

March 16, 2014



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Good Earth Village is a ministry built to develop Christian leaders – people who see God's creative, redemptive work in the world and recognize their gifts and their call to do something about it. Ministry offerings include a full-service retreat center, summer camp programs, leadership development training, and community service opportunities. The mission is supported and operated on behalf of more than 145 member churches in Southeastern Minnesota. Good Earth Village is a resource for the world, provided on behalf of the church.

Purpose: Developing Christian leaders who will change the world.

Gathering Song (Come Now is the Time to Worship)

Greetings and Introductions

Announcements

CALL TO WORSHIP

God of abundance, the land we walk on is holy ground.

Send forth your grace to help us heal the wounds of this world.

Open up the soil of our hearts to your word of life.

May we be strengthened by this time together and grow into who you are creating us to be.

Opening Song (Lord I Lift Your Name on High, ELW #857)

CONFESSION

Sisters and brothers, we come to the God of mercy mindful that the world upon which we all depend is suffering. The sacred creation given to us, the immense beauty surrounding us, the complex web of life supporting us has been broken, not only by others, but by our own hand. Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and one another. *(silence)*

Loving God, you have placed us as stewards within your creation. Instead, we have abused your gifts. The beauty and abundance of the earth is falling apart under us. God of all life....

We confess our part in a broken world.

One: You have multiplied your people beyond counting and have provided enough for all. But we have poisoned the waters, exhausted the soils and polluted the air. By our own hand we have spoiled the life-giving resources upon which we all depend. God of all life...

We confess our part in a broken world.

One: As Jesus' disciples, we are called to feed the hungry, clothe the naked and tend to the sick. Instead, we have taken the wealth of the world into our own houses and left your children in hunger and need. God of all life...

We confess our part in a broken world.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

As surely as the rain comes forth to water the earth, God's mercy comes to us as a gift, abundant and freely given. The same God who created the cosmos and raised Jesus from death to life brings healing and forgiveness to the world today. You are loved, you are restored. In Christ, you are made new.

Thanks be to God.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

The eyes of all look to you, O God. Turn our hearts and minds to your open hand that provides for every living thing, so that we may know your generosity and participate in the healing and restoration of all that you have made, in Jesus' name we pray, Amen.

The Lesson: Romans 4:1-5, 13-17

Gospel: John 3:1-17

Children's Message

Message

Song of the Day (All in All)

Creed

Living together in trust and hope, we confess our faith:

We believe in God, the Creator of all things, the source of all goodness and love.

We believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God, true God yet true man. He was crucified, died and was buried for our sin that we might be free and know the joy of life. He was raised on the third day and ascended to heaven, and will come again in power and glory to judge both the living and the dead.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the power of God at work inside of us.

We believe in the church of God, the people of faith throughout the world.

We believe that our sin is forgiven and that we will live together with God, now and throughout eternity.

AMEN.

Sharing of the Peace

Offering

Offering Song (Humble Thyself/Awesome God)

Prayers of the People

Words of Institution

The Lord's Prayer

Communion Songs (Light the Fire, Create in Me)

Benediction

Sending Song (Prince of Peace)

Dismissal

Go in peace, care for all creation.

Thanks be to God!

Thank you for welcoming Good Earth Village to worship with you today!

For more information about Good Earth Village, its ministries, or how to get involved, contact our office at 507.346.2494, or visit our website at www.GoodEarthVillage.org.



GOOD SHEPHERD LUTHERAN CHURCH
Ministers: All The People of The Congregation
Called by God to: Grow; Serve; Love; Care and Worship

Second Sunday in Lent **March 16, 2014**
9:00 a.m. Holy Communion

We would like to welcome Suzanne Comeau to Good Shepherd's staff starting March 19th. Suzanne will be our Wednesday Night Fellowship Meal Cook. We will hear more about Suzanne in the April Voice.

Let's Talk-Be part of the conversation - The search for Good Shepherd's new pastor is on the horizon. It's time to hear from the whole congregation. In the next few weeks, the Transition Team and Call Committee will be calling members to sign up, attend, and be part of a "Let's Talk" session.

Sunday, March 16 @ 10:30 - Jim Stern and Rachel Korman hosts

Monday, March 17 @ 7:00 - Roger Groskreutz and Council Member hosts

Tuesday, March 18 @ 9:30, Broadway Apts - Julie Treptow and Gwen Peterson hosts

Think global...Act local - You may recall when Esther Dundas of Wells visited Good Shepherd to share her ministry in Ukraine. Joelle Elmer Jacobs and her husband Scott will be visiting Esther in Rivne, Ukraine and hope to bring 2 suitcases stuffed with items for the children in her church. Esther is involved in Sunday school, youth club and day camps for children from 6-16.

The Good Shepherd Global Mission Team will be collecting items and cash through March 23rd. Cash can be left in the office. On behalf of Joelle, Esther and the Global Mission Team thank you all for your prayers and support as we show God's love across the globe.

Healing and the First-Fifteen - The theme for this year's mid-week Lenten worship is Our Need... God's Healing. This theme has been chosen more for the adults of the congregation, is planning on an alternative experience for children called the First-Fifteen. The first fifteen minutes of the worship will be especially designed for youngsters. There will be guests in the form of puppets visiting worship and helping younger ones think about the different themes and learning new songs. Then the children (up through 6th grade) will be invited to go to the social hall for more music and active learning will take place while the worship continues in the sanctuary.

March 19	6:15 p.m.	Healing for Anger and Resentment
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All ladies of Good Shepherd are invited to the Women of the ELCA membership meeting, March 16th at 10:15 a.m in the Parlor.