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LUTHERAN CHURCH OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD

MISSION STATEMENT:

*A Community of Christ
Experiencing God † Reaching Out † Nurturing Faith*

→ FROM PASTOR DAVE

All of Life: A Gift from God to Us!

The conversation began innocently enough. My wife Joyce is responsible for the training curriculum for the 31 pastors in the SW MN Synod who are in the first three years of their ministry. As we were waiting for our lunch at the Bulldog one Sunday after church, she asked what I would recommend for a stewardship focus, their topic for this year. I answered, a little too enthusiastically, evidently, by sharing the excitement of our Light the Flame and Best Foot Forward projects, as well as the formula of home gatherings and worship experiences that is so important for us. When I returned from washing my hands she announced, “You are doing this!” We immediately realized that the story of stewardship at LCGS must be told by families whose lives are a testimony to God’s abundant gift of life, and who have been instrumental in creating this environment of joyful generosity in our congregation.

And so I found myself at Family Camp at The Shores of St. Andrew with Joyce and the McIntosh family. Chris and Ann shared the principles that guide our stewardship ministry at LCGS. But more importantly, they shared their spiritual journey as a family toward an appreciation of all of life as a gift from God. It was one of the most powerful teaching times I have seen, a wonderful example of the teachers’ lives being a living embodiment of their theme. Our stewardship goals have certainly not been fully met. We continue to have dreams of our mission as a congregation that await full funding in our budget. But Joyce is right, we have discovered and implemented principles of a biblically-based ministry of stewardship: engagement, sustainability, the centrality of our mission, transformation, and the justice of redistribution. But the first principle is to move from an adequate definition of stewardship. Stewardship is not just about money, but moves from the center of receiving all of life as a gift from God.

Thanks to Chris, Ann, Alivia and Kellen for how they share and live this powerful truth. Thanks to this congregation for being a place where this center is celebrated. Thanks to God, for the gift of life!

Thankfully,
Pastor Dave

WOMEN'S RETREAT "GOD WORKING IN OUR LIVES... FINISHING WELL."



Our annual Women's Retreat will be held, September 20, 2014 from 8:30-3:45 at Lynn Millikan's Home, 5163 Greenwood Road (Their home is just past the Clearwater Grill off Highway 61). This retreat is a time of fellowship, fun and reflection. We have a full schedule of events lined up including: yoga, classic and chair; crafts, music, prayer, lunch and lectures.

Cost \$10. Please RSVP with Grace Monson at 218-590-8552, grace.monson@gmail.com OR Joyce Lund at 218-625-8270, joyceelund@hotmail.com

A Prayer for Teachers

This fall, say a prayer of thanks for all teachers. Preschool, Elementary, Middle and High School Teachers, and College Professors. Remember Sunday School Teachers, Confirmation Mentors, and Nursery Volunteers too. We are blessed by so many teachers, in our church and in our community!

For those who notice each child's special gift.

Thank you, God, for teachers.

For those who serve as much by listening as by telling.

Thank you, God, for teachers.

For those who make learning fun and meaningful.

Thank you, God, for teachers.

For those who truly live out the scripture "Love is patient, love is kind."

Thank you, God, for teachers.

For those who are here before the first child arrives and after the last child leaves.

Thank you, God, for teachers.

For those who dream of a next Great Generation, and seek to make it so.

Thank you, God, for teachers.

For those who work tirelessly and selflessly to help all children on their journey of faith.

Thank you, God, for teachers.

Amen.

SUNDAY SCHOOL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Invite your friends, family, and neighbors to our Rally Sunday “Sunday School Open House” on **September 7th**.

From 10 – 11AM, all families will have the opportunity to explore our church, register for Sunday School, and enjoy a special treat.



We start in the Fellowship Hall at 10AM with announcements. Then, we will invite families to travel together from classroom to classroom, doing “Super” family activities!

Our first Family Sunday School Day will be **September 14th**. Parents, grandparents or other caring adults should attend Sunday School with their children on these special Family Sunday School days. Come and have fun as we learn about God together! We'll have details about our Sunday School Year during our first Family Sunday School.

Our first Sunday School Story will be Jesus Calms a Storm (Matthew 8:23-27). Our K – 4th Graders will spend four weeks learning this story through games, art, movies, and snack. Our preschoolers will learn through simpler, age-appropriate lessons. And, our 5-6 Graders will talk about the story and also launch into service projects and discussion that are more challenging age-appropriate lessons.

The Bible Milestone for 3 year olds and 3rd Graders will be October 12th.

