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## FROM PASTOR

*“The Mighty One has done great things for me,  
and holy is his name.” (Luke 1:49)*

*“I’m in awe of our God!” (Rachael Perlinger)*

We are living out the Magnificat in so many ways! When we learned that Elsie Silverberg had designated a significant estate gift (over \$400,000) to our congregation and our Endowment Fund, our President Rachael responded immediately with these words of thanksgiving and praise. The Mighty One is indeed blessing us beyond words!

I share Rachael’s doxology. As I shared the good news with our Vision Council it became clear that this wonderful gift has enormous potential to enhance our mission, but it will need to be received well. Consider the potential power of this gift to:

### **Add**

Suggestions and dreams began to flow of how the gift could be used: to tithe benevolence, to establish a long-range facilities plan, to enable us to continue to reach out locally and globally in exciting ways . . .

### **Subtract**

Really? How could this gift hinder our mission? Stories abound of how large financial gifts diminish discipleship, giving and mission in congregations. If we rely on this gift to magically balance our 2015 budget, or if it causes us to hold back from our vision of growth in 2016, that would be very detrimental to our mission. Therefore we must receive the gift well, with thanksgiving to God as an inspiration to generosity.

### **Divide**

It would be unfortunate if this wonderful gift causes us to lose our center as a community of Christ and therefore deflect the mission to which we are called.

**Multiply**

Our Vision Council concurred that the best function of the gift would be to multiply itself in our mission through transformation of the lives of our people, even those not yet part of this community. Beyond the mere addition of items on our wish list, we believe God’s Spirit is able to multiply our mission exponentially.

We are committed to a healthy, open process of receiving dreams and suggestions for how this generous gift may be best received. What do you think God is up to? I am so thankful that “the Mighty One has done great things for us!”

Thankfully yours,



**JOYFUL NOISE ICE CREAM SOCIAL**

Our first rehearsal is an Ice Cream Social! Join us October 7th at 7 pm. We welcome 5th Graders and up, and we LOVE new singers!

All levels of singing ability are welcome and encouraged to join. Our focus this year is faith formation and worship leadership.

Contact Christa Overson at [christa.overson@gmail.com](mailto:christa.overson@gmail.com) or 218-340-3348 to be added to our email list.



**Ice Cream Social**

# NURTURING FAITH

## SUNDAY SCHOOL ANNOUNCEMENT:

Family Sunday School is coming! Mark your calendars for Sunday, October 18<sup>th</sup>. You won't want to miss our 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual "Pumpkin Patch!" But there's a twist: these aren't Halloween Pumpkins – they are Thanksgiving Pumpkins! Come to Family Sunday School to find out more...



Why "Family Sunday School?"

Spend time together as family!

Get to know other families at church!

Learn to talk about your faith as a family, including a "take home" activity

Set a great example for your kids!

## UPCOMING MILESTONES

Sunday, October 11<sup>th</sup> : Bible Milestone

- All 3-Year-Olds will be given a special toddler Bible in worship
- All 3<sup>rd</sup> Graders will be given a "Spark!" Story Bible in worship
- Any adults who are in need of a Bible will be invited to take home a Lutheran Study Bible! Bibles will be available in the chapel throughout the morning

Sunday, October 25<sup>th</sup> : 10<sup>th</sup> Grade "Affirmation of Baptism" Confirmation Service

- Our 10<sup>th</sup> Graders will be confirming their faith and affirming their baptismal promises at the 11:00 worship services! These 10<sup>th</sup> Graders have spent *three years* in Confirmation classes, preparing for this moment! This is a really, really big deal! Come celebrate with us! And know that some of these 10<sup>th</sup> Graders will be reading their Faith Statements, which is always an inspiring moment in this service!

Sunday, November 8<sup>th</sup> : 6<sup>th</sup> Grade "Wrapped in God's Love" Milestone

- As our 6<sup>th</sup> Graders enter Middle School, we want to take a moment to celebrate a milestone! We want to celebrate that these students are loved by God, loved by this church, and loved by their families – no matter what. In the midst of the changes and drama and stress of middle school, they are wrapped in God's love.

What's a Milestone?!

- A Milestone is a moment in your faith life that we intentionally stop and celebrate. These celebrations typically include a gift, prayer, and blessing in worship. *Everyone* is encouraged and invited to celebrate these milestones with us!

Growing up, my mom kept a quote tucked into the edge of her bedroom mirror. The quote read, “Time flies; suns rise; shadows fall. Let time go by. Love is forever over all.” Throughout my childhood, I read that quote over and over again, never truly understanding what it meant. But, I did know that it was important to my mom. Recently, I was reflecting on work and motherhood and how much my life has changed and how quickly time was passing... And this quote came into my mind. I still knew it, word for word, years later. And now, years later, I can truly appreciate what it really means. My Faith@Home challenge for you this month is to look around your house. Is there a quote taped to your bedroom mirror? Or a sign that hangs above your door? Or lettering that decorates your walls? And do those words truly reflect what is most important to you? Fill your home with words and quotes that reflect who you are, what you believe, and what is most important in life. Maybe they are Bible Verses – but maybe they are not. I can tell you from experience that your children will read those words over and over again. And even if they don’t understand the full meaning now, those words will someday bring an incredible amount of comfort, joy, and peace.

