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LUTHERAN CHURCH OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD MISSION STATEMENT

*A Community of Christ
Experiencing God † Reaching Out † Nurturing Faith*

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Change of Address Reminder...

† If you have moved or are planning to move, please call the church office or send us your change of address. It takes only a minute and saves us both time and money. Thank you!

Weather Related Cancellations

Worship service cancellations will be announced on KDAL 610 AM (approximately 7:55 AM and 8:25 AM Sunday mornings).

Learning and Sharing Day — April 24

Learning and Sharing Day will be held on April 24, 2010, at Cragun's Conference Center in Brainerd. This is part of the Synod Assembly that is open to all who wish to experience a day of learning and networking with others throughout our synod. Cost is \$25/person. Registration forms are available in the church office or go to www.nemnsynod.org (Events — 2010 Synod Assembly).

Weekly Bulletin Deadline:

Every Wednesday at noon

Newsletter Deadlines:

April/May Newsletter Deadline:

Monday, March 15th

As a reminder, bulletin announcements and newsletter articles can be submitted electronically to tnewman@lcsduluth.org. Articles in any other format (e.g. paper or computer disk) should be brought to the office and left on Tammy Newman's desk. Thank you in advance for your cooperation!

STAFF TRANSITIONS

Staff Transitions at Good Shepherd

Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd is blessed with highly competent and professional staff members who serve our ministry with spirit and commitment. So it is painful to announce that for the sake of our mission we find it necessary to reduce our personnel budget for 2010. Despite a challenging economic climate we were able to balance our budget for 2009, but expect less income for 2010, based upon anticipated pledged giving and the fact that we no longer have access to funds from the Mildred Carlson Estate.

The Resource Development Team formed a task force (Nan Asperheim, Mike Klopp, Bob Poulter, Susan Sage, Tom Seidelmann and me) to explore possible staffing models. This team analyzed each line of our budget in terms of its impact on our mission, our stewardship and justice for our staff. The 2010 budget that was subsequently recommended by the Resource Development Team, accepted by the Vision Council and approved by the congregation at the Annual Meeting calls for reductions in time for our pastoral, office support, custodial and nursery staff, in addition to a 2.5% salary cut for all staff. These are the changes that we will be implementing:

- **Pastoral Staff**

Pastor Tim Berdahl will transition from his current full time call to a ¾ time call. He will use the time to pursue a degree in counseling. His passion and training in healthy congregational systems will be enhanced through this study opportunity. We celebrate his wonderful gifts of pastoral ministry that will continue to be expressed at Good Shepherd.

- **Office Support Staff**

The ministry of office support will be reduced from the current level of 9 days per week to 8 days per week. Kathy Skoog and Tammy Newman will each cut back a half day. Scheduling details are being arranged. We are asking which job description responsibilities for Kathy and Tammy are most important, which may be done by volunteers, and which may not be done.

- **Custodial Staff**

Byron Johnson and Nick Guttormsson do a great job of not only maintaining our building and property, but welcoming and facilitating all of the ministry activities that happen here. As custodial time is reduced, we hope to be able to call on volunteers to help out.

- **Nursery**

Alyssa Friese, our Nursery Ministry Coordinator, has had an important ministry to our youngest members. Since we will no longer be able to support the position, we are looking on continuing the nursery ministry through volunteers.

These are major staffing changes that will affect every area of our ministry. Our Human Resources Team will be working with our staff to modify job descriptions and expectations. We ask for your support and understanding in this process as we face a major transition in the ministry that we share.

Sincerely in Christ,

Pastor Dave Mesner

FROM PASTOR TIM

It was about a year ago. I was in my last year of the three-year Extraordinary Leadership Seminars in Washington, DC.

The focus of this education was on Family Systems Thinking as it applies to Congregational Leadership. In applying for a sabbatical grant four years ago, I had identified this seminar, taught by Dr. Roberta Gilbert of the Georgetown Family Center, as the best I could find in the nation. Thanks to funding from the Lilly Clergy Renewal Grant and our LCGS Endowment Fund, I was able to receive this tremendous education. I am deeply thankful.

