

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 9:00 AM



Special Voters' Meeting Oct. 29

A special voters meeting will be held Sun., Oct. 29, 9:15 AM, to consider approving three additional amendments to the church constitution.

The District Constitution Review Committee recommended that our newly amended constitution not be approved by the District without these additional changes.

The first two changes are identical additions to the Article IX(A) on the Pastoral Office and Article IX(B) on the Office of Teacher, requiring that those called must "have been endorsed by and are members of The

Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod, and..." This complies with a requirement of the congregation's membership in the LC-MS.

The third amendment, to Article XI on Property Rights of the Congregation" clarifies the statement in paragraph (d) that those who are no longer congregation members "retain no legal right in this congregation or its property". The words "or its property" are to be removed to avoid any confusing impression that those who are members hold a right to the congregation's property.

The constitution requires that amendments be moved and seconded at one meeting and be voted on at a following meeting.

Kids Costume Party, Oct. 27

All children are invited to a Reformation costume party Fri., Oct. 27, 7 – 8:30 PM at the church. There will be fun activities and snacks. Friends are welcome. No witches, ghosts, or malicious characters, please.

PICK A COLORED LEAF from the artificial tree in the narthex if you would like to donate supplies. Talk to Lynn Lease or Beth Holtmeier if you have questions or would like to help with preparations, clean up, etc.

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.

LWML Sells Kitchenware

Are you looking for a Christmas present that is practical and useful? Now about cookie sheets, cake pans, knives and candles? The LWML will be selling them Oct 22 through Nov. 12 in the narthex between the worship services and Sunday classes (9 AM, 10:15 AM) Orders will be ready for pick up on Sun., Nov. 19.

Keep Kids Healthy

Healthy snack donations are desired for our after school program. If you can help, bring them to the church kitchen any day, marked "after school". About half a dozen students stay for activities supervised by Mark Wilkowse.

Hold the Presses

Printer ink cartridge recycling mailers are currently all used up. Hold on to your cartridges because more are on the way. They will be in the box on top of the coupon cart by the church office. Our school receives \$2 for each cartridge returned.

Spaghetti Supper Success

Thank you to all who helped, ate, etc., at last Sunday's spaghetti supper and silent auction. Special thanks to the volunteers from St. John, Good Thunder, who cooked during our dedication service. Over 300 were served and \$5,062 was made which will be supplemented with \$1,200 from Thrivent. Wow! Good job.

Show Your Cards

Famous Dave's Barbecue cards give you 5% back for your next visit and 5% to our school. See Pat Lease or Pastor to get one.

Mielke's Work in New Orleans

Roger and Betty Mielke are again joining the ranks of "Lutheran migrant workers" as they go to New Orleans for several months, along with others who have worked with Laborers for Christ, to help with continued hurricane clean up and rebuilding.

They will be staying at a Lutheran workers camp at 9301 Chief Menteur Highway which is between Lake Ponchartrain and the Mississippi River in southeastern New Orleans. Their mailing address is: Camp Restore
PO Box 872668
New Orleans, La. 70187

Bring on the Bottles

20 oz. pop bottles are now being shipped out as fast as we receive them. Collect them and bring them to the church for our Terracycle school fund raiser. If the labels are removed, we get an extra penny per bottle. Thank you to Jerry & Doris Schumacher and Pat Neff who pack the bottles for shipping.

Directory Update

NOTE: new church directory pages are in your mailboxes. Changes already in the new directory are in italics

New members –

Edna Rannow

Arlen & Peggy Lade

Grant Poehler

Jessica Hettling

Births –

Oliver Tordsen, born to Jamie & April Tordsen

Daniel Mead, born to Chad & Kristen Mead

Benjamin Rosevold born to Peter and Kelly Rosevold

New Address -

Edna Mielke

Good Samaritan Home

1311 North Hiawatha

Pipestone, MN 56164

507-825-5428

Transferred out-

Tony & Heather Wiederhoeft, Samantha

to Hosanna Lutheran,

Mankato, MN

Kristen Kontak

to First Lutheran Church

Venice, CA

Synod Convention Delegates Elected

A Circuit forum on Sun., Oct. 1 at Our Savior, elected Rev. Grant Bode, Redeemer, New Ulm, as pastoral delegate and Gary Urban, Good Shepherd, to the 2007 LC-MS convention in Houston, TX. Elected as alternate delegates were Rev. Wayne Bernau, Immanuel, Courtland, and Trude Wiechmann, Our Savior.

Bulletins from the Boards

Church boards and Voters met Tues. Oct. 12.

The BOARD OF ELDERS set Christmas worship times and did a review of pastoral ministry with Pastor Becker.

