

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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Sunday Worship 8:00 & 10:30 AM
Sunday Bible Classes 9:15 AM



Fellowship Club Party, Oct. 30

The Fellowship Club will go to the home of Dennis and Juanita Boldt for an All Saints Costume Party, Sun., Oct 30, 7 PM. All are welcome, with or without a costume.

LWML Meets Nov. 1

Good Shepherd LWML will meet Nov. 2, 6:30 PM to hold elections and clean the kitchen ;^). A business meeting and refreshments will also be part of the meeting – of course. ALL women of Good Shepherd are welcome.

New Bible Basics Study Group

A new study of Basic Lutheran Bible teaching has begun on Fridays, 1 PM. This class is especially for those interested in learning about becoming Lutherans, but all are welcome. If you or someone you know are interested in this class or the one continuing on Mondays at 7 PM. Please see Pastor Becker.

Gospel Treats

On the tables by the church mail boxes is a supply of leaflets which you can take to hand out with Halloween treats to little goblins this

year. They include an gospel message and an invitation to worship at Good Shepherd.

Help Wanted

A lot is happening at Good Shepherd almost every day. Several volunteers are making it go more smoothly. A few more volunteers are needed who can come in 2 to 4 hours during the morning about once a week to help answer the phone, do simple office tasks, errands and light housekeeping. If you can help, please see Pastor Becker.

K.I.D.S. extension fund savings stamps are available every Sunday in the narthex before Sunday classes.

Large Print Devotions

Large print copies of Portals of Prayer, for those who are visually impaired, are now available. Ask Pastor Becker for a copy if you know someone who needs it.

Military Prayer Guides

Lutheran Hour Ministries has produced companion prayer guides for those in the military and their loved ones. There is one booklet for those who serve and another for those who support. Both together cost \$10. You can see a copy on the table by the office or go online to www.lutheranhour.org. If you would like to have the display copy, see pastor Becker.

Bulletins from the Boards

Church boards and Voters met Tues. Oct. 11.

The BOARD OF ELDERS also met Tues., Sept. 27. They are doing an annual ministry review with the Pastor. A set of guidelines for worship was adopted and will be forwarded to the Church Council. The Christmas service schedule was set. The flagon (pitcher) used for communion wine will need to be resilvered.

The BOARD OF TRUSTEES has been

working with alarm system problems caused by a lightning strike. They say:

Thank You to the volunteer lawn mowers, the church cleaners and the office volunteers. Your work makes a difference and is appreciated.

The BOARD OF EVANGELISM approved advertisement in the Free Press holiday worship guide. A \$1000 grant is being received from LCEF for outreach and will be used for next year's parade float and hand-outs.

The BOARD OF EDUCATION reported that 41 students are involved in Sunday school, more than last year. A Sunday School Superintendent is still needed.

The YOUTH fall kick off activity had 12 youth participating. Among upcoming activities will be a breakfast served together with youth from Our Savior to benefit hurricane relief.

The BUILDING COMMITTEE has met with the builder and expects work to begin as soon as "shop drawings" are received from suppliers. It is expected that Eric Oleson, our original architect, will be overseeing the construction, since the Kage-meier firm will be closing its doors.

The SCHOOL BOARD is working on plans and recruitment for next year. An updated brochure information packet is being printed. Members will plan to attend a District seminar on

marketing. Mrs. Brase will attend the district teachers and administrators conferences. A separate Lutheran School Booster group is working on fund raising. About \$30,000 in additional funding will be needed to finish the school year.

The VOTERS approved 11 changes to the constitution: updating the location, clarifying membership qualifications, including the elders in the list of officers, clarifying voters' authority and making the article on confession unalterable.

It was noted that contributions are severely short compared to budgeted expenses. This will be brought to the attention of the congregation.