It was about year ago that Pastor Dave asked me what my continuing education direction would be next, after I completed the seminar. I had been thinking of this, and told him I was interested in getting a graduate degree in counseling. Organizations do best when their leaders are functioning at their best (same as in families – families do best when the parents are functioning at their best). Getting an advanced degree in counseling would help me work with our church leaders as well as with all of our individual family systems.

I had been thinking of chipping away at this degree work by taking classes scattered over a number of years. This year, as I became aware of our budget shortfall, I began to wonder about another possibility: what if I were to cut back to 3/4 time, and move through my schooling faster. After more discernment, with prayer, with talking with Laura and assessing what it would mean for our family budget, I presented the idea to be considered by our church leadership.

The route I'm hoping to take is through getting a Masters of Social Work at UMD. (I'll find out in late February if I'm accepted.) What this program offers will be of great help – in many ways – for me as your Pastor. Classes are concentrated on Thursdays and Fridays, so, in addition to my normally taking Fridays off, I will also be out of the office on Thursdays. Graduate classes will start in the fall.

I have been asked, "Is this a career change?" No – I just want to become a better pastoral leader, and believe this education will help me in reaching this goal. It does feel like a big step out for me. I sense a strong call to do this, but I also hear a voice in my head saying, "What are you thinking! Why put yourself through all that work!" At the heart of it, though, is my trying to tend the gifts and passions that I sense God has given me for ministry. The journey continues.

WORSHIP TASK FORCE

Is it the message or the music?

What brings you to worship? What brings you back again? What elements of a worship service touch your neighbor or family? If you planned a service, what elements would be changed or enhanced? Why?

Plans are underway to form a task force to explore the issue of worship. The Experiencing God Leadership Team is searching for 5-8 individuals to serve in this group. We would like a mix of seasoned and newer members of our congregation from a variety of backgrounds. We need one or two individuals willing to take on the leadership role as well.

The task force will be gathering information related to worship and the variety of experiences undertaken currently at Good Shepherd. Issues and areas of study will include the following: What elements of worship are considered to be “most important?” Do attendees come for the music or the message (or something else)? What role do milestones, special events, celebrations hold within worship? What are community, national and regional trends concerning worship?

We anticipate that input from the congregation in terms of surveys and feedback will be part of the data collected. The task force will work with and report findings to the Experiencing God Leadership Team.

Does this sound like something that may be of interest to you? Do the questions and issues above speak to your own questions or concerns? Interested members please contact the church office at 525-1922.



Lent & Easter Worship Calendar

Ash Wednesday: February 17th

5:45 PM Lenten Supper
6:30 PM Worship & Communion

Midweek Lenten Worship: Feb 24th — March 24th

Theme: "Marks of the Christian"

5:45 PM Lenten Supper
6:30 PM Worship & Communion
Holden Evening Prayer

Palm Sunday: March 28th

8:45 AM Worship & Communion
11:00 AM Worship & Communion

Maundy Thursday: April 1st

7:00 PM Worship & Communion

Good Friday: April 2nd

7:00 PM Worship

Easter Sunday: April 4th

6:42 AM Sunrise Worship & Communion
8:45 AM Worship & Communion
11:00 AM Worship & Communion



Lenten Services at Good Shepherd

Lenten Services Celebrate “Marks of the Christian”

We will continue to explore the ELCA sponsored Book of Faith initiative as we prepare for the festival of Easter.

- **Devotion and Prayer — *Lenten Journey: Marks of the Christian***

We will highlight the forty days of Lent with this recommended guide for devotion and prayer written by David L. Miller. *Lenten Journey: Marks of the Christian* is described as a prayerful reflection on Romans, leading us to an encounter with God. Copies are available on Sunday mornings in the Gathering Area (look for the familiar Book of Faith logo) or in the church office. Cost is \$8.00.



- **Midweek Lenten Worship**

Wednesday Lenten services celebrate *Marks of the Christian* and will feature speakers who will share stories of their journey with God in these days of preparation. Our liturgy will be Holden Evening Prayer with Holy Communion.

