



# Shepherd's Staff

## MARCH 2011

### ***LIFE or DEATH...sex and dating***

### ***Youth lock-in weekend event...***

***Fri., April 8 (4:00 pm) thru Sat., April 9 (3:00 pm)***

Today's teens have not been told the whole truth about the consequences of their choices when it comes to sex! The culture hands them a daily dose of sex through music, TV, movies, internet, social sites, texts; while never showing the devastation that sex outside of marriage leaves behind.

**LIFE or DEATH...sex and dating** weekend event for teens on *Friday, April 8* and *Saturday, April 9* will hear a faith based DVD curriculum delivered by *Mark Gungor* and *Pam Stenzel*.

*"If we equip our students with the right information we should see better results and spend less time trying to untangle the train wrecks that happen because people continue to make the wrong choices."* Mark Gungor has put together basic information, what every teen needs to know when it comes to the subjects of sex, dating, and relating. After years of working with married couples who were struggling in their relationship, he discovered that so often the troubles were rooted in the mistakes people made during their teen years. Mark's DVD presentation explains the keys to dating smart and what to avoid during the process of dating in order to steer clear of trouble.

*"If someone would have explained the consequences I would have made a different choice, but...NOBODY TOLD ME!"* - Pam Stenzel tells it like it is, no holding back, yet speaks the truth in LOVE and in a language teens can easily understand. Pam tackles today's tough issues of sex with candor, insight, humor, and the challenge for young people to get the abstinence advantage.

- *Session 1: The High Cost of Free Love*
- *Session 2: Dating—Keys to Dating Smart*
- *Session 3: Will you accept this rose? - The Bachelor Myth*
- *Session 4: The slow fade—A look at the "sin cycle"*

The message will challenge the youth to look inside themselves and search for the importance Jesus can make in their everyday decisions. This will be a weekend full of fun, music, and discovering how God impacts lives.

### **EVENT....**

- For students 8th through 12th grade
- Creates a great opportunity to invite friends
- *Location:* Union Gospel Mission—Gospel Hill Camp & Ministry Center—580 Highway 96 W; Shoreview, MN 55126
- *Registration fee:* \$45 for students (**registration packets are available next to the Youth Room, on the Welcome Center in the church lobby, or on-line at [www.goodshepherdlink.org](http://www.goodshepherdlink.org), which includes detailed information on the event**)
- *Please return the following items by **Wednesday, March 30:***
  - ⇒ Medical Consent Form
  - ⇒ Registration Form
  - ⇒ Payment of \$45 (*checks payable to Good Shepherd*)

### **NOTE TO PARENTS:**

*Pam Stenzel*, is the founder of ENLIGHTEN COMMUNICATIONS Inc. She tackles today's tough issues of sex with candor, insight, humor, and the challenge for young people to get the abstinence advantage.

Pam has traveled worldwide speaking in person to over 500,000 young people each year about issues of sexuality and the importance of abstinence—her videos are viewed by millions worldwide. Pam also holds seminars with parents regarding issues of teen sex and how vital character building is in a child's upbringing.

She provides parents with valuable tools to help them in their effort to instill character and pass on their values. **We invite parents to view the DVD message** your child will hear at the youth event **LIFE or DEATH...sex and dating**. Please attend one of the dates provided and join us for a message that could change your perspective on sex and dating:

- *Saturday, March 12—10:00—11:45 am*
- *Friday, March 18th—7:00-8:45 pm*
- *We encourage you to invite other parents to attend*

If you have any questions, please contact Carrie Hoshaw, Director of Family Ministry at 763-784-8417 or [carrie@goodshepherdlink.org](mailto:carrie@goodshepherdlink.org).

## Note from Pastor Ted...Worship, Serve, Grow & Connect

Blessings to you as we look forward to spring. For many of you, spring can't come quick enough as we continue to get more white stuff from the sky. Some of you, like myself, are already planning your upcoming gardens and ordering your plant seed. Just beginning this process signifies the beginning of the end and that brings hope.

As we look at our world around us, there are also many signs which suggest that "the day of the Lord" is not far off. This suggests that the beginning of the end may be upon us. This also should bring hope. Jesus said it was going to get bad before it would get better.

