

The Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd
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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 9:00 AM
Sunday Bible 8:00 AM

July 30 Work Day

Work on school desks, etc. is almost done, but one more workday is planned for Mon., July 30, 6 PM. We should get the job done in an hour or so. If you have questions, see Dennis Kipp.

Clean up for Company

A couple of projects need to be done as we get our church shined up for our anniversary celebration.

Help is needed to clear and strip the floor in the fellowship hall and classrooms, starting 8 AM on Sat., Aug. 18. Help is needed to re wax them at 1 PM Sun., Aug. 19, and to move

everything back at 7 PM on Mon., Aug. 20.

On Sat., Aug. 25, starting at 8 AM, help is needed to clean the carpets in the narthex, hallway and some other rooms.

If you can help with any of these projects, sign up on the table by the nursery or talk to a trustee: Bill Schwartz, Scott Lassiter, or Roger Asleson.

Guess Who's Coming to Dinner

Sept. 21 – Oct. 11, Good Shepherd will be hosting three volunteers from "The 72, Partners on the Road", who will be here to help us learn and develop Gospel outreach activities. Bruce

Manzey is an independent businessman and John and Caroline Boll are retired school teachers.

There will be a variety of studies and activities offered to involve the whole congregation. They will be staying with members and eating lunch with the school children. Host homes are needed to provide supper for them each evening except Fridays and Sundays at noon. If you would like to have them as dinner guests, please sign up on the table in the narthex by the nursery.

Correction

In last month's article about Pastor Becker's anniversary, the number of funerals he has conducted was incorrect. It is only 196.

VBS is Aug. 5-9

Our 2007 VBS, "Quest for Truth" is soon, Sun., Aug. 5-9, 6:30 – 8:00 PM.

Have you signed up your child yet? If not, use the green form by the church mailboxes and return it to the desk in the church office.

Have you signed up to help or provide snacks? See Becky Schendel or Cindy Wintheiser if you can help and sign up on the table by the nursery to help provide snacks. (so we know what to expect and don't have to run out and buy them). Plan to bring them to the church kitchen by Sun., Aug. 5.

All Bandaged Up

Global Health Ministries, for which we have been knitting bandages has discontinued the bandage project for the foreseeable future because there has been such a response that the warehouse is full. If you have bandages made, go ahead and bring them in to the church. Thanks for a great job.

Personal Witness Check Up

As we prepare for the visit of "the 72", you can do the personal witness check up on the next page to help you think about how you want to learn and grow.

Directory Updates

Marriage

- Nicole nee Peterson is now *Nicole Larson*, she lives with her husband, Mike at 2009 Lancelot Lane, North Mankato. Phone # 380-3502

Birth

- *Caleb Joseph* is the new son of Brian and Brittany Crock.

Bulletins from the Boards

Church boards and Voters met on or before Tues., July 17.

THE BOARD OF ELDERS approved use of the church for two weddings by non members in 2008.

THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES approved use of the church for two weddings by non members in 2008. They accepted the donation of a flag pole and flag for the school and a riding lawn mower by Floyd Backstrom. Some tiles have been replaced in the fellowship hall and plans are made to re wax that floor and to clean carpets. Bulbs in the parking lot lights will be replaced. Dennis Boldt replaced the front door lock.

THE BOARD OF EVANGELISM approved a ads in the Free Press Visitors' Guide and Student Guide and is developing plans for the fall visit of "the 72".

THE BOARD OF EDUCATION is finalizing plans for VBS.

THE SCHOOL BOARD met Thurs., July 5. New and potential new students were noted. The Kindergarten/ grade 1 class will be large and will need an aide. A new person will be needed to replace Mark Wilkowske in doing after school care. Progress is being made on refurbishing school desks. Concerns about school discipline were discussed. A school handbook has been developed and is being reviewed. Our school will sign up for a display in the Mankato public library in March '08. The Harcourt social studies curriculum will be purchased for the upper grades.

THE VOTERS elected Kevin Briggs as Vice-President. A motion was made to amend the church by-laws to return the quarterly voters' meetings to the second Tuesday of the month (rather than the third). This will be voted on at the next voters' meeting.

The Financial Secretary's report shows that 32% of the 168 households of Good Shepherd have no record of contributions so far this year. 33% gave \$20 or less per week. 30% give between \$20 and \$90, and 5% give between \$90 and \$400 per week. The Treasurer's report shows that general fund receipts were \$10,915.19 in June and expenses were \$14,830.00 so that our operating deficit is now \$54,630.02 (an increase of \$24,325.32 so far this year.)