CONFIRMATIONS DATES & DETAILS FOR 7TH, 8TH AND 9TH



GRADE FAMILIES

Mentor Training is Wed. **September 10th, 5:30PM**. This training is open to everyone – but especially those interested in helping

out with the Confirmation program. Whether you're able to mentor every week, or substitute as needed, you should be part of this training.

7th Grade Confirmation Kick Off is Wednesday, **September 17th** at 6PM. This night is intentionally created just for 7th Grade families? Why?

To meet each other and to give you a “big picture” vision of our Confirmation program as well as to answer any questions or concerns you have, as the newest members of our Confirmation program

Wednesday, **September 24th**

Orientation for Grades 7-9 begins at 6pm. Parents and students in all grades should attend. We will be walking through this year's calendar, special events, assignments, and theme. No matter what grade you are in: this is very important information for you and your parents to hear.

Welcome to Confirmation Milestone Sunday, **September 28th**. This new milestone celebrates the beginning of your time in Confirmation. 7th Graders and their families are invited to worship to receive a special gift and blessing

Wednesday, **October 1st** 6pm is the First Day of Confirmation for 7th – 9th Graders

CONFIRMATIONS DATES & DETAILS FOR 10TH GRADE FAMILIES

Ready to Affirm Classes will be held Wednesday, **September 10th, September 17th, and September 24th** at 7PM.

Final Assignments – including an interview with a Pastor, a written “This I Believe” statement, and written answers to specific questions – are due in early October.



WOMEN OF THE ELCA—(Yes, ladies, you are all "Women of the ELCA") Save the Date for a *Fall Color Drive* on Saturday, October 4th. The Fall Gathering for all women of the

ELCA will be held in Grand Marais at Bethlehem Lutheran Church. Watch the Sunday bulletins in September for details.

CIRCLES—Meetings begin in September. *Deborah/Priscilla Circle* meets the 2nd Tuesday of the month at 1:00 PM in the Upper Lakeside Room for Bible study, discussion and business meeting. *Ruth Circle* meets the 2nd Tuesday at 6:30 PM with a focus on service projects. Meeting places change monthly. Lutheran World Relief Kits are emphasized this year. The Bible Study is from *Gather* magazine. *Miriam/Rebekah Circle* meets in the Upper Lakeside Room at 9:15 AM with a Bible Study from *Gather* magazine followed by a business meeting on the 2nd Wednesday of every month. All are welcome to attend Circle meetings.

QUILTING—Quilters meet in the Fellowship Hall from 10 AM-2:30 PM the 1st, 2nd, 3rd and 5th Mondays of the month. Bring a bag lunch - come when you can and stay as long as you can. Monday nights - the 2nd and 3rd Mondays we meet at 6:30 PM- 8:30 PM There is a job for everyone; cutting, sewing, or ironing. Join us for fun and fellowship. The majority of our quilts are given to Lutheran World Relief and some are given to local organizations when there is a need.



PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY— If you have an interest in knitting- come join us! The Prayer Shawl ministry is a great opportunity to share your talent along with God's comfort. An energetic group meets on the 4th Wednesday of the month in the Gathering Area at 7:00 PM. Much of the actual knitting is done at home, but the fellowship and sharing during this time is an important part of the ministry. Knitters of *all* abilities are invited to join us. We are willing to re-teach people whose needles are a bit "rusty"! Shawls are shared with members of the congregation who are in need of extra comfort and prayer.



THURSDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY— Meetings begin at 9:30 AM in the Upper Lakeside Room. A variety of Bible studies, commentaries and religious themed books are discussed. All are welcome.

"SON" RISE— Join the conversation Fridays at 7:00 AM in the Gathering Area by the fireplace.

PENNIES— Look for our pastel plaid can on the Welcome Desk. This year the Lake



Superior Conference WELCA has designated the Hildegard House to be the recipient of our donations. The Hildegard House provides refuge and support for women who have experienced human trafficking, a serious and very real problem in our region.

LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF KITS

We are collecting items for Lutheran World Relief. We will be packing kits in October, those dates and times will be listed in our October Newsletter.

SCHOOL KITS Now is the time to shop— Back-to-School sales are on! We are looking for: Notebooks, Crayons 16 or 24 in a box, blunt scissors, ballpoint pens, rulers with inches and centimeters.

BABY CARE KITS These needs are modest but essential: Flat fold diapers, sleepers or gowns/kimonos, receiving blankets, socks, Ivory Soap 4-5 oz.

PERSONAL CARE KITS Dark, light-weight bath-size towels, bars of bath soap 4-5 oz, nail clippers, sturdy combs.

FABRIC KITS 3 yards of 44” cotton blend or cotton and/or a spool of matching thread 250-300 yards.



MANY, MANY THANKS!

