

The Voice

*From the Pastor
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of Good Shepherd Lutheran Church

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Dear People of God,

My home community in Minnesota has three strong ethnic backgrounds: Irish, German and Norwegian. I was raised in the Norwegian Lutheran church in the country. Often times at church and at home, I would hear the native language in hymns, prayers, conversations and expletives -- especially, Uff da! Most dear to my heart was the recitation of the table prayer and Lord's Prayer in Norwegian. To a small degree, we were a bi-lingual family.

Pentecost is soon here, June 12th. The outpouring of the Holy Spirit of that day empowered the Apostles to speak in many tongues. With these new foreign languages they had the ability to share the good news of Jesus Christ to the world. Thinking of that experience fills me with wonder and awe.

This year on Pentecost I would like to have volunteers recite the Lord's Prayer in different languages, together with the rest of the congregation praying in English. With this we might have a glimpse of what the original Pentecost experience was like. The presence of Christ's Spirit moving through the world today is powerful. If you know another language: German, Spanish, Sign, . . . please let me know. I would love to celebrate this Festival Sunday in a memorable way.

Oh, and if you want, wear red! It's the festival color for the day.
In Christ,
Tamara J.K. Keen

Pentecost is the season of growth in God. Mother Teresa said, "Holiness grows fast where there is kindness. I have never heard of kind souls going astray. The world is lost for want of kindness and sweetness."

Vacation Bible School opportunities abound. Please consider and participate as works for schedules.

Pandamania (Group Publications) "Where God is Wild About You"			
St. Paul's	June 6-10	Reformation	July 17-22
Christ- Eureka	June 6-11	Resurrection	TBA
Hometown Nazareth (Group Publication) "Where Jesus Was a Kid"			
Gloria Dei	TBA	Lord of Life	
Cedar Chapel	June 20-24	July 17-21	6:00p.m.- 8:30p.m.

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Central States Synod is June 3-5 at Kansas City, MO. Both Pastor Keen and Sue Draper will attend the gathering. The theme is Shaping the church for God's Mission: Igniting Spirits and Building Bridges.

The offerings will be distributed among these three ministries: Campus Ministries in St. Louis, MO., Lawrence, KS and Manhattan, KS; Hillside community Lutheran Church in Spring Hill, KS, which is a new mission start in the Kansas City area; and the ELCA Hunger Appeal.

A report will be given to congregation the Sunday following the assembly.

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Glocal Mission Event to be hosted at St. Paul's in Wichita, Sept. 30-Oct. 1. This event combines both the Global and Local Mission focus.

Each church is encouraged to send a team of interested people. Lynn and David Standrich are involved with the planning and execution of table decorations.

There will be opportunities for the sharing of stories, worship and music; speakers; and workshops. There is a festive atmosphere with lots of displays, food and refreshments.

Please let Pastor know if you are interested in representing our congregation and sharing information from the gathering to our leadership and congregation. See bulletin board with poster information.

Treasurer's Report

Offering Income	8144.02
Actual Expenses	10575.99
Difference	-2431.97

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Actual Income	32128.57
Actual Expenses	38019.36
Difference	-5890.79

The Men's and Women's group will not meet over the summer. They will start up again in the fall. Have a safe Summer.

Please continue to bring food items for the Food Pantry. The donations this past month went to the Kansas Food Bank.

Thank You !

So far for the furnace fund you have helped gather over \$400.00. This is a very good start. Thank you to those who have donated. Furnace Fund envelopes are available if you can give.

Joan Eberhardt is filling the position of Deacon on the Church Council after Tara Brubakken resigned.

Pop & Bottled Water are Back

We are again having soda pop & bottled water for purchase. They are stored in the refig and the container to put your money in is in the kitchen. The amount to buy the product is 50 cents and any proceeds after paying for the pop will go into the Youth Account.

The Women's Triennial Gathering will be held in Spokane, WA on July 14-17

Update on Recent Tornado Responses

The recent tragedies in Joplin, St. Louis, Mississippi River floods in S.E. MO, and Oklahoma have gathered many responses in prayer and action for those in need. The Dean of Area 5 Ministries, Pr. Phil Vickers has said, "We have learned that Peace Lutheran church in Joplin was destroyed by the tornado which hit the town. Our payers go out to our brothers and sisters as they struggle with this tragedy. May the presence of Christ be with them in the days ahead."

The ELCA has already sent \$25,000.00 in immediate response. If you would like to participate in endeavors to help financially, consider: www.ela-org; American Red Cross; Salvation Army. In Wichita "Project Backpack" is collecting essential toiletries, blankets, non-perishable items, diapers, bottled water, . . . at His Food Pantry at 7000 E. Harry 684-5574. Catholic Charities at 437 N. Topeka (at Central) is collecting non-perishable foods, cash-gift cards for Dillons and Wal-Mart through May 31.



