



Happynings

May 7, 2010

THIS WEEK'S READINGS

Acts 16:9-15

Psalms 67

Revelation 21:10, 22-22:5

John 14:23-29

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



DID YOU KNOW... While undergoing ongoing treatments at the Mayo Clinic in the mid 1970's, George Harrison of Beatle's fame, would often serve as a guest musician on Sunday mornings. Is this true? If so, what does it mean? Absolutely nothing. It didn't happen...but

it would have been pretty cool don't you think? *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.*

Please Come to the Congregational Meeting on Sunday, May 16 at 9:30am — Based on feedback from the Finance Forums this past January, we are having a **Congregational Meeting on Sunday, May 16 at 9:30am (between services) in Fellowship Hall** to decide if Good Shepherd will proceed with a Debt Reduction/Capital Campaign in the Fall of 2010. This campaign would reduce our debt in order to free up money for ministry expenses, such as filling suspended staffing positions, restoring benevolence to previous levels, funding ministry objectives from our strategic plan, and paying for necessary, ongoing building upgrades. There will be one item on the agenda on May 16 – to vote on proceeding with a Debt Reduction/Capital Campaign in the Fall of 2010. The recommendation of your church council is to use the services of Stewardship Key Leader (SKL), which is a ministry of the ELCA. SKL would work with Good Shepherd to determine how best to reduce our debt and further the reach of our mission and ministry. A vote in the affirmative will allow the congregation to proceed in the designing of a campaign and utilize the services of Stewardship Key Leader. Please make plans to attend this meeting which will help determine how we will live our mission of being *Gathered, Empowered and Sent to Share the Love of Christ with All People.*

PICNIC AT GSC: Tyler Bruinsma will be selling cinnamon rolls between Sunday services for the next few weeks. These are being sold to raise roughly \$1500 for picnic tables for the patio at GSC. He will build these for his Boy Scout Eagle Project. There is

THIS WEEK AT GOOD SHEPHERD

SATURDAY, MAY 8

5:30pm — Worship

SUNDAY, MAY 9

8:00am — Worship

9:15am — Education Hour, Adult Bible Study

10:30am — Worship

11:45am — Bible in 90 Days

MONDAY, MAY 10

5:45pm — Worship & Music Committee

6:30pm — Handbells Practice; Education Committee

TUESDAY, MAY 11

7:30am — Men's Coffee (Panera South)

10:30am — Staff Meeting

1:30pm — Lutheran Woman Today Bible Study

7:00pm — Committee Meeting Night

WEDNESDAY, MAY 12

9:30am — Stay & Play

12:00pm — Prayer Shawl Ministry Meeting

1:30pm — Helping Hands

6:30pm — Wednesday Night CONNECT Discussion

7:30pm — Remix, Joyful Noise Singers

THURSDAY, MAY 13

7:00am — Thursday Morning Bible Study

6:00pm — Thrivent Financial: Leaving a Legacy

SATURDAY, MAY 15

9:00am — Quilters (Room A)

5:30pm — Worship

SUNDAY, MAY 16

8:00am — Worship

9:15am — Education Hour, Congregational Meeting (FH)

10:30am — Worship

11:45am — Outdoor Worship Training, Bible in 90 Days

MARK YOU CALENDAR! Come join us for Vacation Bible School this Summer 2010!!! Starting Monday, June 14th at 9am thru Friday, June 18th. We will be grounded in Jesus' Parable of the Sower, ReNew: The Green VBS brings together the Bible and environmental stewardship. Our kids (4 year olds thru 2nd grade) will grow in faith as they play, learn, sing, and work toward renewing our congregation and the community. By serving the community and inviting the community into church, kids demonstrate that being green can be easy, faithful, and fun. ReNew VBS is about hope, opportunity, and service. Kids and congregations lead the way as stewards of the earth. **What happens when heads, hearts, and hands are in harmony? Kids grow in faith, have fun, and change the world!** *If you are interested in helping in any way please contact Cheryl Larson or Pastor Karen!!*

GOAL: 100% of GSC Members will Serve Through Operation Inasmuch! Good Shepherd will conduct *Operation Inasmuch*— a one day service blitz in our community on October 2nd, 2010. Our goal is to have 100% participation by the members (and friends) of Good Shepherd. If you are reading this, we are talking about you! We will have as many as 15-20 service projects ranging from auto care to singing in nursing homes, from writing letters to our service men and women to building wheelchair accessible ramps. There will be something for just about everyone from little kids to our most “seasoned” community members. Please save the date, October 2nd, and help GSC make an impact on Rochester and beyond.

