



# Happynings

January 29, 2010

## This Week's Readings

Jeremiah 1:4-10

Psalms 71:1-6

1 Corinthians 13:1-13

Luke 4:21-30

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

### 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!

### 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 Adult Forums this weekend to learn more about the issues at hand, see the budget proposal and discuss some possible solutions for 2010. Forums will be held on Saturday, January 30 at 6:30pm and Sunday, January 31 at 9:15am

**2009 Annual Reports** are now available at the Welcome Center.

**Learn about New Social Outreach Ministries at Good Shepherd!** As a part of our LookOut 2009 Strategic Plan we will be looking to start three new outreach ministries in the next year – Bread for the World, Adult Mission Trip and Operation Outreach. Come learn more about these ministries and ways that we can impact the broader community of Rochester. ***There will be an informational meeting on Wednesday, February 10 from 7:30pm-8:30pm in Fellowship Hall.*** We will have a brief presentation as well as time for Q & A and brainstorming. Come ready to eat! We will be serving ice cream sundaes, coffee and punch. We hope to see you there. Please call the church office if you have any further questions or would like to know more about Good Shepherd's Strategic Plan.

**The Prayer Shawl Ministry team** has produced 30+ prayer shawls since our start in March, 2009. More than 20 of these shawls have been to people in need. These shawls are given out to anyone who is experiencing trauma, loss, disaster, whatever. People who receive these shawls do not need to be members of Good Shepherd. If you know of someone who could use a shawl, please contact one of the Pastors. They will be of help to you.

### THIS WEEK AT GOOD SHEPHERD

#### FRIDAY, JANUARY 29

#### SATURDAY, JANUARY 30

8-11am Promise Rehearsal (FH, Sanctuary)

5:30pm Worship

6:30pm Finance Forum

#### SUNDAY, JANUARY 31

8:00am Worship

9:15am Finance Forum, Education Hour,

10:30am Worship

#### MONDAY, FEBRUARY 1

6:30pm Celebration Handbells

7:30pm Jubilation Handbells

#### TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 2

7:30am Men's Coffee

2:00pm Staff Meeting

#### WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 3

9:30am Stay & Play

5:20pm First Word

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

6:00pm Simple Supper

6:45pm Worship

7:30pm Remix, Joyful Noise Singers

#### THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 4

6:00pm Shades of Green Hosta Society (FH)

#### FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 5

#### SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 6

8-11am Promise Rehearsal (FH, Sanctuary)

5:30pm Worship

#### SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 7

8:00am Worship

9:15am Education Hour

10:30am Worship

11:30am Annual Meeting

### PRAYERS

+ For all members of Good Shepherd, especially: Dayton & Colleen Rud, Jim & Gaylene Ryan, Fred & Michele Saack.

### + January 31, 2010: 4th Sunday after Epiphany

Bear Lake Concordia Lutheran in Albert Lea, Cross of Christ Lutheran in Houston, Ikungi Lutheran Church in Tanzania (partnered with Cross of Christ, Houston), Bear Creek Lutheran in Grand Meadow, Bethlehem Lutheran in Mankato, Iambi Secondary School in Tanzania (partnered with Bethlehem, Mankato).

## 50<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY PHOTOS

As a part of Good Shepherd's 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary, we are seeking interesting photos that capture the history of our congregation. These photos will become a part of a special video to be presented at our August 28<sup>th</sup> celebration. If you have an interesting photo that you would like to submit, drop it off in the church office or email them to [gscsecretary@goodshepherdchurch.net](mailto:gscsecretary@goodshepherdchurch.net). Of particular interest to the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary committee are pictures from a huge snowstorm in 1995 or 1996 that resulted in a large tunnel being constructed on the south side of the church.

**Free 8 X 10 Lifetouch portraits are here!** If you had your family's picture taken by Lifetouch in December, but did not order any additional photos, your free 8 X 10 is now located in a box in the church office across from Mike's desk. Just pick it up before or after church.

**ONCE UPON A PLAYHOUSE** is a fundraiser supporting the work of Family Service Rochester in addressing family violence. The Rochester Area Builders create 4 totally unique playhouses and then donate them to FSR. These playhouses are then raffled off (\$10 per ticket or 3 for \$25). Playhouses are on display and ready to be played in at the Rochester Area Builders Home Show February 12 - 14, 2010 at the Mayo Civic Center. For tickets, please see Robyn Ohashi. They are also available at FSR or at the Rochester Area Builders Home Show. Winning tickets will be drawn at the playhouses on Sunday, February 14<sup>th</sup> at the close of the Home Show. Information about the event can be found on the website [www.onceuponaplayhouse.org](http://www.onceuponaplayhouse.org).

**GREEN TEAM TIP:** ¿You know those door-opening switches in the skyways and other public places? Unless you really are disabled, use your own muscles (or lose them!) to open the doors and save energy besides!

## DECEMBER FINANCIAL SUMMARY

December Giving	\$65,059
December Expenses	\$49,166
December Net Giving	\$15,893
Year-to-date Giving	\$567,814
Year-to-date Expenses	\$575,272
Year-to-date Net Loss	(\$7,458)
2005 Loss	(\$21,500)
2006 Loss	(\$43,103)
2007 Income	\$227
2008 Loss	(\$8,110)
2009 Loss	(\$7,458)
Total Deficit	(\$79,944)

## Bucks for Beanies

All proceeds from Bucks for Beanies will go to support youth mission trips and recovery efforts in Haiti. Winners will be announced on Fat Tuesday, February 16. You need not be present to win. Pick an item you like, fill out a bid card and place it in the jar on the display table in the narthex. Bid amounts will be posted on Feb. 6-7 and Feb. 13-14, so check to see that all beanies have a bidder or to increase your bid if you choose to.

## BIRTHDAYS

- 29<sup>th</sup> Jake Collins, Marlene Flynn, Sue Olson
- 30<sup>th</sup> Karen Freitag, Tanya Plonka, Karen Wolfe
- 31<sup>st</sup> Paul Willemsen
- Feb. 1 Greg Johnson
- Feb. 2 Julia Accola, Kris Mulholland
- Feb. 4 Mitchell Hanson, Grant Wilson
- Feb. 5 Will Woodford

## CONTACT INFORMATION

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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
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