



Save the Date! Vacation Bible School 2019

July 22-26

Garage Sale Returning in 2019

Good Shepherd will again be hosting a church-wide garage sale this spring and would love to have your previously-used treasures! Sale dates are May 31 and June 1st. We will begin collecting items starting May 15th. Proceeds from this sale will go toward the 2020 Intergenerational Mission Trip.



Glenn Kraft
Council President

“... love the Lord your God with all your heart, all your soul, all your strength, and all your mind. And, love your neighbor as yourself. ‘Right’, Jesus told him. ‘Do this and you will live!’” Luke 10:27

February is a month where we tend to focus on love a bit more than other times. Of course, at church we don't need on focus on love, because we do it so well... right? Well, we are humans. Yet we have issues at times in our homes and with each other. Our natural tendency to be right, insist on our own way or just be stubborn, often wins over love. In the past few years, it can be a challenge to love, or even like, a person simply because they watch a different news channel or hold opposite opinions about important issues.

I love the fact that at church, we at least aim to be different. We try to be God-like. And although we can

never be God, we are taught to love as God loved. “Whoever lives in love lives in God” (1 John 4:16). So, if we love God, we must take a deep breath and listen to each other. We don’t just respect each other, we actually love those who are different because we desire to love as God loved.



It is also reassuring that even though I may think I am correct on many issues, that God loves me despite my pride and despite that I may later realize how incorrect I was. It is reassuring, because I don’t have to be right. God loves me and you and we can love each other as different as we may be.

This is most certainly true.
Glenn

Leadership at Good Shepherd by: David Franz

We are blessed and thankful for the wonderful staff and lay leadership at Good Shepherd who have consistently brought our mission of Following Christ, Growing in Faith and Sharing God’s Love into the world. Our leaders serve in diverse ways. There are members leading ministries reaching those near and far through our many outreach efforts and partnerships and those leading ministries that deepen our faith through learning, supporting and growing together. Other gifted members lead the committees and teams that enable ministry by supporting the facility, monetary, and human talent needed to effectively carry out these ministries. These teams all require servant leaders who respond to a call to carry out God’s work using their time and unique gifts. The Leadership Development Committee (LDC) would like to share some thoughts on leadership needs and invites you to reach out to us about your leadership interests.

LDC was created several years ago to ensure effective leadership is identified and developed to meet our current and future needs. Those serving in leadership roles at Good Shepherd are needed more than ever. Our ongoing, intentional strategic efforts to grow and deepen our ministries have resulted in project teams and potential new exciting ministry areas. Beyond supporting and planning for leadership needs, LDC helps teams through leadership transitions. While some leaders have been elected to their role, most leaders have been nominated or asked to lead a team. As church life and ministry teams continue to change, the methods used for who, how, and when leaders are asked to serve may also need to evolve. For example, more episodic or time limited leadership roles for various time specific project efforts may be beneficial. Further, we continue to work on a nimbler transition process to support our current leaders who may want the opportunity to devote their time and gifts to another area of ministry or take a break or step down. LDC believes this should be supported and would like to know those who are interested in serving in new leadership roles and members who would like to transition from their current leadership role. As we continue to focus on both these needs, we can continue to grow and develop leaders within Good Shepherd, ensuring vital leadership is in place for our ministries in the future.

Please reach out to any of our LDC members, including Kendra Hines, John Webb, Jim Anderson, Pastor Rich and David Franz, for questions or ideas that you may

have.



Increase Involvement

On the first weekend of every month 2019, the involvement team will focus on particular service opportunities.

There will be a table in the Narthex where you will be able to sign-up to support the various ministries. February 2 / 3 we will begin with “Worship Support”.

Just look for the Wishing well . . . for those opportunities to Make a Difference!

The Prayerful Steward By Christina Kling-Garrett

Back in September, I wrote about being a “joyful steward.” This month, I’d like to talk about being a “prayerful steward.” Recently I visited another church and painted on the wall of their gathering space were the words:

“Lord, what do You want me to do with all the gifts You have given me including my time, my talents, and my material things? Lord, how would You like me to become more fully involved in the life of Your Church? Lord, how would You like me to payback all the gifts You have given me?”

As I stood there reading the prayer, I thought about Good Shepherd, and all the things we do on a weekly, yearly, and special event basis – bible study, music ministry, weekly services, small groups, Music Camp, wellness team events, VBS, construction to revamp our church, and literally so much more. Good Shepherd has been blessed over the years, but in this new year, how can our discipleship within the church grow? A few weeks ago, the second lesson was from 1 Corinthians 12, and talked about how everyone has unique spiritual gifts.

“4 There are different kinds of gifts, but the same Spirit distributes them. 5 There are different kinds of service, but the same Lord. 6 There are different kinds of working, but in all of them and in everyone it is the same God at work. 7 Now to each one the manifestation of the Spirit is given for the common good. 8 To one there is given through the Spirit a message of wisdom, to another a message of knowledge by means of the same Spirit, 9 to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by that one Spirit, 10 to another miraculous powers, to another prophecy, to another distinguishing between spirits, to another speaking in different kinds of tongues,[a] and to still another the interpretation of tongues.[b] 11 All of these are the works of one and the same Spirit, and he distributes them to each one, just as he determines.”

