



Happynings

September 25, 2009

This Week's Readings

Sept. 27th: Pentecost 17
Numbers 11:4-6, 10-16, 24-29
Psalm 19
James 5:13-20
Mark 9:38-50

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

THIRD GRADE BIBLE SUNDAY

The following third graders will be receiving bibles from Good Shepherd Church at the 10:30 a.m. service on Sunday, September 27th. We rejoice with them on this milestone in their faith journey.

Bryn Adams, Emily Augustin, Kevin Daniel, Jade Einertson, Blake Ellerbusch, Stephanie Ellsworth, Nicholas Fuelberth, Eli Hart, Olivia Jensen, Jackie Klein, Claire Larson, Abbey Larson, Taylor Medes, Lexie Mulholland, Anton Plonka, Cade Poppe, Emily Powell, Zabryna Stahnke.

BLOOD PRESSURE CHECKS: Will be available this Sunday between services at 9:15am. The checks will be held in the conference room in the church office. If you are an RN or LPN and would be interested in helping do a once a month blood pressure check as a congregational ministry please contact Pastor Karen if you are interested or have any questions via e-mail:

pk@goodshepherdchurch.net or call the office and let her know. We are trying to get a group of people together so we can have a rotating schedule. Many Thanks.

ADULT BIBLE STUDIES: With all of the situations in our world today, we certainly need all of the help we can get. As Christians we are called upon to look to the scriptures for help. What does Jesus offer that gives us insights into living faithful lives during troubled times? Join us each Sunday at 9:15 a.m. and Thursday's at 7:00 a.m. to find out. We are studying the Gospel of Luke on Sunday's and the letter of James on Thursday's. Come join us!

WORSHIP SUPPORT: When we gather for worship at Good Shepherd, many people work together to "make it happen". From ushers to readers and sound board to greeters, there are many ways to support the worship experience of our congregation. You are invited to serve in worship at GSC in one or more of the following ways: Usher, Greeter, Communion Preparation, Assisting Minister, Reader, Communion Assistant, Sound Board, Musician, Coffee and Hospitality and more. Members who are currently providing this support are in need of your help. When you indicate your interest in serving in this way, you will have a chance to work with someone who is already doing that task to learn the details in a stress-free manner. You will have the opportunity to ask questions of a worship committee member about these various jobs between services on Sundays 9/27 and 10/4.

THIS WEEK AT GOOD SHEPHERD

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 25

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 26

5:30pm Worship
7:30pm Youth Movie & Game Night at GSC

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 27

8:00am Worship
9:15am Education Hour, Adult Bible Study: Luke
10:30am Worship

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 28

6:30pm Celebration Handbells
7:30pm Jubilation Handbells

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 29

7:30am Men's Coffee
10:30am Staff Meeting

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 30

9:30am Stay and Play
5:20pm First Word
5:30pm Praise Kids, Ring & Sing, Praise Link, Confirmation, Wed. Night Air
6-6:45pm Simple Supper
6:45pm Worship
7:30pm Remix, Joyful Noise Singers

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 1

7:00am Adult Bible Study: Letter of James

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 2

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 3

5:30pm Worship

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 4

8:00am Worship
9:15am Education Hour, Adult Bible Study: Luke
10:30am Worship

ARE YOU INTERESTED IN MEMBERSHIP AT GOOD SHEPHERD CHURCH? If you are interested in joining the faith community of Good Shepherd, please talk with Pastor Dave, Pastor Karen or give a call to the church office at 289-1748. New members will be received later this fall. We look forward to meeting with you soon!

KIDS AGAINST HUNGER FUNDRAISERS: Congregation-wide fundraising activities are occurring this fall to get ready for the 3rd annual Kids Against Hunger fill on October 24th from 9:00 am-3:00 pm at Bethel Lutheran Church, 310 4th St. SE. The goal this year is to package *125,000 meals* for starving or malnourished children around the world. Ten percent of the meals will again be given to our local food shelf, Channel One. With the increased cost of rice, the cost has gone up from *\$.12 to \$.15 per meal*. We carried over \$9,000 from last year's activities. That means we'll need to raise \$9,750 to cover the cost of the raw materials to be packaged.

