

THE SHEPHERD'S CALL

THE MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF SHEPHERD OF THE LAKE LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Dear members and friends of Shepherd of the Lake,

Last month marked the beginning of another year of Confirmation classes at Shepherd of the Lake. As I prepared for that first class of the year, I could not help but think about my own Confirmation. My father was the teacher. I can tell you without a doubt that he taught us about Jesus. I am not certain I can tell you much more than that. And that is not a reflection of his teaching, but an indication of how much time has passed since I was in the eighth grade. For many of us, Confirmation is a distant memory; the classes, the pastor, the drills, and, of course, the memory work. It has been a while. Even so, I would venture to guess that the following words are still familiar to you:

I believe that Jesus Christ, true God, begotten of the Father from eternity, and also true man, born of the virgin Mary, is my Lord, who has redeemed me, a lost and condemned person, purchased and won me from all sins, from death, and from the power of the devil; not with gold or silver, but with His holy and precious blood and with His innocent suffering and death, that I may be His own and live under Him in His kingdom, and serve Him in everlasting righteousness, innocence, and blessedness, just as He is risen from the dead, and lives and reigns to all eternity. This is most certainly true.¹

At one point or another, most of us had those words from Luther's Small Catechism more or less committed to memory. They are important words. They teach us about Jesus. And even though it may have been a little while, their teaching is timeless; something we never stop learning.

In 1945, T. F. Gullixson, the one-time president of Luther Theological Seminary in St. Paul, Minnesota, authored a book entitled *Christus Emptor*. That title is the fancy (Latin) way of saying, "Christ the Buyer," the One who has "*purchased and won me.*" Taking his cue from Luther's well-known words, Gullixson writes in the introduction to that book, "The Son of God paid heavily for something and is entitled to what He bought."² How often do we think about Jesus in that way? Yet, it is most certainly true. Christ bought us. We are His. As St. Paul writes, "Or do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you, whom you have from God? You are not your own, for you were bought with a price. So glorify God in your body" (1 Corinthians 6.19-20).

Learning the Christian faith certainly involves knowledge, information, and (dare I suggest it?) even memorization. But learning the faith is also a matter of learning to live as one bought by Christ. I would like to take the next few months to learn from T. F. Gullixson as he explores that topic. The message presents us with challenges, no doubt, but it also points us to the wonderful promise of eternal life in Christ. I look forward to being a student with you, not only learning to know more fully the fact that Christ has bought us, but to live more completely in that truth.

In Christ,

Rev. Jonathan W. Rusnak, Pastor

¹Luther, Martin. *The Small Catechism*. (Saint Louis: Concordia Publishing House, 1986): 16-17.

²Gullixson, T. F. *Christus Emptor*. (Minneapolis: Augsburg Publishing House, 1945): 1.

October 2011 Monthly Worksheet



THIS MONTH'S ELDER

Mike Raddatz
218-764-3244



USHER'S

Doug Feltmann
Bob Wandersee



GREETER'S



02nd LWML/Ladies Aid
09th Doug & Sandy Feltmann
16th NEEDED
23rd NEEDED
30th NEEDED



FELLOWSHIP SERVERS



02nd LWML/Ladies Aid
09th Doug & Sandy Feltmann
16th Ken & Jean Stokes
23rd Dwight & Robin Bruckhoff
Mat & Roxanne Rasmussen
30th David & Elaine Drahosh



If you are unable to serve on the Sunday you are scheduled, please make arrangements for a substitute and please let the office know of the changes so that we can post it correctly in our Sunday bulletins.



This Months Altar Guild



Sandy Feltmann



BLESSINGS
ON YOUR
BIRTHDAY

05th Jessica Houle
07th Rollie Mihalko
Tammy Smerdon
08th JoAnn Priller
11th Loraine Garson
17th Peg Connolly
18th Lyle Tabat
Mardell Lemke
21st Rodger Sipe
25th Marlen Reinking
29th Hilner Rudloff
31st Bob Rubbelke



08th John & Mary Kinzel
16th Jim & Christina Collison
20th Richard & Kristi Thurmer
23rd Doug & Sandy Feltmann
26th Duane & Geri Posner
30th Steve & Vicki Kocina



04th Georgia Kodytek
07th Andrew Garding
11th Megan Frick

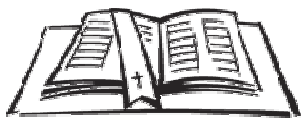
We are asking for your help in updating our Birthday and Anniversary dates so that we have all members information and so that all of the dates listed are correct. Your help would be greatly appreciated.

