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June/July
Newsletter
Deadline:
May 15

Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd

Services at 8:45 am and 11:00 am Starting May 28 at 9:30am
Office Hours: M-Th • 9AM-4PM; Friday • 9AM—12 NOON
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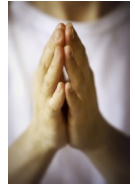
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LCGS IS PRAYING

Good Shepherd randomly prays for all its members.
During these weeks we are keeping the following in our prayers:

May 5 - Lynne & Mark Carlson, Evan and Sean, Craig Oberg
Kimber & Travis Hamernick, Austin, Mitchell and Brooke;
Jennifer & Robert LeDoux, Richard and Anthony



May 12 - Cheryl & Todd Carlson, Alex and Nicole; Lisa & Jon Hammond, Erik and Samantha;
Beth & Bob Lee; Patricia & Thomas O'Brien

May 19 - Arlene & Doug Carlson; Amy & Dan Hamnes, Sydney and Mia; Martin Lee;
Amy & Travis O'Brien, Lucy and Molly

May 26 - Amy & Colby Carlson, Luke and Emersyn; Amy & Kevin Haney;
Sue & Randy Lehna; Thomas O'Brien

Prayer:

I am crucified with Christ. Nevertheless I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me: and the life which I now live in the flesh, I live by the faith of the Son of God, who loved me, and gave himself for me.

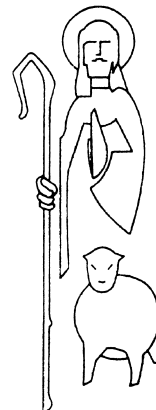
Galatians 2:20

PRAYER REQUEST - 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 needs and believe God will hear and answer. If you have a prayer request emergency and it is after church office hours, please email Amie at Communications@lcsduluth.org

PRAYERS FOR HOSPITALIZED PERSONS shared with the Prayer Chain (and in the Prayers of the Church) will begin with "God knows the names of all for whom we pray..." unless permission has been granted by the hospitalized individual or a family member of the individual. This is in keeping with our Privacy Policy. If you have questions/comments regarding this policy, please feel free to discuss it with one of the pastors.

Worship Attendance

	8:45	11:00		8:45	11:00
4/7	88	35	4/14	165	55
	6:10	8:45	11:00		
4/21	39	318	157		



Create , Laugh and Learn

A Multigenerational event!!

What do you know about Alpacas? What is the difference between an Alpaca and Llama? What do they eat? How long do they live?

To find out more about Alpacas , join us on Sunday , May 19th for a tour of their barn at 1:30.

Located at 6059 Maple Grove Rd, Duluth, MN 55810

Questions contact Lois Opseth at 218-340-3605 or

Frosty Ridge Alpacas — Loni & Horst

Blumer 218.341.2994 or 218.341.2993 frostyridgealpacas@hotmail.com



Days for Girls! Thank you!!

On Maundy Thursday (April 18th), 20 volunteers plus 2 members of French River Lutheran Church gathered to make new friends, stretch with yoga, and learn how to make sustainable feminine hygiene products for young women in El Salvador. French River has been doing this single handedly for 3 years with limited resources in terms of people and materials. Thank you Carol Surine for your leadership and vision!

At Good Shepherd, we are lucky to get fabric donations for our quilts from Hanna Fabric, our members and estates. Nothing goes to waste. Scraps are saved for quilts and stuffing for dog beds.

We all agreed that we want to compliment the French River chapter of Days for Girls by offering to help what they cannot do. This is the only chapter of Days for Girls in our area.

Our next workshop will be Tuesday, June 4th from 8:30-2:30 in Fellowship Hall . Please join us. Even with 20 volunteers there were more stations that could have used your help. Oh...we also have fun!

A big thank you for all our women who donated their time and talents!

Sue Boutin



OWLS! (Older, Wiser, Lutherans)

Grease, performance at the NorShor Theatre

Sunday, July 28, 2019 @ 2:00 p.m. Tickets \$45 (group discount rate, normally \$50) 27 seats available on the main floor in rows "L" and "M" Deadline is Wednesday, June 26th to make reservations and get your money to Marcia Semerau Questions contact Marcia at 218-576-5531 or msemerau@hotmail.com



TWINS GAME-BUS TRIP - Families Welcome!

