

The Staff Newsletter

*From fellow workers at ... Good Shepherd Lutheran Church
700 North Wright Road
Janesville, Wisconsin 53546*

August 2010

* Special Congregational Meeting *

>>>>>>> Sunday, August 8, 2010 ~ 10:45 a.m. <<<<<<<

A Congregational meeting is being called for **Sunday, August 8, 2010 at 10:45 a.m.** to approve two items: *entering into a contract to complete the roof work and financing the work.*

Over the past years, we have become more accustomed to seeing strategically placed garbage cans throughout the church on rainy days. Leaks in the roof have been patched a number of times, to varying degrees of success. This spring, as some sections of the roof have been leaking further, the Church Council directed the Building Committee to investigate options we might have for a more permanent solution. The Council considered the different options provided by roofing contractors, both in light of the work proposed and the financial realities of the local economy. After serious consideration, we are recommending we contract with Great Lakes Roofing to *replace the section of roof in the worst condition* (approximately 1/3 of the roof) and *patch leak points on the remainder of the roof.* Great Lakes has surveyed the entire roof and will provide a *5-year guarantee on the repairs* along with a *15-year guarantee on the new section.*

Property and Grounds Chairperson, *Lon Haenel*, will be giving Temple Talks on **Sundays, July 18 and August 1** and will be available following the services with a detailed explanation of the project, including photos of the roof in its' current state.

Great Lakes bid is for \$23,806 plus permits. To be safe the Council suggests we plan on a total of \$25,000. As of April, we have \$6,628 in our Building Improvement Fund, which would leave us needing to borrow approximately \$18,500 if no other funds were available. Should this proposal be approved, we plan on receiving a special free-will "*Roof Repair Offering*" to pay as much of this cost as possible. We hope and pray that sufficient directed-giving would be received to cover to full cost of the roof (*while not neglecting our regular giving*). We believe it is best to plan on borrowing the full amount.

Our constitution calls for any expenditure of this size and for any new borrowing to be approved by the congregation at either the regular or a special congregational meeting. Accordingly, we are calling a Special Congregational Meeting for **Sunday, August 8, 2010 at 10:45 a.m.**, for the purpose of:

***Approving the signing of a contract for the repair of the roof
for an amount not to exceed \$25,000**

***Approving borrowing up to \$18,500 to pay for the roof project**

I hope we can have your prayerful consideration and support of this project to continue to be good stewards of God's house.
President

Dan Milbrandt, Congregation

August Food Drive For ECHO

"Take the Kids Shopping!"

You Are Invited to participate in our Annual Major Food Drive for ECHO held during the month of August. Each household is encouraged to place a case of canned goods, if possible, *or* a comparable amount of other items under the '*VBS Baobab Tree*' in the Fellowship Room. "**Take the Kids**" with you so they, too, can be involved in servant outreach ministry by providing for those in need. They'll feel good about it!

☞ **Let's 'Sow' (stack) Lots of Food (etc) Under the Baobab Tree!** ☞

Dear Partners in Mission,

Do you remember the classic western movie scene: when it is time to "re-load"? There has been gunplay. Many shots had been fired. Our hero goes to shoot again, but all there is a "click, click." The revolvers are empty. **Oops!**

Welcome to my pastoral world. In the midst of various other summer ministry endeavors like Life Fest, VBS, and home visitations, this pastor needs to be "re-loading" for the fall. One of my worst fears is that when I am about to preach or teach, all I can do is "click, click." So during the summer, I am trying hard to re-tool.

For example, recently I attended a five-day Pastors Conference on Washington Island hosted by the Wisconsin Council of Churches. Dr. Kenda Dean, a professor at Princeton, taught the seminar entitled, **Almost Christian - What the Faith of Our Teenagers is Telling the Christian Church**, which is also the title of her new book. Her findings, inspired by a 2005 nationwide study of youth, are very surprising and her recommendations are quite helpful. I hope to share some of what I learned in one of our Sunday adult forums this fall. I am also simultaneously exploring a series of other potential education topics and courses including upgrades to our core curriculum, *The Divine Drama* and CROSSWAYS. I am even working on next year's mission rudder Bible theme for the congregation.

