



Happynings

April 9, 2010

THIS WEEK'S READINGS

Acts 5:27-32

Psalms 150

Revelation 1:4-8

John 20:19-31

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



GSC SPRING CLEANUP DAY

Next Saturday (April 17th) will be the annual GSC Spring Cleanup day, from 9:00am to 1:00pm. If you can spare an hour or more, please come help us in sprucing up the Good Shepherd Church grounds. We'll be mulching,

weeding, raking, trimming, fixing, staining and cleaning. So put on a pair of yard gloves and bring your rake or shovel and pitch in! Refreshments will be provided.

50TH ANNIVERSARY PICTORIAL

DIRECTORIES ARE HERE! If you had your family portrait taken in December by Lifetouch photographers, or if you submitted a photo for the directory, your free copy of the directory can be picked up in the church narthex on the following dates: Saturday, April 10 or 17 or Sunday, April 11 or 18. If you would like a directory but didn't have your photo taken, directories will be available for a donation to the 50th Anniversary celebration in the near future. Stay tuned for further details.



DID YOU KNOW... When we organized as a congregation in 1960 Good Shepherd had 83 confirmed members and 68 children. Today we have about 800 confirmed members and over 200 children. *Get ready for Good Shepherd's 50th anniversary party this coming summer! SAVE THE DATE – August 28 and 29 We will be enjoying great music, a market place with crafts & games, worship, dinners, and special guests. You will not want to miss this time.*



Don't Forget ... On Sunday, April 11th, the Adult Bible Study and Sunday School classes return to their regularly scheduled time between the 8:00 and 10:30am worship services. Our Wednesday night schedule has also returned to its regular schedule, which includes confirmation class at 5:30pm.

THIS WEEK AT GOOD SHEPHERD

FRIDAY, APRIL 9

SATURDAY, APRIL 10

5:30pm — Worship

SUNDAY, APRIL 11

8:00am — Worship

9:15am — Education Hour, Adult Bible Study

10:30am — Worship

MONDAY, APRIL 12

5:45pm — Worship & Music Committee

6:30pm — Education Committee, Celebration Handbells

7:30pm — Jubilation Handbells

TUESDAY, APRIL 13

7:30am — Men's Coffee (Panera South)

10:30am — Staff Meeting

7:00pm — Committee Night Meetings

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 14

9:30am — Stay & Play

12:00pm — Prayer Shawl Ministry Meeting

1:30pm — Helping Hands

5:20pm — First Word

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

6:00pm — Simple Supper

6:45pm — Worship

7:30pm — Remix, Joyful Noise Singers

THURSDAY, APRIL 15

FRIDAY, APRIL 16

6:00pm — Wedding Rehearsal

SATURDAY, APRIL 17

9:00am — Quilters (Room A)

3:30pm — Immerfall-Osterhaus Wedding

5:30pm — Wedding

SUNDAY, APRIL 18

8:00 & 10:30am — Worship

9:15am — Education Hour, Adult Bible Study

DOROTHY DAY HOUSE

The Early Shift at the Dorothy Day House is open for Tuesday, May 18th. The house opens at 4:00pm, but early shift volunteers only need to arrive in enough time to have their dish ready for the dinner that is served at 6:00pm. If you would like to volunteer for this shift, or would like more details about Good Shepherd's ministry at the Dorothy Day House, contact the church office at 289-1748 or Evie Augeson at 286-8889.

MARCH MINNESOTA FOODSHARE TOTALS

Congregation (264), 3-4 Year Olds (127), Kindergarten (230), Grades 1-2 (126), Grade 3 (83), Grades 4-5 (86), Grade 6 (103), Grades 7-8 (122), High School (185), Grand Total (1,326)

SPRING BASKETS

The Giving Tree was put up in the narthex and decorated with 225 gift tags. We are working with Olmsted County Social Services and Lutheran Social Services to distribute Spring Baskets to adults in need, some with disabilities/mental health needs and some parents who are working hard to meet their family needs. These baskets will have household items, cleaning supplies, personal care products and an Easter greeting or two from GSC. For struggling families and adults, there may be support for food and housing, but everyday items are luxuries. Three years ago these surprise gifts provided by GSC thrilled the recipients. The program is modeled after the adopt-a-family program at Lutheran Social Services. Social workers will deliver the baskets to needy parents and single adults.

Please take one or more gift suggestions from the tree to help us fill 30 Spring Baskets. You are welcome to vary from the list. Think about your own favorite must-have items. Include your own Easter greeting if you wish. Place your items under the tree by Sunday, April 18. They should not be gift wrapped. Help is needed to sort the gifts and fill the baskets that day. Call Val 289-6235 or Paul 288-8069. Example items include: - kitchen or bath towels - household cleaning supplies, laundry supplies, kitchen products, dish soap, cleaners - personal care products such as lotions, tissues, razors, soap, shampoo, etc. - coffee, tea, candies for a personal touch - fast food certificates, grocery cards, gas certificates - medium to large, new or used, clothes baskets or buckets - a GSC green bag, much appreciated by those who rely on the bus for transportation.

Are You In Need of Some Lawn Therapy?

We are in need of volunteers to join the crew that mows the GSC field. Each volunteer would be scheduled once to mow during a portion of a month using GSC's John Deere lawn tractor. If you are interested in joining the mowing crew, contact the church office at 289-1748 or by email at: gscsecretary@goodshepherdchurch.net

APRIL BIRTHDAYS

- 9th Brianna Peter, Brig Poppe, Beth Skalisky, Owen Yennie
- 10th Trent Langemo, Cynthia McLaren, Kennedy Speer
- 11th Steven Christiansen, Jenny Kerkvliet, Christopher Williams
- 12th Emily Howe, Scott Kruse
- 13th Kaye Munden
- 14th Cathy Eidem, Tracee Shevlin, Curt Swedlund
- 15th Bill Davidson, Hayden Jones, Bill Oldfield
- 16th Marci Belau, David Christenson, Rachael Husser, Mark LaMaster, Mike Thilges

PRAYERS

+ For all members of Good Shepherd, especially: Patrick & Marjorie Stallman, Bob & Sue Steege (Katie, Caroline), Palo & Lori Steinke (Carson).

+ April 18, 2010: 3rd Sunday of Easter

For all congregations in the Southeast Minnesota Synod, including: First Lutheran in Albert Lea, Lunder Lutheran in Twin Lakes, Augustine Lutheran Church in Tanzania (partnered with Lunder, Twin Lakes), Spring Garden Lutheran in Cannon Falls, Kiomboi Lutheran Church in Tanzania (partnered with Spring Garden, Cannon Falls), St. Paul Lutheran in Meriden.

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