the education hour! Anyone in high school is welcome. We're also looking for adults to help during that time. Talk to Janet if you're interested!

Acquire the Fire: The deadline to sign up for Acquire the Fire is January 23rd. This event is for all students in high school and should be an awesome weekend in Minneapolis full of music, worship, and loads of fun! The cost of the event is \$100. If you have any questions, please contact Janet.

Backpacking Trip: We are looking for a few **high school** youth (completing grades 9-12) with a sense of **adventure!** We are organizing a **backpacking trip** on the Superior National Trail, which runs along Lake Superior's North Shore through the Sawtooth Mountain Range. This trip will be fully outfitted and guided by trained staff from Camp Amnicon, an ELCA camp in Northern Wisconsin. The cost per person is **\$325** (could be slightly higher if we can't fill the trip). We only have room for 9 kids, so sign up ASAP! The dates are **July 5-10**. Contact Ellen Herder for more information 289-5723.

Troop 80 Boy Scouts would love to come and help with the disposal of your Christmas tree and/or wreath for a \$5 donation. The pick-up dates will be Jan. 10 & 11, 2009. If you would like to help the boy scouts with this fundraiser, or have any questions please contact Dawn Wiggins at: dawnwig@gmail.com or 529-1781.

Lutheran Woman Today Bible Study: Will meet on January 13th at 1:30pm at the home of Wally & Loretta Berglund.

Breaking Free: by Beth Moore is an in-depth study based on the book of Isaiah. The goal of the study is to make liberty in Christ a reality in life. From the book of Isaiah, members will identify five primary benefits of the Christian life: To know God and believe Him, to glorify God, to find satisfaction in God, to experience God's peace, and to enjoy God's presence. Members will then explore what keeps believers from living in a daily experience of those benefits and will learn how to develop a lifestyle of obedience.

The small group will meet once a week for 11 weeks. The first meeting on January 20 will include an introductory video, and a time to work out details (assignments, meeting day and time). The week of February 8 will be an open week with no meeting.

Meetings will include a large group time of welcome, worship and prayer, followed by small group discussion, and ending with a video presentation by Beth Moore.

Any further questions, call Carol Kivimagi at 292-0244 or email: carolk55923@yahoo.com

BIRTHDAYS

- 9th Colton Koster, Dana Read
- 10th Paul Belau, Abby Jones, Tina Livingston, Carley McHenry
- 11th Jim Fuelberth, Victoria Pahl
- 12th Annika Ohashi Berg
- 13th Joseph Erickson, Brian Geer, Hunter Huntoon, Gretchen Klaus, Kevin Laures, Jacob Wulff
- 14th Pat Christenson, Dee Dee Jorgensen, Kevin Kirkeby, Bruce Larson
- 15th Joey Hockert, Maryanne Lee
- 16th Kayla Casciano, Karin Neuvirth

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