

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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Discover the Riches of Christ

Summer Sunday Worship 9:00 AM
Summer Sunday Bible Class 8:00 AM

Sign up for VBS students & workers

Our 2006 VBS, "Treasure Cove: Discover the Riches of Christ" is soon, Sun., Aug. 6 through Thurs. Aug. 10, 6:30 – 8:00 PM. So we can be prepared, please sign up in advance, using the form on the back of this page or on the table by the church office. Return the completed form by mail, in the offering, or to the box on the table by the office.

Volunteer workers are still needed. to teach Preschool and grades 5-6; to help with grades 1-2, and to work in the kitchen with snacks. Please speak to Becky Schendel, Vanessa Drill or Cindy Wintheiser.

Welcome New Teachers

Voters at the July 11 Voters' Meeting approved adding two new teachers to our school staff.

Carolyn Garman will teach grades 1-3. She has taught for the past 24 years at St. John Lutheran School, Good Thunder. Carolyn is the daughter-in-law of Leona Garman of our congregation.

Linda Becker will teach grades 4-6. She has taught various grades for 10 years Lutheran and public schools in several places, including Alexandria, VA; Spencer, SD; Glencoe and Hutchinson, MN.

24 students are signed up for K-6 classes as of this writing and more are considering it. Each class has room for more students.

After School Care Position Open

An after school care program will be offered at Good Shepherd Lutheran School. Anyone interested in applying for the position of care provider should contact Lynn Lease or the church office. Work hours will be 2 to 6 PM on school days. Pay will be \$6.50 and up per hour, depending on the number of students.

Treasure Cove VBS Registration (one form per child, please)

Name _____

Grade completed __ Age __

Birthday _____

Parents _____

Address _____

Home Phone _____

Alt. Phone _____

Emergency contact person:

Relationship to student:

Home Phone _____

Alt. Phone _____

Food allergies or other

problems: _____

Family doctor _____

Phone _____

Siblings attending VBS
(names & ages)

Good Shepherd member? Y N

Other church affiliation or
membership: _____

Brought by _____

Picked up by _____

LWML Pot Luck Aug. 1 at Wheeler

Good Shepherd LWML meets Aug. 1, 6 PM for a pot-luck picnic at Wheeler Park. It will be followed by a short business meeting.

All ladies of Good Shepherd, young and old, are invited to visit and enjoy the fellowship.

Augsburg Confession Available

On June 23, we celebrated the Presentation of the Augsburg Confession, the first official statement of Lutheran teaching, Presented at the Diet of Augsburg in 1530.

The Augsburg Confession explains how Lutheran teaching agrees with what Christians have believed and taught from the beginning.

Copies of the Augsburg Confession are on the tables by the mailboxes. Take one and read the foundational teachings of Lutheranism.

All Around the Neighborhood

Immanuel Offers Grades 7 & 8

Immanuel Lutheran School of rural Courtland/ Nicollet welcomes all children through grade 8 to register for 2006/2007. There is an after school program until 6 PM, a hot lunch

program, athletics, music and other extra-curricular opportunities for students. Busing is provided by Nicollet bus services. Registration is Thurs., Aug. 3. Call Principal Dan Erdman at 359-2534 or 359-4575.

Lutheran Night at the Twins

Our Savior Mens' Club is sponsoring a trip to Lutheran Night at the Metrodome, as the Twins play Cleveland Wed., Aug., 16, 7:10 PM. The total cost for the game and bus ride is \$28 / person. The bus leaves Our Savior at 4 PM and returns right after the game. You must sign up before Aug. 9. Sign up on the sheet in the narthex by the water fountain or call Bob Timm (evenings: 388-9213).

Ken Klaus to Preach at Our Savior

"Lutheran Hour" speaker Rev. Ken Klaus will preach at Our Savior Lutheran Church, Mankato, Sun., Aug. 13, in the 8:00 and 10:30 AM services. All are welcome. A Pot-luck dinner will follow the 10:30 AM service.

Bless You

Thanks to Larry Salzwedel for getting two bicycle racks for us from MSU. They are at the north end of the parking lot.

Directory Updates

Marriage

- *Brittany Sack* is now Brittany Crock. She lives at the same address as her husband Brian.

Birth and Baptism

- *Owen Palm* is the new son of Michael and Stacy Palm. Their phone is now 317-8293.

- *Kaleb Sohre* is the new son of regular Guest Sarah Sohre who lives with her daughter at 1627 Colony Ct., Apt. 9 North Mankato, MN 56003 Phone: 317-4941

- *Maya VanGrootheest* is the new daughter of Loren and Elizabeth VanGrootheest

New Members

- *Virginia Pool*
2148 Arlington Lane (Willow Point) Apt. 112
North Mankato, MN 56003
Phone: 625-5894

- *Samantha Larson*
1796 N. Orchid
North Mankato, MN 56003
388-5952

- *Paul Gansen*
Bethany Lutheran College
Mankato, MN 56001
Phone: 507-475-1145

Address/Phone Changes

- Charles and Lorraine Baird are now at
*543 Garfield Ave., Apt. 327
North Mankato, MN 56003*
- Arlyn & Joyce Hubbard
Phone is now *507-304-1008*

Bulletins from the Boards

Church boards and Voters met Tues., July 12.

THE BOARD OF ELDERS discussed outdoor worship. Pastor will be on vacation July 19-21 and July 29 – Aug. 5. Rev. Martin Teigen will preach July 30. The elders, along with the Board of Trustees, approved shifting the chancel and worship area forward so walls can be built for classrooms on the west end of the fellowship hall, if we have not moved into the new sanctuary before this needs to be done.

THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES are looking into a drop box to secure offerings between services. They approved adding a basketball hoop next to the parking lot.

THE BOARD OF EVANGELISM approved ads in the Free Press Visitors' Guide and Student Guide and is studying the idea of inviting a volunteer "Harvesters for Christ" team to help with outreach programs.

THE BOARD OF EDUCATION needs a few teachers and helpers for VBS still. The Sunday School Superintendent is getting things organized for this fall.

THE SCHOOL BOARD met Thurs., July 6. An after school care program will be offered on school days for \$2.50 per hour per child. A care provider will be sought, with pay to be \$6.50 - \$9 per hour. Joe Holtmeier will grade an area for soccer and baseball fields this fall. St. John's Lutheran School, Good Thunder will be offered \$200 for curriculum material and \$300 for computers and other equipment. Board

members will check on sources for desks and shelves. A PK+ program will be offered to 5 year old students in the preschool, allowing them to stay and join in with the kindergarteners during the afternoon for the same price they pay for morning preschool. School "Blast Off" was set for Tues., Aug. 22, 6-8 PM. There will be a pot-luck dinner with hot dogs provided, student registration and fun activities. Various yearly co-curricular events were discussed.

THE BUILDING COMMITTEE reported that workers are doing interior finishing. Installing the floor will take several weeks. We are close to the expected cost, despite extra fees when we had to change architects.

THE VOTERS heard a report from the School Board that 24 students are signed up for Kindergarten through grade 6 so far and more are expected. Voters approved calling Carolyn Garman as teacher and hiring Linda Becker as teacher.

2007 will be the 50th anniversary of the Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd. Responding to a call for volunteers for an anniversary planning committee, Joe Holtmeier will be chairman, along with Lynn and Pat Lease, Bill Schwarz, Floyd and Judy Backstrom, and Mike and Sherry Sack. Others interested in volunteering should speak with Robin Schendel or Joe Holtmeier.