



Happynings

April 3, 2009

This Week's Readings

April 5th: Palm/Passion Sunday:
Isaiah 50:4-9a; Psalm 31:9-16;
Phil. 2:5-11; Mark 14:1-15:47

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

Attention: Sunday, April 5th

This Sunday, April 5th, all families and children are invited to join us for a "Barnyard Breakfast" beginning at 9:00 a.m. at Good Shepherd Church. This breakfast is being hosted by the 8th Grade Sunday School class as a fundraiser for Heifer International.

Following breakfast, there will be activities available for classes. No regular class will be held for Grades K-6.

Remember: There is no Sunday School on Easter Sunday (April 12th).

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!

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!

Brats, Beer & Bells Night

Have you ever thought about trying handbells, but wondered if it was for you? If you have (or even if you have not), join GSC's handbell choirs for the 2nd annual "Brats, Beer, and Bells" night, set for Monday, April 13th (that's the day after Easter). The night will start with Brats, Beer (Root Beer!), and other goodies, followed by a crash course on bell basics and a chance to give the bells a try. All ages and skill levels are welcome. Questions? Contact Michelle Schlicht at 258-1258 or any current handbell member.

Thank You: Zach Klaus & Larry Laures

The handbells choirs would like to thank Zach Klaus and Larry Laures for the new stands on the handbell tables. Zach and Larry donated both time and materials to assemble these fine stands. These stands will give the handbell choirs more flexibility in their setup and playing.

Camp Amnicon Hiking Trip

There is still room for one more high school student to join the backpacking trip that will be outfitted and guided by Camp Amnicon. The trip includes hiking in the Sawtooth Mountains on the Superior National Trail on the North Shore. Dates of the trip are July 5-10, and the cost is \$325. For more information, or to sign up, call Ellen Herder at 289-5723.

THIS WEEK AT GOOD SHEPHERD

Saturday, April 4

5:30pm Worship

Sunday, April 5 (Palm/Passion Sunday)

8:00am Worship

9:15am Ephesians Adult Bible Study
Education Hour, Barnyard Breakfast

Monday, April 6

6:30pm Celebration Handbells

7:30pm Jubilation Handbells

Tuesday, April 7

7:30am Men's Coffee

9:30am Stay and Play

10:30am Staff Meeting

Wednesday, April 8

5:30pm Ring & Sing, Praise Kids

7:00pm Remix, Joyful Noise Singers

Thursday, April 9 (Maundy Thursday)

7:00am Ephesians Bible Study

7:00pm Maundy Thursday worship

Friday, April 10 (Good Friday)

7:00pm Good Friday worship

Saturday, April 11

8:30pm Easter Vigil

Sunday, April 12 (Easter Sunday)

8 & 10:30am Worship

9:15am Easter Brunch (FH)

PRAYERS

+ For all members of Good Shepherd, especially: Barb Huberty, Tim & Mary Hung (Andrew, Christian), Eric & Monica Huntoon (Hunter, Reiley).

April 5 — Palm / Passion Sunday

+ For all congregations in the Southeastern Minnesota Synod, including: Our Savior Lutheran in Cleveland, People of Hope in Rochester, Hadzabe Tribe Mission in Tanzania (partnered w/ People of Hope), Grace Lutheran in Peterson, Little Cedar Lutheran in Adams, Mugandu Mission in Tanzania.

HELP NEEDED

We are in need on an adult volunteer to work in the Nursery for the 8:00am service on Easter Sunday, April 12th. There is also an opening to serve as Usher at the 10:30 service on April 26th. If you are able to assist us at either service, please contact the church office.

What's up with Small Group Ministry!!!!

Do you enjoy.... Getting to know other people? Building relationships? Studying God's word? Figuring out how God is at work in your life? Serving in Jesus' name? Then come join Pastor Karen to see what God can do through you in facilitating a small group here at Good Shepherd Church. **We will meet for an informational meeting on April 20th at 6pm in the office conference room.** Please contact Pastor Karen with any questions about this meeting or small groups in general.

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.

IHN NEED: new pillows for families as they come into the network. We just found (after adding a family of 8 today) - that we are very very LOW on pillows....we have just 4 left. If you are able to donate to this worthy cause, contact the church office, or call IHN at 281-3122

Do you know that Good Shepherd has about \$ 1,250 available to our congregation through Thrivent Financial? We are looking for a few Thrivent Financial members to take a leadership role in this distribution. The time commitment is minimal and it is a great way to support our congregation. Please connect with current members Judy Keeler, Dave Herder or Becky Fluegel to find out about this. We wish continue this funding to our church, but need your help!

If your Good Shepherd group needs funding, please coordinate your requests with those noted above. Please note that a fundraising *event* must take place and be coordinated with Thrivent Financial, prior to the event.

Thank You: To all of those who helped out with the many tasks involved in the Wednesday night Lenten soup suppers. Your efforts are very much appreciated.

The Evangelism & Fellowship Committee

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.

Lutheran Woman Today Bible Study

Will meet on Tuesday, April 14 at 1:30pm at the home of Wally & Loretta Berglund.

GSC Tennis Night: The 3rd Annual GSC Tennis Night will be held at the Rochester Tennis Connection, from 7-9pm on Saturday, April 25th. There will be 6 courts in use, with instruction for children (age 4 yr & up), adult beginners, and round robin play for experienced players. Cost is \$4 per person or \$10 per family. Rackets are available, so just bring your tennis shoes and plan to have fun! Please call 288-4851 to if you can, but walk-ins are most welcome too! Your hosts include: Tim & Jan Butorac, Diane Carr, Carol Kivimagi, Paul Mainz, Elliot Mainz, Tim Fynskov and possibly a few other GSC tennis players.

BIRTHDAYS

- 3rd Kali Aldrich, Michael Gozola, Marie Lipp
- 4th Hannah Krystosek, Jeff Orth, Dayton Rud, Carson Steinke
- 5th Paul Mainz, Taylor Thompson, Kelly Weber
- 6th Anna Karsten
- 7th Haley Beeman, Amy Christiansen, Morgan McGuire
- 8th Steve Belau, Aaron Bruinsma, Eric Bruinsma, Sheryl Nassif
- 9th Brianna Peter, Brig Poppe, Beth Skalisky, Owen Yennie
- 10th Cynthia McLaren, Kennedy Speer

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