Lenten Suppers

As Lent begins this year with Ash Wednesday on February 17th, so do our Lenten suppers. The suppers happen by planning and preparation by groups of individuals within our congregation. The gathering and fellowship is a wonderful part of our own preparation for Easter as a community. Join us for the Lenten suppers, and sign up to be a part of an evening as a member of a specific Wednesday group! Each Wednesday, we need help with food preparation, meal set up and room clean up. Sign up sheets are posted in the Gathering Area. You will be contacted by a member of that evening's coordinating group with details. It's a great way to be a part of this fellowship and a great meal for you (and your family) on our winter Wednesdays! Questions, call or leave a message in the church office (525-1922) for Lori Anderson or Linda Susens.

NEWS & EVENTS

Lay Leader Extravaganza!

This event is open to anyone who is now a leader or who may someday in the future assume a leadership position in our church. I use the term, leader, in the broadest sense. A leader to me is anyone who contributes in any way to the working of the congregation. So that includes readers, liturgists, ushers, counters, audio/video projections, and of course all members of all the different leadership teams.

This extravaganza will be held at our church, LCGS, on March 27th, 9:15 AM-4:00 PM and will be a wonderful opportunity for our members to find new and exciting ways to hone their leadership skills. It's also a time of renewing old friendships and making new ones from different congregations within our synod.

The theme this year is "Marks of the Christian." There is a registration and \$15 fee required. Lunch will be provided and we will have an opportunity to worship and commune together. I see this day as a laid back, no pressure, fun filled day of learning and sharing. Your Brother in Christ, Sulo Kangas

Registration forms for the Lay Leader Extravaganza! are available in the church office or at www.nemnsynod.org. Please return your completed form plus \$15 to the church office by March 12th.

Annual Meeting Election Results

If you were unable to attend the Annual Meeting of the Congregation and of the Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd Endowment Fund on Sunday, January 24th, you are invited to pick up an annual report to read the reports of some of Good Shepherd's awesome ministries. Annual reports are available in the church office as well as on the information table in the Gathering Area.

Elections took place at the Annual Meeting. Below are the areas of ministry for which elections took place and 2010 members.

Vision Council

Lori Anderson**	Chris McIntosh*
Doug Carlson	Bob Poulter
Carol Hall	Greg Russell
Marge Kangas	Marcia Semerau
Rosie Loeffler-Kemp*	

Nominating Committee

Kathy Gustafson*	Arlene Olson**
Bruce Johnson*	Dona Schafer
Debbie Klopp	Marcia Semerau

Memorial Gifts Committee

Nan Asperheim**	Catheline Kreft
Becky Buchanan	Julie Seidelmann*

Endowment Fund Board of Directors

Joe Johnson III
Mike Klopp*
Roger Munson**
Tom Seidelmann
Jim Whitlinger
(2010 Council Vice-President)
(2010 Council Representative)

*Newly elected for 2010

**Incumbent re-elected for 2010

“Healthy Aging Matters”

**Free Health and Wellness Fair
March 6, from 9:00 AM to Noon
at Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd**

You are invited to attend a free health and wellness fair for those ages 50+. An important factor in having a significant second half of life is how healthy we are. This event will focus on prevention and identification of a chronic illness as early as possible. The goal is to be able to continue an active lifestyle for years to come.

The event begins at 9 a.m. and wraps up at noon. The free screenings that will be offered are:

- Glucose and Cholesterol (fasting preferred)
- Blood Pressure
- Medication Review (Bring your medications)
- Body Mass Index
- Bone Density or Osteoporosis check for females
- Falls Prevention Assessment
- Assistive Device fittings
- Foot Checks

The exhibitors at Healthy Aging Matters are going to be showing how you can stay active and in your home longer. Many of the exhibits will be interactive. Come ready to learn by participating and trying new things.

Free healthy snacks will be offered while participants browse through the exhibits and participate in the screenings.

Please park in the upper parking lot as the lower lot is reserved for exhibitors and screeners.

