



Happynings

May 1, 2009

This Week's Readings

May 3rd: 4th Sunday of Easter:

Acts 4:5-12; Psalm 23;

1 John 3:16-24; John 10:11-18

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

WE NEED YOUR HELP ON MAY 3: Pastor Karen and Jeff Pahl have sold their house in Red Wing and are moving to Rochester on May 3. Anyone who would like to volunteer to assist the Pahl's in their move should contact the church office. The moving crew will leave Good Shepherd at 2:00 p.m on Sunday, May 3.

Family Small Group Informational Session

We'd like to initiate a small group at Good Shepherd Church, which incorporates parents and children of all ages. The goal will be to incorporate both parents and children into a small group where there is an opportunity to have Christian fellowship and an overall purpose of serving others. **Please join us on Sunday, May 3rd at 9:15 in the Room L** to further discuss participation in this group. Your entire family is welcome to attend. For questions, please contact Kelly Curtis at 507-261-2839.

Spring Cleanup day for Good Shepherd is May 9th from 9:00-noon (Mother's day weekend). We'll be mulching, raking, sweeping, staining, cleaning and repairing things around the church and need your help -- even if you can only spare an hour or two. If you want to help with the raking, please bring a rake if you can. Refreshments will be provided. In case of inclement weather, the backup date is the following Saturday. Please come and help out!

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.

Summer outdoor worship (Part II)

Enjoy the beauty of God's creation at outdoor worship 8 AM Sunday this summer! These services can only happen with **your** assistance. Two adults per Sunday are needed to help with set-up, ushering, assisting with communion, and clean up. Kids can help too. Please sign up at the welcome center in the narthex. After 8 AM worship on 5/24, 5/31 and 6/7 a short "training" session will be held to help familiarize those who will be helping throughout the summer with the tasks that need to be done.

Dorothy Day Help Needed

We are seeking one volunteer to fill in one of the late shift positions at the Dorothy Day House on June 30th. If you are able to help us out, please contact the church office.

THIS WEEK AT GOOD SHEPHERD

Saturday, May 2

5:30pm Worship

6:30pm New Member Dessert Reception

Sunday, May 3

8 & 10:30am Worship

9:15am Ephesians Bible Study (Room C)

First Communion Training (Sanctuary),

Family Small Group Info. Session (Room L),

Sunday School Teacher Brunch (FH)

Monday, May 4

7:30pm Jubilation Handbells

Tuesday, May 5

7:30am Men's Coffee

9:30am Stay and Play

10:30am Staff Meeting

Wednesday, May 6

7:00pm Remix, Joyful Noise Singers

Thursday, May 7

7:00am Ephesians Bible Study

7:00pm Sisters in Faith

Saturday, May 9

5:30pm Worship

PRAYERS

+ For all members of Good Shepherd, especially: Greg & Louann Johnson (Melissa, Gina, Emily), Jim & Diane Johnson (Daniel, Andrew), Mike & Gayleen Johnson (Michaela, Dexter Maass, Gordon Maass).

May 3 — Fourth Sunday of Easter

+ For all congregations in the Southeastern Minnesota Synod, including: St. John Lutheran in Owatonna, Henrytown Lutheran in Canton, Our Savior's Lutheran in Rochester, Hayward Lutheran in Hayward, Kigaa Lutheran Church in Tanzania, Kisiriri Lutheran Church in Tanzania.

The Prayer Shawl Ministry Team meets once a month on the 2nd Wednesday of the month at 12:00-1:30 p.m. in Room A. We knit for awhile at our meeting; and we continue knitting at home. We are looking for more people to join us. Please contact Ruth Friedli - 288-1471 or Pastor Karen for further information. We do have patterns available.

