

Shepherd's Staff

JULY 2011

Voter's Meeting Update

Greeting's from the Council and thank you for your involvement in the annual voter's meeting on June 12. There were two key pieces of business transacted at the meeting. The first order of business was the election of new Council and Nominations Committee members. The second piece of business was a review of the current financial situation of Good Shepherd and approval of a 2011 – 2012 operating budget.

Mike Gray and Bill Gawthrop were elected to fill two of the vacant Council positions. Chad Wellmann was elected to fill the open Nominations Committee position. Good Shepherd continues to be blessed with members who are willing to share their gifts and time. Pastor Ted will be looking to appoint a person to fill a vacancy created when Mike McClanahan resigned his position on Council. This will be for a term of one year.

I would also like to recognize those members who have completed their terms of service. From Council this was Chad Wellmann and Matt Glocke. These two members have served for the past six years. Their contributions to the decisions faced by GSLC, while maintaining a focus on process and approach that were founded in Christ were hallmarks of their service. Mike Gray completed his term on the Nominations Committee and redirected his focus to continuing his service on Council. It is this type of selfless view that will continue to provide strength at the leadership positions of Good Shepherd.

Janelle Norling, current Council Treasurer, did a very nice job of presenting the current financial state of Good Shepherd. She covered the highlights of the past year - detailed information is still available at the Welcome Center for those who are interested. Highlights include:

- Net annual income of \$23.6K through April
- 5% of giving - \$15K to District Missions
- \$6.5K of additional mortgage principal paid
- \$2.6K capital improvement savings
- \$1.0K Thrivent Choice savings

In terms of budget for the coming year, there is a net increase in total budget from \$377,909 for the current year to \$400,799. This represents approximately a 6% increase. Key elements contributing to the increase are:

- Staff salaries and wages (includes increases in benefits expense)
- Properties – keeping pace with actual realized expense increases in utilities
- Stewardship – an increase in targeted District Mission payment

I would like to encourage anyone with questions to seek out a current Council or Staff member. We would be more than happy to address your question or any concerns you may have.

Enjoy the summer!
Rich Binger, Council President



Change is Difficult!

Change is difficult! When corporations want to institute changes, they often bring in specialist to help out because of the resistance to change which is part of our human nature. Change has spawned many interesting quotes and proverbs of wisdom: Change is inevitable - except from a vending machine. (*Robert Gallager*)

We live in a moment of history where change is so speeded up that we begin to see the present only when it is already disappearing. (*R. D. Laing*)

Well, at Good Shepherd, we are once again contemplating change.... this time in our worship format. As you have noticed, over the summer we are worshipping at 9:00 and 10:30. This is a bit of a trial, as we are considering moving to this time arrangement on a permanent basis this fall. The rationale for the change is rooted in attendance figures. Attendance at the 8:00 continues to decline while the late service is holding steady, and showing some growth. While anticipating future growth, we are looking for ways to bolster the early service and relieve some of the space pressures beginning to build (*on occasion*) at the late service.

We are considering this 9:00 and 10:30 format on a permanent basis for next fall (we do not feel Good Shepherd is prepared to go to a three worship service format). If we go ahead with these time slots, there would be a pastor led Bible Study at 8:00, Worship at 9:00 (Lifeline Hour: Sunday School, Youth Bible Studies, and a lay lead adult Bible study running concurrently downstairs), and 10:30 worship.

