

# Good Shepherd Lutheran Church

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### ELCA HAS A NEW PASTOR

Vicar Nicole has been called as an Associate Pastor to St. Ansgar's Congregation in Cannon Falls, MN. The "V" would like to invite everyone from Good Shepherd to help her celebrate her ordination. It will take place on **Monday evening, October 29<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. and it will be held at her home congregation of United Redeemer Lutheran Church (560 West 3<sup>rd</sup> Street) in Zumbrota .**

If you would like more information, contact Vicar Nicole at [nrockne001@luthersem.edu](mailto:nrockne001@luthersem.edu).

### GOOD SHEPHERD'S 9<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL CHILI COOK-OFF

#### SAVE THE DATE: NOVEMBER 7<sup>th</sup> or 14<sup>th</sup>

Good Shepherd Lutheran Church will be hosting the 9<sup>th</sup> Annual Chili/Chicken Noodle Soup Cook Off fundraising event. Due to construction at Good Shepherd this year, this event will be held in the Peace United Methodist Church Fellowship Hall on **Wednesday, November 7<sup>th</sup> or the 14<sup>th</sup>, from 5:30 – 7:30 p.m.** This is a community event, so anyone from the community is encouraged to make their special homemade chili or chicken noodle soup and join us for this fun event. Please invite family and friends to join us.

Watch for future emails. We will be using our Excel spreadsheet to sign up for bringing Chili and/or Chicken Noodle Soup, as well as crackers, cheese, sour cream, milk and desserts. Every year the proceeds from the cook off go to the Plainview-Elgin Area Food Shelf. Please contact Pastor Krista if you have any questions.

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## PASTOR'S NOTE

For the last two years Good Shepherd has been a site for raising up a future pastor in the church. For two years we have walked with Vicar Nicole in her journey to become a pastor. As an internship congregation we have provided one of the core experiences that are required for all pastoral candidates in the Lutheran church. The goal of internship is to help people grow in the competence of their skills for pastoral ministry and to grow into the identity and role of pastor.

Over the past two years Vicar Nicole has not only been leading worship and preaching on a regular basis, she has also been teaching confirmation, Together in Faith classes, and youth group. She has been a pastoral presence with the education committee, council, the congregational care team, and other groups and committees. During the two years Vicar Nicole has visited people in the hospital and in their homes, participated in a funeral, led a memorial service and committal, helped with baptisms, and officiated at a wedding. On her last Sunday with us, September 30<sup>th</sup>, she was given special permission by the bishop to preside at communion for the very first time.

Internship provides many wonderful gifts to the congregation. We hear another voice proclaim the Gospel and leading us; there is an additional pastoral presence at meetings, events, classes and for visits; we hear from the intern her experience of God at work in her life and the world. After two years it's easy to name what we have received from Vicar Nicole and what we will miss about Vicar Nicole. Yet, all of this began with the focus on what we would give. The time of internship is a ministry, a ministry to the intern and a ministry to the larger Lutheran church. We were first approached by Luther Seminary in September 2016 because Karen Gieseke, a former assistant to the bishop from Southeastern Minnesota and currently staff for contextual education at Luther Seminary, knew that Good Shepherd would be a healthy place for this important ministry to take place. As we considered being part of the internship program, we were reminded that having an intern is not about an extra person to do things. Instead, it's about providing a healthy environment for an intern to learn and grow into the role of pastor.

Being an internship congregation wasn't on our radar screen. We had not had these conversations as a council or a congregation. In fact, the call from Luther Seminary came out of the blue due to the death of the supervisor at the internship congregation Vicar Nicole was first assigned to. Realizing that God sometimes works in unexpected ways, we voted to embrace this opportunity. And I'm so glad that we did.

Vicar Nicole is now in the process of transitioning to Pastor Nicole. She has a call to serve a congregation in Cannon Falls and will be ordained at the end of October (see Vicar Nicole's article).

