

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



Help Serve at Salvation Army

The Salvation Army noon meal on Sun., July 8 is being served by Good Shepherd. The menu is hot dogs on a bun, baked beans, potato chips, apple sauce and desert. Any donations of food or money would be appreciated. Volunteers are also needed to work. Talk to Lynn or Sue Schwarz if you can help. Thank you.

Youth Canoe Trip

A youth canoe trip to the boundary waters is being planned for Thurs., June 28 – Sun., July 1. The cost will be less than \$100 per person but depends a bit on how many

are going. If you want to go, contact Jim Dimock, 625-1288 by Sun., June 24. Those who are going will need to have or borrow canoes, tents, sleeping bags and drybags. Plan to wear warm clothes that can get wet.

Concessions for School Support Selling frozen

**flavored ice at
Moondogs baseball
games** throughout the summer can raise money for our school. Most games start at 7:05 PM at Franklin Rogers Park. You would need to be there about an hour early and will get in free. We especially need workers for

Fri., June 22, Fri., June 29, Wed., July 4 (6:45 PM) and Fri., July 6. If you can help, sign up on the table by the sanctuary or speak to Mark Wilkowske.

The Brat wagon at Hilltop HyVee will be operated by our school boosters on July 6, 7 & 8. HyVee provides the grill and drinks and all we need to do is pay for the brats and hot dogs. Donated food also increases the profits. We need as many volunteers as possible – two per shift. This is a great way meet fellow parents and friends for the summer. Sign up on the table by the sanctuary or talk to Mark Wilkowske.

Support for Japanese Mission

A committee is being formed to help support Carol Becker's 2 ½ year mission work in Japan. A garage sale is one thing being planned. If you would like to help out, sign up on the table by the narthex or speak to Wanda Schwartz.

Yours For Asking

The Board of Trustees will give two items to someone who wants them. See Bill Schwartz if you are interested.

A mural of the Garden of Eden was part of a wall removed in one of our classrooms. It is currently sitting in the boys bathroom in the classroom wing. We do not have a good place to display it.

A Snapper riding mower that works is available. We have been given more riding mowers than will fit in our shed.

All Around the Neighborhood

Understand Grief

A supportive gathering for those grieving loss of a loved one is Thurs., June 21, 3:30 – 5 PM at Bethlehem Lutheran Church, 720 S. 2nd St., Mankato, sponsored by ISJ hospice. There is no charge but pre-registration is required. Please call Diana Carrigan at 385-2989, ext. 2989.

E.C.H.O. Anniversary Party

You are invited to join E.C.H.O. Food Shelf in celebrating 25 years of service to the Mankato area at an anniversary party Sun., July 1, 2 – 4 PM in the Downtown Mankato Place Mall Atrium. There will be music by the Tom Bierer Quintet and Blue Ox Jazz Babies, face painting and a limited silent auction. Refreshments will be served and there will be a short program honoring the founders and volunteers of E.C.H.O. Everyone is invited.

Lutherhostel in St. Peter

Lutheran Summer Music and Association of Lutheran Older Adults joins in offering the Minnesota Lutherhostel, a five day musical feast at Gustavus Adolphus College, St. Peter, July 18-22.

Dr. Ralph Schultz, president emeritus of Concordia College, New York, is the main presenter. This topic, "Feel the Spirit" will explore the music, text, and styles of two composers from different centuries.

Cost for registration, lodging and meals is \$450 per person in a shared room for \$350 for commuters. For more information go on line to ALOAserves.org or email Walt Schmidt at waltlois@cos.net.

Bulletins from the Boards

The Boards and Council met Tues., June 12.

The BOARD OF ELDERS discussed logistics for outdoor worship and the Spanish worship services at Good Shepherd. Pastor Becker reported that he will be on vacation July 9-13.

The BOARD OF TRUSTEES is making plans to clean the church carpets. Floor tiles in the fellowship hall with bulges may be replaced before floors are resurfaced in August. One riding lawn mower will be fixed and another given away since we have more than our shed can hold.