Like any change, there will be some advantages and some disadvantages. We continue to sort through the impact of these changes. We are obviously looking for a situation where the advantages outweigh the disadvantages. We want to position Good Shepherd for the opportunity to grow. In the estimation of staff, we feel this proposed change could create an option that may meet the needs of our members and families. Please read over the two options below:

Option One:

- 8:00 Traditional Worship
- 9:15 Lifeline Hour (Sunday School, Youth Bible Studies, Pastor led Adult Bible Study, supported by a staffed nursery)
- 10:30 Contemporary Worship Service

Option Two:

- 8:00 Pastor led Bible Study
- 9:00 Traditional Worship
- 9:00 Lifeline Hour (Sunday School, Youth Bible Studies, Lay led Adult Bible Study, supported by a staffed nursery)
- 10:30 Contemporary Worship Service

WE NEED YOUR INPUT! The staff's goal is to make this decision by the week of July 31 to begin to move forward with either option one or two into the fall planning. We are asking that you take a few moments and look over the proposed options. We have set aside the following Sundays: **July 17, 24, and 31 to vote.** Please make use of this opportunity to have a say in how Good Shepherd moves forward.

As you consider this, please keep the interests of Good Shepherd in mind. In addition to looking at your personal conveniences, also keep in mind what is best for Good Shepherd as a whole. Please visit the voting booth in the lobby starting *Sunday, July 17*. We value your involvement. The format will be similar to the recent vote on our church logo where you can add input anonymously. As you vote, please add two comments: **1) Why your vote is best for your personal situation, and 2) why your vote is best for Good Shepherd.**

While this is challenging, let us be reminded of the following words: "When you are through changing, you are through." (*Bruce Barton*)

While all change is not good, it is a part of life. We pray for your support, patience, and input as we consider our options for best communicating the Gospel and making disciples through worship, growing, serving, and connecting here at Good Shepherd.

In His Service, *Pastor Ted*

Introducing E-News & Event Marketing

Greetings,

Good Shepherd has been researching ways to better communicate and share information in a timely manner. We are finding that many people depend on e-mail and other forms of electronic communication



to receive their information. This is why we have decided to go with *Constant Contact... Email & Event Marketing* — a must-have for building connections! **“Is this a safe process?”** *Constant Contact takes pride in offering safety to their contacts.*

This form of communication will allow us to send out our monthly newsletter and information on upcoming events etc., via e-mail. It will also allow us to create on-line registrations and keep up-to-date on current e-mail addresses. You can unsubscribe at any time. This process will eliminate a lot of unnecessary use of paper and postage... let's start going green!

Our goal is to get as many people signed up to receive Good Shepherd's communication via e-mail as we can and have it **up and running by September**. We also understand and want to be sensitive to those who do not have or like to communicate via e-mail. Paper copies of the newsletter will also be available to be picked-up at the Welcome Center in the church lobby. Communication on special events, dates, and times will also be available in your weekly bulletin.

We believe this will be a powerful way to **Connect... Grow... Serve... Worship!**

All we need is your current e-mail contact information. Please log on to our website at www.goodshepherdlink.org and sign-up NOW to receive your E-News!

We ask for your patience, prayers, and support during this transition. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Sue Carlson at 763-784-8417.

In Him,

Staff and Church Council
Good Shepherd Lutheran Church

Everyone Helping – *family service event*

Our next trip to “*Feed My Starving Children*” is scheduled for **Wednesday, July 6th**. Due to us serving during the 4th of July week our commitment of people needed is people to make this event a success. Please sign-up TODAY! A sign-up sheet with detailed information and directions are available in the church lobby. Our last event for the summer will be **Wednesday, August 3rd**.

“Everyone Helping on Wednesdays” has been created to provide opportunities to serve at *Feed My Starving Children* as a family or individually in the name of Jesus Christ.

What is *Feed My Starving Children*? A non-profit humanitarian organization, *Feed My Starving Children* invites volunteers six years old (with parent/s) and older, to hand-pack meals for starving children. These meals are then shipped to nearly 70 countries around the world, truly offering hope to the hungry. Your help, along with your family and friends will feed God's starving children by packaging meals on one or all of the dates set aside for Good Shepherd. This opportunity allows *all of us to put our faith into action!*

Thank You Tony!