BAKE SALE'S SWEET SUCCESS

Bakers, workers, and patrons we THANK YOU! Within the first 2 1/2 hours of the sale on Friday, most of the goods covering the four 8' tables had sold. Friday evening found at least half a dozen volunteers at home baking late into the night for Saturday's sale. Thank you for helping to make this part of the church's annual rummage sale a success. We made \$377.55, exactly \$2 more than last year. A special thank you to the Super One in Lester Park for provided plastic grocery bags to send the baked goods out the door with our patrons eager to taste the homemade treats.

-Marcia Semerau & Arlene Olson

BACK TO SCHOOL BACKPACKS

Many thanks to everyone who supported this 16th annual event. We were able to give CHUM, 8 backpacks full of much needed school supplies. We also donated over \$350 for them to purchase their most needed items. This is an exciting time for our area children. These supplies will help them start the school year off right. Thank you for all you do!

-Marcia Semerau,
Reaching Out Leadership Team



Good Shepherd 2014-15 Concert Season

The 2014-15 concert season at the Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd begins Sunday, September 7 at 3:30 pm. Aleks Tengesdal kicks off the series with a solo cello recital including his original works.

Sunday October 12 at 3:30 pm will have a French focus. The concert will be presented by two vocalists: Sarah Knott, mezzo-soprano, and Elias Mokole, baritone. Accordionist Dan Turpening will provide some accompaniment and background music.

All concerts on this series are free and open to the public. A freewill offering to the performers will be received.

Worship Attendance

Worship Attendance for August 2014

9:30

August 3 128

August 10 129

August 17 128

August 24 122

WELCOME

Please welcome our new
Communion Assistants:
*Jody and Bonnie Keppers,
Jay Wellberg, and
Dennis and Ardy Bloomquist.*

We are both excited and grateful
for their help and involvement
with our worship service.



SAVE THE DATE: Deals on Wheels, Saturday October 4th.

We invite you to sell baked goods, crafts, cosmetics, Tupperware or even rummage sale items from the comfort of your own car. \$20 secures your spot in our lot. Sell what you like and you keep the profit!

Shoppers, enjoy the crisp autumn air as you stroll through this unique open air market. Uncommon treasure are bound to be discovered.

We will have full details in the October Newsletter. Until then contact Nan Asperheim for more information at 218-724-7733.

Keeping on Pace

Time has become a most valuable commodity. Conversations everywhere about “time flying... never enough time... finding time... and making time”. As the nights begin to cool off and there has begun that change in the air, my thoughts turn to the times ahead.

About two weeks ago, a family friend died at nearly 92 years of age. As I listened to her stories and thought about the life she led, I returned again to thinking about our busy, busy lives. Her choices involved time for friends and family (from children to 11 great-grand children), always being ready to travel, and a long and deep connection to her church and community. She was a wonderful example of a life well spent!

With both Fall on the horizon and reflecting on her message to me, I come back to compare being busy versus making better choices about my use of time. I strive for balance in choices and see that balance being a luxury in my life. I also see balance as a struggle for many people. We strive to keep up and set a pace to do so. The reaction to that pace can be the true struggle.

I recommend taking that extra breath, the moment to reflect, smell the roses, hug your kids and share a moment in prayer. Thank you God, for the choices! Help us all use our time in your honor. See the models and examples around us.

Keep on pace, but slow it down when able. Those “my time” moments, just like old friends, are treasures.

Blessings,
Linda Susens, Parish Nurse

Choir Schedule

...THAT TOGETHER YOU MAY
WITH ONE VOICE GLORIFY
THE GOD AND FATHER OF
OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST.



Adult Choir: Do you enjoy singing in a fun and relaxed atmosphere? Here in the Good Shepherd choir you will find both. Our adult choir is a marvelous place to build community, learn Biblical truth and proclaim it in a beautiful and creative way. We rehearse on Wednesday evenings at 7 PM, usually three times a month, and sing twice a month for worship. We welcome all singers, even those who cannot commit to all of our schedule. Just come when you can. Ability

to read music is not necessary and folks who have never sung in a choir are more than welcome.

