

The Voice
September 2017

Good Shepherd Lutheran Church Wells
Worshipping: Wednesday evenings at 6:15 pm & Sunday at 9:00 am

Pancake Breakfast

Sunday, Sept. 10, 2017
8:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.



Serving: Pancakes

Eggs

Sausage

Juice

Coffee

Milk

Free will offering with proceeds
going to those attending the
2018 ELCA Youth Gathering

Served by the Property Committee and
those attending the Youth Gathering.

All are Welcome!

Here is the Church, Here is the Steeple, Open the Doors...

On Saturday, August 5 fire ravaged Wellington Estates Apartments here in Wells. It impacted twelve families, including several who are members or connected to Good Shepherd Lutheran Church. The Wells Police Department called me before the flames were extinguished and asked me to assist the families in the days following the fire. The police officer said, "The Red Cross is here and will help the families for the weekend. After that, it is up to you."



Of course, the police officer didn't mean me, just me and only me. The officer meant, me along with the other clergy in the community and the churches we all represent and others in the community and the food shelf and concerned people in the surrounding area who want to help and assist people who are now homeless.

On the first Tuesday after the fire, the residents were allowed into the building to retrieve what belongings they could salvage, after smoke and water damaged so much. They didn't come alone, though. Some had family. Others brought friends. And others were helped by community volunteers who showed up to help. And boxes arrived. And bottled water. And trucks and trailers. Storage units were donated and people came together. It was sad and heartbreaking. But it was also beautiful to see the people work together. **People stepped up and were like church for those people.** They were like church.

Out in the world, a reference to church often conjures up a variety of images. Some think of stained glass windows and uncomfortable pews and old people struggling to sing old fashioned hymns. Many others think of church as a group of judgmental finger pointing people. Others think of hypocrites – people who say one thing and then do another. And meetings...lots of meetings in church.

But those of us who are IN the church and love the church see different images! We think of sharing food to feed hungry people, friends praying for one another, music that stills our souls or lifts our spirits, challenging messages and inner peace. We also think of the church as children learning to sing Jesus Loves Me and laughing people who love each other. And meetings...lots of meetings in church.

We probably do have some of the other features that make people get turned off, but we who are part of the church have hopefully experienced more of the wonderful aspects of being the church.

Imagine if CHURCH became a term to unconditional love and generosity for people who are in need. Like after a crisis (like the apartment fire) if people got used to the church stepping forward just like they are accustomed to the Red Cross stepping forward. Wouldn't it be great if every single person in our community only thought: the church is kindness expressed one to another!

So when a stranger stops to help you get your groceries in the car, you would think: *he was like the church for me.*

And the neighbor who volunteered to drive the person to the doctor for treatment every week: *She was like the church for me.*



And the group of kids who stepped up to help someone rake the leaves in the fall for someone who couldn't get it done: *They were like the church for me.*

Imagine if people pictured "the church" whenever wonderful things happened? This is what the church IS like. This is the church for me...kind and gracious, listening instead of only speaking, caring without judgement.

Image if people saw the church whenever they saw us in our everyday lives. Things would be different. See you in worship, Pastor Mary

August Ministerial Acts:

Baptism: 8/13 Brantley Maverick Winstead, son of Cody & Laura Winstead

New Members: Keith & Stephanie Miller

Jordan Meyers

Clifford Treptow

Cody, Laura, Brody, Bryce & Brantley Winstead

Michael & Tammy Winstead

Funerals: 7/28 Ronald Korn; 8/15 Shirley Bartholomew; 8/17 Larry Majeski;

8/19 Shirley Winstead; 8/25 Linda Niebuhr



Two Memorial Accounts Accepting Donations

In July the Good Shepherd Church Council opened a new memorial fund to collect money for new water heaters for the basement kitchen. The water heaters that provide hot water for the kitchen have been malfunctioning a great deal and it is agreed that will need to be replaced in the near future.