Our Vision Statement: "Empowered by God's Word and God's love to bring people to Christ"

Our Mission Statement: "Know Christ - Share His Love"



SOTL News for October 2011



BIBLE STUDY OPPORTUNITIES

Jesus promised: "If you abide in my word, you are truly my disciples, and you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free" (John 8:31).

Sunday Morning Bible Study meets at 8:30a.m. We invite you to come. We are currently looking at the lessons for a six week study on "Bearing Fruit for Jesus." This started on Sunday, Sept. 18th.

Bible Breakfast meets every second and fourth Tuesday of the month. During the summer months they will be meeting at Twin Pines Resort at 9AM. All are invited to come as we study from the Bible, we are in Genesis at this time.

Book Club will meet on the 1st, 3rd, and occasional 5th Tuesday of each month at 9:00 a.m., beginning on September 6th. The first book will be "The American Mind Meets the Mind of Christ" edited by Robert Kolb.

Wednesday Morning Bible Study. We invite you to come and be a part of the study of the Augsburg Confession. All are invited to come!



Office Hours

Pastor will be available in his office at set times each week for pastoral care and counsel.

Office Hours:

Tuesday 10AM to 2PM

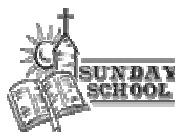
Thursdays 10AM to 2PM

Pastor will be out of the office on Fridays.



Prayer Requests

Pastor Rusnak would like anyone with a prayer request to please fill out a Prayer Request Card and hand it to an Usher or to the Pastor, Or place it in the Pastor's mailbox or into the Offering plate. You can find the Prayer Request cards on the stand with the guest book.

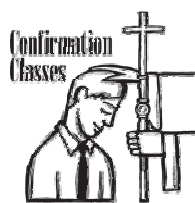


Sunday School

We will have our first class on Sunday, September 11th at 8:30 a.m. and we are welcoming children from 2 years and up. Marie Nelson will be teaching once again this year, thank you Marie. We look forward to seeing all the children.



Confirmation Classes



Confirmation in the Lutheran Church is a time of thorough instruction in the Christian faith leading to a public ceremony in which the confirmand confesses the faith in which he or she was baptized, receives God's blessing through His Word and prayer, and is admitted and invited to receive the Lord's Supper in the Lutheran Church.

Junior Confirmation is a two year course and will begin in September and end in April of each year. In the first year, confirmands will study the Scriptures. In the second year, confirmands will study the Catechism and Christian doctrine, participate in a retreat, and complete a final project. The age of junior confirmands will be worked out between the pastor, the parents, and the child.

Junior Confirmation:

- Sunday's following fellowship
- September 11, 2011 - April 29, 2012
- (No classes when school is not in session: Nov. 27th, December 25th, January 1st, and April 8th)

Adult Instruction is a twelve week course that will be offered both in a class setting and on an individual basis. The class will be offered twice a year: September through November and February through April. Individual instruction is available at any time.

Adult Confirmation:

- Sundays, 3:00 - 4:30 p.m.
 - September 11 - November 27, 2011
 - February 5 - April 29, 2012
- (No class on April 8, Easter Sunday)

We welcome all who are interested in learning more about the Christian faith and the Lutheran Church, whether you are exploring the faith for the first time or would benefit from a review.



GARRISON CAREGIVERS!



With fall and winter months creeping up on us, the Food Shelf and the Thrift Store in Garrison will be in need of volunteers as the snowbirds head south. I am one of those snowbirds and will need a replacement for Jan/Feb/Mar on Friday's from 10AM to 4PM at the Thrift Store.

This is a great opportunity for Shepherd of the Lake to serve our community. The Food Shelf will also need more volunteers during these months. Please prayerfully consider serving for this worthy cause. Please contact me, Jessica Collison at 320-692-5544. Thanks!



2012 FELLOWSHIP & GREETERS SIGN-UP SHEETS:



We are asking for your help in getting next year's fellowship and greeters list started. You can find the sheets on the bulletin board. Just a reminder that if something should come up on the date that you have chosen you can always trade with someone else but please let the office know of your changes so that we can put the right names done in our weekly bulletin. We really appreciate your help.