DAILY LECTIONARY

Feb 7: Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany

Sunday	Luke 5:1-11	Ps 7
Monday	Luke 5:12-16	Ps 8
Tuesday	Luke 5:17-26	Ps 9
Wednesday	Luke 5:27-32	Ps 10
Thursday	Luke 5:33-49	Ps 11
Friday	Luke 6:1-5	Ps 12
Saturday	Luke 6:6-16	Ps 13

March 7: Third Sunday in Lent

Sunday	Luke 13:1-5	Ps 7
Monday	Luke 13:6-9	Ps 8
Tuesday	Luke 22:66-71	Ps 9
Wednesday	Luke 23:1-5	Ps 10
Thursday	Luke 23:6-12	Ps 11
Friday	Luke 23:13-25	Ps 12
Saturday	Luke 23:26-31	Ps 13

Feb 14: The Transfiguration of Our Lord

Sunday	Luke 9:28-36	Ps 14
Monday	Luke 9:37-43	Ps 15
Tuesday	Luke 9:18-27	Ps 16

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Feb 17: Ash Wednesday

Wednesday	Psalms 51	Ps 17
Thursday	Matthew 6:1-21	Ps 18
Friday	Joel 2:1-17	Ps 19
Saturday	Isaiah 58:1-12	Ps 20

Feb 21: First Sunday in Lent

Sunday	Luke 4:1-4	Ps 21
Monday	Luke 4:5-8	Ps 22
Tuesday	Luke 4:9-13	Ps 23
Wednesday	Luke 22:1-6	Ps 24
Thursday	Luke 22:7-13	Ps 25
Friday	Luke 22:14-23	Ps 26
Saturday	Luke 22:24-30	Ps 27

Feb 28: Second Sunday in Lent

Sunday	Luke 13:31-35	Ps 28
Monday	Luke 22:31-34	Ps 1
Tuesday	Luke 22:35-38	Ps 2
Wednesday	Luke 22:39-46	Ps 3
Thursday	Luke 22:47-53	Ps 4
Friday	Luke 22:54-62	Ps 5
Saturday	Luke 22:63-65	Ps 6

March 14: Fourth Sunday in Lent

Sunday	Luke 15:1-7	Ps 14
Monday	Luke 15:8-10	Ps 15
Tuesday	Luke 15:11-24	Ps 16
Wednesday	Luke 15:25-32	Ps 17
Thursday	Luke 23:32-43	Ps 18
Friday	Luke 23:44-49	Ps 19
Saturday	Luke 23:50-56	Ps 20

March 21: Fifth Sunday in Lent

Sunday	John 12:1-8	Ps 21
Monday	John 18:1-11	Ps 22
Tuesday	John 18:12-14	Ps 23
Wednesday	John 18:15-18	Ps 24
Thursday	John 18:19-24	Ps 25
Friday	John 18:25-27	Ps 26
Saturday	John 18:28-32	Ps 27

March 28: Sunday of the Passion

Sunday	John 18:33-37	Ps 28
Monday	John 18:38-19:7	Ps 29
Tuesday	John 19:8-16	Ps 30
Wednesday	John 19:17-25	Ps 31
Thursday	John 19:26-30	Ps 1
Friday	John 19:31-37	Ps 2
Saturday	John 19:38-42	Ps 3

Use this daily lectionary with the enclosed "Psalms for Daily Prayer."

PARISH NURSE HEALTH MINISTRY

Looking at “Health”

Health is so much more than the absence of illness. Following my recent time of injury and adjustments to my health, I realize that all “health” is influenced by the state of the mind. Parish Nursing has always had its focus on “wholeness” — truly looking at the balance of mind, body and spirit. A recent “Seeds of the Parish” article (from the ECLA) used the words “Nursing with Faith” to describe this practice. I welcomed the author’s words about the interdependency of body, mind and spirit based within a community of faith.

“Getting healthy” in some way is probably the most common New Year’s resolution. Whether it’s losing weight, quitting smoking, getting exercise or eating “healthy,” we hear these words often. This year we have added health insurance reform to the discussion.

In 1997, the ELCA promoted a conversation about Living Well. They shared a concept called a Wholeness Wheel in many of these conversations. A website about Living Well contained this information plus many practical steps toward their look at whole person health. I invite you to look at www.elcabop.org/livewell for a detailed look at this perspective. The information continues to be timely today.

Several of us love sharing pie during fellowship here at Good Shepherd — the pieces of the Wholeness Wheel are just like a pie. Check out the Parish Nurse bulletin board for a look at this particular pie. In this case, the recommendation is that to find “wholeness” means we each need a share (balance) of each piece of this pie. Each section has its own definition — see the board or the website above. Pieces include “Intellectual, Social/Interpersonal, Emotional, Physical, Financial and Vocational” well-being.