In addition, we continue to have a Sanctuary Technology Account to raise money for television monitors for use in worship. Generous donations started this account but the screens won't be installed until all needed money is raised.

If you are making donations in memory of loved ones, remember our two memorial accounts.

Service Group 1

Will be serving in the month of **October**. Service Group will sign up for jobs on Wednesday and Sunday, Sept 6 & 10, 2017. Members are encouraged to sign up for several things. Please note that though children are not mentioned by name, they are an important part of the service groups. All members of the Service Group are encouraged to be in prayer for their church and its pastor.

Linda & Gary Hagen	Steven & Kim Huper	Shirley Salzmann
Bess Barnick	Stuart Johnson	Brian & Bobbie Schultze
Jason & Jordan Buendorf	James & Lynda Korman	Kenneth Stenzel
Sandra Coats	Daryl & Nancy Kruger	Allen & Joan Stern
Jay & Norma Corbin	Gordon & Jean Kruger	Dale & Sandy Tatge
Jerry & Vicki Dobbe	Scott & Jolette Linde	Bryan & Pearl Vedders
Norell Durfey	Dawn Lutteke	Loren & Kristin Vogelsang
Mandy Garvick	Nancy Mershon	Blair Wegner
Ruth Heggen	Robert & Cindy Prange	Ronald & Jody Wegner
Paul & Bea Hensche	Marilyn Rauenhorst	Geraldine Wilder
John & Darla Horntasch	Bonnie Roessler	

Live Streaming Worship

Please remember that you can now watch worship at Good Shepherd live as it happens at 9am each Sunday. Visit our website (goodshepherdwells.org) and scroll down the page. In a lavender shaded box on the right side of the page click below the SUNDAY WORSHIP LIVE (on "click here to view...") and then click on the arrow button on the photo of the sanctuary that will appear.

Some people have been unable to view the worship service live streaming. We have checked with many experts about this and are told that the issue is not at Good Shepherd but is a "web browser issue" with your personal computer in most every case. If you continue to have issues, contacting a computer technician might be a good option. Please remember that you can still watch the worship service later on either Bevcomm local television or on the good shepherd website. The worship services are all archived and can be viewed at any time.

SonGQuest Singing at Good Shepherd

Sunday, September 24 9am worship

The Good Shepherd Worship and Music Committee is pleased to be welcoming SonGQuest to worship on September 24. SonGQuest is a barbershop quartet based in the Fairmont, MN area. The group consists of Randy Rogers (Marshall), Brad Gerhardt (Fairmont), Jeff Hagen (Ceylon) and Curt Korn (Kiestler). They are all members of the Barbershop Harmony Society, a global fraternity of men singers that base their musical roots in the age old art form of barbershop quartet singing. They will sing several gospel songs as a part of our worship service on September 24. A free will offering will be collected that day for the group.

Wednesday Nights at Good Shepherd

Wednesday Night Supper

Served 5:00–6:00 p.m.

KIDS EAT FREE every week! *Kids who are in 12th grade and under eat free!*

Adults: Suggested donation of \$4. This continues to be an important ministry in our congregation.

Menus for September:

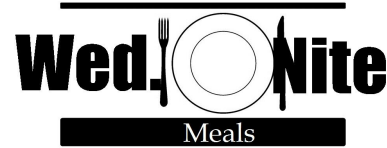
6 - Tortellini Cold Pasta Salad

13 - Sloppy Joes

20 - Taco Night

27 - Pot Roast

(Available each week for children: mac & cheese, hot dogs/chips, or PBJ sandwich)



Wednesday Night Worship

6:15–6:55 p.m.

Whether you are busy on the weekend or prefer a more casual worship setting, please remember that this alternative worship service takes place each week. Music is led by piano and vocal and the sermon each Wednesday is the same as the following Sunday.

Wednesday School Kick Off!

September 20 ~ 5:00-8:00 p.m.