Through all the strife happening in our world, we take comfort in knowing that God is in control and everything is going as planned. We pray that he will give us peace and strength to endure. He also gives us each other. May we continue to support each other and build our (actually His) community as we **WORSHIP, SERVE, GROW, AND CONNECT** together.

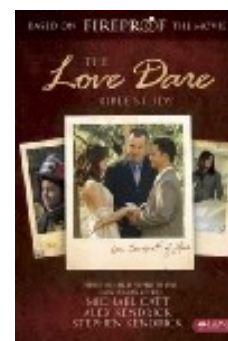
## Fireproof Your Marriage...Love Dare Small Group Series Never Leave Your Partner Behind!

Are you and your spouse newly married and looking forward to a long and happy life together? Or are you in the chaos of raising young children and can't seem to find time for yourself, much less your husband or wife? Have you been married a while, grown comfortable with each other, but feel like the spark is gone? Are you married and have teenage children, juggling their schedule, your schedule, and your careers – do you wonder when was the last time you enjoyed time with your husband or wife? Are you empty-nesters and realizing you

both spent so much energy on your children that you've grown apart as a couple? Have you been married so long that you take your spouse for granted? Do you see benefit in working on your marriage but your husband or wife isn't interested in that? Is your marriage great and you want to keep it that way? Are you married? If you said yes to any of these then this marriage series is for you!

Join us for an eight week **Love Dare Small Group Bible study and discussion: Sundays 6:30-8:00 p.m. beginning February 27, 2011 through April 17.**

Don't pass up this opportunity. Please contact Brent and Kristine Sherman with any questions at 651-784-7688 or kristines1992@aol.com.



## Divorce Care

### Is there life after divorce?

Yes—there is! And we want you to have the right tools to help you in this time of reflection and transition.

Todd and Debbie Manske will lead a 13 week series on Divorce Care. This program will minister to people who are divorced or separated and is designed to aid in the healing process from the hurt, confusion, and anger of divorce. A comfortable and confidential environment

will allow the group to discover the hope that God has promised in their life.

**Dates:** Thursday evenings beginning January 20 ending April 14.

**Cost:** \$20 Registration fee.

**Times:** 6:30-8:00 pm.

Registration forms are available in the church lobby or on our Good Shepherd website at [www.goodshepherdlink.org](http://www.goodshepherdlink.org).

**DIVORCE Care.**

***"Divorce Care has changed me from bitter and angry to forgiving."***

***"It helped me release my anger and depression and take responsibility for my actions."***

## Lent—Holy Week—Easter Worship

2011 Lenten worship services will take place on Wednesday evening at 7:00 pm:

- March 9—Ash Wednesday
- March 16
- March 23
- March 30

- April 6
- April 13

### HOLY WEEK

- Palm Sunday  
April 17—8:00 & 10:30 AM
- Maundy Thursday  
April 21—7:00 PM

- Good Friday  
April 22—7:00 PM
- Easter Sunday  
April 24—8:00, 9:15 & 10:30



# Lent

## Soups on for Lent!

Soup suppers will be served from 6:30-6:45 pm in the lower level of the church prior to Wednesday evening Lenten services: March 9, 16, 23, 30, April 6 & 13.

No soup suppers will be served during Holy Week.

If you would like to assist the youth in preparing soup, please contact Lissa Marcello at 763-783-3790 or Carrie Hoshaw at 763-784-8417.

## Prayer & Praise Retreat 2011

Ladies...this is a wonderful opportunity to step away from your busy lives and into the beauty of God's creation for a weekend in the fellowship of other Christian women.

Retreat to Heartwood Resort in Trego, WI on August 12-14.  
Information and registration forms

are located on the Welcome Center in the church lobby.

Women ages 17-75 have joined us in the past years; there is something for everyone!

Please check it out!

**NOTE: The deadline for reserving your spot on the list is APRIL 1.**



## Breakfast, Bibles & Blessings

The new Saturday morning stand alone Bible Study for women, along with children's programming offered at the same time has been well received and has truly blessed those who have participated.

Plan to attend our next Breakfast, Bibles & Blessings on **Saturday, March 26th** from 9:00-11:30 am.

The topic will be "Forgiveness." Plan to come and invite a friend.

More information will be available in early March.



