



Happynings

March 27, 2009

This Week's Readings

March 29: 5th Sunday in Lent:
Jeremiah 31:31-34; Psalm 51;
Hebrews 5:5-10; John 12:20-33

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

Interested in Becoming a Member at GSC?

We are having New Member Orientation sessions later this Spring and we would love to have you be a part of it. If you are interested in joining here at Good Shepherd, please talk with Pastor Dave or Pastor Karen after worship, or contact us at the church office during the week. Thanks!

Check out the new LookOut2009 Strategic Plan!

After nearly a year of working together as a congregation, we have completed LookOut2009: The Strategic Plan for Ministry at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church. This plan, which consists of ten concrete goals for ministry, will serve as a guide for GSC over the next four years. We have met over potlucks, ice cream socials and coffee. We have talked about our history, our congregational norms and our dreams for ministry. We have looked at community demographics and interviewed Rochester leaders. We have prayed, discerned, talked and listened. The new strategic plan is available online and at the Welcome Center at church. Check it out! Now the fun part begins... making these goals a reality and working toward our shared mission and vision. Remember to keep praying for Good Shepherd Church and its ministry.

In Christ, Your Strategic Planning Team
Corey Groves, Bart Hanson, Dave Jaspersen, Scott Kruse,
Pastor Dave and Pastor Karen

Leukemia & Lymphoma Society Team in Training Good Shepherd member Karla Sperry will participate in the Lifetime Fitness Triathlon on July 11. Karla is a member of the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society Team. Karla is running in honor of her nephew, Nick Lacina and in memory of her father Gene. If you would like to support Karla in her efforts, see the information posted on the bulletin board next to the kitchen.

Barnyard Breakfast

A gourmet waffle breakfast to support the ELCA Global Barnyard! Please attend to assist the 8th Grade Sunday School in their fight against hunger. The breakfast will be held between services in the Fellowship Hall on Palm Sunday, April 5th. Free will donations will be accepted.

We Need Your Help: Due to some schedule changes we need some worship volunteers to fill a few of the following positions. If you can serve in this way, please sign up on the clipboard in the Narthex. **LECTOR:** Saturday, April 4 (5:30pm), Sunday, April 5 (8:00am) and Thursday, April 9 (7:00pm). **USHER:** Sunday, April 5 (8:00am)

THIS WEEK AT GOOD SHEPHERD

Saturday, March 28

5:30pm Worship

Sunday, March 29

8:00 & 10:30am Worship

9:15am Ephesians Adult Bible Study (FH)

Education Hour, Scrip Mtg (Conf. Room)

Monday, March 30

(No Handbell Practices)

Tuesday, March 31

7:30am Men's Coffee

9:30am Stay and Play

10:00am VBS Meeting

3:30pm Staff Meeting

Wednesday, April 1

5:45pm Lenten Soup Supper

6:45pm Lenten Midweek Worship

7:20pm Student-Mentor Time, Joyful Noise

Singers, Spiritual Gifts Exploration

Thursday, April 2

7:00am Ephesians Bible Study

PRAYERS

+ For all members of Good Shepherd, especially: Steve & Ann Hoffman (Greta, Andrew), Steve & Rita Howe (Eric, Emily), Esther Hubbell, JoAnn Hubbell.

March 29 — Fifth Sunday in Lent

+ For all congregations in the Southeastern Minnesota Synod, including: Hosanna Lutheran in Rochester, Emmons Lutheran in Emmons, Grace Lutheran in Nerstrand, North Waseca Lutheran in Waseca, Itigi Lutheran Church in Tanzania, Mang'onyi Lutheran Church in Tanzania.

Easter Morning Breakfast to Benefit GSC's Landscaping

Spring forward in Fellowship & Faith and enjoy breakfast between Easter Sunday services. A sign-up clipboard can be found in the Narthex for breakfast items needed. New this year will be an **Easter Egg Hunt** for children Preschool age through 2nd Grade!