In the near future I shall be teaching adults and teens during Vacation Bible School. The four-night Bible study will be entitled, **"I (GOD) DESIRE MERCY NOT SACRIFICE"**. We will explore four famous parables in detail. Jesus clearly reveals the heart of God in "The Good Samaritan", "The Friend at Midnight", "The Two Lost Sons", and "The Pharisee and the Publican." We will look at each parable from a 'Middle Eastern' perspective and with an eye on mercy. Plan to attend and bring a friend! Classes will be taught **Aug 2-5 (Mon-Thurs) from 6:30-8 p.m.**

I hope your summer is also going well. Keep our mission strong by worshipping with us when you are in town and by sending in your offering when you must be absent.

God's blessings on everyone, Pastor Steve

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*** HEADS UP: DIVINE DRAMA, AFFIRMATION & OTHER GOODIES ***

The Divine Drama course will be offered on **Thursdays at 1 p.m. and 7 p.m.** starting **Sept. 16**. The *new afternoon study time* will hopefully work well with seniors, at home parents, and second shift workers. (Childcare will be offered at the 7 p.m. session.) Considerable effort will be made to invite our congregation, and the Janesville community. Watch for a special Adult Ed mailing in early August with more details. There is simply no better explanation of the Bible and the Christian faith than *The Divine Drama* course. Period.

The Divine Drama is also part of our Confirmation (*Affirmation of Baptism*) Program. Do you know of any young people in 8th - 12th grade who have not been confirmed? We could put them on our mailing list or make a personal contact, if that would be helpful.

Here is an endorsement of our Affirmation Program from a former Affirmand:

"Being confirmed is an important step in the life of a Christian. It is our affirmation of our baptism, of being claimed and forgiven by God and being a part of the Christian family. I think that the Divine Drama confirmation program understands this process. Firstly, the class empowers us to understand and navigate the Bible. All of the things that we learn through our Sunday School classes culminate in putting these stories together chronologically so that we can understand them in context of the bigger picture, the salvation bought through Christ. We learn Church doctrine, not only through the catechism, but more importantly through the Bible, as Luther did himself. Furthermore, participating in the congregation's adult Bible study is invaluable. It truly hits on the understanding that our baptism and our confirmation is about the entire Church. Confirmation is not merely an individual process, but involves the induction of a person into a faith community. Becoming an adult member of the church, through confirmation, should be done among other adult members. I can personally attest to the efficacy of the Divine Drama confirmation program. I have stayed involved in the Lutheran church throughout college, and I believe that my ownership of my faith partly sprung from this program. I believe that Divine Drama is incredibly appropriate as a confirmation program."

Angela Schnell

LUTHERAN ADULT FUN FELLOWSHIP

“Party by the Pool”

(Swimming is optional.)

Saturday, August 28, 5 p.m.

Hosts: *Bob/Ann Anderson*, 1325 E. Bittersweet Dr, Milton (756-2112)

Entrée: *Brats, Burgers, Chicken Breasts, Potato Salad*

All Adult Singles / Couples are invited. Bring a dish to share.
Come join the fun in ‘splashing’ in the pool or getting ‘splashed’ on the sidelines!
Sign-Up sheet in the Fellowship Room.

LUTHERDALE FEST AND QUILT AUCTION

Saturday, August 14 ~ Auction 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

(Bidder Registration and final quilt viewing 8 a.m.)

Lutherdale Bible Camp, N7891 U.S. Hwy 12, Elkhorn, WI 53121 (262/742-2352)

Fun Summer Day for the Whole Family

Free Admission ~ Free Parking ~ Food Concessions and Sweet Corn
Arts and Crafts ~ Bakery Goods ~ Quilters’ Odds ‘n Ends ~ Silent Auction Theme Baskets
Animals at the Camp Farm ~ Climbing Tower ~ Play Areas for Kids
Pontoon Rides on the Lake ~ Swimming at the Waterfront

Preview the Quilts on the Web at lutherdale.org OR
at *Lutherdale* on Friday, Aug 13, 4 – 8 p.m. ~~~ (Only silent bids/no quilt sales.)

GET REFRESHED AND RENEWED

at the *Take a Break* Summer Study Retreat

“Pray Always”

Saturday, August 21, 2010 - 9 a.m.

Take a Break and attend the three-session summer *Lutheran Woman Today* Bible study retreat. The study entitled “Pray Always”, by the *Rev. Gladys Moore*, explores three aspects of prayer. **Session 1: Persistence** – Readers will learn what *Jesus* and the early evangelists thought and taught about the importance of being persistent in prayer. The text is focused on the parable of the Persistent Widow in Luke 18. **Session 2: Waiting with Patience and Hope** – We will look at a few passages in the Hebrew Bible that exhort us to “wait upon the Lord” and will explore the relationship between prayer and waiting. **Session 3: Power** – We will seek to understand the power of prayer to change us and perhaps our circumstances too.