Thank you for being willing to take a risk and answer God's call two years ago to be an internship congregation. Thank you for the many ways you have walked with Vicar Nicole and supported in her in these years of learning and growing. Thank you for welcoming her into your classes, meetings, worship, and lives. Thank you for being a congregation that is healthy and provides a ministry to the larger church. Thank you for being Good Shepherd Lutheran Church and sending Nicole off into her new life as a pastor.

God's blessings,

Pastor Krista

# INTERN PASTOR'S NOTE

Again, I **thank all of you** for the part you have each played on this journey of mine to becoming a pastor.

It is with great joy I announce that I have been called as an Associate Pastor for Youth and Caring ministries at St. Ansgar's Lutheran Church in Cannon Falls, MN. It is a part-time call, which is what I wanted. It is a 3-year term call (which means exactly that, I will be there 3 years).

With a Call, I can officially take the next step in my ministry, to be called "Pastor."  
My ordination is planned for **Monday October 29<sup>th</sup> at 7pm at United Redeemer Lutheran Church (560 West 3<sup>rd</sup> St.) in Zumbrota, MN.**

**I would be honored and blessed if you could come.**

If you wish any further details please feel free to email me: [nrockne001@luthersem.edu](mailto:nrockne001@luthersem.edu)

Thank you

Your humbled Vicar Nicole

## **What does it mean to be ordained?**

In 1524, Martin Luther wrote:

*To ordain does not mean to consecrate. Accordingly, if we know of a godly person and, on the strength of the Word which is ours, we give authority to that person to preach the Word and administer the Sacraments. That is what it means to ordain.*

*The ministry is not to be unduly exalted above other callings. All callings in which, in order of creation, contribute to the community are equally holy.*

*On the other hand, the ministry is not to be degraded and made common. The Office of the Word and Sacrament not only lends dignity and authority, but also makes exacting demands. It is not a person's gifts, learning efficiency or charm of personality that makes one a minister, but the Gospel which that person is called upon and ordained to preach.*

*One must, therefore, stand before the people as one of them, a fellow-sinner and yet in the full dignity and authority of one's office, which one strives to adorn with a holy life and conduct.*

# CONGREGATION NEWS

## **BUILDING UPDATE**

On October 2<sup>nd</sup> the County Commissioners will vote on Good Shepherd's standing for a conditional use permit. Currently, CMS is reviewing our plans for their approval. Once we have approval on these two things, we plan to start the renovation and construction project. We will keep the congregation informed by email. Please be aware that during much of the renovation and construction project the front doors will not be available for use. The back door to the church will be our only handicap entrance, and we will move the handicap parking close to that back door. During some of the project, the kitchen door will not be accessible and all will need to use the back door. If the kitchen door is accessible you may use that door. For the safety of everyone, during the construction project we are asking parents to bring their children into the building and pick up their children inside the building. If you have any questions, please contact the church office.

# CONGREGATIONAL LIFE/YOUTH

## BOOK GROUP—WEEK CHANGE

You are invited to Good Shepherd Book Group. We will meet on **October 24<sup>th</sup> from 6:30 – 8:00 pm** to discuss *Small Great Things* by Jodi Picoult (note the change to the 4<sup>th</sup> week due to MEA). The author tackles the profoundly challenging concerns of our time -- prejudice, race, and justice -- by helping us to walk in the shoes of others. Copies are available in the church office. Check out the book now and return that evening.

The November 14<sup>th</sup> book is *The Martian* by Andy Weir. You may pick up library books at the October meeting or somewhere in the music room (once the office is gone).

## SENIOR HIGH YOUTH MINISTRY – (GRADES 9-12)

There are lots of ways for youth to be involved in the life of the church!

Learning:

- The second Wednesday of the month from 7:30 - 8:30 pm we will have a learning time.
- Come to the Sunday forums at 9:30 am. “Faith & Science” is the topic.

Service:

- Plain to help with God’s Work Our Hands on the Coffee Shop morning.
- Bring your favorite service ideas.

## Coffee Shop

The first coffee shop will be held on October 21<sup>st</sup>. Enjoy fellowship, flavored coffee, hot chocolate, and sweet rolls. Money raised will support the youth trip and other youth ministry.

From now through May, the youth coffee shop will be held the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of each month.