The BOARD OF TRUSTEES will remove the chancel platform from the fellowship hall and use the materials for shelves in new storage rooms. They will have combustion air intakes installed in the furnace rooms at a cost of \$18,000, with the approval of the voters. A larger mailbox has been donated and will be installed.

The BOARD OF EVANGELISM is will arrange a Harvesters for Christ volunteer team to visit Good Shepherd for several weeks to do outreach training and development.

The BOARD OF EDUCATION is making plans for the Children's

Christmas program. An average of 28 children are participating in Sunday classes. They will be provided with offering envelopes.

The YOUTH will meet monthly during the Bible class time. 8 came to the first meeting. Youth will participate in Rake the Town. They are planning a surprise treat for the congregation the Sunday before Thanksgiving.

The BUILDING COMMITTEE is thankful that the dedication was a big success. An acoustical engineer will be hired to do tests. Work is being done on getting final paper work done.

The SCHOOL BOARD Had a very successful fundraiser. Immanuel Lutheran School, Courtland, will include our students on their basketball team. The board is investigating the best way to provide coat racks for students. Ways are being considered to cut down on noise in the classrooms. An area north of the church lawn will be leveled for a ball field.

The VOTERS discussed how to take care of additional cleaning of classrooms and the new sanctuary. A paid custodian may be considered. Voters approved changing to the new "The Church's Plan" version of Concordia Benefit Plans which provides improved retirement benefits. Three additional constitution amendments were moved and seconded, as requested by the District Constitution Review Committee. They will be

voted on at a special meeting Sun., Oct. 29, 9:15 AM.

It was seen that general fund giving increased from \$77,419 to \$109,591 over last year at this time, but this is still not enough to match current expenses. Mission giving increased from \$7,483 to \$8,559, which is on target to meet our mission goal. Debt and Building Fund giving declined from \$22,195 to \$21,928 and from \$60,584 to \$43,192 respectively. This increases our shortfall in funds to repay our mortgage.

A budget for 2007 was adopted, totaling \$285,660.80 (\$288,406.31 in '06), including \$186,425.60 for the general fund (\$195,733.35 in '06), 8,500 for District and Synod "missions" (same as '06), \$72,000 for debt retirement (\$63,426.24 in '06), and \$18,736.20 for property assessments (\$20,746.72 in '06). Areas decreased included Little Lamb's salaries (because a 4th session has not yet been added, as earlier expected), worship musicians (because of the shift to one service in the summer), and pastor's health plan (because his wife is now has separate coverage under the school budget). The Evangelism budget was increased to cover the cost of a "Harvesters for Christ" team in 2007. Budgets for custodial supplies, office supplies and copier costs were increased due to the school program, with the plan that the increased costs will be reimbursed from school funds.

All Around the Neighborhood

Cannon Valley Lutheran Ministry Supper & Auction

Cannon Valley Lutheran Ministries raises funds for Cannon Valley Lutheran High School and Camp Omega. A live auction fundraiser will be 10:30 AM, Sat., Nov. 4 at the Morristown Community Center on the south edge of Morristown. Curt Becher's famous beef stew will be sold during the auction.

A silent auction and Supper will be Sun. Nov. 5 at the Faribault American Legion. Silent auction bidding begins at 4 PM. The Free supper is served at 5:30 PM. Contact Curt at 507-685-4266 or curt@campomega.org if you want to donate for the auctions, sponsor a table or make a reservation for the free supper.

Moms Prayer Time

Moms in Touch International is a group of moms who meet once a week on school days to pray for children and their schools. All are welcome. The following groups currently meet in Mankato. For more information, call the person

listed or go on line to www.momsintouch.org.
East Junior & Senior High:
Monica Yarger, 257-3427
Garfield/Dakota Meadows:
Mary Walchuk, 625-6142
Jefferson Elementary:
Christi Jensen, 625-7584
West High School:
Judy Johns, 388-6865
College moms:
Caryl Darge, 388-8331

Let's Talk About Raising Boys

“Raising Boys: Nurturing Respect and Responsibility” is the topic of the “Let’s Talk” series at South Central College Conference Center, Tues., Oct. 24, 6:30 – 8 PM. Presenters are Rick Auger, Psychologist and Associate Professor at MSU; and John Brady, Director of the Council for Health Action and Promotion. They will discuss what boys are faced with when growing up in 2006, countering negative pressure and what boys need from families. There is no cost to attend. To register and reserve childcare, call the Council for Health Action and Promotion, 389-4618.

Church Career Camp at C.S.P.

