



Happynings

February 5, 2010

This Week's Readings

Isaiah 6:1-13

Psalms 138

1 Corinthians 15:1-11

Luke 5:1-11

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!

2009 Annual Reports are now available at the Welcome Center.

It's Coming... FAT TUESDAY! The 2nd Annual Fat Tuesday event will be happening on Tuesday, February 16th. This event raises money for our summer youth mission trip to Kansas City, Kansas. A portion of the money raised also helps charities in the communities we will be serving, as well as our Rochester community. The evening starts with a wonderful meal at 5:30pm. Throughout the evening there will be silent auction items for you to bid on. **We are now receiving donated items for the auction in the church office. Please bring them to the church before February 16th.** The night concludes with a talent show, as well as a few live auction items. Bring the whole family for a night of food, entertainment and excitement! Invite your friends and help us get the word out about this event. If you would like to help with food preparation or organization on the night of the event, contact Pastor Karen ASAP.

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.

Green Team Corner: Save the energy from one dryer load (or more!). Hang clothes to dry and add needed humidity to the house in the heating months. Don't have a clothes rack? Put them on hangers, backs of chairs, or lay them on beds or clean floors. Think out of the box!

THIS WEEK AT GOOD SHEPHERD

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 (FH)

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 8

5:45pm Worship & Music Committee
6:30pm Celebration Handbells, Education Comm.
7:30pm Jubilation Handbells

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 9

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

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 10

9:30am Stay & Play
1:30pm Helping Hands
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 Social Outreach Ministries Information
Meeting, Remix, Joyful Noise Singers

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 13

8-11am Promise Rehearsal (FH, Sanctuary)
9:00am Quilters (Room A)
10am-1pm Rainbow School Concert
1-4pm 90th Birthday reception—Edna Nemoede
5:30pm Worship

PRAYERS

+ For all members of Good Shepherd, especially: Ken & Marlene Sabatke, Dale & Cindy Sanford, Darin & Kimberly Sanford (Delaney).

+ February 7, 2010: 5th Sunday after Epiphany

For all congregations in the SE Minnesota Synod, including: Bethlehem Lutheran in Lanesboro, Bethel Lutheran in Rochester, Central Diocese Dispensaries in Tanzania (partnered with Bethel, Rochester), Bethany Lutheran in Frost, Christ Lutheran in Faribault, Ruruma Lutheran Church in Tanzania (partnered w/ Christ, Faribault).

Two Openings for "Back Country Canoe Trip"

Dates: July 18-23; Cost: \$380 (\$200 deposit due ASAP); Questions? Call Pastor Karen, or Ellen Herder (289-5723)

This canoe trip will begin at Indian Lake near the town of Rollins in Northern MN, and end at Island Lake. This wilderness journey take the group paddling stretches of quiet, placid water broken by short, bouldery rapids on the Cloquet River, which is a remote waterway flowing down one side of a ridge that follows Lake Superior's North Shore. Camping is allowed anywhere within the State Forest, which gives the group the experience of true primitive camping and a genuine backcountry feel. The trip is guided by Camp Amnicon, an ACA accredited ELCA camp outside of Superior, WI. The guides are certified in Lifeguarding, CPR and Wilderness First Aid. Guides also have extensive training in all aspects of camping, canoeing, and wilderness tripping. We will also have an adult chaperone from our church.

50TH ANNIVERSARY PHOTOS: As a part of Good Shepherd's 50th 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 28th 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 Of particular interest to the 50th 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.

Women of Good Shepherd: You are invited to join a small group each Monday night from 6:30 to 8 pm. We will gather together for 11 weeks, beginning February 15th, around the Bible study by Cynthia Heald entitled "Becoming a Woman of Freedom." No experience with Bible study is necessary. All are welcome. Contact Lonnie Fynskov, Carol Kivimagi, Sheila Bennett, or Suzanne Vix for more information.

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.

ELCA Gifts to Haiti Earthquake Response Exceed \$2.7 Million: Gifts by congregations and members sent to the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA) for response to the earthquake in Haiti total more than \$2.7 million through Jan. 29, according to ELCA Treasurer Christina Jackson-Skelton. Nearly 16,000 individual gifts have been sent to the ELCA, she said. The Lutheran World Federation/Department for World Service has used ELCA funds to provide for emergency food distribution, water, sanitation and health programs, and shelter in Haiti. Financial contributions to support earthquake relief efforts can be made at www.ELCA.org/haitiearthquake or by calling 800-638-3522.

Have fun, get fit and help a family in need. **Participate in the Tour de Habitat on April 10**, a stationary bike competition to raise money to build Rochester Area Habitat for Humanity's 60th home. Register as a team or as an individual at www.firstgiving.com/RAHH. For more information, visit www.rahh.org or call 507-252-0849.

BIRTHDAYS

5th	Will Woodford
6th	Keegan Flaharty, Abbey Larson, Mark Manges, Kirstie Poppe, Stanley Ridgeway
7th	Emily Bendickson, Nolan Thompson
8th	Tim Berg, Mark Billing
9th	Erica Bird, Daryl Munden, Ryan Munden, Jeff Pearson, Jackie Thompson
10th	Jim Derouin, Sydnee Lindquist, Duane Snyder
11th	Aaron Louks, Cade Poppe
12th	Steve Castro, Edna Nemoede, Trudy Shaw

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Sunday 8:00 & 10:30 AM

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