On Wednesday, September 20 we will host a kick-off for our Wednesday education program. We will host a great dinner from 5-6pm, followed by worship at 6:15pm. At 7:00pm we will open a BOUNCE HOUSE which will be in the new parking lot near the elevator entrance. We will also serve root beer floats for all ages. If weather cooperates, they will be served outdoor – if it is chilly they will be served in the kitchenette. You are also encouraged to stop by the Registration Table (it will be outside and near Classroom 1) to register your children for Wednesday School (grades kindergarten through 6) and PB&J Class (for ages 2, 3, and 4 year olds). Registration forms will be available on September 20 or you may use the one on page 13 of the September Voice.

PB & J “Parents, Babies and Jesus” Class

A Wednesday School class for preschoolers and their families

Wednesdays 7:00-7:45 p.m. beginning September 27

Good Shepherd is pleased to continue our Wednesday School class for preschool students who are ages 2, 3 & 4. The class is held in the church nursery, on the north end of the education hall. A parent, grandparent or older sibling attends each class with the child, which includes “circle time,” a Bible story, music, simple crafts and a snack. Registration for the class is on September 20.

7th & 8th Grade Confirmation Orientation

September 20 ~ 7:15-7:30pm Basement Social Hall

An orientation for all confirmation students, along with a parent, is scheduled to take place on Wednesday, September 20 from 7:15-7:45pm. It will be held in the basement Church Social Hall near the stage. A schedule for the entire year will be handed out and the entire program will be explained. Before or after the orientation, you are invited to stop and enjoy a free root beer float which will be served from 7:00-8:00 outside near the elevator entrance. Remember that dinner is also served from 5-6pm and youth always eat free!

Confirmation Classes for 7th & 8th Graders

Begins September 27 at 7:00pm

The first regular class of the confirmation year is Wednesday, September 27. It begins with worship at 6:15pm in the sanctuary followed by class from 7:00-7:45pm in the basement Social Hall near the stage. Please remember that Wednesday Night Supper is served from 5:00-6:00pm and that all youth eat free.

9th Graders Preparing for Confirmation Sunday

Good Shepherd 9th graders will be confirmed on Sunday, October 15 during the 9:00am worship service. In preparation, a class will be held on Sunday, September 17 from 12:30-1:30pm in the Good Shepherd kitchenette (across from the nursery) for all 9th graders who plan to be confirmed. 9th graders need their Faith Papers complete by Sunday, September 10 and can then sign up for “Faith Paper Discussion” with Pastor Mary. The sign up sheet for the Faith Paper Discussion is on Pastor Mary’s office door. *Congregation: please join in prayer for our 9th graders as they prepare to affirm their faith.*

Sunday School Classes to begin on Sunday, September 24

Sunday School classes will begin on Sunday, September 24. The students will begin in worship with their families. After the Children’s Sermon, the teacher for that week will walk the students out of the sanctuary and to Classroom 1 near the church offices. The teacher will bring them back to the sanctuary before worship ends. This class is for children ages 4 through grade 6. We need teachers! Please call the church office (553-3513) or speak with Pastor Mary if you are willing to teach occasionally. The Sunday School curriculum is the same material being used for Wednesday School. Volunteer teachers are sent the material in advance so you can prepare.

Bibles will be given to 3rd Graders

Wednesday, October 4 6:15pm

or Sunday, October 8 9:00am

Bibles will be given to our 3rd graders during both a Wednesday evening worship (October 4) and a Sunday morning worship (October 8). During baptism, parents promised to place a Bible in the hands of their young child. Good Shepherd is helping you keep that promise by selecting a Bible that can be used in Wednesday/Sunday School classes and for reading at home. If there are children above grade 3 who have not yet received a Bible, please notify the Church Office (553-3513). Prior to receiving the Bibles given there is an "Opening the Bible for the First Time" class that will be led by Pastor Mary (see below).