SOTL WEBSITE: We now have our website up and running and invite everyone to visit it. When you visit the site you can access sermons, pictures, announcements and more. To visit our website just type in: shepherdofthelake.org.



PERSIAN GULF SUPPORT GROUP in Aitkin, MN will be meeting on Sunday, Oct. 9th at 7PM at the VFW Hall in Aitkin to once again pack boxes to send to servicemen and women. SOTL has been going to help with this effort. We will start collecting items to take on that Sunday evening. The following items are needed: socks, deodorant, powdered drink mixes, energy bars, pocket cameras, envelopes and paper, microwave popcorn, cup o-soup, gum, soap, toothpaste & toothbrushes, crackers, beef jerky, spices, sunflower seeds, pencils, fruit snacks, pudding, sports magazines.



Please bring as many items as you can and put them in the box or basket provided at the front of the church by the wooden cross. Hopefully, a group from SOTL will take the items and help pack boxes. Please let Rose Mihalko know if you can be there so we can car pool if necessary.



ANNUAL FALL BAZAAR



By now everyone should be busy working on what they can bring to this year's bazaar—whether it be crafts, baked goods, canned goods, candies, wood products or just setting the day aside to help make it a success once

again. The date for this event is Saturday, October 22nd from 9AM to 2PM. Mark your calendars now!

This year we will be selling any crafts you may have, jams, jellies, baked goods, pasties, and of course lefse. We are looking for donations of butter and flour and of course monetary donations are always welcome to help purchase other grocery items needed (those can go to Rose Mihalko or Judy Stahl). We will be serving soup, sandwich, and pie again this year, so we will need donations of pies for the kitchen, you can find a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board. The Men's Club will be having Grampa's Shed again this year, please bring only working items and no computers.

We will be scheduling workers again this year. Lefse frying days will be Wednesday & Thursday, Oct 12th & 13th starting at 9AM. If you've never fried lefse come and we'll teach you. Lunch will be served each day and we have a great time. Please say yes when you are asked to serve. Any questions, just ask Jessica Collison, Bazaar Chairman. Thank you in advance!



RUBY'S PANTRY



Food distribution at Brainerd Armory 2nd Tuesday of every month (it will be the 1st Tuesday in December). Oct. 11th, Nov. 8th, Dec. 6th from 11AM to 12:30PM, the

doors open at 9AM. Everyone who eats qualifies; \$15 cash donation; \$50 - \$150 worth of groceries; this is a hand up not a hand out; not income based. Bring your own boxes or basket for food! For more information call 320-629-7400, check their website for changes at www.rubyspantry.org.



BRAINERD ZONE LWML FALL RALLY

On Monday, October 17th, 2011 from 8:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at St. John's Lutheran Church in Aitkin, MN.

The topic

"One out of Many"-Quilting/Piecemakers-1 Cor. 12:20.

Speakers

Mary Kuhnau and Kristina Kuhnau, YWR.

Bible study leader

Rev. Jonathan Rusnak.

Ingathering:

Quilts (both large and small/throws)

For Orphan Grain Train.

Cost: \$5.00



OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD SHOE BOX COLLECTION

National Collection Week: November 14th-21st

Sponsored by Samaritan's Purse

We would like your help with this SOTL Evangelism project!

LIST OF HOW TO GET STARTED:

- **SHOE BOX:** Use an empty shoe box (standard size) or a small plastic container. You can wrap the box (lid separately), but wrapping is not required. Most important, pray for the child who will receive your gift.
- **BOY OR GIRL:** Determine whether your gift will be for a boy or a girl, and the child's age category: 2-4, 5-9, 10-14. Use the appropriate boy/girl label. Mark the correct age category and tape the label to the top of your box.
- **FILL WITH GIFTS:** Fill the box with a variety of gifts that will bring delight to a child (see gift suggestions).
- **INCLUDE \$7 DONATION:** Please donate \$7 or more for each shoe box you prepare to help cover shipping and other project costs. If you or your family are preparing more than one shoe box, please make one combined donation.