God Bless You and Your Family!

Katie Rich

## **FOR ALL CONFIRMATION STUDENTS (GRADES 7-9):**

### **The Middle School Gathering at Cragun’s is coming soon!**

- Saturday, November 21-Sunday, November 22
- Highlights: Amazing Speaker! Energetic Band! Hotel Life! Hundreds of students from all over northern Minnesota! And the whole event is planned and lead by high school students!
- Registration forms are due on Wednesday, October 14<sup>th</sup>
- Cost: \$85 (turn in at least \$50 non-refundable down payment by Oct. 14.) Scholarships are available! Just ask!
- Cost includes: Transportation, Activities, Hotel, Dinner (Sat), Breakfast (Sun), and adult leaders. Cost does not include quick lunch stop on Sunday.



## *Celebrate our Season of Thanksgiving!*

### Stewardship Initiative 2016

- WHO:** Our infinite resource of spirited and talented members of LCGS, guided by our mission and our Lord, Jesus Christ
- WHAT:** A perpetual, year round cycle of opportunities for fellowship, worship, spiritual growth, and benevolence
- WHERE:** Anywhere fellowship blooms: in the home of a gracious host, in the familiar walls of LCGS, on a trail in a favorite park, around a campfire, wherever we gather in His name
- WHEN:** Our “**Stewardship Kick-off**” **Potluck** begins our Season of Thanksgiving on November 1st on All Saints Sunday. Our annual **Autumn Home Gatherings** will be held November 2nd-18th. Our annual **Chili Cook off** and **Reaching Out Night** is November 22nd. We will have complete event details in our November Newsletter.
- WHY:** We are a community of Christ, experiencing God, reaching out, and nurturing faith.



## A Season of Thanksgiving: All Are Welcome! Home Gatherings

We have the hosts! We have the dates & times. All we need is YOU! Please watch for the display in the Gathering Space and sign up to attend a home gathering. Specifics on menus and kid friendly options will be listed.

Date	Hosts	Time
Sun 11/1	Congregation Potluck	12 noon
Mon 11/2	Sara and Jon Hendrickson	6:30 pm
Tues 11/3	Joyce Dohlin	7:00 pm
Wed 11/4	Tom and Julie Seidelmann	6:00 pm
Thurs 11/5	Kathy Gustafson (at church)	12 noon
Fri 11/6	Patty and Bill Altonen	12 noon
Sun 11/8	Kathy and Dave Kreager	5:00 pm
Mon 11/9	Linda Susens	4:00 pm
Tues 11/10	Nan and Jerry Asperheim	6:30 pm
Wed 11/11	Sue and John Boutin	6:00 pm
Thurs 11/12	Amy and Cal Loken	evening
Fri 11/13	Joyce Lund	11:30 pm
Sat 11/14	Amy and Jeff Packer	9:00 am
Sun 11/15	Paula and Marc Tsufis	11:00 am
Sun 11/15	Rosie & Ken Loeffler-Kemp	5:00 pm
Mon 11/16	Debbie and Craig Sanders	6:15 pm
Tues 11/17	Susan and Pat Sage	6:00 pm

## Stewardship Stories

**What has been your most rewarding volunteer experience and why?**

“Volunteering as one of the coordinators for the LWR [Lutheran World Relief] Quilting and Kits projects is rewarding. I have been involved with the quilting project and all the various aspects in making quilts for LWR. Our quilts are given locally and world wide and we know the recipients of our quilts are grateful. It is gratifying to know our quilts are being used by many to keep them warm: world wide, in the USA and also in Duluth.”

# REACHING OUT

## PLANS IN THE MAKING

As part of our Reaching Out and Hunger Team ministries, plans are being developed for an Outreach Service Ministry, which we hope to have up and running in early 2016. This Ministry will be open to individuals 16 years and older. The Ministry will help to identify service and educational activities locally while leading members toward these activities. Members will experience many ways to serve and grow in Service to our community. Watch for information ahead as this ministry begins.

Our first step is to recruit the leadership needed for this Outreach. A job description for Coordinator is available in the church office and at [lcsduluth.com](http://lcsduluth.com). Information beyond this brief description is available from the Hunger team.

Our vision is to have a designated "Coordinator" but also that this leader has many co-leaders in Ministry for the ministry to develop and grow.

Contact Hunger team members, leave a message (for information) in the office as we proceed with this exciting new Ministry.

