

Shepherd's Staff

Reformation Sunday
October 28, 2007

Worship with Holy Communion by Intinction at 8:30 and 11:00 a.m

Keeping Things in Proper Order
Pastor Jonathan Buuck

Scripture Texts
Jeremiah 31:31-34
Psalm 46
Romans 3:19-28
John 8:31-36

9:45 a.m. Education Hour
Child care is provided 8:15 a.m.-12:15 p.m.

2007 Confirmands

Clara Engen

Kendall Flores

Mark Grangaard

Thomas Hoistad

Kristen Huepenbecker

Holly Johnson

Stacey Johnson

Peter Matyi

Jack McCabe

John Pitsenbarger

Felix Pronove

Michaela Read

Adam Schroeder

Rachel Stein

Surround these young men and women in prayer and celebrate God's promises to them as they continue in their lifelong faith journey.

Good News

Good Shepherd third graders and their parents will participate at the 8:30 a.m. worship service on Sunday, October 28. As a gathered people of God, we support parents in their baptismal promise to place the Word into their child's hands and provide a New Revised Standard Version Bible for each family to present to their child.

Elizabeth Anderson
Jane Anderson
Benjamin Brandt
Nina Brogan
Martin Burg
Karla Forsman
Annika Jank
Foss Kerker
Zachary Koski
Maddison Krein
Clara Larson
William Moore
Freja Olsen
Erin Patton
Natacha Sagel

These Bibles are a gift from the Golden Shepherds.

Thinking of Membership?

Sunday, 9:45 a.m.
October 28
Orientation Session
Church Parlor

New Member Sunday, November 11

We invite anyone interested to contact our church office at 612-927-8849 or office@goodshepherdmpls.org



October 21, 2007

Offering	Attendance
\$10,941.85	300

LifeLines: October 28

9:45-10:45 a.m. in Fellowship Hall

Jesus' Teachings About Money

Pastor Loyal Golv, Good Shepherd member and a member of our Board of Stewardship, will help us look at Jesus' teachings about money. Golv was a parish pastor for 28 years before he became a national staff member in the ministry of stewardship for the ALC and then the ELCA.

Mission Calendar

Sunday, October 28 – Send off for Ethiopia mission travelers

Sunday, November 4 – 3:00 – 4:30 p.m. Benefit concert and African market for Magulilwa Secondary School in Tanzania (started by Good Shepherd member Evaristo Sanga)

Saturday and Sunday, December 1-2 Making Advent Meaningful Fair to promote alternative gift giving to support mission partners, and resources and activities to make Advent a spiritually rich season.

Looking ahead: January 19-26 Mission Immersion Week at Good Shepherd

Flu Shot Clinic

Sunday, November 4

9:30 a.m.-11:30 a.m.

Come to the parlor to check in.

Call the church office to schedule an appointment.

Change Sundays

Beginning on October 28, on the fourth Sunday of each month we will all help the kids build wells in Ethiopia. Bring a little extra change for the kids' collection at the time of the offering during worship.

A little change can change lives.

The Stewardship Board

Attention All Shepherd's Kingdom Students

On Rally Day, September 9, you received a small bucket and information about our mission project with Ethiopia—Coins for Clean Water: Money for a Mill. On Sunday, October 28, you are asked to bring your filled bucket to worship as we start to fill the well! Our member Don Meyer has built a beautiful well in which to collect our coins. This project will continue the fourth Sunday of each month throughout the year. Extra buckets are available for anyone who would like to help with this project.

Proverbs Bible Study

October 24 and 31, November 7

10 a.m. and 7 p.m.

Pastor Jon will lead this three-week course focusing on Proverbs and other wisdom writings in the scriptures. We will go deeper into these nuggets of sayings which have been handed down from

generation to generation. Attend morning or evening — whichever works better for your schedule. Bring your Bible and a friend. May we all be wiser at the end of our time together than when we began!

Coffee and Conversation for Men Mondays, 10 a.m.

All are welcome!

Over Coffee - 7:00-8:15 p.m.

October 25: Dr. Steven Miles, MD

University of Minnesota professor at the Center for Bioethics who exposed medical complicity in the torture of prisoners in Iraq, Afganistan and Guantanamo Bay.

November 1: Dave Nimmer

Journalist, teacher, TV newscaster

Give Life by Donating Blood

Monday, November 5, 4-7 p.m.