Opening the Bible for the First Time

Introducing the Bible to 3rd Graders

Monday, October 2 6:30-7:30pm

Pastor Mary will lead an introduction to the Bible class for 3rd graders and a parent on Monday, October 2 from 6:30-7:30 p.m. in the Church Social Hall near the stage. This class will be an overview of the Bible and prepares the students to receive their first Holy Bible.

Holy Hot Dish Sale

The youth who are attending the 2018 ELCA Youth Gathering are hosting another "Holy Hot Dish Sale."

There are two times that they will be selling their hot dishes:

- Wednesday, September 27 from 7:00-7:30pm (on a table near the church offices)
- Sunday, October 1 from 10:00-10:15am at a table near the front door followed by the basement during fellowship coffee

The hot dishes will be available in both smaller square 7x7 pans and also in cake sized pans. They will all be labeled with the ingredients and baking instructions. All proceeds will go to the youth gathering accounts of each of the hot dish chefs.

September Food Collection

During the month of September we will collect food donations of nuts for cooking or eating. A grocery cart is parked in the sanctuary, collecting your donations, which will go to the Wells Area Food Shelf. Thank you for your generous donations in August of Asian foods.

September Birthdays

1-Hayden Tolzmann	Rhonda Loegering	Ruth Schaper
2-Linda M. Possin	10-Nick Buendorf	Breanna Wegner
4-Brandon Rucker	11-Brian Schrader	21-Melissa Niebuhr
5-Pam Warmka	12-Henry Mutschler	22-Nancy Christensen
6-Ryder Archer	13-Bess Barnick	Diane Lutteke
Cody Melcher	Waneda Martin	Dan Treptow
Karen Niebuhr	Dave Skellenger	24-Ben Groskreutz
Marian Sonnek	15-Adison Weyhrauch	25-Amy Anderson
7-Riley Staloch	Kyson Buendorf	27-Charlene Harris
Layla Schumann	16-Kaitlyn Ovrebo	28-Jon Huper
8-Mike Beyer	Kristen Ovrebo	Hannah Warmka
Robert Eckwright IV	17-Al Mattick	29-Greg Alger
9-Ruben Groskreutz	Tucker Trytten	Russ Bathke
Carol Lackey	19-Justin Ramaker	Melany Ehlert
10-Don Beckmann	20-Corbin Cummings	30-Nick Niebuhr



Christmas in Christ Chapel

Gustavus Adolphus College, St. Peter

Life Abundant ~ A Celebration of Christmas during the 500th Year of the Reformation

December 1, 2, 3 (3:30pm and 7:30pm)

Cost: \$30 per ticket

If we gather 5 or more people, there is a 20% discount for the worship service and smorgasbord buffet. The discounted offer is available through October 15 but regular priced tickets can be purchased as long as they last. Call the church office if you would like to go as a group from Good Shepherd.



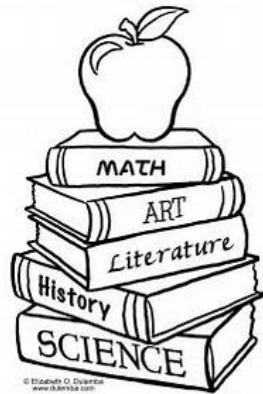
Come to Senior Saints on Wednesday, September 20 at 11:00 a.m. at the Broadway Apartments to hear Gary and Linda Hagen share information about their trip to Norway and Sweden. After they share their pictures and stories, everyone 55 and older who attends is invited to share in the meal that is provided by the September service group.

Medallion Hunt Success

For the second year in a row, Good Shepherd sponsored a Medallion Hunt as a part of the Kernel Days. The clues were posted on the doors of the church each day at noon, directing people to find the hidden medallion. A Good Shepherd member, Lori Placek, found the medallion. It was hidden in a plastic cover of an electric socket in the shrubs in Lion's Park, downtown Wells. The reward for finding the medallion was \$50 in Wells Chamber Bucks. Congratulations, Lori!



