

***SEPTEMBER
NEWSLETTER 2011***



**GOOD SHEPHERD
LUTHERAN CHURCH**

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Dear Friends,

As most of you know by now, I recently received a Call to serve as pastor at another congregation, in North Dakota. Many questions have been raised in regard to this, and I'd like to take the opportunity in this month's newsletter to explain the process involved.

When a congregation becomes vacant, or is in need of additional pastoral help, the church may issue a Divine Call. The reason why it's called a 'Divine Call' is because it is emanates from the Holy Christian Church. Ultimately, it is **God's call** for the benefit of His Church. However, inasmuch as that particular man whom God has chosen for that congregation is not disclosed by some divine revelation, the congregation may need to issue several calls before the right pastor is chosen.

The congregation considers many factors in looking for a pastor, including the pastor's God-given strengths in the ministry. The pastor, on the other hand, will need to take into consideration the congregation's needs, his own abilities, as well as his own family's personal needs.

A list of potential candidates is gathered by the congregation and supplemented by the District Office. Congregations may request specific names to be included on their list. On some occasions, pastors who sense that it is time for a change may request that their names be circulated for consideration on appropriate call lists.

At this point, I want to assure you that I did not seek out this Call; it was a complete surprise. I am very content at Good Shepherd. However, given the fact that this *is* a Divine Call, it nevertheless must be considered with the utmost seriousness. It's an overwhelming thing to know that another congregation is praying earnestly that God's will be done and, in their case, *hoping* that I would accept their Call to be their pastor.

SEPTEMBER SCHEDULES

USHERS:

4th- Team #2
11th - Team #3
18th - Team #4
25th - Team #1

ALTAR GUILD:

Judy Gretz
Lu Mielke

GREETERS:

4th- O'Neill
11th - Schwantes
18th - Staff
25th - Wachsmuth

FLOWERS:

4th- Meisner
11th - Church
18th - Sonntag
25th - Hintz



FAITH COMES BY HEARING

is a company that produces audio versions of the Scriptures. They have developed a Military BibleStick, containing the Bible in audio form specifically designed for our troops. In memory of the tenth anniversary of the 9/11 attacks, Good Shepherd would like to encourage its members to consider sponsoring the gift of a BibleStick for someone in the service. Chaplains are currently requesting up to **3000** of these BibleSticks **weekly!** The cost of this audio Bible is \$25.00. If you would like to make such a gift, please fill out the insert included in our bulletin and make a positive difference in the lives of those soldiers who bravely serve us. Thank you!

SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Springstube, Aaron	9/2
Meisner, Ruth	9/3
Peterson, Russell	9/3
Laurent, Audrey	9/6
Pahl, Betty	9/6
Doering, Brent	9/7
Williams, Lois	9/9
Engman, Robert	9/17
Engman, Zachery	9/17
Gottschalk, Ken	9/21
Hanes, Leona	9/21
Shimulunas, Karl	9/21
Kleckner, Barbara	9/24
Malchek, Nevaeh	9/24
Anderberg, Peggy	9/25
Krizizke, Mary	9/25
Myers, James	9/27
Dorak, David	9/29
Plansky, Dori	9/29



I received the actual Call documents on the day before I was scheduled to leave on my previously planned vacation. Because of the need for appropriate expediency, it was necessary for me to announce the Call in the bulletin while I was gone, since the information would already be published on our District's website. And, again, as I indicated in that announcement I would welcome any questions and conversations from Good Shepherd's members.

The situation provides both Good Shepherd and myself with the opportunity to consider our present relationship together and whether there are matters that need to be reevaluated in regard to our time, talents, and outreach with the Gospel.

Needless to say, it's a time for prayer and Christian conversation. It is not an occasion for suspicion, speculation, or worry. This is still the Lord's Church, and we need to speak with and encourage one another in a thoughtful manner.