The retreat will also include a light lunch and a “stretch and walk break”. There is no charge for the event but *registrations are needed* for planning purposes. A free-will offering will be received in support of *HealthNet*. Dress comfortably. If you have questions, contact *Naomi Nelson* (755-1384) or the church office (754-0067).

The Day’s Agenda

9:00 a.m.	Opening Devotions	11:45 a.m.	Lunch / Brief Walk (weather permitting)
9:30 a.m.	Session 1: “Persistence”	1:00 p.m.	Session 3: “Power”
10:30 a.m.	Break	2:00 p.m.	Closing
10:45 a.m.	Session 2: “Waiting with Patience and Hope”	2:30 p.m.	Go in Peace! Serve the Lord!



Take a Break Retreat Registration



Saturday, August 21, 9:00 a.m.

(Please Register by *Tuesday, August 17*)

I plan on attending _____

Name _____ Phone _____

Address _____

✧ LSS NEEDS YOUR HOME ✧
Do You Have a Passion For Helping Others?

Lutheran Social Services, along with Rock County's Homeless Education Action Team (HEAT), is recruiting "safe homes" for unaccompanied youth in Rock County. A safe home is a licensed foster home that is primarily responsible for providing short-term (up to 14 days) emergency shelter to runaway, throwaway and/or homeless youth, ages 11-17. Assistance to youth age 18 can be provided if the youth is still enrolled in high school. We are looking for individuals from diverse backgrounds to apply. You can be married or single, a homeowner or renter, parent or grandparent, employed or retired. You must be at least 21 years of age with a high school or equivalency diploma, and have experience parenting or working with children. Foster parents must go through a licensing process that includes, and may not be limited to: *Multiple background checks - *3 non-relative references - *Training, prior to placement and ongoing - *A complete application - *A series of interviews - *A home inspection - *Documentation of a physical examination of all family members within the last six months.

LSS SAFE HOMES RECEIVE TRAINING, 24-HOUR SUPPORT,
AND MONETARY COMPENSATION TO SUPPORT THE NEEDS OF THE YOUTH.

For more information on becoming a safe home, please call (608) 752-7660 / Ext: 5111.

(ECHO's Executive Director, *Karen Lisser*, and others, are on the board of HEAT; however because of LSS's experience in working with youth, they will run the program and train and certify households to participate.)

✧ PINE LAKE CAMP WOMEN'S RETREAT, WAUPACA WI ✧
Friday, August 20 – Sunday, August 22
Retreat Theme: "Keeping the Earth"

Come and share your memories of the past and make new memories for the future.
It is truly God's Country – a time for reflection, prayer, fellowship, fun and getting in touch with God.
We will see how we can be connected, created and celebrate.

Pastor Laurie Veenendahl from Lakeview Lutheran Church, Madison, will be the worship and Bible Study leader.

Weekend Schedule includes: Bible Study & Program, Sunset Sing and Meditation, Fun and Free Time, Fellowship, Taize Service, Shopping at the SERRV table and Camp Canteen. A Cross Walk is available.

Cost: \$85 for all cabins EXCEPT *Evergreen* which, at **\$105**, is a high comfort adult facility with semi-private rooms and linens provided. *Evergreen* is limited to 20 people on a first come, first reserved basis.

Registration Deadline: Thursday, August 5th. (A \$10 fee for late registrations postmarked on or after August 7.)

Mail registration form and payment made payable to: *Kathy Holat*, 625 N. 104th, Wauwatosa, WI 53226.

If you have questions, call *Kathy* at (414/258-6362). Ask *Naomi* for a Registration Form.

✧ LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF KITS ✧

It's time to provide "School Kits", "Health Kits", and "Layettes" for Lutheran World Relief.
Would you like to help?