Blessings, Hunger Team

## THANK YOU! THANK YOU! THANK YOU!

You folks are the most amazing people ever. Your support for the 17th annual Back to School with Backpacks ministry was overwhelming. We were able to give CHUM 18 backpacks, half of them fully supplied for grades K-5 and 6-12, as well as other items. School supplies included 3-ring notebooks, crayons, glue sticks, markers, pencils, pens, pocket folders, scissors, and spiral notebooks. We also donated over \$920 for CHUM to purchase the most needed items. This is an exciting time for our area youth. These supplies will help them start the school year off right. Thank you for all you do!  
Marcia Semerau, Reaching Out Leadership Team

## THANK YOU FROM CHUM

...Thank you for assisting us in our passion and our mission. Your gift of \$65.00 will support the Backpack program as requested. Your gift of \$383.62 received in June and August has already been put to good use in the Food Shelf and your gift of \$212.00 received in June and July helps support our work of providing better lives for our neighbors whether that is through food, shelter or giving them a voice... Thank you for your commitment to CHUM! - Mary Schmitz, Development Director



## LEVELS OF FRUSTRATION

Challenges of health anytime do lead to frustrations. Personal changes such as illness changes our ability to move, think and interact with others. Changes and challenges thus affect the caregivers. Ah, patience for Patients!

I interact often with friends and family who are dealing with chronic illness. As a patient and as a nurse, I see a lot of frustrations. We as humans do not want to have any limits, do not suffer well those limits and then worry about how those around us are affected too. I help out a good friend who has times of severe pain on movement, limits of both energy and endurance, side effects of illness and that all leads to FRUSTRATION all around.

Dear Lord, I pray, help me to get past my frustration when I deal with her issues and frustration. There are many types and levels of frustration. As a helper, caregiver, I find that even though I do not feel the pain and limits type of frustration, I often feel my frustrations climbing to the top of the scale. For me, I ask often for strength and the ability to step back when needed, and step forward quietly when called.

I see God's work and marvel as I see how people survive in the face of their challenges. I admire their courage, patience and strength in often overwhelming issues. Work experiences and life's observations reveal to me those levels of frustration, wide arrangement of ways to deal with frustrations and the wealth and magnitude of God's love in these lives. How do people cope without that promise? Thank you God for your presence in my life! Even as I struggle, I know I am stronger for God's gifts.

Recognize that we all get frustrated, well earned or frequently a burden, take that deep breath and say "thanks God for being here." It will help.

Linda Susens, Parish Nurse

**THANK YOU** — Dear Good Shepherd Congregation: Thank you so much for sending us off with beautiful cookies and generous donations for our move. We were blessed so much by your kindness! Aleks is settling into his studies in cello performance at Bowling Green State University, and already has several music gigs, orchestra performances, and new music festivals to play for this fall. Angela is keeping his belly full with new recipes as well as creating a palette of vibrant interior paint colors for their urban apartment. She is thinking about joining a church choir, an indie folk band, and setting up her own teaching studio. We both miss you all at Good Shepherd and will certainly visit when we are back in Minnesota. Much care, Aleks & Angela Tengesdal

## EXPERIENCING GOD

### FALL FOLIAGE FORAGING MORNING OCT 24<sup>TH</sup>

The Garden Ministry Team at LCGS invites you to join in a fun morning of fellowship and fall foliage gathering in the woods surrounding the home of Sue Boutin. The foliage will be used in our fall planter workshop at church on November 8th. Please consider carpooling with a church friend.



*What* : A fall foliage gathering morning with soup lunch

*When* : Saturday October 24, 10 am- 1 pm

*Where* : At the home of Sue Boutin, 3480 Lady Nicole Lane, Duluth 55803

*What to bring* : warm clothes and shoes; bags/ baskets and tools to collect foliage; some bars/cookies or bread or fruit to share

We are limiting to about 15 (to start) so signup at church or call Sue at 525-3994.

### WELCA JUNE 2016 CONVENTION CHANGE

The location of the June convention/gathering of the Women (WELCA) of the NE MN Synod has changed from UMD to Ruttger's Sugar Lake Lodge, south of Grand Rapids. It takes about 2 1/2 hours to get there. The board is delighted about what we heard and saw at our last meeting at the resort! The lodging and meal package is together and those wishing to attend will deal directly with Sugar Lake Lodge. Contact Joyce E. Lund at 625-8270 for any further information or for questions.

## LUTHERAN CHURCH OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD MISSION STATEMENT:

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

# PRAYERS



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:**

<b>October 4</b>	Mandi LeCuyer and Amanda; Debra & Thomas Olson, Leah and Katie ; Laurie & David Johnson, Benjamin, Samuel and Timothy; Jim Manfred, John and Craig
<b>October 11</b>	Jennifer & Robert LeDoux, Richard and Anthony; Karen Olson, Kyle, Annika and Jordyn; Dianne Johnson; Karen Marjala and Marcus
<b>October 18</b>	Beth & Bob Lee; Barb & Derek Olson; Harvey Johnson; Susan & Tom Martinson and Jessica
<b>October 25</b>	Martin Lee; Dan Olson; Linda & Joe Johnson; Rebecca Maul
<b>Prayer</b>	...I will see you again, and your heart shall rejoice, and your joy no man taketh from you. John 16:11

## Worship Attendance

August 30	130	
September 6	96	
	8:45	11:00
September 13	188	67
September 20	151	34

## Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd

Worship service at 8:45 AM & 11:00 AM

Office Hours: M-Th • 9AM-4PM; Friday • 9AM-11AM

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Leaders, Sing & Ring

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