Saturday, June 15th Game starts at 6:10 p.m.

Please join us for our second annual trip to Target Field. We are chartering a LCS luxury coach with room for 55 fans. Plans are to board the bus at 2:00p.m. from the church parking lot and return after the 6:10 p.m. game against the Kansas City Royals. The cost of \$52 includes the ticket and bus charter. The seats are in section 206, with elevators, escalators, delicious game food and bathrooms very close to the section for easy access.

Call Marcia Opie, 218-525-2310 or email rosebud2310@msn.com to reserve your seat.

Make checks payable to LCGS-OWLS. Please do not bring checks to the church office, instead mail checks to Marcia Opie at 4916 Oakley St, Duluth, MN 55804.



Monday, April 29

Travel to Santa Cruz de Yojoa
Worship at Mount Gethsemane Lutheran Church
Visit Mount of Olives Lutheran Church

Tuesday, April 30

Return to San Pedro Sula
12:47 pm Return flight to USA!

As you can see by the itinerary, the team will travel the length and breadth of Honduras, visiting worshipping communities, sharing in home visits, renewing deep spiritual friendships, and meeting new partners in ministry.

So how is it that Clara and Jayva find themselves in Honduras? Last year Brenna and Brent Jordan asked me if it would be possible for Jayva to travel to Honduras with one of our teams. They thought this experience would be an invaluable part of her life education. I agreed! Before we had started our planning, Jayva had already pitched the idea to Clara. Joyce and I had a wonderful evening with the Kramer and Jordan families, sharing the spirit and logistics of our history of accompaniment with Honduras. With the support of our Endowment Board, Jayva and Clara were invaluable members of our October team, and were eager to return this spring.

Would you like to travel with a team to Honduras? I will be leading a team October 15-22. All are welcome! And youth are especially welcome, given the strong leadership of youth in the ministry of ICLH. Cost of the trip is \$2,000, which covers all expenses including airfare, lodging and food, travel within Honduras and materials. The centerpiece of the October trip will be a weekend workshop in La Ceiba for all of the pastors and leaders of ICLH. We will also visit the Kindergarten at La Canada, as well as other ICLH worshipping communities. ICLH is very intentional about providing security for our trip through the choices of lodging and travel itinerary. I would love to talk with anyone who would be interested in being a part of our mission of reaching out to Honduras!

Gracias!



Pastor Dave



Mark your calendars! Our Summer **Worship** Schedule Starts May 26th!

Join us for worship Sunday mornings at 9:30am!

Summer office hours: Mon-Thurs: 9:00am-4:00pm, Fri: closed.

Thursday, May 9th 2019 LSS Benefit for Youth: "Walk With Me" Join us on our shared journey to support youth! This event is dedicated to the work being done in Duluth by Lutheran Social Services, the city and area resources. The Center for Changing Lives is a safe place for homeless youth in our area to call home while they go to school and so much more.

11:30 a.m Reception & Registration and 12:00 p.m Program & Lunch

There are several tables being sponsored by LCGS members. Please call the office if you would like to attend! 525-1922



LUTHERAN CHURCH OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD MISSION STATEMENT:

A Community of Christ

Experiencing God † Reaching Out † Nurturing Faith

Growing as Disciples and Stewards ***Living In and Living Out God's Grace***



A Six-Month Faith Journey at Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd

In his book, *The Disciple's Joy: Six Practices for Spiritual Growth*, Pastor Michael Foss tells us, "God calls us— each one of us— to joy in Jesus Christ and that the invitation to joy is found first in God's radical love." He also says that "joy deepens when we accept Christ's invitation to the journey of faith, a journey in which, by the power of God's Holy Spirit, we are opened more and more to the gift of who we are in God. " This is a challenge to be more authentically human and to "walk boldly" into the future God is already fashioning for you. Are you ready for this challenge?

This summer and fall, our church leadership and the Stewardship Committee invite you to dig deeper into our shared faith that provides purpose, confidence, and an inner source of strength and serenity through trust in God.