Please call the church at 612-927-8849 or sign up in the narthex after services.

Bloodmobile Location:

Lake Harriet United Methodist Church 4901 Chowen Avenue South

You'll feel great for sharing such a precious gift!

Rocking Readers: We Need You!

Could you read with first graders at Lake Harriet Community School--

4030 Chowen Avenue South? Call Karen Wilkinson at 952-983-0123 for more information

The Board of Stewardship invites you to a Stewardship Celebration Dinner!

Sunday, November 4, 2007, 5:00 pm

Fellowship Hall

Dine on foods representing our mission partnerships in Ethiopia, Uruguay and Harlan, Kentucky

Enjoy a slide show and children's singing

Look for the sign-up sheet in the narthex

We look forward to celebrating with you!

Fall Cleanup

Saturday, October 27, 9:00 a.m.

Rain or Shine

Families are welcome! No minimum number of hours required. Call the church office at 612-927-8849 for more information. The Property Board thanks you for your participation!

Dear Parents and Grandparents,

One of our key goals at Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd is to help you and your family grow closer to God and to each other. One ministry we are now providing to help you in your faith-growing is called

ReadyClickGrow Your Family, a new on-line ministry found on our web site www.goodshepherdmpls.org under the Children and Family Ministry link.

Growing your family in the Christian faith starts just a click away! No matter where you are in your own spiritual journey--no matter how little you know about the Bible, no matter how busy your schedule--you can start growing your family in the Christian faith.

I invite you to check out our church Web site with hundreds of activities that can strengthen your family in Christ. Your family can experience more fun, more faith, and more family moments together by experimenting 15 to 20 minutes each week with ReadyClickGrow Your Family activities. Faith-growing can become a normal part of your family's week. It's easy and fun to do. Just follow these simple steps.

Step #1 Ready! Agree to experiment with ReadyClickGrow activities before bedtime, during mealtime, while driving, during a family night, while enjoying a restaurant meal or anytime! Make faith-growing a normal part of your family schedule.

Step #2 Click! Visit our Web site at www.goodshepherdmpls.org, go to the Children and Family Ministry link, and click the ReadyClickGrow icon at the bottom of the page. The ReadyClickGrow Your Family home page gives you assistance in managing your choice of activities. The "Pick of the Week" and "Seasonal Activities" options are helpful featured groupings of convenient, ready-to-do ideas and activities. The folder names around the house take you to hundreds of additional ideas and activities. Print out an activity or two and place on your refrigerator as a reminder to do them with your family.

Step #3 Grow! Do an activity with your family. Keep it simple and fun. Go at a pace that works for your family--once a month or once a week.

Step #4 Your Family! Start slowly! Be flexible. Modify the activity to work with your family. Listen! Invite family participation! Respect all opinions! Dialogue! Call our church if you need assistance. Relax, there is really no wrong way to do this thing called "faith growing your family."

Still feeling a little leery about all this? Okay, try doing just one ReadyClickGrow Your Family activity a week. That's all. Print out two or three activities and stick 'em on your refrigerator or mirror as a reminder. Lose whatever guilt you feel for not doing enough. Turn your anxieties and feelings of inadequacy over to God. Do your best, and God will honor that.

Your Partner in Ministry, Pastor Jay Rudi

P.S. Read Deuteronomy 6:4-7 and may God give you the wisdom and power to grow your family in the Christian faith!

Vision Task Force Document Available

On October 15 the Church Council accepted the Vision document and embraced its spirit and meaning, endorsed the Vision document with its many goals, strategies and action steps, and recommended the Vision document's adoption by the congregation of Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd. This is the culmination of many months worth of work with input from many members of Good Shepherd.

The Vision documents are available with members' names printed on them in the narthex through October 28. After Sunday we will mail the remaining documents. We invite you to carefully read through the document and catch the vision as we follow the leading of the Holy Spirit.

The Church Council has called a congregational meeting for Sunday, November 18 at 12:15 for the purpose of voting on the final Vision document. In an effort to discuss this vision with the members and friends of Good Shepherd, several cottage meetings are scheduled. Please sign up for these meetings; the sign up sheets are in the narthex, which is the lobby to the sanctuary, or you can call in your request to the church office. Five cottage meetings are scheduled: Thursday, November 8 at 7:00 p.m., Rich and Renee May, hosts; Sunday, November 11 at 7:00 p.m., Renee Raether, host; Monday, November 12 at 7:00 p.m., Bill and Linda Kerker, hosts; Wednesday, November 14 at 1:30 at 7500 York Avenue, Jean Sprague, host; Thursday, November 15 at 7:00 p.m. at Good Shepherd. Pastor Jon and a member of the Vision Task Force will be present at all of these gatherings to introduce the vision and to answer any questions you may have.

