

The *Vo*ice

*From the Pastor
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of Good Shepherd Lutheran Church

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Dear People of God,

It is official -- It is Summer! A new rhythm sets in for many in this season. Some are harvesting winter wheat. Others kick off their shoes and sit on swings on their porches. Several take well-deserved vacations and add outdoor recreational activities to their schedules. Visits with family and friends are more frequent. It is a wonderful time of the year.

One of the items on my youngest daughter's summer agenda, is to add more friends to her life. She is particularly interested in making friends from around the world, so she has many new pen-pals from New Zealand, England, South America, . . . Each time the topic comes up, she seems to have a new one. She is excited to learn about her new friends and their different cultures. She is so excited, that I want a pen-pal or two, too!

There is something uniquely special about good friends who share similar interests and hobbies, values and beliefs. We realize that we are not so "odd". We "fit" in the world. Someone understands us. It is fascinating, also, to learn about people who are different from us. We broaden our horizons and experiences. We grow. Whether we are 'mirror images' of one another or vastly different, friends are truly one of the greatest gifts we can ever have. They may be people whom we can trust to be a support or guide or confidant. Friends may speak hard truth in love. Friends are people we can trust to love us, care about us and forgive us. Friends listen to our hearts. Friends are simply a joy to be with. These mutual relationships are essential to our well-being.

As I think of the many visits we make in the summer and the friends that we all have, I am reminded of the greatest and truest friend of all -- JESUS. I am reminded about how important it is to tend to this relationship. The seed of his Holy Spirit is planted in the field of our souls in our Baptism. Like wheat in the field is cultivated and nourished, in order to experience the bountiful harvest, so do we need to tend to our relationship with Jesus. Participating in the life and ministry of our congregation; sustaining the spiritual practices of prayer and devotions at home; strengthening relationships at home, in our communities and at work are essential to our spiritual well-being. In so doing we reap the harvest of God's abundant love for us. Nurturing and sustaining this relationship is paramount to all others.

Though the rhythm of our lives may change some in the summer, tend to this friendship -- this relationship wherever you may be and with whomever you may be with. May the God of love be with you always.

In Christ,
Pastor Keen

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.

NOTES FROM THE PASTOR

Please remember to sign-up for assisting for our worship service and flowers donations on the bulletin board by the office. Your help is appreciated.

Remember to mark the date for the Church's outdoor worship & picnic at Watson Park on August 7, shelter #4 from 10:00—2:00.

Annual Church Yard and Bake Sale preparations are well underway. The big event is August 4, 5, & 6. Please contact Dolores or Veta if you have any special concerns or questions or can volunteer to help.

Donations for Oaks Indian Reservation have been collected throughout the year. In August we plan to send our items with our sister congregation, Reformation. If you would like to give items (school supplies, clothes, shoes, soap, pencils...) specific delivery date will be announced at a later time.

Vacation Bible School at Cedar Chapel United Methodist Church is July 18-22 from 6:00-8:30p for pre-K to 6th grade. Please register with Joyce at 524-0098 or 519-9098 or fill out the form that is on the table in the back of the church. The program: Shake It Up Café: Where Kids Carry Out God's Recipe. Kerri Kuhlman, Joan Eberhardt, Veta Haugh, and Dolores Haugh are helping form our congregation.

Change of Address
Don & Jeanne Leidheiser
2960 W. Creek Valley Lane
Grand Chute, WI 54914

TREASURER'S REPORT

Offering Income 8511.00
Actual Expenses 11219.72
Difference -2708.72

YTD
Actual Income 40639.57
Actual Expenses 49239.08
Difference -8599.51

Furnace Fund YTD 2931.00
Estimated to replace furnaces 4800.00
We are doing good but we still need more!
It may be hot now but in a few months the weather will change and cold weather will be here. No one wants to come to church if it is colder inside than outside.

Another \$122. has been received and deposited from Thrivent Dollars.

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.

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

Two names were left off our graduating list in May's newsletter **Moriah Keen from Derby Middle School & Kelsey Haugh received her LPN from Wichita Area Technical College (Nursing)**

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.



Birthdays in July

- 5 Curtis Haugh
- 16 Linda Bernhardt
- 18 Ruth Eckert
- 20 Kaylan Cook
- 21 Earl McCain
- 26 Veta Haugh



JULY ANNIVERSARIES

None



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
- Vi Brozek (Stroke)
- Ben Bryant (Bud Bryant's brother)
- Eleonore Johnson
- Glena Hansen
- Eric Young
- 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 July 25, 2011**

A thank-you to Art Keller & Nelson for removing the wood boxes in front of the church. Sure looks nice.

JULY 2011

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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3 10:15 Worship Afternoon—evening fireworks party at JP Alpaca Haven	4 Holiday	5 Area 5 meeting @ Lord of Life 7:00 Council	6	7 6:00pm Fleet Reserve	8	9
10 10:15 Worship	11	12 9am Text Study @ St. Paul's	13	14	15	16
17 10:15 Worship	18 VBS	19 9am Text Study @ St. Paul's VBS	20 VBS	21 VBS	22	23 Angel Food Day
24 10:15 Worship	25	26 9am Text Study @ St. Paul's	27	28	29	30
31 10:15 Worship						

Men's Fellowship

President:

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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