Concordia University, St. Paul's church career camp - “Harvest Time” – will be Nov. 3-4, 2006. This event is designed for high school students interested in learning

more about careers in the Church. Throughout the weekend students will meet with Concordia St. Paul professors, current students and professional from various ministry career paths.

More information and registration materials can be found at <http://www.csp.edu/Admission/HarvestTime/index.html>

Taste Ethnic Missions

Enjoy A Taste of Ethnic Missions Sun., Nov. 5, 5 – 8 PM at Messiah Lutheran Church, 16725 Highview Ave., Lakeville, MN. 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 Chinese, Ethiopian, Hispanic, Hmong, Liberian, Sudanese and Swahili (sorry, no German or Norwegian food).

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 952-223-2164. Send checks payable to Minnesota South District 14301 Grand Ave. South, Burnsville, MN 563065.

LOCAL SCRIP PARTICIPATING RETAILERS

Good Shepherd Lutheran School, North Mankato

Help support Good Shepherd Lutheran School by purchasing scrip and using it like a gift card.

To purchase scrip, complete an order form (found on the table by the mailboxes) and give it, with your money to Sue Schwarz, or put it in her mailbox. She will return the scrip to your mailbox.

To see a complete list of scrip retailers, go on line to www.glscrip.com and click on "Retail list".

Retail Stores	Amount	% to School
American Eagle Outfitters	\$25	8%
Barnes & Noble	\$10 / \$25	9%
Bath & Body Works	\$10 / \$25	13%
Best Buy	\$25 / \$100 / \$250	2%
Blockbuster Gift Card	\$10	7%
Blockbuster Night Card	\$12	15%
Blockbuster Single Game Rent	\$6	15%
Blockbuster Single Video Rent	\$3.79	15%
Build a Bear Workshop	\$25	8%
Cabela's	\$25	11%
Champs Sports	\$25	9%
Claire's	\$10	9%
Dress Barn	\$25	8%
Express	\$25	13%
Express for Men	\$25	13%
Footlocker	\$25	9%
Gander Mountain	\$25	8%
Gordmans	\$25	7%
Home Depot	\$25 / \$100 / \$500	3%
JCPenny	\$25 / \$100	5%
Jo-Ann Fabrics	\$25 / \$100	6%
Kohl's	\$25	4%
Maurices	\$20	7%
Mendards	\$10/\$25/\$50/\$100/\$250/\$50	4%
Office Max	\$25	5%
Old Navy	\$25	9%
Payless Shoes	\$20	13%
Pier 1 Imports	\$25	9%
Radio Shack	\$25	4%
Ritz Camera	\$25	6%
Sam Goody	\$20	9%
Sears	\$25 / \$100 / \$250	4%
Shopko	\$25 / \$50	4%
T. J. Max	\$10 / \$25	7%
The Children's Place	\$25	12%
The Limited	\$25	9%
Walgreens	\$20	2%

Retailer	Amount	% to School
Restaraunts		
A & W	\$5	5%
Applebees	\$20	8%
Arby's	\$5	10%
Burger King	\$5	4%
Domino's Pizza	\$5	5%
KFC	\$5	9%
Old Country Buffet	\$25	5%
Panera Bread	\$10	9%
Pizza Hut	\$10	9%
Red Lobster/Olive Garden	\$25	9%
TGI Friday's	\$20	8%
Wendy's	\$10	9%
Gas Stations		
BP Gas	\$50	2%
Holiday Station Stores	\$25	1.5%
Kwik Trip	\$20 / \$100	4%
Mobil (Exxon)	\$50	1.5%
Shell	\$25 / \$100	1.5%
Super America	\$25 / \$100	4%
Lodging & Travel		
American Airlines	\$50 / \$ 100	16%
Best Western Int'l	\$25 / \$100	12%
Comfort Inn	\$25	4%
Courtyard (Marriott)	\$50 / \$ 100	12%
Fairfield Inn	\$50 / \$ 100	12%
Quality Inn	\$25	4%
Services & Entertainment		
Advance Auto Parts	\$25	7%
At&T 100 Minute Card	\$9.50	20%
ChemLawn	\$50	10%
Cinemark Theatres	\$25	4%
Cub Foods	\$25 / \$100	2%
Gift Card Wrapper	\$.35	15%
Gift Card Wrapper 16 pack	\$5.60	20%
MasterCuts	\$25	8%
Mia & Maxx Hair Studio	\$25	8%
Regis Salons	\$25	8%
Scrip Wallet	\$1	15%
ServiceMaster	\$50	10%
Trade Secret	\$25	8%
TruGreen	\$50	10%
Valvoline Instant Oil Change	\$27.99	17%