



Happynings

February 6, 2009

This Week's Readings

February 8th: Fifth Sunday after Epiphany: Isaiah 40:21-31; Psalm 147; 1 Cor. 9:16-23; Mark 1:29-39

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

Thank you, Thank you, Thank you!!!!

You were incredible in your noisy offering for Souper Bowl Sunday!! We received \$595.67!!! Thank you for being so noisy and for giving from the heart to battle hunger and the youth that counted all that change! We will be sending 90% of the money to Channel One to help those who are hunger right in Rochester and 10% will go to the greater church to help hunger around the world.

DOROTHY DAY & GSC NEEDS YOUR HELP: We are still seeking volunteers to work the early shift at the Dorothy Day house on Feb. 10 & March 24. If interested, contact the church office.

Help Wanted with our Dorothy Day House Ministry

We are looking for a someone to be the Dorothy Day Volunteer Scheduler. This is a wonderful opportunity to serve the community by scheduling our dedicated volunteers to serve food at the Dorothy Day House on Tuesday Nights. If you are interested, please contact the church office.

Holy Communion Education for 2nd & 3rd grade students

There will be a time for 2nd and 3rd grade students and their parents to learn about Holy Communion between services at 9:15am in Fellowship Hall on April 19 and May 3. This class is intended for students who have yet to receive their first communion, or those students who currently receive communion but would desire and benefit from further instruction. There will be a special recognition for those students who have completed the class and receive communion on Sunday, May 10 at the 10:30 service. If you are interested in attending the classes please call the church office.

GSC IS THE CHURCH OF THE MONTH: The Christian Book and Gift Shop is featuring Good Shepherd Lutheran Church as their Church of the Month in February.

Throughout February, every time you make a personal purchase at the store, CB & G will donate 5 percent back to Good Shepherd Lutheran Church.

THE SHACK: Scott Skalisky and Tim Fynskov are co-facilitating a small group on Wm Paul Young's book entitled, "The Shack". If you're interested in a 4-6 session study that would focus on how tragedy + faith = transformation, this book is one you'll want to read, and this small group is one that would benefit by your participation. We'll hold a kickoff session in the GSC fellowship hall after second service on **Feb. 8...** pizza will come out of the oven around Noon. Be there.

THIS WEEK AT GOOD SHEPHERD

Thursday, February 5

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

Saturday, February 7

8-11am Promise Practice (FH)
5:30pm Worship

Sunday, February 8

8:00am Worship
9:15am Ephesians Adult Bible Study (FH)
Education Hour
10:30am Worship
11:30am "The Shack" Study

Monday, February 9

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

Tuesday, February 10

7:30am Men's Coffee
9:30am Stay and Play
10:30am Staff Meeting
1:30pm Lutheran Woman Today Study
5:45pm Strategic Planning Committee
7:00pm Committee Meetings: Finance, Property, Youth, Evangelism & Fellowship

Wednesday, February 11

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, February 12

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

PRAYERS

+ For all members of Good Shepherd, especially: Doug & Janelle Halverson (Bryan, Dayton, Calvin), David & Diana Hansen (Leslie, Lisa), Matt & Jannis Hansen (Brenden).

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+ For all congregations in the Southeastern Minnesota Synod, including: Bethlehem Lutheran in Lanesboro, Bethel Lutheran in Rochester, Central Diocese Dispensaries in Tanzania (partnered with Bethel), Bethany Lutheran in Frost, Christ Lutheran in Faribault, Ruruma Lutheran Church in Tanzania (partnered with Christ, Faribault).

FAT TUESDAY FEAST OF FOOLS!

The first annual Fat Tuesday event will be happening on Tuesday, February 24th. The event is to raise money for our summer youth trips here at GSC. A portion of the money raised will also go to help charities in the communities we will be serving, as well as our Rochester community.

The evening will start with a wonderful Cajun meal at 5:30. Throughout the evening there will be silent auction items for you to bid on. The night will conclude with a talent show, as well as a few live auction items. The event will be fun for the whole family! Come for a night of food, entertainment, and excitement! Invite your friends and help us get the word out about the event.

WE NEED YOUR HELP: Do you want to help the youth of Good Shepherd? We are looking for silent auction items or baskets for our Fat Tuesday Feast of Fools event coming up this month. We are raising money for our summer youth trips to New Orleans and the mission trip. Anything goes, be creative and use your talents. Bring any auction items to the church office and we thank you for your support of our youth program!

Housing Help Needed For Seminarians This Summer

Cassandra Lamb and Sarah Timian are looking for short term housing from May 24, 2009, through August 9, 2009. They are both graduates of Concordia College in Moorhead, Minnesota, and are currently first year students at Lutheran Theological Seminary at Gettysburg. One of the requirements of the Master of Divinity program is the completion of a Clinical Pastoral Education (CPE) unit. They will both be doing their CPE unit at Mayo Clinic in Rochester, Minnesota. The short length of this program and the 40-hour workweek without pay makes it difficult for them to find housing in the area. Therefore, they are looking for a house sitting opportunity or a host family to reside with for the eleven-week period. It is not necessary for them to stay together and they can be flexible. If you have questions or are able to assist them with housing please call Cassandra (605-881-0307) or Sarah (701-370-1225).

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.

Cost: \$325/person; **Dates:** July 5-10

Contact: Ellen Herder (289-5723) for more information. 9 spaces are open, so sign up ASAP.

LUTHERAN WOMAN TODAY BIBLE STUDY

The Lutheran Woman Today Bible Study will meet at 1:30pm on Tuesday, February 10th, at the home of Wally & Loretta Berglund.

PLAN NOW FOR SUMMER: Vacation Bible School for children age 4-grade 2 will be June 15-19, 9:00-11:30 a.m.

CHILDREN & YOUTH Kindergarten-Middle School) are encouraged to check out camping opportunities at Good Earth Village Bible Camp. Brochures can be found at the Welcome Center. GSC will pay \$10/child towards the registration fee for a single day of camps, or \$50 for weeklong camps.

BIRTHDAYS

- Feb. 6 Keegan Flaharty, Abbey Larson, Mark Manges, Kirstie Poppe, Stanley Ridgeway
- Feb. 7 Emily Bendickson, Nolan Thompson
- Feb. 8 Tim Berg, Mark Billing
- Feb. 9 Erica Bird, Daryl Munden, Ryan Munden, Jackie Thompson
- Feb. 10 Sydnee Lindquist, Duane Snyder
- Feb. 11 Aaron Louks, Cade Poppe
- Feb. 12 Steve Castro, Edna Nemoede, Trudy Shaw
- Feb. 13 Jayme Hemker, Dale Michaelson

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