May Christ Abide,

Pastor Kilps



NEXT NEWSLETTER DEADLINE:
Monday, September 26th

Written Sunday sermons are available upon request. Please speak with Diane in the church office for a copy. Also, you may access the sermons online at www.goodshepherdlcms.com

SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS

Thank you to the following for volunteering to serve as Sunday School teachers for the upcoming year. They are: Crystal Casavant, Deb Shimulunas, Sarah Eiden, Eliza Eiden, Linda Juul, Deb Wochos, Mary Hintz, Seth Hintz, Lori Rehrauer, Ally Rehrauer, Gerry & Linda Rieck. We will have the installation of all our Sunday School teachers on Sunday, September 11th during the 9:15 am service. After the service, please meet in the Sunday School room (preschool) to have your picture taken for our new church directory. Thank you to all of you and God bless our Sunday School year.



Lori Kilps-Sunday School Superintendent



GOOD SHEPHERD LUTHERAN PRESCHOOL 2011-2012

We are now accepting applications for enrollment to the 2011-2012 school year. Our program is open to the public children 3-5 years of age. The sessions run Monday – Thursday, 12:30-3:00 pm, with Wrap-A-Round Care available. For more information, please call Lori Kilps at 793-1716.

CHAPEL CHOIR

Chapel Choir rehearsal will begin on Wednesday, September 21st at 6:30 pm. We welcome any or all confirmed members to join us! We are always seeking voices, whether you are a soprano, alto, tenor, or bass. And if you're not sure, let us help you! No experience necessary, only the joy of singing praises to our Lord, Jesus Christ! If you have any questions, please speak with Roger Gottschalk.

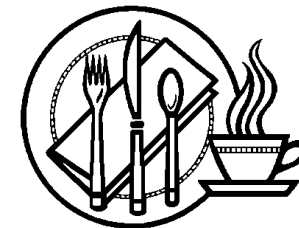


TREP NEWS

Here are the TREP updates for the bulletin and next newsletter:

- They are in need of: mac and cheese, cereal, ramen noodles, kleenex, shampoo, toothpaste, and toilet paper.
- They have purchased a new freezer, but need to come up with about \$22,000 in order to get \$20,000 in matching funds from the West Foundation. They are asking the community to help support their fundraising efforts. Checks should be made to TREP and marked in the memo section of the check with a note that it is for the "Freezer Fund". They emphasized that it was important that the checks have the note in the memo so that the funds can be directed to the freezer account.
- October 22, is the Boy Scout Food drive. Good Shepherd is scheduled to help from 1:00-3:00. We need all the volunteers we can get. People can contact me on my cell.

PORK DINNER AT GRACE, HAVEN ... Grace Lutheran Church (W1264 County Rd FF, Haven) will have their 3rd Annual Pork Dinner on Wednesday, September 21st from 4:00 PM to 8:00 PM. Menu includes pork, potatoes & gravy, corn or beets, salad and apple or cherry dessert. Ticket prices are \$10 for adults, \$5 for children (3-10), and \$25 for a family ticket (all tickets additional \$1 at the door). Carryout dinners are available. Tickets may be obtained by calling the church at 565-2186, or from members of Grace Lutheran Church.



RELAY FOR LIFE WRAP UP

Relay for Life, Manitowoc County, became an important part of Good Shepherd's Community outreach from January to July 2011.

After the event on July 29th & 30th, the organizers sent a big THANK YOU to us for organizing a team that raised \$2530.37 for the fight against cancer.

I want to acknowledge our team with sincere thanks. They are:

Dave & Barb Kleckner

Chris O'Neill

Pastor & Lori Kilps

Lois Williams

Sylvia Staff

Krista Wilcox

Diane Wachsmuth

Ronda Stanzel

Sarah & Eliza Eiden

Karl & Deb Shimulunas

Lu Mielke

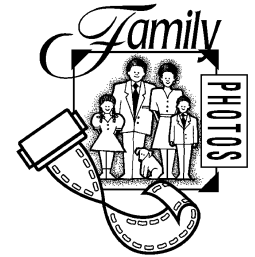
And a SINCERE thank you to you, the members of Good Shepherd who donated to the American Cancer Society through your donations to our Rummage Sale, which raised over \$600.00, and by purchasing chocolates or slipping a gift into the purple collection bucket.

We received much encouragement and help from Manitowoc County's Relay committee of which Good Shepherd's own Chubby & Audrey Laurent are members. It was Audrey's encouragement that got Good Shepherd involved. Thank you to their daughter, Sue Chenault, who provided the chocolates we could sell. Much praise to that whole committee to have organized such a meaningful event-a blessing to those affected by cancer in anyway.