The introduction to the Wholeness Wheel includes the following: “Martin Luther said ‘this life therefore, is not godliness but the process of becoming godly, not health but getting well, not being but becoming, not rest but exercise. We are not now what we shall be, but we are on the way.’ We can’t be ‘whole’ in this life, but we can become acquainted with the wholeness to come by striving to live well in key aspects of our lives. The Wholeness Wheel is a tool to use to understand whole-person health.”

Information is key to understanding. May your health in 2010 be full of that understanding!

Join the Health Ministry and Reaching Out Teams as they strive to add to our knowledge. Our 2nd Annual Health Screening Fair is scheduled for March 6th here at Good Shepherd. Parish Nursing is willing to help with information gathering; let us know of needs for resources and we will assist you in your search.

Striving for Health and Nursing in Faith,
Linda Susens, Volunteer Parish Nurse



WOMEN'S CORNER

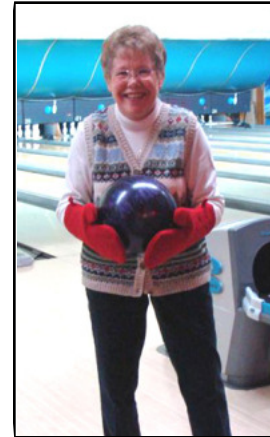


Save this date! The WELCA Lake Superior Conference Spring Gathering will be held at Salem Lutheran Church, Hermantown, on Wednesday, March 24th. Watch for details in upcoming bulletins.

Bowling for Ducks

For their January meeting, ten members of the Ruth Circle gathered at a bowling alley. This was an unusual meeting site for the group, but they hoped it would be a good place to raise money to purchase ducks. Ducks and other critters are offered "for purchase" in the ELCA Good Gifts Catalog as part of the God's Global Barnyard project to alleviate hunger and poverty. (The blue Good Gifts Catalogs are in various locations around the building.)

Specific challenges during each frame of a bowling game produced laughter and funds. Circle members bowled backwards, while blind-folded, with a rubber duck between their knees, and while wearing oven mitts! Bowlers "paid" dollars for most points, no points, gutter balls and strikes. The wacky bowling game raised \$140. Two ducks and two goats were purchased, with the group considering Bowling for Ducks as an annual event.



During the 2009-10 program year, Ruth members are committed to serving others around the world and locally. The group meets the second Tuesday of each month, except in March. On March 17 the group will prepare and host a Baked Potato Bar as one of the Lenten Suppers. New members are welcomed, contact the church office at 525-1922 for info regarding upcoming meetings.

Rebekah/Miriam Circle	
<i>When:</i>	Wednesdays: February 10th, March 10th 9:15 AM Coffee 9:45-10:15 Bible Study 10:15 AM Business Meeting Call Arlene Olson (525-5473) or Judy Franz (525-4205) for more information.
<i>Where:</i>	Upper Lakeside Room at Good Shepherd.
Deborah/Priscilla Friendship Circle	
<i>When:</i>	Wednesdays: February 10th, March 10th at 1:00 PM
<i>Where:</i>	February: Hosted by Delores Cahoon in the Upper Lakeside Room at Good Shepherd March: Location To Be Announced

REACHING OUT

CHUM 37th Annual Meeting

The annual meeting of CHUM (Churches United in Ministry) will be held on Thursday, February 11, at Pilgrim Congregational Church (2310 East 4th Street). Social time will begin at 6:30 PM, followed by a 7:00 PM meeting and worship. Speaker is Rev. Dr. Karen Smith Sellers, conference minister of the MN Conference of the United Church of Christ.

Looking for a Few Good Bikes

United Way of Greater Duluth will host its 4th Annual Bike Swap on April 17 & 18. They are looking for bikes in reasonable condition for resale. Proceeds support local community initiatives. For more information contact Libby Keskitalo at unitedwaybikeswap@gmail.com or call 726-4898.

CHUM Resources Needed

- The Food Shelf is looking for 1 dozen size egg cartons.
- The Nurse Clinic could use NEW tubes of denture adhesive and denture cleaner.
- Rhubarb Festival needs 1/2-pint canning jars and lids now, for making jams, jellies and syrup.