We would like to thank Tony Marcello for his exceptional work as praise team leader. He has recently announced he is stepping down from this position. As a volunteer for the past few years, Tony has worked diligently to make our worship service music as beautiful as possible. In his absence, we will be seeking out a new leader. The voter's assembly has approved funding for a part-time employee to lead the Praise Team in the future. Check out the Good Shepherd web site (www.goodshepherdlink.org) for the job description, and please pass on this link to any candidates you feel are qualified for this position. Thankfully, Tony will continue to grace our contemporary worship with his guitar skills. Jennifer Diedrick—who has recently co-lead the team with Tony—will lead in the interim until the position is filled. We are so grateful to Tony for his past dedication and leadership and thank him for his generous spirit in giving so much of his time to the glory of God.

Yes, church coffee can be delicious...



It's been said that some of the best tasting coffee has been found at Good Shepherd's **Greeting Grounds** on Sunday mornings, especially when you add the friendly environment that comes along with each cup served. It's a great place to meet new people, and chat with friends.

Coffee & Fellowship... The coffee team arrives around 8:15 am to start setting-up and make coffee so it's ready and available for Sunday morning fellowship before the *LifeLine Hour* begins at 9:00 am. Many people who are new to Good Shepherd find that a hot cup of coffee is a nice start to their worship and a nice way to connect.

Interested in Helping? *We are struggling to keep this ministry alive* and are seeking those who are willing to serve and create a welcoming environment. If you would like to volunteer on an occasional Sunday with the *Coffee Ministry* (September-May), please contact Carrie Hoshaw at carrie@goodshepherdlink.org. We encourage you to attend an **informational meeting held on Sunday, August 7 at 8:00 am**. We are asking you to prayerfully consider volunteering and serving on this ministry team.

Community Food Shelf

Good Shepherd continues to support and thanks everyone for their generous contributions to the local food shelf. The community food shelf is here to help those in need through monthly food supplements. The demand has increased over the past couple of years and is expected to rise even more over time. You may drop off your food donations in the collection bin, located in the lobby of the church by the coat rack. **July needs include:** *cold cereal, baked beans, instant potatoes, pancake mix and syrup, rice/pasta side dishes, spaghetti sauce, canned tomatoes, condensed soups, jello, kool-aid/drink mix, peanut butter & jelly.*

Volunteers are needed to serve once a month at the Centennial Community Food Shelf. Team members come together with a driving compassion to serve the community by meeting the needs of others. Please contact Dorothy Keiser at 763-786-6988 if you are interested in volunteering .

New Addition to the Church Library

The church library now has a computer that hosts a card catalog program to be used to search through over 450 resources for a specific title, author or subject.

We hope you'll find it useful and easy to use.

1. Turn the computer on or wake it up. When the screen comes on, click on the **"GSLC library"** icon. This is the third one down on the right. No password is necessary.
2. Click on the **"library search"** icon. There will be six options at the top of the screen for the type of search you'd like to do. You can search by author, title of a published series, subject, title or keyword.
3. Choose the type of search you'd like to do. All pages will direct you to **"click on the list"** (left column) before typing (no curser will appear, but type anyway). Once you have found what you are looking for or looks interesting, you can choose the **"view"** or **"detail"** for more information or just look to the classification column for where the item can be found on the library shelves. The **"quick print"** or **"quick list"** option **cannot be printed** as this function has not been activated for the program. There is also no internet access at this terminal.
4. When you are done, close the program on the **"EXIT"** icon or the **"X"** in the upper right hand corner. Turn off the computer.

If you have questions, suggestions, or comments feel free to contact Cathy Netland at 763-434-3781 or c_netland@hotmail.com, or contact the church office. We hope you find this resource useful. Thank you to Kevin Norling for setting up this computer program and for Cathy Netland for all her time and talents on developing the Church Library for Good Shepherd.

Vacation Bible School



Vacation Bible School 2011!

Thank you to everyone who helped in making Vacation Bible School special for all the children and families who attended. There was a lot of planning and organizing in making these four nights fun and providing the kids with the opportunity to hear what it means to get **Hooked on Jesus!** "Family Night" was enjoyed by everyone from the wonderful Puppet Show to games and activities!