Growing as Disciples and Stewards is a six month program designed to help members/disciples of our congregation consider what it means to be a disciple of Jesus and steward of God's abundant gifts in their daily lives, especially God's gift of life giving grace in Jesus Christ. We will continue to explore the Gospel of Luke and the nature of the salvation that Jesus Christ provides. Because Jesus encounters a wide variety of people in Luke, this Gospel offers a glimpse into the different facets of salvation--its spiritual, physical, and social dimensions. Because Jesus speaks many parables in Luke, this Gospel also becomes a source for deep reflection about the nature of God's reign and the ways of living faithfully in this world.

Growing as Disciples and Stewards centers around six practices of discipleship. These practices are: **Pray, Study, Worship, Invite, Serve, and Give.** The program will include congregation worship, opportunities for individual and group study, prayer, reflection and discussion. Online and social media resources and activities, along with social and celebration events will also be offered. It is our hope that these discussions, study, worship, activities and resources will help disciples and stewards in our church understand more of what it means to live in and live out God's rich grace in their lives.

If you have a passion for discipleship and would like to be a part of an exciting short term planning team for this 6-month initiative (only 1-2 meetings!), please contact Paula Tsufis, paulatsufis@gmail.com or 218-590-4575.



2019 Synod Assembly May 3-5th at the DECC. Attending from LCGS Pastor Dave, Pastor Tim, Barb and Derek Olson, and Amie Abenth. Please keep them and all members of the Assembly in your prayers this weekend!

All are welcome to attend the Sunday morning worship at the DECC! 10:30 am Sending Worship with Holy Communion & Order for Closing Assembly – The Lake Superior Ballroom



ELCA World Hunger Quilt Auction and Marketplace WHEN: May 3 and 4 WHERE: the DECC

Did you know that all proceeds from the sale of marketplace items and quilts go directly to the **World Hunger Appeal** to combat hunger and poverty both locally and worldwide?

Did you know that both the quilt auction and the marketplace are **FREE** and **OPEN** to the public?

Bidding: Friday, May 3rd 5:00 PM to 8:00 PM through Saturday, May 4th , 8:30 AM- 5:40 PM

Bring friends, look, and enjoy beautiful handmade items, knowing that the dollars raised will change people's lives!

Thank you for your congregational contribution of \$9.00 to the CHUM Food Shelf and \$14.00 to the general fund in February. Your gifts allow us to continue to provide food, shelter, advocacy, and a caring community for some of Duluth's most vulnerable residents.

Your support of CHUM, in all ways - time, treasure and good will - makes our work possible. Thank you again.

Sincerely, Lee Stuart Executive Director

And Scott Van Daele Distributive Services Director

What is going on at Camp Vermilion and Camp Hiawatha? Register for summer camp now!

Summer Camp is right around the corner! VLMCAMPS.ORG

So! We need your help getting our camps ready! Did you know that LCGS Sponsors (takes care of) the main bath/shower house? We chose that building because we know everyone gets to use it!

What hospitality we can show all CV guests! Join us to spring clean and spruce up!

Family Overnight - Join us Friday night for dinner at 6:30 with games, campfire, and fellowship in the evening. After breakfast on Saturday, explore the camps on your own or join in on Work Day as we get our camps ready for the summer. This is a great opportunity to introduce new friends to camp - especially if the camper (or camper parent) is nervous about being away from home this summer.

This event is free if you help with work day. \$50 per family if you are unable to stay.

Friday, May 17 - Saturday, May 18 at Camp Vermilion (RSVP by May 15)

Register by calling the VLM Office at (800) 331-5148 or sending an email today!



Spring Work Day!! VLM invites you to come help get camp ready for summer! Camp Vermilion Work Day is May 18th! Stay tuned for Specific needs, as we sponsor the bathhouse! Ask Amie & Joel Abenth if you have questions!

Bluegrass Festival! Saturday, July 27th, 2019 at Camp Vermilion 1:00-7:00 p.m.

Join us for a day of great music, great food, and great family fun in God's great northwoods. This annual concert and fundraiser is an event you won't want to miss!