The members of the Vision Task Force and Church Council are excited to bring this forward for your approval. If you are unable to attend any of the cottage meetings, members of the Vision task force welcome your questions and comments. The members are Rich May, chair; Pastor Jonathan Buuck, Kristine Cecil, Peggy Dale, Mark Halvorson, Linda Kerker, Steve Nordness, Renee Raether, and Pastor Jay Rudi.

Preparedness: A Way of Life

September was National Preparedness Month, an opportunity to raise awareness about the importance of emergency preparedness and to encourage all Americans to better prepare their homes and communities for emergencies.

Individuals and their families can prepare themselves for emergencies by taking simple steps such as organizing an emergency supply kit, making a personal preparedness plan, becoming informed about different threats, and getting involved in preparing their community. These activities create a culture of preparedness and can help save lives.

Faith groups play an important role in the safety and security of our communities. Our church is a founding member of the Minneapolis Faith Group Collaboration for Community Emergency Response. The Health Ministry Committee has been attending monthly meetings of this important group. More information can be easily obtained at the website created by the Collaboration: www.FaithGroupsPrepare.org. Other good web resource sites are www.pandemicflu.gov, www.cdc.gov, www.christianemergencynetwork.org/, and www.elca.org.

We now need interested church members to join in setting up a task force to help educate and encourage our church and community in preparation for disasters in our neighborhood (and while at church). Churches have played key roles in many local and national disasters such as the bridge collapse, flooding and tornados. To be prepared is to be empowered. Please consider joining us in helping individuals, families, our congregation and the community. Contact our Parish Nurse Phyllis Bruce to join this vital task force. Please, don't wait to see if someone calls you; we really need those who are interested enough to volunteer!!

At the October 7 LifeLines presentation there were examples of personal emergency supplies. Radios and rations may be ordered in bulk if there is enough interest. Contact Phyllis Bruce if you would like to be included in this. The Parish Nurse Resource Table has more information and forms to fill out with contact numbers, insurance, etc., to keep in a easy accessible place or have in a backpack or duffel bag to take with you in case you would have to evacuate your home and area. The goal is to change our culture to being prepared for any emergency. We can no longer live in denial that it will never happen to us. As a caring church, we strive to be prepared to take care of ourselves and families, but also to be able to reach out to those in our community.

Susan Johnson, Health Ministry Committee

Mission of the Month
Central Lutheran Clothes Closet

In October the Women of Good Shepherd Mission of the Month will focus on helping people prepare for the cold winter months. Bring new or gently used warm adult clothing and new white crew socks for men and women by October 28. Thank you so much; your donations make a difference.

Embracing Diversity Task Force

The Embracing Diversity task force will be meeting on Tuesday, November 6 at 6:30 p.m. to continue conversation and initial planning related to sexual diversity within the church and learning opportunities for our congregation. Current planning includes a Bible study offered by Pastor Jon, a speaker for LifeLines and consideration of educational resources for the library.

People who have questions or comments are encouraged to come to this meeting and talk with us or talk with any task force member. With your feedback, we will be better able to discern how best to welcome others into the life and ministry of our congregation.

Task force members include Bill McCabe, Deb Neuger, Andrea Norman, Rod Pedley, Ann Sollid, Betty Syverson, John Teisberg, and Pastor Jon Buuck.

Faithfully Fit Forever — Wednesdays, 11:00 a.m.-12:15 p.m.

Come for a fun and inspiring time. Try low impact aerobic exercises using 1-3 pound weights for muscle strengthening, hear a brief health reminder, and end with a quiet meditation and prayer time. Enjoy the company and support of others while going at your own pace to improve your physical, mental, emotional and spiritual health.

Come to Room 220 on Wednesdays and give it a try!!! No sign up needed. Bring 1-3 pound weights and a smile!

Call Phyllis Bruce, your parish nurse, with questions.

