

ANNOUNCEMENTS ~ April 27, 2008

FOR EVERYONE

HOLY COMMUNION: We extend our Lord's invitation to the Table; "All who wish to feel the touch of my love and grace, come, eat and drink with me and my community of faith." We invite you to come to the altar rail from the side aisles and return to your pew by the center aisle. If you find it difficult to kneel, please feel free to remain standing. (Grape juice is available in the center of the serving tray and a rice alternative is available for those with wheat allergies.)

SHEPHERD "HAPPENINGS" SHEET: We welcome all those who are worshipping with us today. Please sign your "Happenings" sheet and place it in the baskets at the back of the sanctuary as you leave today. Please indicate if you are visiting, any prayer concerns or opportunities for which you are interested.

CHILDREN ARE WELCOME

- ✚ In worship every Sunday but, should you need it, nursery care is provided for children birth through age 5. The nursery is located on the south side of the building in the office hallway.
- ✚ At Sunday School which takes place in Ranum and Good Shepherd Halls during the Education Hour.
- ✚ At Wednesday Night Programs which offer additional opportunities for children K-5th Grade to see and know God.

A SPECIAL WELCOME TO ALL VISITORS: If this is your first visit with us, we have a wrapped loaf of bread we would like to send home with you. You will find this gift in the narthex. Thanks for joining us in worship! Please come back again!

ADULT FORUM MAY 4: Former governor Al Quie will be speaking at our adult forum next Sunday, May 4 (9:40-10:35 am). The topic of the presentation is, "Ethics and Politics". Invite a neighbor to come and hear Al Quie speak on this timely subject.

THE SENIOR PASTOR CALL COMMITTEE has begun the process of searching for a qualified senior pastor for our church. Please keep the Call Committee in your prayers. If you know of someone who would be a candidate for Senior Pastor at Shepherd of the Hills, please contact Paul Johnson, chair of the Call Committee, at (952) 929-0249 or by email at paul@braimee.com

PLEASE COMPLETE YOUR CALL COMMITTEE SURVEY: We want to hear from you. Please complete the yellow survey sent to you in the mail by the Senior Pastor Call Committee. You may complete your survey on-line, mail it to the church or simply drop it in the mailbox in the narthex at church. We would appreciate your comments as soon as possible. There will be opportunities to meet with members of the Senior Pastor Call Committee to share your thoughts and ideas about the future of our congregation. **Small group meetings will be held Thurs., May 1 and Thurs., May 15 at 7:00 p.m. Each meeting will be held in the conference room across from the pastors' offices.**

WHO ARE THEY AND WHAT DO THEY BELIEVE? Our series of classes on the beliefs of other religious groups continues. This class is for adults. Invite a friend or neighbor to join us as we learn about these religious movements. Classes will be held from 6:30-8:00 p.m. in Good Shepherd Hall: April 30 – The International Church of Christ.

PLEASE PICK UP ANY SERVING DISHES YOU MAY HAVE LEFT IN THE KITCHEN: There have been a number of cake pans, bowls and other miscellaneous serving pieces collecting in our upstairs and downstairs kitchens. They have been placed on the serving counter of the upstairs kitchen. Please pick yours up as soon as possible. We will soon be spring cleaning and this will help our efforts!

WHAT IS THAT CANOE DOING IN THE NARTHEX? It is once again MN Food Share Month. During the month of March all food and monetary donations we send to ICA our local food shelf will be multiplied by MN Food Share. Please bring in

your non-perishable food items and or checks made out to ICA with Shepherd of the Hills noted in the memo portion of the checks by March 31st! Let's fill the canoe over and over again!

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING TODAY: This morning's meeting will begin about 10:00 am. We will elect officers and members of council and the foundation, hear reports from staff and call committee, and celebrate all that God is doing in our congregation's ministry. Thanks for your continued prayers on behalf of all of our church leaders and our ministry together.

PROPOSED WELCOMING STATEMENT FOR SHEPHERD OF THE HILLS: The Adult Forum on Sun., May 11 will be a presentation of the proposed Welcoming Statement for Shepherd of the Hills. At the request of the Church Council, Wade Wacholz, Jan Strathy, Earl Dresser and Mary Quain have penned a proposed Welcoming Statement for our congregation. This collaborative creation intends to make explicit our welcome to all to join us in worship and congregational participation. Let us know your thoughts both on the document itself and how we might use it. This welcoming statement is currently under consideration of the church council.

COME SEE THE ACCLAIMED DOCUMENTARY "FOR THE BIBLE TELLS ME SO"

On Thursday, May 8 at 7:00 pm the Social Justice Committee will show this documentary about five normal, Christian, American families and their experiences with the realization that a family member is gay or lesbian. This includes the family of former House Majority Leader Richard Gephardt and the Reitan family of Eden Prairie. This film explores the various interpretations of Biblical Scripture. Come see this film and use the experience as background for the May 11 Adult Forum discussion of the proposed Welcoming Statement for SOTH.

REMINDER: Bring your ELCA World Hunger ("God's Global Barnyard") coin boxes or donation envelopes to church during the month of April. The offerings may be brought to the narthex on Sunday mornings or to the office during the week. Thank you for your support in this worthwhile mission.

CHILDREN, YOUTH & FAMILY

ARBOR DAY: Seedling trees are being given to Sunday School children today courtesy of the Minnesota DNR in observance of Arbor Day.

SUMMER'S JUST AROUND THE CORNER! The week of VBS this summer is Monday, July 28th through Friday, August 1st. If you are interested in helping plan an amazing week of VBS or volunteering in any way, sign up today!

ADDITIONAL

Finance Update through March 2008:

	<u>YTD Actual</u>	<u>YTD Budget</u>	<u>Budget 2008</u>
Receipts	\$124,887.77	\$155,381.06	\$621,524.00
Expenses	(\$166,168.77)	(\$155,383.67)	\$621,524.00
YTD Gain/Loss	(\$ 41,281.00)	(\$2.61)	0.00

Thank you to everyone for your generous gifts, your continued support is appreciated!

THIS WEEK AT SHEPHERD

Sunday (4/27)		Rise Up & Celebrate!!
	9:00 a.m.	Worship
	10:00 a.m.	Congregational Annual Meeting
	11:00 a.m.	Ice Cream Social and Festivities
Monday (4/28)	7:00 p.m.	Troop Meetings
Tuesday (4/29)	1:30 p.m.	Staff Meeting
	7:00 p.m.	Stretch & Share
Wednesday (4/30)	9:30 a.m.	Fellowship
	10:00 a.m.	Bible Study
	5:30-6:30 p.m.	Congregational Supper (Good Shepherd)
	6:30 p.m.	Wed. Youth Programs Closing Worship
	6:30-8:00 p.m.	Adult Class – "What Do They Believe?"
	7:30-9:00 p.m.	Chancel Choir Rehearsal (Sanctuary)
Thursday (5/1)	7:00 p.m.	Cottage Meeting
Saturday (5/3)	9:00 a.m.	Life Keys Class
Sunday (5/4)	8:30 a.m.	Worship
	9:45 a.m.	Education Hour
		Last Day of Sunday School
		Stepping Stone of Faith: Sr. Graduation Recognition
	10:45 a.m.	Worship
	7:00 p.m.	Troop Committee Meeting