Summer Stretch



Summer Stretch is in its sixth year in our community. Summer Stretch brings youth currently in 6th, 7th and 8th grades (2009-2010) together for a terrific youth ministry opportunity.

This year's Summer Stretch will be **Tuesdays** June 14, 28, & July 12, 26, with our end of summer fun day on Thursday, August 4th at Valleyfair.

Women's Ministry News!

Our Women's Prayer & Praise Retreat will be here before you know it, and we are thrilled that we have the largest number of women ever registered to attend in August! Surely the LORD will bless our time together in the north woods!

We have planned our events and studies for the upcoming 2011-2012 year and will give you more details in August. Please prayerfully consider the following studies and events over the summer and know that you (and your friends) are welcome to join us in all that we will be offering beginning in the fall.

Bible Studies

- *In-Depth*—Mondays, 6:30-8:00 pm
(11 sessions); The study will be on **"Jesus: The One and Only"** by Beth Moore.
- *Dates*: September 26; October 10 & 24; November 7; December 5; January 9 & 23; February 6 & 27; March 19; April 2. (completed before Easter, April 8).
- *Breakfast, Bibles & Blessings*—Saturdays, 9:00-11:30 am. Various topics. (These studies are in coordination with Children's Ministry and Praise Team.)
- October 15; January 28; March 24

Events

- *Advent by Candlelight*—
Sunday, December 4—6:30-8:00 pm
- *Prayer & Praise Retreat*—
To be determined, summer Friday through Sunday 2012.



Ladies Tuesday Morning Bible Study

In September we will begin a new study entitled "The Unexplained." Guided by God's Word we will explore what the Bible has to say about miracles, dreams, angels, demons, and other topics. Materials will cost around \$9.50 and will be ordered the middle of August. If you are interested or have any questions, please contact Charlene Behne at 763-784-8320. Bible Study is held on Tuesdays, 9:30-11:00 am in lower level of the church.

WINGS NEWS!

The kitchen will be cleaned **on August 8 and 9** from 9:00 am through noon. If any ministry groups have anything in the refrigerator, freezer or cupboards that should be kept, please label them accordingly. Anything that is out of date will be discarded. If you have any questions, please call Charlene Behne at 763-784-8320 or Elvera Sachs at 763-784-5997.

Over 50 quilts were donated to Lutheran World Relief this spring. Thank you to those who donated materials for tops, fillers, and bottoms. We received funds from Thrivent to purchase batting for quilt filling materials. Also we would like to thank those who came to tie quilts and to those who did the sewing to finish the edging on the quilts. Quilting will resume again in the fall.

Worship Statistics



ATTENDANCE

- **Sunday, June 5**
9:00 – 72; 10:30 – 172
- **Sunday, June 12**
9:00 – 60; 10:30 – 132
- **Sunday, June 19**
9:00 – 70; 10:30 – 103
- **Sunday, June 26**
9:00 – 53; 10:30 – 62

- **Sunday, June 5**
\$9,023
- **Sunday, June 12**
\$7,191
- **Sunday, June 19**
\$4,743
- **Sunday, June 26**
\$4,544



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.

- Family & friends of Doris Kenow are mourning her death.
- Safe traveling for families going out of town for the 4th of July holiday.
- Marian Edelen a former member of Good Shepherd was diagnosed with inoperable liver cancer. Pray for peace, hope & strength.
- Continued healing for Jennifer Diedrick, she is now done with her chemo treatments.
- Pray for protection of all marriages; pray they are strengthened, protected and built-up.
- Pray for our “God Sightings” Bible study; may it strengthen those through God’s Word.
- Pray for all our ministries here at Good Shepherd.
- 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.



Prayers

- 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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SUMMER WORSHIP TIMES (May 29 – Sept., 4)

- **9:00 AM**—Traditional
- **10:30 AM**—Contemporary
- **Church office closed on Fridays**
- Fall worship along with Sunday School and Education Hour will resume on September 11, 2011

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