Exultate: Chamber Classics

Hear the Vivaldi double cello concerto, J. S. Bach's 2nd Brandenburg Concerto, Mozart's Coronation Mass as well as choral works by William Byrd, Antonio Lotti, Johannes Brahms, Henry Purcell and others. The 2007 Minnesota All-State Lutheran Choir will join Exultate. This fabulous high school choir is the summer youth program of Exultate.

Sunday, October 28, 4 p.m.

Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd

Tickets: \$18 general admission (\$15 seniors and students under 16)

To reserve tickets call Exultate at 651-707-0727

Tickets also available at the door or at www.exultate.org

Summit Point Update

Did you know that 20 years ago Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd joined churches in Edina to build

an affordable senior housing option in Edina? Summit Point, a 29-unit apartment home built near Vernon Avenue and Highway 100, is located near shopping, dining, the library and Senior Center.

Help celebrate the recent preservation, total fix-up and remodeling efforts of CommonBond Communities, the developer, manager and service provider. The re-open house will be Thursday, November 8 from 4:30-6:30 p.m. Tour an apartment, visit with residents, collect area resource information and enjoy refreshments.

Summit Point, located at 5010 Summit, is just north of Vernon Avenue. Watch for signs. If you have questions call 952-920-6113 or 952-926-5720.

How to Thrive in Retirement, a fun interactive program that explores how you can start now to prepare for a rewarding retirement. This program will be offered at Richfield Lutheran Church, 8 West 60th Street, Minneapolis, on Thursday, November 8 at 6:30 p.m. A light meal will be served. The workshop, developed by Thrivent Financial for Lutherans, will be presented by David Flynn, Senior Financial Advisor, Hyland Group. You'll learn how changes in lifestyles and longevity are changing the meaning of retirement. You'll also learn how to start now to prepare for your own unique retirement dream. To register, please call the office at Richfield Lutheran, 612-861-2265. The deadline is November 5.

Sign up to be a Prayer Partners for our Ethiopia Mission Travelers

Sign up on the peacock blue form inside this Shepherd's Staff to be a prayer partner for an Ethiopia Mission traveler. You don't need to know the traveler well...in fact, what better way to get to know someone than praying for one another. Bring the form to church by October 28.

The travelers are Sharon Berlin, Wakgari Geleta, Martha Gisselquist, Nancy Liddy, Sue Lyke, Suzanne Rudi, Terry Haugen-Sjostrom, Carla Sykora and Karen Walhof.

African Drumming, World Choral Music and a Duka (African Market) at Upcoming Fundraiser for Magulilwa Secondary School in Tanzania

Plan to attend the November 4 fundraiser for the Magulilwa Secondary School in Tanzania at Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd from 3:00 to 4:30 p.m. The afternoon event will appeal to people of all ages, from 2 to 92 and older! This event precedes the Stewardship Celebration Dinner.

The Earthtones, an a capella group, and an African drumming troupe will provide the entertainment for a "cultural extravaganza." A volunteer will read African folk tales during the intermission.

A freewill offering will be collected. Attendees are also invited to purchase Tanzanian handicrafts from a "duka" or African market set up in the narthex.

For more information contact Mary Forseth or Sue Lyke.

Wait to Purchase Your Christmas Cards!

Making Advent Meaningful Fair Will Feature Cards From Our Mission Partners

On Saturday, December 1 and Sunday, December 2 you will have an opportunity to purchase Christmas cards made by our mission partners. We have hand embroidered cards from Lutheran Health Care Bangladesh and cards designed by homeless children for Families Moving Forward. They are beautiful and unique; your purchases will help our partners. For more information contact Sue Lyke at 612-927-8849 or sue.lyke@goodshepherdmpls.org

Wednesday Night Suppers Olé

October 24 – Back by popular demand! You-Layer-It

October 31 - Halloween - No supper

The dinners are open to EVERYONE. Prices: \$5 for adults, \$3 for children, \$13 cap for a family.

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Golden Shepherds - Call 612-927-8849 for reservations.

Wednesday, November 7, 12:30 Lunch

Hear Carol Connolly, St. Paul Poet Laureate, read her poetry and talk about her life. Connolly has written for the St. Paul Pioneer Press and Mpls.St.Paul Magazine and is often a guest on radio talk shows.

Connolly was the first woman appointed to serve on the St. Paul Human Rights Commission.

Save the date - Thursday, December 6, Christmas Buffet with the Golden Strings

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