Faith in Motion: Bike MS Allianz Twin Cities Ride 2009... Sat May 9, 2009

Dust off your bike and choose a 30 or 60 mile scenic route along the Gateway Trail. Hands down the best supported Saturday ride the Twin Cities has to offer, starting and finishing at the Maplewood Community Center. Don't let distances dissuade you... Rest stops with food, drink, and other necessary amenities are strategically positioned for breaks along the route. If you've never done an MS supported bike ride, this is definitely the way to start, and a great way to enjoy a Saturday in scenic Minnesota!

To get involved, there are (at least) 3 options:

- 1) Register to ride as part of GSC's Faith in Motion team! Registration fee: \$25 Minimum fund raising pledge for each rider: \$50 Tim and Bitta Fynskov are planning to leave from Rochester around 7:00 AM... returning around 3:00 PM. if you'd like to travel with us from Rochester and back, please contact us at (507) 288-3607 on or before Thursday April 7 to make arrangements.
- 2) Contribute to an existing GSC Faith in Motion team member (rider): No contribution minimum... (well, \$0 doesn't count)
- 3) Volunteer to help at the event.

For more information click on the following link: http://bikemnm.nationalmssociety.org/site/PageServer?pagename=BIKE_MNM_TCR_homepage

The World Beloved: A Bluegrass Mass

Treat your family on Mother's Day to a concert of bluegrass and Americana. On Sunday, May 10, Monroe Crossing, the extraordinary bluegrass quintet out of the Twin Cities, is joining with Choral Arts Ensemble to present "The World Beloved: A Bluegrass Mass." Based on the theme "In this is love, not that we loved God, but that He loved us" (John 4:7-21), this amazing new work by Carol Barnett and Marisha Chamberlain combines traditional mass movements with bluegrass music and contemporary gospel texts. Each ensemble will also perform their own set. The concert begins at 3:00 pm at Zumbro Lutheran Church, perfect for after lunch or before dinner. Contact Choral Arts Ensemble at **507-252-8427** or www.choralartsensemble.org for more information.

Habitat for Humanity's National Women Build Week Schedule of Events

Lowe's Building Skills Classes

May 4th (6:30pm), May 5th (10:30am), May 6th (6:30pm)

Lowe's Party on the Patio: Friday, May 8 (5-7:30pm)

Garden Container Classes (5:30 & 6:30pm) - Build a Garden for Mom or for yourself (\$15-\$50, you decide)

Build With Us: May 5th, 7th & 9th (9am-noon or 12:30-4:00pm)

First Women Build Open House: May 9th, 1:00-2:00pm: Tour the first Women Build House in Rochester and learn how to get involved in 2009.

BIRTHDAYS

- 1st Jerry Hart
- 4th Lynda Hyberger, Mike Johnson, Marika Larson, Jacob Titus
- 5th Mike Lindquist, Gary Meldahl, Ashton Voss-Read
- 6th Marge Heaberlin, John Krystosek
- 7th Sonia Ellsworth, Raymond Laures
- 8th Nicole Miller

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Worship Services (with Holy Communion)

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

Staff

- Dave Berg..... Pastor
- Karen Pahl..... Pastor
- Jack Friedli..... Pastoral Assistant
- Cynthia McLaren Associate in Ministry
- Janet Youngers Youth Coordinator
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Rainbow School News

Rainbow School is having a garage sale at Our Saviours Lutheran Church (2124 Viola Rd. NE) Saturday, May 9th is the sale date from 7-1. Drop off dates are Thursday, May 7, from 7-9 and Friday, May 8 from 12-6pm.

Rainbow School has openings for the 2009-2010 school year. Rainbow School has 2, 3, and 5 day options. We also offer music instruction that is included in our tuition fees. Please contact Rainbow School at 261-0586 or rainbowdirector@hotmail.com if you are interested in a tour.

National Day of Prayer — May 7th

The National Day of Prayer gathering will be held from Noon-12:50pm in the Council Chambers of the City/County Building (151 4th St. SE). This gathering provides an opportunity to pray for our community, the City Council and the County Commissioners. Other events are scheduled during National Day of Prayer Week (May 3-9). For more information, see the bulletin board next to the kitchen.