Bell Ringing

Christmas is the time when The Salvation Army has the greatest opportunity to do the most good. The Red Kettle Campaign is their largest fund raising event. Thank you to everyone who helped with bell ringing for The Salvation Army this holiday season. 23 different individuals and families covered 20 hours at Cub Foods on two Saturdays in December. People were richly blessed as a result of your generous contribution of time and for your giving spirit during this very busy time of year. Thank you! — Marcia Semerau, Parish Outreach and Missions

Cookie Outreach

Many thanks to Kathy Kreager for calling folks about making cookies for the Visitation Team to take to our congregation's homebound members. I benefit from that ministry by being able to take goodies to CHUM and to the St. Louis County Jail for their holiday celebrations as well. I was able to deliver over 30 dozen treats to those two organizations. Thank you, Kathy, and all the wonderful bakers in our church. — Marcia Semerau, Parish Outreach and Missions

Lutheran Marriage Encounter

The next Lutheran Marriage Encounter Weekends in Minnesota are February 12-14 & March 19-21 in Brooklyn Center; April 16-18 in Duluth or April 30 – May 2 in Alexandria. Please register a month in advance. For more information, contact Dick & Judy Dehnel at 952-432-3105, Pete & Phyllis McMahon at 763-561-1575 or visit www.godlovesmarriage.org.

THANKS & ACCOLADES

To all the Good Shepherd bakers, I want to thank you for the delicious cookies. I appreciate so much your including me in on the treat, too. I have good memories of when we used to do it (long ago). I am very grateful and appreciative! From an old Good Shepherd member,
— Ruth Bakke

I can't tell you the joy that fills my heart as I opened that box with those delicious cookies. To think you would remember me is beyond and above my comprehension. Thank you! Thank you! God bless you! I'm so fortunate to have such wonderful friends!! I do miss all of you, but guess this is where God wants me to be... God bless [and] Happy New Year. Love,
— Dorothy Thomas

Hello, I want to thank the pastors for visits, and the people who made the cookies for the shut-ins. It means a lot to be remembered. Thank you to Barb Tomlinson for delivering the cookies. I always enjoy your visits. Thanks to the congregation for your prayers. It's good to be a member of such a caring one. Best wishes,
— Elaine Hanger

We wish to express our deep appreciation and thanks to our friends at Good Shepherd for their cards, calls and visits during my (Rosella's) recent hospitalization and recovery.
— Rosella and Art Dahl

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to the people who made and delivered cookies to me this Christmastime. I really appreciate it. God bless you all! Thank you,
— Pearl Boris



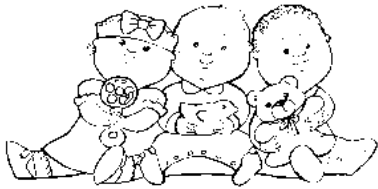
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Baptisms this Month

Hudson Dale Keffeler, son of Derrick & Rachel Keffeler, was baptized on December 13, 2009.

Darby Laynne Friday, daughter of Joshua & Bridget Friday, was baptized on December 27, 2009.

THANKS & ACCOLADES



Births in the Church Family

Kayla Lily Wright was born on November 11, 2009. Parents are Lome & Kati Wright. Grandparents are Phil & Marcia Semerau. Great grandparents are Glenn & Arlene Olson.

Luke Christopher Flaschberger was born on December 22, 2009. Parents are Jim & Jennifer Flaschberger. Grandparents are Jay & Cathy Kreft.



With joy and sorrow, Dan & Martha Klopp announce the birth of quadruplets Sofia Taylor, Madeline Sue, Josephine Louise and James Daniel on December 9, 2009. James passed away on December 19, 2009. Grandparents are Mike & Debbie Klopp. Great grandparents are Al & Doris Klopp.

Thank you to Amy Loken, Jay Kreft, and Arlene Olson who serve as Thrivent Financial congregational coordinators at Good Shepherd.

Dear Friends, Thank you so much for your October 19, 2009, gift of \$120; and your November 16, 2009, gift of \$603. Your gift will be used for Distributive Services, as you suggested. Your gift is especially appreciated as the weather becomes colder and the number of folks we serve at the Food Shelf, the Emergency Shelter and the CHUM Center increases. We are already providing 45% more emergency shelter beds per month than last year. And we continue to advocate for the poorest among us through neighborhood organizing and teaching self advocacy...