Our first rehearsal is **September 3rd at 7 PM**. The tentative Fall Schedule is:

Rehearsals in September— 3,10 and 17

Sing for Worship— Sunday, September 14 and 21

Rehearsals in October—October 8, 15 and 22

Sing for Worship—October 19 and 26

Rehearsals in November— November 5, 12, and 19

Sing for Worship— November 9 and 23

Rehearsals in December— December 3, 10 and 17

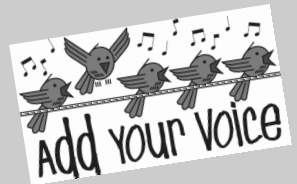
Sing for Worship— December 7, 21 and 24

Please contact Debbie Sanders at debra.k.sanders@icloud.com



Sing and Ring is a musical group that welcomes all children in Kindergarten to 4th grade. We play bells/sing in worship on Sundays about once a month. Practice Wednesdays 5-5:30 pm. **September 10- December 18**
Questions contact Ailie Davidson at 218- 390-1208

Joyful Noise welcomes 5th through 12 graders to provide special music for worship. This group rehearses as needed for several worship services and special events. Our informational meeting will be held **September 17th**. Please contact Christa Overson to be a part of Joyful Noise at christa.overson@gmail.com or 218-340-3348.



Have the “Back to School” jitters hit in your house yet? Here’s a great “Faith @ Home” idea to help calm that nervous energy with a hands-on prayer. For younger children, start by finding an offering plate. No, not at church. But find a plate at home that you can use as an offering plate. (How fun to see what your kids will come up with! A basket? A dinner plate? Whatever they chose will work!) For older students, find a place where you can safely burn a few pieces of paper. Unfortunately, they might not take this activity seriously if they think there’s a chance you’ll read their private thoughts. Next, find something to write with (pencil, pen, markers, etc...) and something to write on (notebook paper, post-its, index cards, etc...) Start by writing down the negative: What fears do you have starting this next school year? What are you worried about? What are you frustrated about? Next, start writing down the positives: What are you excited about? What are your hopes and dreams and goals for this next school year? Finally, as a symbol of your prayer, drop what you have written into the “offering plate” or fire pit. Say a simple spoken or silent prayer. Remember that God is always with you; God has a plan for you; and God will bless you and take care of you during this next school year. Amen!

-Katie Rich
 Director of Youth & Family Ministries

ANNUAL RUMMAGE & BAKE SALE A HUGE SUCCESS!!!

Thank you to everyone who helped donate, sort, price, haul and volunteer. A great time was had by all. Aside from further deepening relationships here within the LCGS family we managed to raise a little over \$5100.00!!

Some highlights and lessons learned:

1. Ironically, about the only thing that did not sell at our garage sale was an actual garage door!
2. The Goman Girls, The Fischer Girls, Sanna Berdahl and, the McIntosh Kids - more than we can name - were *Amazing and Tireless Helpers!*
3. Our donations helped 2 families start **COMPLETELY** over
4. Our unsold Donations were donated

to CHUM families, as well as the Steve O’Neill Apartment, Disabled American Vets, Pinewood Duluth, Diamiano Clothes that Work, Kids Closet, Teen Closet, Bethany Crisis Shelter, Friends of the Library, and the Union Gospel Mission

5. Our sale was so big- it needed a map!
6. Don’t set brownies down if you do not intend for them to be eaten
7. Casey Fischer will be taking over next years sale with her sidekick, Alexis Vallie
8. Patti and Jessica in the office were *Amazing*
9. A chair is not worth risking your marriage over – right Dave and Kathy?
10. Family is good and church family is awesome. **AMEN!!**



If you would like us to pray for a specific concern, please call the office at 525-1922 and your request will be shared with others who care about your needs and believe God will hear and answer. If you have a prayer request emergency and it is after church office hours, you are invited to call Karin Lemenager at 721-4332.

PRAYERS FOR HOSPITALIZED PERSONS shared with the Prayer Chain (and in the Prayers of the Church) will begin with “God knows the names of all for whom we pray...” unless permission has been granted by the hospitalized individual or a family member of the individual. This is in keeping with our Privacy Policy. If you have questions/comments regarding this policy, please feel free to discuss it with one of the pastors.

Good Shepherd randomly prays for all its members. During these weeks we are keeping the following in our prayers:

Sept. 7	Mary Sorensen; Greg Susens; Dagmar Sternal; Linda Susens
Sept. 14	Michael Sorensen; Debi & Jack Steinbach; Sheila & Scott Stevens, Nicholas, Dylan and Rylee; Marilee Storest
Sept. 21	Barbara & Alec Staffon, Amanda and Leif; Sara & Justin Steinbach, Haiden, Quinlynn, Ethan and Eowyn; Gerry Sjerven & Lynne Maine, Cason and Soren and Amity Sjerven; Jamie Swenson
Sept. 28	Shari Swenson, Jessica, Jill and Mitchell; Alice Stephan; Tina Stoneburner and Jacqueline; Lisa & Dick Sturm, Carl, Jesse and Samantha

Prayer

And all thy children shall be taught of the Lord: and great shall be the peace of thy children -Isaiah 54:13

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