“Inasmuch as you have done it to one of the least of these, who are members of my family, you have done it to me.” (Matt. 25:40)

GSC 50th anniversary celebration picnic will be held Sat. Aug. 28 from 5-8pm on the patio and grounds. There will be stands selling the following: Corn on the cob, BBQ sandwiches, hot dogs, popcorn, nachos & cheese, apple slices & caramel, rice krispie treats, watermelon, sno cones, lemonade & iced tea. What can you bring or help with? Please see the sign up in the narthex and talk to Becky or Kent Bruinsma, event coordinators (282-0317) or bruie1229@charterinternet.com (Becky) or kentb1762@charterinternet.com. And be sure to mark it on your calendar! We'll have a great time with friends old and new!

SUMMER OUTDOOR WORSHIP IS COMING... Can you believe it!! We are a month away from the start of our 8:00am outdoor worship service. Your help is greatly appreciated in being able to continue this beautiful outdoor worship service! We can use your help with set-up & clean-up, Ushering, and Altar Guild. A variety of musicians are also needed to provide music leadership in these services. Would you like to play? Do you play guitar? Piano? Drums? Would you like to provide vocal leadership? If you are interested please contact the church office.

SAVE THE DATE — MAY 16TH OR 23RD: Training sessions for those who have volunteered or are interested in volunteering for Good Shepherd's 8:00am Summer Outdoor Worship services will be held on May 16th & 23rd. The training sessions will be held in the Fellowship Hall between the 8:00 and 10:30am services.

DOROTHY DAY HOUSE HELP NEEDED: We are in need of some volunteers for the late shift at the Dorothy Day House. We need 1 late shift volunteer for July 13 & August 24th. On August 3rd, we are in need of 2 volunteers.

LOST AND FOUND – Be sure to check the lost and found box located near the southeast entrance. Any items remaining at the end of the month will be taken to Goodwill.

THANK YOU all for your many, many hands in helping make the Murder Mystery Dinner at GSC a success! The cast and directors, Paul and Heather for their time and talents! Thanks for baking brownies, lasagna and setting up and serving and cleaning and doing dishes! Because of all of you, things went off very smoothly. A great time was had by all! Thanks again - your service was sincerely appreciated!

Are you looking for a fun event for your kid(s) this summer!! Sports Life Camp is coming to Rochester this summer at Zumbro Lutheran Church the week of July 12th – 16th. Sports Life Camp is a sports and arts themed week camp that brings camp to your community!!! The core purpose of Sports Life Camps is to develop children's faith in Jesus through sports and arts programs. The vision is to see all kids excited about knowing and loving Jesus. The camp is for ages 6-11 years old & is from 9am to 5pm. If you register by May 21st you get a \$10.00 discount on the \$99.00 fee. Please see Pastor Karen if you are interested or visit their website (www.sportslifecamps.com)

MAY BIRTHDAYS

7th Sonia Ellsworth, Raymond Laures
8th Nicole Miller
9th Monika Anderson, Pam Thorson
10th Tom Bertram, Emily Dunham, Michele Osman, Phil Plonka
11th Bucky Beeman
12th Bryn Adams, Kristi Hansen, Gabrielle Havelick, Spencer Treptow, David Neale, Chad Treptow
13th Steve Books
14th Melanie Baker, Conor Cozik, Josh Hewitt, Ken Neuvirth, Joel Titus

PRAYERS

+ For all members of Good Shepherd, especially: Clint & Shelly Tagtow (Teagan, Holly), Brent & Kim Taylor (Alivia) John & Beth Taylor (Laura).

+ May 9, 2010: 6th Sunday of Easter

For all congregations in the Southeast Minnesota Synod, including: St. John Lutheran in Northfield, St. Peter Lutheran in New Richland, North Prairie Lutheran in Lanesboro, South Zumbro Lutheran in Kasson, Mkulu Lutheran Church in Tanzania, St. Paul Kyengege Lutheran in Tanzania.

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