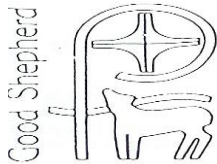




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Carrying out the Good News and open to all

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Thank you to all who shared their lovely Easter flowers with us:

In memory of Cameron & Edna Markuson; Memory of Margaret Stephen by Barry and Carleen Markuson. In memory of Marv & Ethel Gribbon by Scott and Deb Gaustad. In memory of all our loved ones past, by Dave and Cindy Shaw. In memory of Harold Walker & Ryan Lippert, and in memory of Jim Allenson.

I wish to thank everyone that helped make my 80th birthday such a memorable day, and also for the gifts, cards and well wishes.

Thank You,

Mike Wardlow

MAY EVENTS

**May 4th 6:30 PM WELCA Salad
Supper**

May 8th MOTHER'S DAY

**May 15th GRADUATE RECOGNITION
and Pot Luck Dinner**

**May 30th MEMORIAL DAY
Church Office Closed**

May 31st Scholarship Applications Due

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ,

Apologies to you all for the lateness of this month's newsletter. Since we were having such a momentous vote on May 1, we thought it would be best to wait and see its outcome first before sending this out. And, by the time you receive this, you will have probably heard the news: your congregation has decided to move forward with the construction of a new sanctuary and office space!

This is a significant milestone in the 138-year history of our congregation. During most of this history, our church building has served us well and we are thankful that God has blessed us with it. Even so, as I mentioned this past Sunday, the church is the people not the building. Our building is a tool for ministry, and the congregation affirmed on Sunday that the time has come that we lay the foundation for a new tool that will serve us for the next 138 years, which would bring us to the year 2154! Although the vote was not unanimous (71 yea-25 nay-1 abstain), I pray that moving forward we will all unite together as the body of Christ and give 100% support to the building project.

As we move forward together, we will be looking at options for our temporary worship and working spaces that we will need during the transition. We will also be looking at ways that we can celebrate and say farewell to our current church building before saying hello to our new one.

During this time, I ask that you please keep Good Shepherd in your prayers as well as giving thanks to God for the blessings He has so graciously given us, especially in the form of our brothers and sisters in Christ.

Peace be with y'all!

Pastor Keith

Pastor Keith Lankford

Dear WELCA Members:

The Spring Cluster Gathering was on Tuesday, April 19th at Faith Lutheran Church in Staples. 7 of us attended from GSL. There was wonderful music and fellowship. Candace Simar, author, was the guest speaker. She talked of her books, in which she uses family members throughout history as the characters. A delicious lunch was catered in by The Shanti in Pillager. This was the last Cluster 9 meeting, as the divisions are called Conferences now. GSL will be part of Conference 7, which is the Fergus Falls area, west to Breckenridge & Rothsay, north to Pelican Rapids, and south to Dalton.

We've been having the April Showers so bring on the May Flowers! Lawns have gotten green and are about ready for mowing. Crops are being planted, and gardens are being worked up.

Mother's Day is Sunday May 8th, and we always make the annual trip to Sandridge Gardens to get our hanging flower planters, and some annuals to get started in our flower beds. Happy Mother's Day!

Our next WELCA General Meeting is our salad supper on Wednesday, May 4, @ 6:30 pm. I'm sure you all received your invite – We're making it extra special with tables set in themes, and asking that you invite your mom, daughter, grandma, aunt, friend, etc. Let's see all the chairs filled!

My calendar at work has a verse from a Psalm on it each month – May's is Psalm 139:14 I will praise you; for I am fearfully and wonderfully made: marvelous are your works; and that my soul knows well.

Love, Peace, Happiness & God's Blessings
Nancy Peterson
WELCA President

MEN'S BREAKFAST – JoJo's

Thursday, May 5th

9:00 AM

Come and join us for food, fellowship and Bible study Open to men of all ages.

GOLDEN LIVING CENTER

Good Shepherd will be responsible for Sunday Services at GLC on June 5th and again on June 12th . Please call Vivian if you are interested – 548-4209.

Senior Recognition Sunday is May 15th

Worship will be at 10:00 AM with a potluck dinner at 11:00 AM

Seniors being recognized are: Cort Ebeling, Hanna Ranstad, Sydney Haugdahl, Riley Moen, Logan Winters, Taylor Shaw, and Hannah Cordes. We pray God will guide and watch over them as they begin their next adventure. We ask that you please bring a dish to share. The schedule is as follows:

- A – H Salads
- I – N Deserts
- O – Z Hot Dish



In Our Prayers

Barb Amundson, Betsy Peterson,
Family of Evelyn Mitchell
Ken Moenck, JoAnn Jensen,
Dorothy Nordgren, Family of Ida Peterson
LuAnn Johnson, Judy Curtis, Sheila Hagen, Iris
Rotz, Keith Lovell, Family of LuJean Juvrud



