



Happynings

January 8, 2010

This Week's Readings

Isaiah 43:1-7

Psalms 29

Acts 8:14-17

Luke 3:15-17, 21-22

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

Please Plan to Attend a Finance Forum for Good Shepherd's 2010 Budget

Your Church Council has been hard at work on a 2010 budget proposal for the Annual Meeting on February 7 (beginning at about 11:45am). Financially, 2010 will be a tough year and we have some significant challenges to discuss. Please plan to attend one of the upcoming Adult Forum times to learn more about the issues at hand, see the budget proposal and discuss some possible solutions for 2010.

Upcoming Finance Forums

Sunday, January 24 at 9:15am

Saturday, January 30 at 6:30pm

Sunday, January 31 at 9:15am

Save the Date – Annual Meeting!

Sunday, February 7th is the Good Shepherd Annual Meeting. Bring a dish to share after the 10:30 service (approximately 11:45am) and join in fellowship as we celebrate the wonderful ministries of 2009 and look forward to our continued and vibrant ministry in 2010. We'll see you there!

Informational Meeting: Sunday, January 10th

Join us following the 2nd service on January 10th for a meeting to discuss two upcoming trips: the Senior High Ski Trip to Lutsen Mountain (Jan. 28-31, 2010) and the Summer Mission Trip to Kansas City, Kansas (June 20-25, 2010).

ATTN: GSC MIDDLE SCHOOL STUDENTS (GR. 6-8)

Join your church friends on Monday, January 18 (Martin Luther King Holiday) for an afternoon of roller skating at Wheelers roller rink in Harmony, MN. Meet at GSC at 12:30pm to carpool to the rink. Parents if you can drive please let Pastor Karen or Mike in the office know. We'll skate from 1:15-3:15pm for only \$5.00 and then return back to GSC for a snack at 4pm and games until 5:15pm if you need to wait for your ride to go home. If you need a ride to church at 12:30 please let Pastor Karen know. If you want a snack at the rink, bring some extra cash. You must sign up for this event by Sunday, Jan. 17 if you want to participate so we know how many drivers we need. Even if you've never skated before you'll have a blast learning how. You may bring your own skates or roller blades to use if the rink inspects them first. Otherwise the rink provides shoe skates. So join us for a fun and exciting day of indoor skating!

THIS WEEK AT GOOD SHEPHERD

FRIDAY, JANUARY 8

SATURDAY, JANUARY 9

8-11am Promise Rehearsal (FH, Sanctuary)

5:30pm Worship

SUNDAY, JANUARY 10

8:00am Worship

9:15am Education Hour, Adult Bible Study

10:30am Worship

MONDAY, JANUARY 11

5:45pm Strategic Planning Committee, Education Committee

6:30pm Celebration Handbells, Worship Committee

7:30pm Jubilation Handbells

TUESDAY, JANUARY 12

7:30am Men's Coffee

10:30am Staff Meeting

Committee Meeting Night

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 13

9:30am Stay & Play

12:00pm Prayer Shawl Ministry (Room A)

1:30pm Helping Hands (Room O)

5:20pm First Word

5:30pm Praise Kids, Ring & Sing, Praise Link, Wed. Night Air, Confirmation

6:00pm Simple Supper

6:45pm Worship

7:30pm Remix, Joyful Noise Singers

THURSDAY, JANUARY 14

7:00am Adult Bible Study

FRIDAY, JANUARY 15

SATURDAY, JANUARY 16

8-11am Promise Rehearsal (FH, Sanctuary)

9:00am Quilters (Room A)

5:30pm Worship

THE LUTHERAN is the magazine of the ELCA. It is published monthly and contains news about the ELCA and articles of interest to many ELCA members. In the past, Good Shepherd has paid for subscriptions to **The Lutheran** magazine for members who wished to receive it. Those subscriptions will not be renewed by Good Shepherd as a cost-cutting measure. Members who currently receive the magazine have the option of renewing their subscriptions individually at the rate of \$17.95 a year. If we have at least 10 people who want to renew, we can get a group rate of \$11.75. If we have 50 or more, the rate drops to \$7.95. All print subscriptions include full access to www.thelutheran.org, with all the articles published since 1996. If you are interested in paying for your own subscription at the group rate, please contact the church office before February 10. The cost of the subscription will depend on how many are interested. Those who are interested will be contacted after that date with further information.