## MILESTONES MINISTRY

### Baptism

Blessings to Waylon Bernard Flies, who was baptized on September 30<sup>th</sup>. Waylon is the son of Zach and Tessa Flies.

# EDUCATION

Whew! Lots of Passing on Faith Ministry is happening at Good Shepherd!

- Sunday school is up and running with 18 awesome teachers and helpers.
- Three year olds and third graders received Bibles and are learning how to use them.
- Parents and 7<sup>th</sup>/8<sup>th</sup> graders have kicked off Confirmation and 4 awesome adult mentors are joining us every week.

Still needed: One more teacher to team teach in the 1<sup>st</sup> grade class. Awesome kids. Great helper. Share with experienced teacher. What more could you ask? Talk to Carole Joyce, Karla Appel, or Pastor Krista to find out more.

## **SUNDAY MORNING ADULT EDUCATION:**

**Faith and Science:** Sunday Forums at **9:30 am** for Adults, High School, and Middle School Students

How do faith and science work together? Can Christians believe in evolution? If God created dinosaurs, why aren't they in the Bible? Confirmation students often ask these questions and we adults wonder too. During September we will explore these challenging questions with a series on Faith and Science -- **October 7<sup>th</sup>, 14<sup>th</sup>, and 28<sup>th</sup>**.

- Each week will begin with a short video to start our discussion.
- Youth will help lead the conversation.
- Our final week will include a panel of local scientists.

## **7<sup>TH</sup> & 8<sup>TH</sup> GRADE CONFIRMATION MINISTRY**

**No confirmation Wednesday, October 18<sup>th</sup> (due to MEA).**

## **MILESTONE LEARNING FOR PARENTS AND STUDENTS**

**Sunday, October 7<sup>th</sup> — Playing with Fire for 5<sup>th</sup>/6<sup>th</sup> Graders**

These students are old enough to be worship leaders and we will explore ways for them to get involved at 9:15 am. Parents come too. We are never too old to learn about worship!

**Sunday, October 14—6<sup>th</sup> Graders learn about Luther**

From 4:00 - 5:30 pm learn about Martin Luther. Who is this guy? Why do we call ourselves Lutherans? Movie clips and worms will spice up the event.

# MISSIONS & STEWARDSHIP

## GOD'S WORK: OUR HANDS SERVICE OPPORTUNITY OCTOBER 21<sup>ST</sup>

The whole congregation (Sunday school kids, youth, and adults) will join together during the education hour on Sunday, October 21<sup>st</sup> to do service projects.

- Pack personal care kits for Lutheran World Relief. These kits will go around the world to where people are suffering from natural disaster or violence. See article below for the list of what we need. A collection box is located in the narthex.
- Breakfast bags for Ronald McDonald House -- pack and decorate.
- Bake cookies and write messages for first responders.

Want to help coordinate a station? Or have an idea for a different station? Talk to Carole Joyce [carole35@charter.net](mailto:carole35@charter.net)

### **HOPE THROUGH SOAP!**

Lutheran World Relief Personal Care Kits

Personal Care Kits are shared with people who have lost everything from a natural disaster or life-threatening violence. Give hope through a bar of soap. Put any items from the list below in the box in the narthex.

**WE WILL SORT AND PACK THESE ON OCTOBER 21<sup>ST</sup> DURING THE EDUCATION HOUR.  
Your hands and help are needed!**

#### **INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING IN EACH PERSONAL CARE KIT**

- ONE** light-weight bath-size towel (between 20" x 40" and 52" x 27"), dark color recommended
- TWO** or three bath-size bars of soap equaling 8 to 9 oz., any brand, in original wrapping
- ONE** adult-size toothbrush in it's original packaging\*
- ONE** sturdy comb, remove packaging
- ONE** metal nail clippers (attached file optional), remove packaging

\* *Toothbrush multi-packs may be used by sealing an individual toothbrush in a business-size envelope; no plastic bags or wrap*

## **MISSIONS & STEWARDSHIP** CONTINUED ...

### **GOD'S WORK, OUR HANDS**

One of Good Shepherd's traditions is giving our 3 year olds and 3<sup>rd</sup> graders Bibles as they start Sunday school in the fall. This year parents of 14 children placed the Bible in their child's hands. Please pray for these children and parents as they read the Bible together.

