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March 19, 2010

This Week's Readings

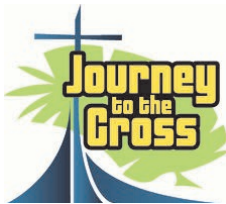
Isaiah 43:16-21

Psalms 126

Philippians 3:4b-14

John 12:1-8

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



Do your kids think Easter is all about chocolate bunnies and ham dinners? Do they get more excited about cartoon reruns than the Easter story? Make a change in their Easter this year! Bring your children to Journey to the Cross, and let them use their senses to discover more than ever about the true story of Easter and the depth of Jesus' love for them. Celebrate the resurrection in a whole new experience! **Join us for Journey to the Cross, a Sensory Easter Experience**
Date: Sunday, March 21st; **Time:** 9:15 a.m.; **Location:** Good Shepherd Lutheran Church. For more information, contact: Pastor Karen Pahl or the church office.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY J.S. BACH!!! Sunday, March 21, is Bach's 325th birthday (1685-1750)! His music is being played in churches and concert halls throughout the world this week as we pay tribute to this great composer and honor his gifts to sacred music. In our worship services this Sunday, you will hear Bach's great Prelude and Fugue in C minor as well as choral selections by our choir.



DID YOU KNOW... Good Shepherd's first service was at the 4-H building at the Olmsted County Fairgrounds on November 2, 1958. It later organized as a congregation on "Good Shepherd Sunday" on April 10, 1960.

Get ready for Good Shepherd's 50th anniversary party this coming summer! **SAVE THE DATE** – August 28 and 29 we will be having big bands, barbecues, worship, dinners and special guests. You will not want to miss this time.

Easter Morning Breakfast to Benefit GSC's 50th Celebration! Enjoy an Egg Bake Menu (including cold cereal) between Easter Sunday Services. Preschool thru 2nd graders: Easter Egg Hunt in Our Big Backyard at 9:30 a.m. ! Look for a sign-up sheet at the Welcome Center to help with our Easter Menu.

THIS WEEK AT GOOD SHEPHERD

FRIDAY, MARCH 19

SATURDAY, MARCH 20

9:00am GSC Brass Rehearsal, Quilters (Room A)
1:00am Piano Recital in Sanctuary
5:30pm Worship

SUNDAY, MARCH 21

8:00am Worship
9:15am Journey to the Cross, Communion
Education Class Adult Bible Study: James
10:30am Worship
2-5pm Council as Leaders
5-7pm GSC Council Retreat

MONDAY, MARCH 22

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

TUESDAY, MARCH 23

7:30am Men's Coffee (Panera South)
1:00pm Staff Meeting

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 24

9:30am Stay & Play
5:20pm First Word
5:30pm Praise Kids, Ring & Sing, Praise Link
Wednesday Night Air Bible Study
5:45pm Lenten Soup Supper
6:00pm Confirmation Lenten Mentor Time
6:45pm Worship
7:30pm Joyful Noise Singers, Remix

THURSDAY, MARCH 25

FRIDAY, MARCH 26

6:00pm Linderman-Dvorak Wedding Rehearsal

SATURDAY, MARCH 27

3:00am Linderman-Dvorak Wedding
5:30pm Worship

SUNDAY, MARCH 28

8:00am Worship
9:15am Adult Bible Study, NO Sunday School
10:30am Worship

Synod Assembly Registration Volunteers Needed:

The Southeast Minnesota Synod of the ELCA is seeking volunteers to work at the registration table during the Synod Assembly this May. Approximately 4-6 volunteers are needed from 7:30-11:00am on Friday, May 7. A brief orientation will be held on April 12. Volunteers will be at the check-in tables, greeting and checking in those registered for the Assembly and handing them a packet. Two people would be working at each station. If you would like to volunteer, contact Kari MacIver at 507-280-9457 or by email at: maciver@semnsynod.org

Calling all Good Shepherders: If you have not yet been bit by the 'acting bug', now may be a good time to succumb to it! As part of the 50th Anniversary celebrations this year, we will be hosting a Good Shepherd Murder Mystery on the first weekend in May. We will need 4-6 people of each gender persuasion to be in the cast, and others to help with the production. If you are interested, please contact Mike in the office by calling 289-1748 or sending an email to gscsecretary@goodshepherdchurch.net. Thanks! Break A Leg!

Sauer's to Participate in National Walk for Epilepsy

On March 27th, Good Shepherd Church members Bob & Julie Sauer will be participating for the third time in the National Walk for Epilepsy in Washington, D.C. The Sauer's will be walking in honor of their daughter Christina and their great-nephew Ryan. Both Christina, who will also be walking, and Ryan live with severe versions of intractable seizure disorders.

If you are interested in making a donation, you can go online to the Sauer's personal page:

http://giving.epilepsyfoundation.org/site/TR/Walk/walk?px=1090246&pg=personal&fr_id1870

or by check payable to National Walk for Epilepsy and mail to:

National Walk for Epilepsy, 8301 Professional Place, Landover, MD 20785

You can also mail the checks to the Sauer's directly at: Bob & Julie Sauer, 4422 Surrey Lane NW, Rochester, MN 55901

BIRTHDAYS

19th	Claire Larson, Mary Lindquist
20th	Allison Anderson, Melissa Lamb, Kari Orth, Kylie Strum
21st	Keith Medes
22nd	Ryan Daniel, Jen Woodford
23rd	Selmer Gramstad, Katelyn McNeill, Caroline Steege
24th	Ben Geer, Louann Johnson, Richard Olsen, Amanda Sankey, Alex Suginaka
25th	Zoe Dearborn, Lisa Hart, Keira Tollefson
26th	Richard Fredrickson, Emily Johnson, Jeff Pahl

PRAYERS

+ For all members of Good Shepherd, especially: Gene & Mary Simonson, Linda Simonson, Maxine Sims & Duane Lee, Scott & Beth Skalisky.

+ March 21, 2010: Fifth Sunday in Lent

For all congregations in the SE Minnesota Synod, including: Mona Lutheran in Lyle, First Lutheran in Glenville, Lands Lutheran in Zumbrota, St. George Lutheran Church in Tanzania (partnered with Lands, Zumbrota), Pontoppidan Lutheran in Ellendale, San Juan Lutheran Church in Colombia (partnered with Pontoppidan, Ellendale).

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Wednesday 6:45PM; Saturday 5:30 PM;
Sunday 8:00 & 10:30 AM

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