Lu Mielke

CHURCH PICTORIAL

Thank you to everyone who took the time to be photographed for our new church directory. You will receive your complimentary 8x10 portrait in about 3 weeks, while the directories should arrive sometime in November.



We are asking our members to submit pictures of the different events we held over the past 5-6 years that could be included in our directory. We may not be able to return those pictures to you, so please make yourself a copy before leaving with Diane in the church office. Thanks!

The Directing Council

LADIES OF GOOD SHEPHERD

The ladies will have their monthly meeting scheduled for Tuesday, September 13th at 1:00 pm. All ladies of the congregation are invited and encouraged to attend. The ladies will also be having a Bake Sale on Sunday, September 18th after the 9:15 am service. If you are willing to bake, please bring your bakery packaged and priced to church that morning. Thank you!

MILK CAPS

With the start of the new school year quickly approaching we continue to ask you to collect Milk Caps with the following stickers on top. They are: KIDS CAPS & CASH, NICKELS FOR SCHOOLS, & "MILK MOOLA". For each cap we send in, we are given 5 cents and as we know, that can quickly add up! Remember to clip the "Box Tops for Education" coupon. All these programs add up and are an important means of extra cash for things such as school supplies. Thanks for your continued support!



Good Shepherd Lutheran Preschool

MEALS ON WHEELS

I would like to ask that our members volunteer once again plan to deliver meals to the home bound. Your help is so very important to the Meals on Wheels program. Without all of our dedicated volunteers, it would be impossible for this program to exist. Our church is in need of **more volunteers** whether it is to be put on the regular schedule or to be a substitute; so if you would be willing like to help, contact Diane in the church office. Please consider giving just an hour of your time when called upon. It is so appreciated by those we serve! God Bless.



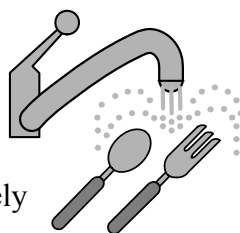
September 26-30
November 28-December 2



Volunteers should be at the Two Rivers Senior Center by 11:15 am

THE LADIES OF GOOD SHEPHERD

The ladies would like to purchase a dishwasher and have started a fund to raise money for that addition to the Church Kitchen. The fund is open to anyone who would like to assist the ladies in this effort. These "box kits" consists of a pouch for making the dough, a smaller pouch for making the sauce a neat little container of 4 different spices along with four 9" pizza pans. You decide on your topping choice. These kits make lovely Hostess gifts, gifts for teenagers for a "Stay at Home Pizza Party". The ladies will have them for sale until they are all sold, which won't be long at the low price of \$10.00.



SCRIP NEWS

Need groceries? Is your fuel tank low on fuel? Stop by the church office and **buy a Scrip Card!** A complete list of local vendors can be found on the church office door and the SCRIP board located in the hallway. It is so easy to become a good steward just by taking advantage of this program offered through Great Lakes Scrip Center. The profits received on each of your purchases are helping offset our budget. Best part of it is, its on goods we all buy everyday, every week, and all year long. The next date to order is **Sunday, September 11th** after the service. Pick up of your order will be the following Sunday. In response to the success we've had in regards to our ongoing Scrip Program, we will be drawing for a \$10 gift card of your choice, from what we have in stock! When you place an order or purchase Scrip through the church office, your name will be automatically entered into a drawing for one of our \$10.00 gift cards. Last week Shirley Mrotek was the recipient of a \$10 gift card. Congratulations Shirley!

If you aren't already participating, it's *never too late*. For more information about this program and how it works, please speak with Krista Wilcox or Diane Wachsmuth, your SCRIP Coordinators.

Consider being a good steward by using SCRIP!
It is a win, win program for everyone.

CAR WASH & BRAT FRY

Our church will hold a car wash & brat fry on Saturday, September 24th, 9:00 am – 2:00 pm. We will need all the help we can get in order to make this event a success. Please call Jim VanLanen at (920) 629-9997 to volunteer or for more details.