Good Shepherd's 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary was wonderful! What a joy to see friends who returned to celebrate and hear the many stories. Thank you to grillers, all who brought food, our talented musicians, those who prepared and decorated the sanctuary, all who worked on tracking down and inviting members who no longer live nearby, those who put together a display of our history, those who organized and participated in the golf outing and bonfire, those who shared their outdoor games and helped us get a bounce house for the day, everyone who helped set-up and clean-up.

### **LUTHERAN DISASTER RESPONSE:**

If you are interested in donating money to help out the hurricane victims in the Carolinas, Lutheran Disaster Response is an excellent place to do this. Gifts to Lutheran Disaster Response designated for "Hurricane Response – United States" will be used entirely (100 percent) for this disaster until the response is complete.

Checks can be made out directly to Lutheran Disaster Response and mailed to Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, ELCA Gift Processing Center; PO Box 1809; Merrifield, VA 22116-8009, or you can make out your check to Good Shepherd Church with Hurricane Relief written in the memo line and we will send the money on to the ELCA Processing center.

# WORSHIP & MUSIC

## HELP WANTED - WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

Many of our worship assistant groups are getting pretty small. It takes a large number of people to do a Sunday morning worship service (approximately 20 worship assistants per service on a communion Sunday). These jobs aren't hard and training will be provided, so please consider signing up for an area that you have an interest in. Our schedulers for each group will work with you to accommodate the time and date of the services you would be willing to help out with. Just let them know which dates will or will not work for you and which service you prefer to help out with and they will schedule you accordingly.

**Communion Assistants: Co-leaders are Tina Wangen (early service)  
Looking for volunteer (late service)**

Responsible for preparing and serving communion, as well as bringing communion bread and taking care of clean-up. **Numbers are especially light for the 10:30 service and several more would be nice for the 8:00 service.** Families with youth who have taken communion training are encouraged to serve together. If you are interested, someone will meet with you prior to serving for the first time to answer any questions.

**Ushers: Co-leaders are Arlo & Penny Simonson (early service) and Jeff Henry (late service)**

Responsible for assisting the congregation in preparing for worship on Sunday morning: handing out bulletins, collecting offering, answering questions, directing as needed, and cleaning-up after the service. **We are in need of more ushers and especially lead ushers for the 10:30 service.** Families and individuals are encouraged and welcome to serve. Adults will act as lead ushers.

**Fellowship Treats: Barb Kingsley (Welcome on board, Barb)**

If you love to bake, please consider sharing some of your goodies with the congregation! Treats can be homemade or purchased.

**Greeters: Co-leaders are Jackie Arens (early service) and Karen Anderson (late service)**

Share the gift of hospitality and help others feel welcomed as they come to worship each week. Greeters are also vital in directing visitors and newer members. We have a great group of greeters, but would always welcome more.

## WORSHIP & MUSIC CONTINUED ...

**Offering Counter:** Co-leaders are Lynn Eversman (early service) and Sarah Hassig (late service)

If you like numbers and working behind the scenes, consider joining the team of people who count each week's offering. Anyone 18 years and older is welcome to help in this area.

**Additional people would be great for both services.** Training is provided.

### **Acolytes:**

Youth in grades 5-8 are responsible for lighting the candles on the alter area, the Christ candle, and assisting with communion. **We are in need of more acolytes.** Training will be provided. To sign up, just go to this link:

**<https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1ZdYq2phqzV7Jc3v3P3XXQmCCO2xY9hqaTMyhI53EMyE/edit?userstoinvite=erinbluhm@gmail.com&ts=59b2dac5#gid=0>**

**Coffee Fellowship:** Donna Tesch (Looking for a volunteer to take Donna's place)

Prepare and clean up coffee for fellowship hour. More volunteers would be welcome.