Acolytes (Naomi Nelson/Coord)(754-0067)

1 & 8: Nathan Schneider
15 & 22: Sydney Schoeberle
29:

Altar Care (Donna Grever/Coord)(756-5926)

Aug 1: Phyliss Williams
8 & 15: Maxine Quisberg/Mike Hornby
22 & 29: Laurie Bauer/Cheryl Piper

Coffee Hosts (Dianne Punzel/Coord)(931-0388)

1-Candy Kraus
8-Ed/Peg Kures
15-Amelita Lamendola
22-Steve Langlie
29-Renee Lathrop

Greeters (Millie Burdick/Coord) (752-3813)

1-Ed/Peg Kures
8-Amelita Lamendola
15-Goria Oleston
22-Wayne/Bea Rohloff
29-The Burdick Family

Nursery (Margaret Heth/Coord)(608/341-8982)

1-Amanda Sookraj
8-Alana Waltz
15-Rita Milbrandt / Julie Farnsworth
22-Margaret Jensen-Heth
29-Beth Burdick

Readers (Cordy Madorin/Coord) (756-4605)

1-Lon Haenel
8-Phyliss Williams
15-Chris Boll
22-Tami Schoeller
29-Gary Bauer

Sac. Ass'ts (Linda Kamla/Coord) (757-0567)

1-Rachel Ekblad/Donna Hanson
8-Sarah Haenel/Tami Schoeller
15-Rachel Ekblad/Mike Hornby
22-Todd Sullivan/Judy Trudeau
29-Brian/Ann Gohlke

Flowers (Peg Kures/Coord) (751-4816)

1-Bob/Mike Hornby-30th Anniversary
8-Dan/Rita Milbrandt-25th Anniversary
15-Gene/Sherry Kasten-48th Anniversary
22-Pr Steve/Carol Ekblad-35th Anniversary
29-Fairview Florists in Thank

Lawn Care (Lon Haenel/Coord) (758-2471)

Gary Bauer / Jeff Balog

BP Screening (Donna Reay/Coord) (756-1399)

August 8 – Ruth Demmon



IN OUR PARISH



KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS Bud Arneson, Denise Crandall, Dolores Ellison, Ralph/Jean Frost, Tom/Charlotte Hawley, Chuck/Gail Kinyon, Linda Martin, Linc Norby, Shirley Peterson, Dianne Punzel, Elaine Rhodes, Ruth Schultz, Devon Schlegel.

BAPTISM 7-18-2010 Hailey Lexi Jones, daughter of Jeremy & Heidi Jones.
Sponsors: Matthew & Jessica Marose

THANK YOU from Charlotte Hawley. "Thank you, thank you for all the prayers, cards, gifts, flowers and food that you sent while I was undergoing knee replacement surgery. With the help of Tom, who keeps me exercising, and my therapists, I hope to make a full recovery. Who knows – maybe we'll be able to do the 'tango' again!! May God bless each of you. Charlotte.



"Lutheran Woman Today" Bible Study



2010-2011 ~ The People of God: Unity in the Midst of Diversity

The September 2010 - May 2011 *Lutheran Woman Today* Bible study is The People of God in the Midst of Diversity. This study looks at what unites us and defines us as people of faith. Often the tendency is to stay focused on the issues that divide us, but the goal of this study is to focus on our common faith in Jesus Christ. This study helps us understand how our different backgrounds, life experiences, and perspectives can be shared and heard as we study the Bible together. The theme verse is Amos 3:3 - "Can two walk together except they be agreed?" (KJV)

The authors of the study are the Rev. Linda Johnson and the Rev. D. Jensen Seyenkulo, Ph.D. They met as seminarians in Minnesota, married, and moved to Jensen's home in Liberia. War drove the couple back to the United States, where they settled in the Chicago area. Now the parents of teenagers, Linda is currently pastor of Trinity Lutheran Church in Park Forest IL., and Jensen is director for rostered and authorized ministries in the ELCA's churchwide Vocation and Education unit.

The award-winning Bible studies and thoughtful, inspiring feature articles and columns in *Lutheran Woman Today* allow you to connect with women of faith in your congregation, the church, and the world. Regular columns on prayer, health, the church calendar, and useful resources enrich your faith and deepen your connections.

All Good Shepherd women are encouraged to participate in this study. *Want to know more about it first? Sit in on a session. Can't meet during the day? Consider starting an evening LWT Bible study group.* The current study group meets at **9:30 a.m.** on the second Monday of each month at the church. Anyone interested in continuing in the study will need to subscribe to the *Lutheran Women Today* publication for the monthly lesson. The cost is **\$12**. See *Naomi* for subscription information.



WITH PRAYER REQUESTS, CONTACT.....Naomi Nelson



by phone (O-754-0067) (H- 755-1384) or email (gslc@goodshepherdjanesville.org)

(Your prayer concerns are kept confidential within the chain.)



(SEPTEMBER Newsletter Deadline – Sunday, August 15



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