



Happynings

November 20, 2009

This Week's Readings

Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14

Psalms 93

Revelation 1:4b-8

John 18:33-37

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

Pastor Karen Pahl is in Atlanta, Georgia this weekend attending an ordination service and preaching at her home congregation.

Confirmation Pictures of the 9th Grade class confirmed on October 25th are available in the church office.

Dorothy Day House volunteers are needed to fill a few openings in December. Early shifts are free on December 1st & 22nd. We are also in need of late shift volunteers for December 22nd & 29th. If you are interested in filling one of these positions, please contact the church office, or Evie Augeson at 951-6494.

Come One Come ALL for our intergenerational Advent event on Sunday, November 29th between services starting at 9:15am to kick-off the Advent Season!! We will gather together in the fellowship hall as a community of faith for some crafts, fun and fellowship!!!



It's so easy, even a caveman can do it!! The 50th Anniversary Pictorial Directory needs your smiling face in it. Sign up for your family's photo session either online from home by going to the Good Shepherd website at www.goodshepherdchurch.net and clicking on the blue Portrait sign up link **OR** stop by the Lifetouch table in the narthex

after services on the weekends of Nov. 21/22 or Nov. 28/29 or on Thanksgiving Eve. Someone will be happy to help you find the date and time that works best for your family. Choose from Dec. 8, 10, 15, 17, 18, 19, 29 or 30. Online signups end Dec. 1. By having your family's photo taken, you get a free 8 X 10 portrait and a free copy of the pictorial directory. Call Robyn Floyd at 507-261-0750 for assistance or answers to your questions.

Help needed for Lifetouch photo sessions:

We need hosts and/or hostesses to help during Lifetouch photo sessions on December 8, 10, 15, 17, 18, 19, 29, and 30. You will work with a partner for 3 hours at a time. Responsibilities include checking in members as they come for their photo appointments, helping things run smoothly, and making phone calls to remind members of their upcoming photo sessions. Cookies and coffee provided. Call Robyn Floyd at 261-0750 or email her at rwfloyd1@charter.net to volunteer.

THIS WEEK AT GOOD SHEPHERD

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 21

9:00am Quilters (Room A)

5:30pm Worship

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 22

8:00am Worship

9:15am Education Hour, Adult Bible Study: James

10:30am Worship

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 23

6:30pm Celebration Handbells

7:30pm Jubilation Handbells

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 24

7:30am Men's Coffee

10:30am Staff Meeting

7:00pm Council Meeting

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 25

6:45pm Thanksgiving Eve worship

Pie Fellowship follows worship

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 26

Thanksgiving Day

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 27

OFFICE CLOSED

5:00pm Kelly-Martz Wedding Rehearsal

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 28

3:00pm Kelly-Martz Wedding

5:30pm Worship

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 29

8:00am Worship

9:15am Education Hour, Adult Bible Study: James

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Understanding Divorce – An Adult Forum on Sunday,

December 6: Whether one has personally experienced the end of a marriage, or has lived through the divorce of a parent, sibling or friend, it can be a most troubling and traumatic time in one's life. Don Carlson is a pastor who has spent a good deal of time supporting and working with people who have gone through divorce. He will be leading an adult forum entitled "Understanding Divorce" on Sunday, December 6 during the Education Hour. Since nearly everyone has been touched by divorce, everyone is welcomed and encouraged to attend.

Senior High Ski Trip – Lutsen Mountain – January 28-31. Cost: \$250 (transportation, lodging, 3 days of lift tickets. Does not include cost of ski rental). \$150 if you are not skiing. \$100 deposit and health release due to church by Dec. 15th, with remaining balance due January 10th. Call Jeff Brown (287-0465), Marie or Dan Johnson (252-0720) for information.

Summer 2010 Canoe Trip - 13 GSC Youth, and Adult Chaperone & 2 professional guides will navigate sandstone sea caves, shipwrecks, beaches and lighthouses exploring the pristine shores of the Apostle Islands and the awe inspiring waters of Lake Superior! Come join us and feel your spirit renewed. To reserve your spot please turn in a \$200 deposit by December 1st to Pastor Karen. We need 8 deposits to make this trip happen.

Our **Summer Mission Trip** is to Kansas City, Kansas on June 20-25, 2010. With the recent downturn in the economy and a climbing unemployment rate, families in Kansas City are struggling in many ways. To reserve your spot please turn in a \$50 deposit by January 8, 2010 to Pastor Karen.

SCRIP CARDS: The Holiday Season is upon us and we encourage you to consider purchasing SCRIP cards for your gift giving!!!! We now have VISA gift cards in amounts \$25, \$50, and \$100 denominations. Remember to order early so that your cards can arrive on time. If there is something you don't see please ask as there are many other gift cards that can be ordered that we don't keep in stock. Please direct questions to Erik Schlicht 507-258-0258 or theschlichts@gmail.com.

The Giving Tree - For those of you that once again this year, helped out by grabbing a request or two from the Giving Tree in the narthex, thank you. We're asking that all gifts be returned to church no later than December 6th in order to deliver them to the Zumbro Valley staff in plenty of time for Christmas giving. Your generosity will bring a little cheer into the lives of their clients. Remember to consider packaging your purchases in our Green bags to reduce gift wrapping waste and provide the recipients with a bag to use in the future. Thank you.

October Financial Summary

October Giving	\$40,105
October Expenses	\$45,472
October Net Loss	(\$5,366)
Year-to-date Giving	\$445,096
Year-to-date Expenses	\$478,085
Year-to-date Net Loss	(\$32,989)

PRAYERS

+ For all members of Good Shepherd, especially: Richard & Gayle Olsen (Rebecca, Noah), Tim & Sue Olson (Linnea, Erik), Jeff & Kathy Orth (Jonathon, Jim, Kari, Joshua).

+ November 22, 2009: Christ the King

Specialized ministry partners serving in the military, in nursing homes and hospitals, in retirement communities, in Bible camps, and all retired pastors

BIRTHDAYS

- 20th Kiana Larson, Carol Lucas, Mary Manges, Amy Wulff
- 21st Jacquelyn Bennett, Sara Caflisch, Addison Read, Lia Cozik
- 22nd Modesta Headlee, Dana Speer, Alex Woodmun
- 23rd Tim Butorac, Margaret Johnson, Molly Schmidt
- 24th Sydni Fryer, Marge Gamm
- 25th Larry Laures, Kim Sanford
- 26th Chris Gleason, Joel Williams
- 28th Jennifer Ridgeway, Sherry Pearson, Verna Wharton

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Worship Services (with Holy Communion)

Wednesday 6:45PM; Saturday 5:30 PM;

Sunday 8:00 & 10:30 AM

Staff

- Dave Berg Pastor
- Karen Pahl..... Pastor
- Jack Friedli Pastoral Assistant
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