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May 2019 Newsletter

FROM PASTOR DAVE

**We reach out with compassion and share the love of Christ.
We actively care for our neighbors, locally and globally.
We accept all people and open our hearts to the needs of others.**

Think of all of the expressions of this vision statement that have happened since its adoption in 2003! As I write this article Jayva Jordan and Clara Kramer are living out our vision as they reach out globally to Honduras. In their second trip to Honduras, Clara and Jayva are building on our congregation's strong history of accompaniment with the Lutheran Church in Honduras. They are also breaking new ground as they visit worshiping communities that have never before been visited by teams from the Northeastern Minnesota Synod. What will Jayva and Clara do in Honduras? Here are highlights of their itinerary:

Monday, April 22

Arrive in San Pedro Sula
Greeting by Pastor Julio Caballero and ICLH Leadership team
Visit Pastoral Team of Iglesia Luterana el Buen Pastor (LCGS!)

Tuesday, April 23

Ministry time with leaders of Buen Pastor
Visit Santa Elena community

Wednesday, April 24

Travel to La Ceiba (on Caribbean coast)
Visit the worshiping community San Judas
Ministry in La Ceiba

Thursday, April 25

Visit El Sinai worshiping community
Travel to Olancho (far eastern Honduras, near Nicaragua)

Friday, April 26

Visit worshiping community at San Nicolas (1st Lutheran congregation in Honduras!)
Visit the community of La Canada (Light of the World Lutheran Church)
Arrive in Tegucigalpa (headquarters of ICLH)

Saturday, April 27

Visit the Dr. Martin Luther Kindergarten in La Canada (NE MN Synod sponsors)
Visit Divanna worshiping community
Easter worship at Resurrection Lutheran Church, Tegucigalpa

Sunday, April 28

Visit Villanueva worshiping community
Easter worship at Lutheran Church of the Emmaus Road, Tegucigalpa
(Using same texts and liturgy as LCGS, Duluth!!)

THANK YOU!! To all who helped during our Lenten Wednesdays! Soup suppers Hosts were Owls, Ruth Circle, and the Choir, plus many in the congregation who helped out and brought food. Thank you for your hospitality!

The Confirmation students who led Wednesday worship, the wonderful speakers: Wednesday Speakers: Clara Kramer, Jayva Jordan (Honduras); Scott Vandaele (CHUM Food Shelf); Joel Kilgour (Loaves and Fishes); Rick Gertsema (Amberwing); and Luther Brown (LSS Street Ministry)

Many thanks and blessings to all of our musicians during Holy Week and Easter!

We are so thankful for all the gifts that our members bring to worship! Not just in leading, also those who plan for and help during worship! You all made our Lenten season and our Holy Week and Easter celebrations so meaningful!

Thank you!

On May 5th, the children's choir from Ascension Lutheran Church in Eden Prairie

will sing at both services. The choir is directed by Barb Savereide and consists of about 20 young people from 3rd to 6th grade, singing a variety of music to add to our worship. We are delighted to host this group on their annual trip to Duluth!



Vacation Bible School: ROAR: Life is Wild; God is Good!

June 17-21 9:00 am – Noon

Registration Deadline is May 15th or when full! Thank you!

Preschool (age 3*) – entering 5th Grade

Current 5th-6th Grader can join us as “Volunteers in Training”

Current 7th-9th Graders can volunteers as “Crew Leaders”

Older youth and adults needed as volunteers, too! Just let us know what you are interested in!

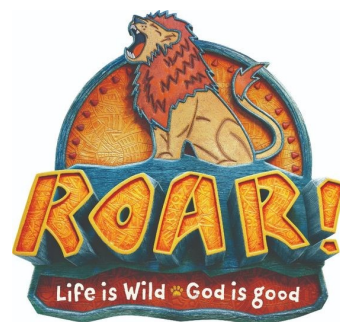
*All preschoolers must be potty trained

You can register online now! Lcgsduluth.org

Yes, we do need adult volunteers!!! Even if you can only help for a day or two, let us know!

We'd love to have your help, whenever it works for your schedule!

We have chosen a May 15 Registration Deadline so that all t-shirts can be ordered and arrive on time this year! This deadline applies to ALL – kids, volunteers, even adults!



Congratulations to all High School Seniors!

Your church family wants to celebrate with you, too! Please join us in worship on Sunday, June 2 at the 9:30 am Worship service. We will invite you to come forward for a prayer and blessing. (We would also love to put together a photo slideshow, so send us copies of your favorite grad and baby photos!)