**Lectors:** Cindy Fuerstneau / Kathy Sukalski (Cindy will be retiring and Kathy stepping in to take over – THANKS, Cindy, for your years of scheduling)

If you enjoy leading the congregation by sharing the Bible readings, please consider being a part of this team. Youth and adults who are comfortable reading in front of a group are welcome.

### **Video:** Todd Rau

Help to video our worship services. We are in need of more volunteers, as many who volunteered for us were high school youth who have graduated and gone off to college.

**All of these positions are important and it would be great if everyone would get involved in at least one way. Please consider giving of your gifts to enhance the worship experience for all.** To get more information or to sign up, contact the scheduler/leader of the group you are interested in or contact the church office.

# BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

## Birthdays

<b>10/01</b>	Thor Erickson		<b>10/15</b>	Jeff Henry
<b>10/04</b>	Michael Tuxen			Andrea Castle
	Troy Munsch			Jim Mason
	Angie LaBare			Mason Schneider
	Brady Beckel		<b>10/16</b>	Brook Schwantz
<b>10/05</b>	Arlo Simonson		<b>10/18</b>	Ainsley Schwantz
	Shelley Henry			Landon Klennert
<b>10/07</b>	Susan Shanks		<b>10/19</b>	Todd Rau
	Sarah Niemeyer		<b>10/20</b>	Nolan Folkert
<b>10/08</b>	Jasmyne Johnson		<b>10/21</b>	Tyler Niemeyer
	Brynn Koepsell		<b>10/22</b>	Andy Yust
<b>10/09</b>	Taylor Thompson		<b>10/23</b>	Terry Yust
	Levi Schreiber			Bob Tangen
<b>10/10</b>	Jacob LaBare			Tammy Wehrs
<b>10/12</b>	Eric Grover		<b>10/27</b>	Anthony Ellinghuysen
	Evelyn Appel		<b>10/29</b>	Mike Sveen
<b>10/13</b>	Bryce Hanson			Cathe Hanson
<b>10/14</b>	Alex Rahman		<b>10/30</b>	Schuyler Thompson
	Gavin Ihrke		<b>10/31</b>	Nick Shanks
<b>10/15</b>	John Folkert			Torin Erickson
	Quinlan Holst			

## Anniversaries

<b>10/02</b>	Tim & Kelsey Rahman		<b>10/13</b>	Mark & Karen Jurgenson
<b>10/03</b>	Todd & Colene Rau		<b>10/14</b>	Bernie & Michelle Klennert
	Steve & Tami Sawyer		<b>10/16</b>	Kent & Barb Kingsley
<b>10/04</b>	Adam & Kim Lyons		<b>10/17</b>	Bob & Susan Shanks
<b>10/05</b>	Todd & Brook Schwantz			Mike & Jill Kobler
<b>10/06</b>	Kenny & Stacy Hutchison		<b>10/19</b>	Ben & Jen Peter
	Craig & Sara Steele		<b>10/27</b>	Kirk & Lily Bartz
<b>10/07</b>	Jennifer & Nick Matti			Tom & Jackie Welti

\*NOTE: Birthdays and anniversaries listed in the newsletters are now being limited to adult members and their college aged and under children. If you have questions and/or concerns with this, please contact the church office.

**PLEASE CONTACT THE CHURCH OFFICE IF YOU HAVE ADDITIONS  
OR CORRECTIONS TO THE LIST OF BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES.**

### FOOD FOR THOUGHT

**"Faith is not about everything turning out OK;  
Faith is about being OK no matter how things turn out."**

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**VISION STATEMENT, GOOD SHEPHERD LUTHERAN CHURCH**

Claimed by God through Word & Sacrament, we move forward with a NEW VIEW:

**N**otice the needs of our congregation, community, and world with eyes of faith.  
**E**ducate all from cradle to grave.  
**W**orship in thankfulness and joy.

**V**alue all generations in passing on the faith.  
**I**dentify and affirm the gifts of God's people.  
**E**nergize God's people to use their gifts for ministry.  
**W**elcome the opportunity to walk the talk with our youth.

**The submission deadline for the November 2018 Newsletter is**

***MONDAY, OCTOBER 22.***