My challenge for you this month is to re-read both passages above and reflect on your unique gifts, which together with others in the church, truly are “the manifestation of the Spirit given for the common good.”

Gratitude from the Scrappy Ladies!

Thank you to all those who made greeting card



donations to Project Boomerang! The scrappy ladies distributed a total of 8,453 cards in 2018. They meet most weeks to create beautiful handmade greeting cards from donations for each holiday and occasions such as thinking of you, thank you, etc. Five mailings/sixteen boxes of cards and donated items were mailed overseas last year: two mailings to Iraq, two to Afghanistan and one to Bahrain. Baskets of cards are placed at both the Fisher House and the USO lounge at Lambert Airport before each holiday for the deployed to use as they pass through. A total of 3828 cards were made available for the deployed to use in 2018.

With an overstock of “donated unused cards” the ladies distributed a total of 4415 to Lutheran Social Services for low income unit residents and 210 to Evelyn’s Hospice.

Three Thrivent Action Team (TAT) events supported Project Boomerang. A January TAT event was hosted at the Haugen’s with an appreciation lunch provided by Julie Scaglione from Thrivent. An April TAT was designated for participation in a “Be Like Jesus” event at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church (GSLC), with youth from the church and surrounding area participating in card making. In August a “Gods Work, Our Hands” event offered an opportunity for GSLC adults and youth to participate in card making.

Blessings abound as we continue to create connections with the community and overseas to those who use the cards. Thank you for your donations and the scrappy lady creativity that make this service available to the deployed!

Prayer Shawl Ministry by: Barb Rouse

Greetings from one of the colorful prayers shawls found on the display in the Narthex. I'd like to share a bit of history about this ministry. The first meeting was in November of 2008 and became official on December 9, 2009. That was ten years ago! Over that period of time, the Prayer Shawl Ministry group have knitted or crocheted 415 shawls for someone who needed a warm hug from God.



Do you know of a friend, family member, or neighbor who is coping with a difficult time in their lives or a celebration of marriage, graduation, new baby to love? I'd be so happy if you chose me to be that gift of comfort, strength, peace and blessing to that special person.

The blessings of the prayer shawls come back to the ministry group in many thank-you notes, some I'd like to share with you.

"Did you ever wonder where the shawl would end up? Consider Wisconsin, Florida, Iowa, Minnesota, etc." "The shawl comforts me after my husband passed away". "Your thoughtfulness and generosity of your hearts makes the time bearable - thank you." "We are thankful that you would think of us on our wedding day."

When you take a shawl it is a gift. Please sign your name and write the name of the recipient on the clipboard at the table in the Narthex. There are cards and Bible verses available for personal notes. If you care to make a donation for the purchase of yarn, simply write Prayer Shawl Ministry on the memo line of your check or on the envelope.

Are you interested in our ministry? This is an open invitation to both knitters and crocheters to join us on the 3rd Tuesday of the month from 10 am - Noon in the Fireside Room. As we embark on a new year, we ask for your prayer as we continue this ministry at Good Shepherd to share God's love with others.

A "Wink" from the Welcome Ministry Team by: Elliott Haugen



Happy Groundhog Day! In the movie by the same name, Bill Murray relives the same day as he awakes and does the same, tiresome things. At the end of each repeated day he is alone and sad. That is until he finally changes his approach to his daily routine and this breaks the spell and leads to happiness. It is a comedy, but its simple message matches what we hear at worship and read about in the Bible, regarding God's plans for our days. For example:

For I know the plans I have for you, says the LORD, plans for welfare and not for evil, to give you a future and a hope. Jeremiah 29:11

Every weekend at Good Shepherd is a new and exciting opportunity to hear similar messages and have a meaningful experience that can change our lives. Good Shepherd, through you, is good at directly and indirectly sharing these messages with others. The Welcome Team supports this outreach mission by working with pastors and staff to connect with frequent visitors and those who request information using the "Connect Card" or express an interest in membership. Pastors send a letter to first-time attendees and members of the Welcome Team contact them. They will also be invited to the next two-part orientation session scheduled for Sunday, March 3 and 10; those interested in joining will be received on Sunday, March 24.

Please continue to greet, welcome and involve others with the love and kindness shared by our Lord. Make sure first-time visitors get a "Welcome" packet and gift cup (found at the Welcome table near the east entrance or at the counter across from the coffee pots.)

Note: A "wink" is a brief form of communications that implies a hello or friendly greeting. These Winks share thoughts and information about Good Shepherd's welcoming ministry.



Help us show that Love is Brave!

Basic daily living items are needed to support and welcome new residents to the Bravely (Formerly Magdalene St. Louis) house. Check out the **display in the Narthex**, take a slip of paper and return items by February 18 to help create baskets of love.

Creating Baskets of Love Brunch

You are invited and we hope you mark your calendars to attend a **“Creating Baskets of Love”** brunch to help assemble the baskets on **February 23, 2019 from 10 am - 12 noon in room 108**. **Michelle Roberts**, Bravely Executive Director, will present a program on how they help the traumatized ladies who seek Bravely services to learn how to rebuild their lives. RSVP to Vicki Haugen at 571.235.3935 or Carol Ziemann at 636.394.0546 by February 21 if you are able to attend.

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