## WINGS News!

WINGS (Women in God's Service) will meet on Tuesday, March 15th at 7:00 pm in the lower level of the church. The program for the evening will be a Bible Study: "Women with Jesus at the Cross and at the Tomb." Hostess for the evening will be Lissa Marcello. All ladies are invited to attend. If you have any questions, please contact Charlene at 763-784-8320.

WINGS will sponsor a **rummage, plant, and bake sale on Saturday, April 16**. As you begin your spring cleaning please set aside any items you would like to donate. More details to come in the April newsletter.

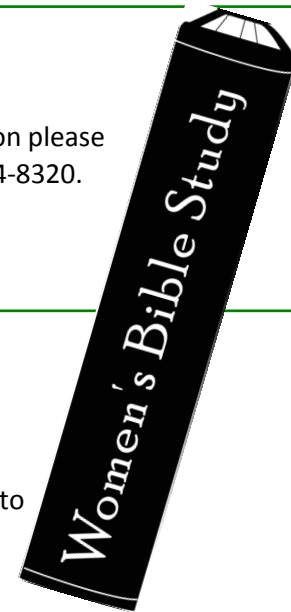
Thank you to all for your donations and purchases you made.



## Ladies Tuesday Morning Bible Study

The Tuesday morning Ladies Bible Study will meet in March on the 1, 8, 15, 22, and 29 from 9:30-11:00 am in the lower level of the church as we continue our study of Proverbs.

If you would like further information please contact Charlene Behne at 763-784-8320.



## Women's In-Depth Bible Study

We continue our study of the book of Daniel. We will meet the following Mondays from 6:30-8:00 pm: March 7 & 28, April 11th.

Even if you have never joined us before, we welcome new women to participate with no obligation.

## Men's Bible Study

All men are invited to continue our study on Islam. We will meet on the following Mondays from 6:30-8:00 pm: March 7 & 28; April 11.



## Easter Flowers

Please help beautify our worship center on Easter Sunday. Orders for flowers will be offered March 20, 27 and April 3, 10.

This years selection will be: Easter Lily, Azalea, Hibiscus, Mum, Tulip, Double Impatient.

Order forms will be available in upcoming

bulletins and on the Welcome Center in the church lobby.

The deadline to order will be Sunday, April 10th.

## Confirmation 2011

*Faith Affirmation* for the 2011 Confirmands will be held on **Wednesday, May 4 at 6:00 PM**. All are welcome to attend.

*Confirmation Sunday* will take place on **Sunday, May 15** at the 10:30 AM worship service.

### **Dates and Things to Remember!**

- **Wednesday, March 30:**  
Measure for Confirmation robes. This will be the **ONLY** night we will be measuring for robes. Please make arrangements with Carrie Hoshaw if you are unable to be there that night.

- **Wednesday, May 4:**  
Confirmation pictures will be taken from 5:30-6:00 PM. Allow time to choose picture packets and to get ready for pictures.

## Church Council News

The Nominations Committee is seeking candidates to serve on Good Shepherd's Church Council. Two positions on the council will need to be filled, which will be a two year term beginning July 1, 2011.

Council meetings are held on the third Monday of each month.

Interested candidates are asked to contact a member of the Nominations Committee: Val Hicke, Tim Abraham or Mike Gray.

If this is a service you feel God intends for you, please prayerfully consider serving on Good Shepherd's Church Council.

Blessings,  
Nominations Committee

## Refresh & Renew Review

Thank you to all who helped put this wonderful women's event together! Everyone who attended was truly refreshed and renewed in body and spirit. We know that as we "Walk by Faith" in our daily lives, our Lord and

Savior Jesus Christ will continually be at our side...as our guide, our hope, and our salvation! We can trust in His promise.



## Quilting

Join us on Thursday evenings in the lower level of the church from 6:30-8:00 pm to tie quilts. You don't have to know how to tie quilts; it's easy and we'll love teaching you the craft. If possible please bring a pair of scissors.

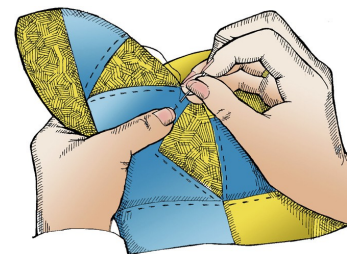
If you can't come on Thursday evenings to tie quilts, we also need volunteers to sew squares together at home and sewing hems on the quilts.

Donations of materials to make quilts and backings are appreciated.