The Book of Faith Fall Festival will be held on Saturday, October 3, from 9:00 a.m. – 2:30 p.m., at St. John Lutheran Church in Owatonna. This event is for teachers, study leaders, youth workers, pastors and ALL who love the Word! Featured speakers are Dr. Diane Jacobson, director of the Book of Faith Initiative, and Dr. Darrell Jodock, author of *"What Should We Expect When We Read the Bible?"* Registration is \$25 per participant, and includes a complimentary copy of *The Lutheran Study Bible*. Register online at www.semnsynod.org/bof.html or complete one of the registration forms at the Welcome Center at Good Shepherd Church. The Book of Faith is an initiative of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America. The Book of Faith initiative invites the whole church to become more fluent in the first language of faith, the language of Scripture, in order that we might live into our calling as a people renewed, enlivened, and empowered by the Word.

Special Taize Worship at Mt. Olive Lutheran in Rochester on Sunday, October 4 at 7:30 p.m. Taize worship, is a special Service of repeatedly singing brief, easy to learn prayer-like songs. Some of these Taize songs are in the ELW. The songs, most of them based on Scripture, become a way of letting go with one's mind and listening to God with one's whole self. Scripture and silence are also a part of this Service where a multitude of candles, including each worshipper's individual candle, enable reflection and meditation. (Taize is an ecumenical community located near the small town of Taize in central France.) Pastor Dick Rehfeldt and Cantor Jon Strommen Campbell will lead the Service.

COLD AND FLU SEASON IS APPROACHING! A lot has been written about the upcoming cold and flu season. While we are concerned about it, there are some simple things we can do by way of prevention: 1) If you are sick, change your plans so that you don't "spread it around." 2) Get a flu shot. 3) Use hand sanitizers.

For our part at Good Shepherd, we currently have hand sanitizer available for all communion assistants during worship, and your Worship and Music Team will be making hand sanitizer available for all people in the Narthex throughout the upcoming season. As the calendar changes from summer to fall, may God bless us all with good health as we gather for worship, education, fellowship and mission!

PRAYERS
+ For all members of Good Shepherd, especially: Joel & Sally McGovern (Riley, Reid, Taya), Brian & Jenny McHenry (Andrea, Carley, Dustin), Pat McKnight

September 27th — 17th Sunday after Pentecost
+ For all congregations in the Southeaster Minnesota Synod, including: United Lutheran in Red Wing, St. Matthew Lutheran in Granger, Solo por Fe Lutheran Church in Colombia (partnered w/ St. Matthew, Granger), Zion Lutheran in Stewartville, Wanzelya Lutheran Church in Tanzania (partnered w/ Zion, Stewartville), St. Paul Lutheran in Conger.

BIRTHDAYS

- 25th Kevin Daniel, Luke Fluegel, Isaac Thompson
- 26th Larry Fix, Nathan Galloway, Mikey Gozola, Siri Kirkeby, Nathan Klaus, Al Meredith
- 27th Chance Schwartz
- 28th Kaia Kirkeby
- 29th Alexander Fenske, Jenny Kruse, Bob Larson, Kailee Nicholson
- 30th Brenda Hacker, Larkin Klaus, Erik Krueger, Derek Sperry, Shawn Stellenberg, Tina Tibbetts
- Oct. 1 Andrew Hung, Ryan Williams, Tyler Woodmun
- Oct. 2 Alexa Fryer

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Financial Summary for August

August Income.....	\$46,016
August Expenses.....	\$43,695
August Net Income	\$2,321
Year-to-date Income.....	\$353,366
Year-to-date Expenses.....	\$383,058
Year-to-date Net Loss	(\$29,692)