A budget for 2006 was adopted, totaling \$28,406.31, including \$195,733.35 for the general fund, \$8,500 for District and Synod missions, \$63,426.25 for debt retirement, and \$20,746.72 for property assessments. Some items in the general fund were decreased. The budgets for music, VBS, and evangelism materials was decreased since we have special funds to be used for these items. Major increases were in utilities, due to expected higher energy bills; insurance; maintenance; custodial supplies; salaries and benefits for the preschool, due to increased enrollment and hours. This will come from increased amounts of tuition.

Directory Update

New Addresses:

Matthew Salzwedel
1666 Callowhill St. #204
Philadelphia, PA 19130

Julie (& Danny) Felling
Chloe, Tytan
424 W. Pleasant St.
Mankato, MN 56001

Lassiter, Scott & Andi
1124 W. Menk Dr.
St. Peter, MN 56082

Transferred out:

Marissa & Abrianna Hanson
to St. John Lutheran,
Theif River Falls, MN

All Around the Neighborhood

World Relief in Action Again

LCMS World Relief/
Human Care is accepting
donations for emergency
relief for the millions affected
by the Oct. 8 South Asia
earthquake that killed an
estimated 30,000 people in
Pakistan and 1,400 in India,
with fewer deaths also
reported in Afghanistan.

LCMS World Relief/
Human Care is working
through its partner, Lutheran
World Relief (LWR),
Baltimore, to respond to the
needs of survivors. Through
Action by Churches Together
(ACT), LWR is initially
providing emergency food
packages to at least 1,600
families in hard-hit areas of
Azad Kashmir and Pakistan's

North-West Frontier
Province.

To donate for emergency
food, water, and shelter for
earthquake survivors, send
checks or money orders
designated "Pakistan
Earthquake" and made
payable to "LCMS World
Relief" to LCMS World
Relief/Human Care, P.O. Box
66861, St. Louis, MO 63166-
9810. Or, call the credit-card
gift line at (888) 930-4438.

Cannon Valley Dinner & Auction

The 4th annual Cannon
Valley Lutheran Ministries
free turkey supper is Sun.
Nov. 6 at the Faribault
American Legion. Call Curt
at Camp Omega, 1-507-685-
4266 to reserve a spot for this
reservation only event. Then
stay for the live auction at
Trinity Lutheran gym, 1 – 4
PM, the silent auction at the
Faribault American Legion
4:30 – 8 PM, and the supper
at 5:30 PM. All proceeds are
divided among Camp Omega,
Cannon Valley Lutheran High
School, Faribault Lutheran
School, and Trinity Lutheran
School, Morristown.

Taste Ethnic Missions

Enjoy A Taste of Ethnic
Missions Sun., Nov. 6, 5 – 8
PM at Redeemer Lutheran
Church, 115 Wayzata Blvd.,
Wayzata. This special event,
organized by the Minnesota
South District and several
congregations includes
conversation, presentations,

entertainment of authentic
ethnic items, and a taste of
authentic ethnic food.

Ethnic groups represented
include Ethiopian, Hispanic,
Hmong, Liberian, Somali,
Sudanese and Swahili (sorry,
German and Norwegian not
included).

The cost is \$25 per person
in advance \$30 at the door.
Proceeds support ethnic
outreach in Minnesota South.
RSVP by contacting Sherylea
Downes at 952-435-2550,
extension 16. Send checks
payable to Minnesota South
District 14301 Grand Ave.
South, Burnsville, MN
563065.

Reformation Celebration

"Martin Luther" comes to
Our Savior, Windom, on Sun.
Oct. 30 for the third annual
Reformation Celebration.
Worship begins at 2:30 PM
and special activities at 3:15
PM. Walk the streets of
Luther's day. Meet Martin
and Katie Luther, John Tetzl
and many others. Stop to visit
with the baker, shoemaker,
fishmonger, florists and more.
Come to the big top for a skit
about Martin Luther. There
will be activities for children
and you are welcome to come
in costume. Stay for grilled
brats, steamed potatoes,
sauerkraut and apple cake.