When I was about 5 years old, we had next-door neighbors who always seemed to leave their toys out in the yard. Which to me meant, they were ours to play with until they came home. One of my favorites at the time was a Playschool Car, it was red on the bottom and the windows, (Let's be honest, Roll Cage) was yellow. The car had a steering wheel, that wasn't attached to the wheels, and the only way to move forward was to have someone push you, or open the little door and stick your leg out, to scoot the car forward. I had a great time scooting around the cul-de-sac in this car while the other kids were busy, but the wheels always seemed to get in the way of my fun. You see the wheels, were not set in any one direction, like the front wheels of a grocery store cart, but for all four of them. So you never got going too fast, and in general the car wobbled from side to side and could change direction at the slightest pothole. Unless someone was pushing you, your path was all over the place, completely random, from one side to the other. Sometimes life feels like that, where we kind of bounce from thing to thing, changing direction at the slightest pothole. The thing is, when we're living our lives like this, we tend to not get very far, and at times we end up rolling down hills or paths that aren't the best for us. Thankfully, we have a God who we can trust, when the road gets bumpy, when we've taken our own routes, we have a God of Grace who is there to give us a push and guide us to where we need to go. "Trust in the Lord with all your heart, lean not on your own understanding. In all your ways acknowledge Him, and he will make your paths straight." Proverbs 3:5-6 This is the God, that we worship, the God that makes the journey an adventure in love, whether we're

in a Playschool car, or cruising down the highways.

Troy Olson

“Bouncy trouncy, fun, fun, fun” Normally a phrased reserved for Tigger in Winnie the Pooh, this was the resounding theme of our Trampoline outing on May 1st in Fargo. The OTC-LYO crew headed to the SkyZone for an afternoon of jumping, laughing and (lots) of sweating. Hard to believe it but, up next we’ve got planning meetings for the summer schedule on May 9th and 10th both at 7pm at First Lutheran. Additionally mark your calendars for June 5th, for the First Ever OTC-LYO Progressive Dinner, details to come!

Serving in May

Don & Rhonda Jorgenson
Colleen Cordes
Wayne & Phyllis Peterson
Russ & Pat Juvrud
Jessica, Patrick & Carter Dilly
Chad & Tiera Shaw
Dennis & Ellen Nosbich
Nancy Landgraff
Steve and Pat Torkelson

Our Giving* in April	Attendance
4/3 \$ 2535 .00	105
4/10 \$ 2117.00	80
4/17 \$ 2328.00	113
4/24 \$ 1591.00	165

*\$3181.00 is needed each week in order for us to meet our budget.

The May 8th Coin Clanger will be to support the Henning Police Child Safety Program.

SAVE THE DATE!

Vacation Bible School invites you to join us for Camp Discovery. Jesus at Work Through Us. VBS will take place June 5 – 9th. There will be a pot luck Picnic on the 9th. We will have 5 evenings to explore lessons stating the gifts Jesus gives us and how we can share those gifts. We will again start with a light supper and have different “stations” to work through each night.

We will start at 6:00 p.m. with supper and end at 8:00 p.m.

If there are Confirmation students that need service hours and would like to assist with VBS please contact Anji Redfield @ 548-5595. Hope you are able to join us!

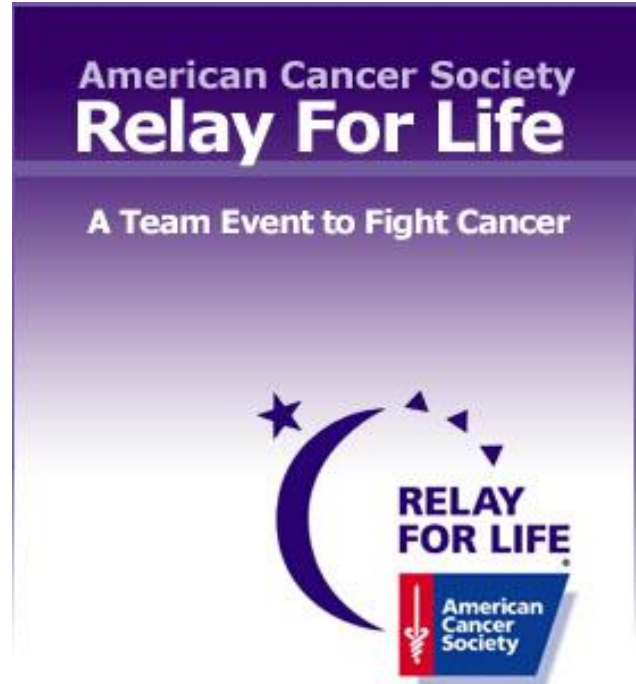
Good Shepherd Scholarship Program

Good Shepherd Lutheran Church has available higher education scholarships. Any member of the congregation who seeks an education degree beyond High School is eligible to apply. The amount and number of scholarships awarded will depend upon how much money is available from the endowment fund, and how many applications are received and accepted.

Applications are located on the Usher Stand at the top of the ramp going into the Sanctuary. and must be completed and received no later than May 31st, 2016.

**SPECIAL NOTE.....CHANGE IN
COMMUNION SERVICE.....**

Pastor Keith will need to leave as quickly as possible after the May 22nd service in order to attend his graduation service! in the cities. Therefore we *will not* have communion on that day, but rather move the communion service to May 29th.



The Relay for Life totals are in! The Good Shepherd Team donated \$761.00 making the grand total \$3694.00 Good Job and thanks to everyone who participated!