The BOARD OF EVANGELISM has distributed the updated greeters list. The Board approved Carol Becker's seeking support from congregation members for her Lutheran Youth Volunteer mission/internship mission in Japan.

The BOARD OF EDUCATION is lining up volunteers for VBS and making other plans.

YOUTH are planning a Boundary Waters canoe trip June 28 through July 1.

THE COUNCIL will schedule a Stewardship Committee meeting after the July Voters' meeting.

**Lutheran Hour
Ministries. . .
People of Christ
with a Message of
Hope**

Discover Thailand!

Join in a LHM Global Work & Witness Volunteer Trip to the Mission field - visit Bangkok, Chiang Rai, Chiang Mai and Phuket!

Thailand has a rich and colorful culture. In this country of 62 million people, over 90 percent are practicing Buddhists, and King Bhumibol is a revered figure across his nation. Tiered temple rooftops and saffron-robed monks dominate every vista, and, though some cities and beach resorts are characterized by high rises and neon lights, the typical Thai community is the traditional farming village. Over 50 percent of Thais still earn their living from the land. This is a fascinating opportunity to visit a country that has breathtaking natural beauty, renowned hospitality, robust cuisine, and ruins of intriguing ancient kingdoms.

LHM - Thailand has been sharing the Gospel throughout Thailand for over 15 years. In the aftermath of the devastating tsunami that hit the coast of southern Thailand, LHM - Thailand partnered with LCMS World Relief in handing out cooking supplies, mattresses, bedding, and mosquito nets.

To learn more about this work and witness trip, please contact: Grand Canyon District LLL President, Bob Becker bobarlyce@hotmail.com
480-802-1008

Get Equipped for Outreach at the Int'l LLL Convention

The 90th annual convention of the International Lutheran Laymen's League is just around the corner, July 26-29 in Duluth, MN. Sign up as soon as possible. The convention offers informational presentations about the global programs of Lutheran Hour Ministries, inspirational worship services, exhibits, fellowship time, and The Lutheran Hour Rally featuring an inspiring message from Pastor Ken Klaus, Speaker of The Lutheran Hour.

This year's convention will also offer empowering outreach workshops led by prominent church and lay leaders in three subject areas: leadership development, global outreach, and community outreach. Workshops address a variety of topics, including forming a church ministry action team, global mission partnerships, effective outreach, sharing LHM's message, and communicating electronically. A complete list of workshops can be found by visiting www.lhm.org/convention/workshops.htm.

Separate activities are also available for children up to 12th grade. Some of these exciting activities include meeting NASA astronaut Jeffrey Williams, visiting the Edge Water Park and Great Lake Aquarium, touring the SS William A. Irvin Ore Boat Museum, and taking part in a service event. Children's registration is due by July 10.

Convention registration is \$75 for adults and \$50 for children; meals and lodging are extra. Convention registration, event, and lodging details are available online at www.lhm.org/convention.

Go to jcpylzone

Lutheran Hour Ministries offers a fun way to entertain children while they're away from school for this summer. LHM's Web site, www.jcpylzone.com, engages children through interactive games, crafts, recipes, and other activities in a safe, Christian environment.

Since JCPlayZone was launched in late 2006, more than 125,000 people have visited the site. The activities encourage children to visit frequently because the site's content changes often to reflect seasonal activities or an upcoming holiday. New coloring pages, crafts, and e-cards for Father's Day are now on the site, and music from "That's the Joy," a CD produced by Bobby and Julie Schroeder of BLS Ministries in Leawood, Kansas, has been added as well.

"I'm very picky about the Web sites I allow my students to visit," says Lisa Stanley, kindergarten teacher at St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Bay City, Michigan. "I like the fact that JCPlayZone is a safe, Bible-based site in which the activities are easy enough for the kindergarten students but challenging enough to keep the attention of older kids... I have encouraged our parents to have their kids continue to use the site over the summer."

A companion Web site for parents, www.jcparentzone.com, provides parents access to relevant parenting information from a Christian perspective. The articles and spiritual question and answer section are updated regularly. Fathers can also discuss timely parenting issues through the site's blog for single dads.