Birthdays in June

- 2 Vanessa Haugh
- 2 Alexis Bernhardt
- 3 Doris Moran
- 6 Leslie Bernhardt
- 7 Derrick Kuhlman
- 13 Robert Hansen
- 22 Doug Bosarge



JUNE ANNIVERSARIES

- 6/06/85 Perry & Judi Bernhardt
- 6/07/80 Curtis & Veda Haugh
- 6/10/62 Gallard & Regina Albright
- 6/18/05 Dale & Heather Rotramel
- 6/19/82 Devon & Kerri Kuhlman
- 6/24/56 Dolores & Nelson Haugh



Please remember these individuals in daily prayer:

- Irene Henschel (Nursing Home)
- Louis Plummer (Nursing Home)
- Hermie Medlock (Nursing Home)
- Carol Keller (Nursing Home)
- Paul Bohlken
- Loretta Niedens
- Perry Bernhardt
- Todd Whisler
- Don Leidhesier
- Logan Henton (Vi Brozek great-grandson)
- Vi Brozek (Stroke)
- Ben Bryant (Bud Bryant's brother)
- Eleonore Johnson
- Glena Hansen
- Larry Frank
- Daryl Spencer
- Anita Brubakken



Prayer Support Available

If you have a concern for which you would like much timely prayer support, please call the church office (524-3401). Your concern will be communicated promptly through our prayer chain.

"Pray for one another, so that you may be healed. The prayer of the righteous is powerful and effective." James 5:16

**REMEMBER TO:
Help with the Newsletter!!
Please send articles, notes of
interest, happenings,
anything to share.
By June 20, 2011**



Sunday School News

The last day of Sunday School, May 22nd, was an exciting time for Good Shepherd's Sunday School children! Every Sunday morning during Sunday School the children put money in their God's Global Barnyard banks. After counting their collected money they found out that they were able to purchase 1 sheep, 1 goat, 1 pig, 10 chicks and 2 ducks! What a blessing that will be to people around the world who are poor and hungry.

The Sunday School class would also like to thank the people of Good Shepherd who put money in their coin banks after church on May 15th.

Sunday School will resume in September. See you then!

Angel Food

**If you would like to order
Angel Food**

**Contact
Doris Moran
316-260-1277**

Great Deal on Food!!!



Annual Church Yard Sale and Bake Sale

Please start your Spring Cleaning now by getting your items together for our annual Church Yard Sale. Remember clothes, books, furniture, knick knacks you no longer need or want are welcome. You can leave your donations in the hallway. Also be clever, bring bedding plants. Its scheduled for August 4-5-6 and will include a Bake Sale. The number one priority for the proceeds will be for new furnaces in the old part of the church. So bring lots of items for sale and bring lots of other people items. And above all let have fun! It's a great way to interact with our friends and neighbors.

Last month our donated food items were taken to the Kansas Food Bank. Please see the related article about the need there...

94 pounds of food were delivered on 4-25-11.
38 cans vegetables
16 cans soup
5 cans fruit
8 bags pasta
8 boxes jello
10 cans tuna
5 meal boxes
2 boxes potatoes
3 cake mixes
Peanut butter
Muffin mix
Graham crackers
3 boxes tuna helper
1 bag baking chips

JUNE 2011

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2 Synod Assembly	3 Synod Assembly	4 Synod Assembly Fellowship Hall in use 1:00 to 4:00
5 Synod Assembly 10:15 Worship Lay Service No Communion	6 7:00 Council	7 Area 5 meeting @ St. John, Wellington	8	9 6:00pm Fleet Reserve	10	11
12 10:15 Worship <u>Pentecost</u> <u>Wear Red</u>	13	14 9am Text Study @ St. Paul's	15	16	17	18
19 Father's Day 10:15 Worship	20	21 9am Text Study @ St. Paul's	22	23	24	25 Angel Food Day
26 10:15 Worship	27	28 9am Text Study @ St. Paul's	29	30		

Men's Fellowship

President: Don Leidheiser
Secretary: Roger Brubakken
Treasurer: Earl McCain

Women of ELCA

President: Dolores Haugh
Vice President: Mary Bryant
Secretary: Willie Cooper
Treasurer: Lorraine Delzer

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Council Members

President: Sue Draper
Vice President: Brent Albright
Secretary: Kerri Kuhlman
Deacon: Joan Eberhardt
Elder: Vacant
Mission Coordinator: Willie
Cooper
Treasurer: Nelson Haugh

*I am the
good
shepherd.
I know
my own
and my
own know
me, just as the Father knows me and I know
the Father. And I lay down my life for the sheep.
I have other sheep that do not belong to this fold. I
must bring
them also,
and they
will listen
to my voice.
So there
will be one
flock, one
SHEPHERD.
John 10:14-16*

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