Please contact Lissa Marcello at 763-783-3790 with any questions you may have.

The quilts will be donated to Lutheran World Relief and other mission organizations.

Everyone is welcome to come and help.



## Cookie Factory...Sunday, March 13

The annual **"Cookie Factory"** is coming your way on **Sunday, March 13.**

All proceeds will go to "Food for the Poor", the organization presented to Good Shepherd last fall.

Cookies will be sold between worship services.

This is an opportunity for you to be a part of mission work and enjoy homemade cookies!



## Centennial Community Food Shelf News!

*"For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink. I tell you the truth, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers of mine, you did for me." (Matthew 25:35...40)*

Thank you all who support the community food shelf through cash and food donations. The community food shelf is here to help

those in need during this difficult economical period through monthly food supplements.

The Centennial Community Food Shelf is available to those in need within the area. The boundaries are County Road J, 35E, the northern border of Blaine (132nd Ave and Central Ave.)

If you live outside of this area, there are five other locations that serve Anoka County.

The food shelf is located in the lower level of Our Saviors Lutheran Church in Circle Pines. It is open Mondays and Thursdays from 4:00-6:00 pm. Two forms of ID are needed with current address shown.

## Think Tuna!

We'll be collecting canned tuna for Centennial Community Food Shelf on **Sundays, March 27 and April 3.**

Please bring in your donation to the lobby and see if you **CATCH** the great feeling of helping those in need!



## Daylight Savings Time Begins!

Don't forget to set you clocks ahead one hour before you go to bed on Saturday, March 12th.



Time to Spring Ahead

## February 2011 Worship Attendance

- Sunday, February 6; 8:00—52; 10:30—139
- Sunday, February 13; 8:00—63; 10:30—185
- Sunday, February 20; 8:00—52; 10:30—130

## February 2011 Offering Report

- Sun., January 30—\$6,612
- Sun., February 6—\$8,469
- Sun., February 13—\$5,689

- Sun., February 20—\$6,893

We continue to give thanks and praise to God for all the blessings He bestows unto Good Shepherd each and every day!

## Prayer Requests

If you or a loved one is in need of personal prayer, please call the church office at 763-784-8417 or the following Prayer Ministry Team Leaders, Bev Decker at 651-484-1996 or Loretta Zarambo at 651-484-0322.

***A gentle reminder to please contact the church office to update us on prayer requests.***

- Peace & comfort for the Luecke family on the death of Mary's mom, Marge Jacobson.
- The York family, pray for peace, strength and forgiveness.
- Reinhold West, pray for a full recovery from a fall.
- Jennifer Diedrick as she moves forward with her chemo treatments for colon cancer. Give her patience, comfort, and a full recovery.
- Pray for our "God Sightings" Bible study; may it strengthen those through God's Word.
- Pray for our new "Marriage Ministry." That we seek and follow the Lord's will on how this ministry unfolds.
- Veronica Baker, that she is able to find strength and guidance through difficult times.
- Continue to pray for the congregation and staff at Good Shepherd.
- Pray for people who are unemployed; give them hope & encouragement during difficult times.
- All of our troops & loved ones in the armed forces, keep them safe so they can return home soon.
- People struggling with alcoholism & drugs, give strength to overcome their addictions.
- People diagnosed with cancer, pray for healing and strength for them and their families.
- People who are struggling emotionally and financially, pray for guidance and hope.
- People struggling with eating disorders, pray for strength and healing.
- Families going through divorce and marriage problems, pray that God will heal their hearts and guide them.
- People in nursing and extended care facilities, pray for their care and comfort.
- People struggling with the loss of a loved one, give them hope and comfort.
- People dealing with depression, give them reassurance and strength to overcome.
- Pray and give thanks to God for all the blessings he bestows on us each and every day. Thank Him for being our Savior!

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**WORSHIP WITH US**

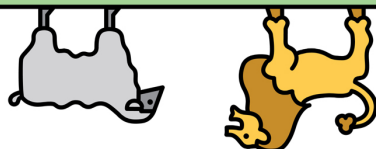
- **8:00** — Traditional Worship
- **9:15-10:15** — "**LIFELINE HOUR**" - Pastor led Adult Bible Study; Sunday School (3 yrs-5th grade); Middle/Sr. High School Bible Study
- **10:30** — Contemporary Praise Worship

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