GIFT SUGGESTIONS

- **SCHOOL SUPPLIES:** pens, pencils, and sharpeners, crayons or markers, stamps and ink pad sets, writing pads or paper, solar calculators, coloring and picture books, etc.
- **TOYS:** small cars, balls, dolls, stuffed animals, kazoos, harmonicas, yo-yo's, jump ropes, small etch-a-sketch, toys that light up or make noise (with extra batteries), slinky, etc.
- **HYGIENE ITEMS:** toothbrush, toothpaste, mild bar of soap (in a plastic bag), comb, washcloth, etc.
- **OTHER:** T-shirts, socks, ball caps, sunglasses, hair clips, toy jewelry, watches, flashlights (with extra batteries).
- **A PERSONAL NOTE:** You may enclose a note the child and a photo of yourself or your family. (If you include your name and address, the child may write back.)
- **DO NOT INCLUDE:** used or damaged items; war-related items such as toy guns, knives, or military figures; chocolate or food; out-of-date candy; liquids or lotions; medications or vitamins; breakable items such as snow globes or glass containers; aerosol cans.



EMERGENCY CHURCH CLOSING



It's that time of the year when we start thinking about bad weather etc. The emergency closing of the church because of bad weather will be decided by the Pastor and the Elder of the month. Members can check this out by listening to radio stations KKin 94.3FM in Aitkin or KLKS 104.3FM in Breezy Point.

2011 FALL BIBLE SALE



Engage in devotional Christ-centered reading and study with Bibles from Concordia Publishing House. For a limited time! Discounts on the Lutheran Study

Bible, Concordia self-study Bible, the Story Bible, and more! The Lutheran Study Bible is a best seller for its Christ-centered approach with study notes and practical application that you can trust to be distinctively Lutheran. Available in many different styles! Concordia Publishing House is offering free shipping on orders of 10 or more Bibles. This sale runs until December 31st. You will find a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board by Pastor's office. Please sign up if you are interested in purchasing a new Bible.



On October 31st from 5:00-7:00 p.m. in the church parking lot, we will hold our first "Trunk or Treat" event. This is an opportunity for our church to provide the community with a fun and safe alternative to trick or treating. Children will be able to travel from decorated car to car (or trunk to trunk) as we hand out candy. We hope to provide an enjoyable and family-friendly event with games, crafts, snacks, and prizes.

Ways for you to participate:

Volunteer: Please contact Julie Rusnak (320.692.4329) if you would like to *help by greeting, serving snacks, running games or crafts, judging cars and costumes, or taking pictures*. There is a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board.

Decorate your vehicle: The more help we have, the more enjoyable this night will be! PLEASE CONSIDER PARTICIPATING. *Sign-up your car (and self!)* at church before October 24th, *decorate your trunk*, and *hand out candy* to all those cute little kids on the 31st. Please provide your own candy, and contact Julie if you need help with trunk decorating ideas/themes.

Dress your family and attend: Children thirteen and under are welcome to travel car to car and collect candy. There will be *games, crafts, snacks, and more*. Prizes will be rewarded for best dressed!

Invite: The more the merrier! *Invite your family, neighbors, and friends, or help with publicity* by picking up flyers at church to post/hand out.

Donate: There will be a sign up at church for *donating items for decorations, crafts, games, and snacks*. Please help where you are able!

Announcement for bulletin:



SHEPHERD OF THE LAKE/FELLOWSHIP EVENING OF GAMES!



Uno was the game for the night!



We had a wonderful evening of fun and good fellowship, not to mention good eats. As you can see everyone had a wonderful time even the children were having fun. All we would like to invite everyone to come to our next exciting evening of enjoying an evening with our church family of and of course our visiting friends and family members as well. Please watch for our next Fellowship Game Night here at Shepherd of the Lake.

SHEPHERD OF THE LAKE/A DAY ON THE FISHING LAUNCH



Great weather /but chilly



Good fellowship and fun was had by all!



Thinking up a good fish story



Who would have thought fishing was work!



Who will get the first fish?



Maybe next year we'll do better!!!



See a girl can catch fish too!



Just another of God's many blessings!



Shepherd of the Lake
Lutheran Church
1 mile north of Garrison on Highway 169

ANNUAL FALL BAZAAR

Saturday,

October 22, 2011

9:00AM to 2:00PM

We have for you:

Lefse for Sale
Bake Sale
Pasties
Craft Items
Grandpa's Shed

ALL ARE WELCOME!

We will also be serving Food:

Soup & Sandwiches
Homemade Pie
Beverages