— James Soderberg, CHUM Executive Director

"Thank you so much for your help in ensuring that our youth have a wonderful holiday!" This was just one of the notes written on a "thank you" card sent to Good Shepherd from the staff and youth served at Life House. Many, many youth signed the card. Your gifts to Life House were deeply appreciated! Life House's mission is "To provide a safe harbor for enhancing the lives of youth at risk. Special thanks to the Kerola and Kreft families for facilitating the Giving Tree project this year.

PRAYERS



Please keep these people in your prayers as they mourn the loss of their loved ones:

Nancy Carlson and family. Nancy's father, Eino Johnson, died December 6, 2009.

The family of *James Daniel Klopp*, who died on December 19, 2009.

Audrey Amundson and family. Audrey's husband, Shim, died December 16, 2009.

The family of *Lucylle Schroeder*, who died on December 24, 2009.

We continue to pray for members of our church family as a staff and on Sunday mornings. It is our hope that you, too, will remember these people in your prayers. We encourage you to use your directory to familiarize yourself with the people we will remember in prayer this month. Let us pray for one another.

If you would like us to pray for a specific concern, please call the office at 525-1922 and your request will be shared with others who care about your need and believe God will hear and answer. If you have a prayer request emergency and you are unable to contact the church office, you are invited to call Karin Lemenager at 721-4332.

We love him, because he first loved us. — 1 John 4:19

Trust in the Lord, with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding. In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths. — Proverbs 3:5-6

2/7	Amy & Kevin Haney Beth & Bob Lee Shelly & Bruce Overson, Aubrey, Christa and Ellen Matthew McVean	3/7	Amy & Chris Perrelli, Joseph and Anna Steve Schafer Julie & Eric Nicholson and Evan Roberta & James Rippberger, Alec and Megan
2/14	Ann Hanger Amber & Matthew Lehna Dianne Johnson Maria McVean	3/14	Debi Persson and Brooke Lehna Brad Nickles, Emma Rose and Ian Mary & Mark Robillard, Sean and Scott
2/21	Elaine Hanger Sue & Randy Lehna and Linsy Mickelson Duane Johnson Rhiana & Pedro Medina and Olivia	3/21	Peggy & Brian Peterson, Stephanie, Matthew and Timothy Anita & Greg Schendel, Emily, Kimberly and Zachary Chris Nilsen Sue & John Roed
2/28	Nicole Hanger Kirstin & Kerry Leider, Michaela, Maria and Margaret Elsie Johnson Christopher Melhus	3/28	Jennifer & Cole Peterson, Carter, Collin and Kyle Karen & James Schendel and Tara Teresa Norberg-King & Michael King, Nicholas and Alexandra King Judy & Earl Rogers and Anthony

ATTENDANCE & FINANCIALS



Month Ending: November 2009

Actual Receipts:

Current Month..... \$51,603.24
 Year to Date..... \$425,317.46
 % of Yearly Budget85.2%

Actual Disbursements:

Current Month..... \$44,536.86
 Year to Date..... \$440,350.80
 % of Yearly Budget88.3%

Pledges for 48 weeks:

Budgeted \$350,769.60
 Actual Received..... \$326,750.42
 Over/(Short)..... (\$24,019.18)

Mortgage Balance:.....\$510,424.18

Month Ending: December 2009

Actual Receipts:

Current Month..... \$65,268.22
 Year to Date..... \$490,585.68
 % of Yearly Budget98.3%

Actual Disbursements:

Current Month..... \$50,232.87
 Year to Date..... \$490,583.67
 % of Yearly Budget98.3%

Pledges for 52 weeks:

Budgeted \$380,000.00
 Actual Received..... \$364,445.91
 Over/(Short)..... (\$15,554.09)

Mortgage Balance:.....\$509,404.64

ATTENDANCE

Attendance for December 2009

	<u>8:45</u>	<u>11:00</u>
Dec 6	182.....	96
Dec 13	190.....	75
Dec 20	273.....	164
Dec 24 (4:30 & 10:30 PM).....	367.....	155
Dec 25..... (snowstorm!) 14 (10:00 AM)		
Dec 27	95 (10:00 AM)	

Attendance for January 2010

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