GREEN TEAM CORNER: RECYCLE YOUR HOLIDAYS

Did you recently discover that string of lights you put up isn't working? For a limited time, they can be recycled as an alternative to just throwing them in the trash. In collaboration with the Recycling Association of Minnesota (RAM) and the Clean Energy Resource Teams (CERTs), old, broken holiday strands can be dropped off free of charge in bins located at:

- Public Works/Planning Building Lobby (2122 Campus Dr SE, Rochester)
- The Salvation Army in Rochester
- Ace Hardware Stores (Bryon, Rochester)
- Rochester Community College
 - * Heinz Center Lobby
 - * Sports Center Complex
 - * Atrium of the University Center (UCR Building)

Light strands can be dropped off until January 15th at the any of the above locations. The "Recycle Your Holidays" program is a free service. Please help recycle these resources and help exceed the program's goal of collecting over 50,000 pounds of holiday lights!

UPCOMING RETREATS AT ASSISI HEIGHTS

Franciscan Sister Linda Wieser, a Certified Life Coach and Wellness Coach, will be facilitating two upcoming retreats at the Assisi Heights Spirituality Center (1001 14th Street NW, Rochester). "**Nourishing the Body and the Soul Through Meditation**" will be held on Saturday, January 16th from 9am-3pm. This retreat explores several mediation styles and is beneficial to all, whether you are beginning the practice or are seasoned in the art of meditation. The registration fee is \$55 and includes lunch (partial scholarships are available). Registration is due on Friday, January 8th. Contact Marie Hemish at 507-280-2195 or email:

carolmarie.hemish@myclearwave.net.

A "**Compassionate Living Retreat**" is scheduled for Saturday, February 20th from 9am-3pm. In this retreat, Sister Linda Wieser will use resources from many faith traditions to help participants recast their fears and recommit to hope and compassionate living. The program will include input and processing through quiet time and optional sharing. The registration fee is \$55 and includes lunch (partial scholarships are available). Registration is due on February 13th. Contact Marie Hemish (information listed above).

An **OPEN HOUSE** to celebrate Gladys Ellefson's 90th birthday will be held on Sunday, January 17th from 2:00-4:00 p.m. in the Community Room of Fontaine Towers in Rochester. The address for Fontaine Towers is 102 2nd Street SE.

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY: The ELCA Women's Bible Study will not be meeting January through March. We hope to resume again in April.

The **PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY** will meet on Wednesday, January 13th from 12:00-1:30pm.

Household Items Needed: A local family, recently moved to Rochester, is in need of some basic household items? Needed: Three beds, dressers, and shelves/storage system for kitchen items. If interested in donating, please give Paula Freitag a call at 282-9600.

PRAYERS

+ For all members of Good Shepherd, especially: Mark & Kirstie Poppe (Levi, Cade, Brig), Lee & Cindy Powell (Jacob, Emily), George & Gail Price (Ashley), Katie Price.

+ January 10, 2010: Baptism of Our Lord

East Chain Lutheran in Blue Earth, First Lutheran in Red Wing, Medo Lutheran in Mapleton, Fountain Lutheran in Fountain, Las Delicias Mission in Colombia (partnered w/ the Sunday School of Fountain), Nazareth Lutheran Church in Tanzania.

BIRTHDAYS

8th	Anne Backlund, Nate Davidson, Janelle Halverson
9th	Colton Koster, Dana Read
10th	Paul Belau, Abby Jones, Tina Livingston, Carley McHenry
11th	Jim Fuelberth, Victoria Pahl
12th	Annika Ohashi Berg
13th	Joseph Erickson, Brian Geer, Hunter Huntoon, Gretchen Klaus, Kevin Laures, Jacob Wulff
14th	Pat Christenson, Darlene Jorgensen, Kevin Kirkeby, Bruce Larson
15th	Joey Hockert, Maryanne Lee, Andrew Osterhaus

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(with Holy Communion)

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

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