School Days



WEDNESDAY/SUNDAY SCHOOL & PB&J REGISTRATION FORM

2017-2018 Family Information Form for Wednesday/Sunday

Last Name(s): _____

Please list all children ages 1 – grade 12 (by Sept. 2017)

First Name _____
 Middle Name _____
 Birth Date _____
 Baptism Date _____
 Grade in 17-18 _____

First Name _____
 Middle Name _____
 Birth Date _____
 Baptism Date _____
 Grade in 17-18 _____

First Name _____
 Middle Name _____
 Birth Date _____
 Baptism Date _____
 Grade in 17-18 _____

First Name _____
 Middle Name _____
 Birth Date _____
 Baptism Date _____
 Grade in 17-18 _____

PARENT INFORMATION

Father's Name _____
 Address _____
 Phone _____ Cell _____ Work _____
 E-mail _____

Mother's Name _____
 Address _____
 Phone _____ Cell _____ Work _____
 E-mail _____

Food Allergies _____ Other Allergies _____

* This year we are offering a class for children ages 2-4. See the Voice for more information on PB&J Class.

Permission to post pictures and videos of your child on Good Shepherd's web site and bulletin boards. _____ Date _____*

Parent (Guardian Signature)

Funeral Committee

As a member of the funeral committee who basically works in the background, I rarely have a chance to sit and visit with other members. From time to time questions arise that Diane can't answer. Recently she was asked about how I call church members, requesting donations of cakes for funerals. Some people have commented that they haven't been called. You can be sure that if you are under 85 and in good health you will receive a call sometime during the year. This of course depends on the number of funerals we serve in any given year. I do not ask shut-ins or those in assisted living, etc. to furnish.

Of course, some phone calls are left on answering machines and are never returned. Additionally, we don't have everyone's cell phone numbers. If you haven't let the church know your cell phone numbers, now is a good time to do so.

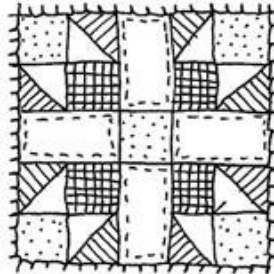
If at anytime you feel you are being over looked, please feel free to call me. Your participation is very much appreciated.

Thank you again for your concern and questions.

Shirley Lesto
Home-507-553-5350
Cell-507-884-747468

Crafty Quilters

It's that time of year again and Crafty Quilters needs your help. Our numbers are getting fewer so we could really use some new people. (Yes men and ladies) to come starting on Mon., Sept. 11th to make quilts. We start at 9:00 a.m. and stay for as long as you want. Everyone brings a sack lunch. Bring your scissors. You can cut, sew, tie, there's a job for everyone. The quilts are sent to various places and are needed by many. It's very rewarding making the quilts and it won't cost you any money. Hope to see you starting on Mon., Sept. 11th at 9:00 a.m.



Joy Circle

Sept 7, 2017 at 12:00 p.m. in the Parlor

Bible Study Leader: Group

Hostess: Bring a sack lunch

Pastor: Mary Iverson

C-507-420-6126

email-maryiverson@hotmail.com

Administrative Secretary: Andrea Groskreutz

Treasurer: Ardene Breitreutz

Organists: Jean Carlson

Custodian: Kent Stern

Office Hours: M-T 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

F-8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Closed Saturday

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(Please submit articles and pictures of events happening in the Church to the church office to be posted on the web site.)

Broadcast Cable Bevcomm TV Channel 7

at 10:15 a.m. Tuesday & 7:30 p.m. Wednesday

The Apostles' Creed

Session 1: We believe in God....

Love Circle

Sept 26, 2017 at 9:30 a.m.

Ushers for September 2017

9:00 a.m. Gordon & Jean Kruger,
Ron & Jody Wegner

Bulletin & Voice Dates to Know:

Bulletin Articles are due Thursday *before 8:30 a.m.*

Voice Articles for October 2017 are Due Sept 15, 2017.

Thank you for your cooperation.

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