KEIRA MEA TOLLEFSON was welcomed into the world on March 25, 2009 at 3:20pm. She was 20 1/2 inches long and weighed 11lbs, 7oz. She is a big, healthy baby and both mother and baby are doing well. Congratulations to Keira's parents, Doug and Tracy, as well as big brother Matthew!

Good Earth Village Women's Retreat: Women of the church are invited by Gloria Dei Lutheran to a retreat at Good Earth Village. Tracy Kennedy from Luther Seminary will be the guest speaker. The cost is \$57 for 3 meals and the overnight stay on Friday, April 17. If you would like to go for the day on Saturday, April 18, the cost is \$11. Contact Pastor Karen, Carol Kivimagi (carolk55923@yahoo.com) or Sheila Bennett for details.

Summer Outdoor Worship is Coming... Do You Want to Play

Once again, between Memorial Day and Labor Day our 8am worship service will take place outside in the amphitheater. A variety of musicians help to provide music leadership in these services. Would you like to play? Do you play guitar? Piano? Drums? Would you like to provide vocal leadership? If you are interested for playing on one or more Sundays this summer, please contact the church office.

YOUTH STUFF

We want you: There are still some spots open for the Mystery Destination Mission Trip this summer. The dates are June 26th through July 3rd and we would love to have you join us! The trip is open to anyone currently in 9th through 12th grade and the deposit is \$150. Spots will fill on a first come, first serve basis. Talk to Janet if you have questions.

No REMIX on April 1st: There will be no REMIX on April 1st due to spring break. REMIX will return on April 8.

Sunday School on Palm Sunday, April 5: On Sunday, April 5, all children/youth in Kindergarten-6th grade are invited to attend the "Barnyard Breakfast" with their families and then participate in several large group activities relating to Holy Week and Easter. The breakfast will be served from 9:00-10:30 a.m. and is being sponsored by the 8th grade class. There is a freewill donation and all proceeds will be used to support Heifer International. (7th graders will have regular class.) **Pre-School children will have class as usual during the 10:30 a.m. service. There is no Sunday School on Easter, April 12.**

Art Day at Luther Seminary (w/ Chuck & Peg Carlson-Hoffman): April 4 at the Olson Campus Center (1490 Fulham St., St. Paul). All sessions are open to the public. Please join fellow art enthusiasts for this special event. For more information, go online to: www.luthersem.edu/artday

Flood Update from Lutheran Disaster Response

As of this writing, there is a serious flooding issue along both the Red River and Missouri River in the Upper Midwest. In some places, river and over-land flooding has already occurred, and in other locations, current forecasts predict floods of record-breaking proportion. The ELCA, through Lutheran Disaster Response, is already responding:

- through local volunteers who are placing sandbags
- by preparing for assistance in the communities where flooding will occur
- in prayerful support for those who will be directly impacted

Now we ask that you:

- **Share this news with others** - Invite the members of your congregation and your neighbors to monitor the situation in these communities. In this Lenten season of anticipation, we await the outcome of these floods, trusting that hope will abide.
- **Join in prayer** - Pray that these communities may be bound together in unity in this time of great uncertainty. Pray as well for the faithful volunteers who are working tirelessly to prevent flooding and for those displaced by this high water.
- **Give a gift** - Gifts to ELCA Domestic Disaster Response, designated for U.S. Flooding, allow for immediate and ongoing response, bringing help and hope to affected communities now and into the future. Gifts may be sent through your congregation, or given directly online or by calling 800-638-3522. For regular updates on this and other responses, visit www.elca.org/disaster.

BIRTHDAYS

- 28th Molly Fuelberth, Olivia Jensen, Charles Koenig, Heather Willman
29th Lexa Brossart, Renee Harty, Jenny Jaeger, Peggy Marquardt
30th Hunter Fabian, Nikki Gartner, Brett Lucas
April 1 Brian McHenry, Gayle Olsen
April 2 Ryan Aleshire, Greg Larson
April 3 Kali Aldrich, Michael Gozola, Marie Lipp

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Worship Services (with Holy Communion)

Saturday 5:30 PM; Sunday 8:00 & 10:30 AM