

The Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd
2101 Lor Ray Drive
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The Good Shepherd's Voice

Grow in God's Truth, Show Jesus' Love

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Mid-month Newsletter

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Our Shepherd's Staff: Pastor Vance Becker
Preschool: Tracy Mielke, Kindergarten: Alice Brase
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Sunday Worship 8:00 & 10:30 AM
Sunday Bible Classes 9:15 AM



Soup Supper Season

All are invited to the Lenten Soup and Sandwich Suppers on Wednesdays, beginning Feb. 21 (Ash Wed.) before the church services. Serving is 5:30 to 6:30 PM. A free will offering will be received to fund mission projects.

Sign up on the table outside the sanctuary doors to donate soup, sandwiches or bars. All donations are welcome.

Donate Encyclopedia

If you have a set of encyclopedias you no longer use, consider donating them to our school. The grade 1-3 classroom could use them.

Hear the Lutheran Hour: Sun.,
6:00 PM, KJLY, 107.1 FM

Bless You

Thank you to Bill Snelson for donating the hymnboard, made by Bill Schwarz.

Thank to you Charlotte Giese and Charlotte Pugh for donating the cost of a second handrail on the balcony stairs.

Donate Milk Jugs

One gallon plastic milk or OJ jugs are being collected by Little Lamps Preschool for a igloo project. If you have one to donate, please rinse it and leave it by the preschool room at the end of the hall.

Rebate Received

The Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd has received a \$283.42 check from the Lutheran Church Extension Fund. This is our annual rebate, based on the amount of LCEF investment by Good Shepherd members and others credited to us. To learn more about earning interest while helping to build churches and schools by investing in LCEF, see the display board by on the tripod in the narthex.

Directory Update

New Addresses:

Greg Buck

20252 Indian Lane
Mankato, 56001

Melvin & Sally Buddensiek

1524 LeSeuer
Mankato, MN 56001

Elvin Junker

700 Agency Trail #213
Mankato, MN 56001

Derek Mears

923 ½ Nicollet Ave.
North Mankato, MN

56003 Michael & Stacy Palm

2117 Marwood Dr.
Mankato, MN 56001

Betty Sandry

318 W. 95th St.
Bloomington, MN 55420
952-881-4044

New Phone Number

Kay Stewart
304-5072

All Around the Neighborhood:

Help Fight Hunger

Members of all churches are invited to help package food at Kids Against Hunger 502 Patterson Ave., Mankato on Wed., Feb. 21, 2 – 4 PM. Volunteers are asked for a contribution for the cost of the food. Call Eleanor Kottke at 388-5472 if you have questions.

Jr. High Gathering at CSP

Mark your calendars for Concordia University, St. Paul's 24th annual Junior High Youth Gathering - to take place April 20-21, 2007. This year's gathering is titled "True Love," and is based on John 21:15-19 - "Jesus said

'Simon, son of John, do you truly love me?' He answered, 'Yes, Lord, you know that I love you.' Jesus said, 'Take care of my sheep.'"

The gathering will consist of Bible studies, music, activities for both youth and adult leaders, faith growing experiences and more! Registration is \$42 per participant and is limited to 7th and 8th graders. Pastor Becker has more information.

Exploring Careers Weekend

In conjunction with the Jr. High Youth Gathering, Concordia will host Exploring Careers Weekend April 20-21. This event is designed to help high school students find their calling in God's kingdom by providing opportunities to explore various careers like business, education, medicine, professional church work and many others. The weekend will be filled with fellowship time, worship opportunities, and a glimpse of how Concordia can prepare them for their future. This event is free and open to all Sr. High youth. For more information, or to register youth for this event, visit www.csp.edu/exploringcareers Or, contact Emily Heine, church work recruiter, at heine@csp.edu or (651) 603-6288.

Good News Players Spring Shows

The Good News Players of Concordia University, St. Paul invite you and your family to their home performances of plays and musicals based on stories from the Bible on March 11 in the E.M. Pearson Theatre. Performances are free and open to the public.

The Good News Players were inspired by the popular, original productions of "Gospel Time in Gospel Rhyme" by Dr. Jeffrey Burkart, associate dean of the College of Vocation and Ministry at Concordia St. Paul. The Good News Players have spread the Gospel through their many performances at Lutheran elementary and high schools throughout Minnesota, Wisconsin, Illinois, Missouri, Louisiana, South Dakota and other states.

A Special Bonus Gift: All those attending the Good News Players home performance will be given a \$5.00 gift certificate to the Green Mill Restaurant on Hamline and Grand Ave. (3 minutes from Concordia).

Understand Grief

A supportive gathering for those grieving the loss of a loved one is Thurs., Feb. 22, 3:30 to 5:00 PM at Bethlehem Lutheran, 720 S. 2nd St., Mankato. There is no charge but preregistration is required. Call Diana Carrigan at 385-2939. This program is sponsored by ISJ Hospice.

Volunteer with Vine

Your help is always needed at VINE Faith in Action. Some opportunities are:

Provide home chore assistance to local military family members whose loved ones are deployed.

Provide computer instruction to older adults at the Summit Center.

Drive people to medical appointments. (Insurance and mileage reimbursement are provided.)

Instruct new Americans in behind-the-wheel driving skills (our car, not yours!)