

LUTHERAN CHURCH OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD

& The Vineyard Preschool

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WHAT IS YOUR STORY?

We are looking to observe our congregation's 60th Anniversary this September/October. At our 50th anniversary 10 years ago, we had a major celebration, complete with the renovation of our sanctuary, including the new hardwood flooring, and concrete overlay under the pews and new carpeting down the aisle. We also undertook the paving of the parking area, and the construction of the retaining wall. We made other improvements, like new lighting fixtures on our building, the concrete overlay of "slate" in our entryway, new 50th anniversary banners, and, of course, the congregational dinner. We invited the founding pastor, Rev. Milford Brelje to come and preach for the special 4 pm Sunday afternoon service. The choir sang special music, including a hymn I wrote arranged by Zita Weyland. It was the second Sunday after the terrorist attacks of 9/11/2001, September 23rd. Despite that, we went on with the celebration of our congregation's 50 years under God's direction and care.

We are again at a milestone of 60 years in our congregation's life. At 60, we have accumulated a bit of wisdom from having lived a while. Congregations are like people in some ways (not all). We get older and maybe a bit wiser. We remember some good times and try to learn from the rough patches in the road. As a way to help observe our 60th anniversary, I invite you to write up a memory from your experience as a member of Good Shepherd. I'll collect them and edit them for space and temporal flow, and put them into a booklet for us all to read and share. Often these kinds of stories get told at a banquet, or merely in passing, but are soon forgotten. I'd like for this anniversary booklet to be a way to remember our shared history. That history can give us some perspective that we need in times of stress.

On September 16th, the Sunday right after 9-11, we began worship with an extended Kyrie in a solemn chant tone. Traditionally the Kyrie is three-fold: Lord have mercy, Christ have mercy, Lord, have mercy. After each Kyrie, we offered a prayer. This was one of them: "O God, you made us in your own image and redeemed us through Jesus your Son. Look with compassion on the whole human family; take away the arrogance and hatred which infect our hearts; break down the walls that separate us; unite us in bonds of love; and, through our struggle and confusion, work to accomplish your purposes on earth; that in your good time, all nations and races may serve you in harmony around your heavenly throne; through Jesus Christ our Lord. "

The next Sunday afternoon, September 23rd at 4 pm we began our 50th anniversary worship with an inspiring prelude by J. S. Bach (who else for Lutherans) and then joined to sing "The Church's One Foundation." That hymn was sung at Good Shepherd's very first service, and at the service marking the 25th anniversary. Rev. Brelje reminisced in his sermon about Good Shepherd's early days, and God's blessings upon our community of faith. We sang "O God, You Name Us" written especially for the 50th. I named the tune "Brelje" in honor of Good Shepherd's 1st pastor. One of the verses of that hymn goes like this: O God now changing the water into wine; giving the wedding its whole allotted time. Will you not more so give unto us your gifts; that bless our own life's high celebration times."

Maybe we can plan for a Sunday morning worship service that will be our "high celebration." That's when most folks seem to be available and when we can muster our forces to make the observance special. A banquet after worship? A picnic? A potluck? We need to hear from you, the members. Share your ideas for how to celebrate with me, or a Board of Directors member. Talk to Steve Andrade, Vic Lase, Patti Johansen, Herm or Zita Weyland, Michelle Anderson or Jack Penkethman. Send an email in response to this E-Newsletter with your thoughts. It's time to plan.

Yours for being truly inspired and passionately energized,

Pastor Koch

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<h1>July 2011</h1>					1 N.A. 8 pm	2 N.A. 9:30 am Flowers - Needed N.A. 8 pm
3 9:30 am Worship N. A. 4 pm	4 N.A. 6 & 8 pm	5 N.A. 6 pm	6 N.A. 7 & 8:30	7 N.A. 8 pm	8 N.A. 8 pm	9 N. A. 9:30 Flowers - K. Spence N.A. 8 pm
10 9:30 am Worship N. A. 4 pm	11 N.A. 6 & 8 pm	12 N.A. 6 pm Board of Directors 7:15 pm	13 N.A. 7 & 8:30	14 N.A. 8 pm	15 N.A. 8 pm	16 N.A. 9:30 am Flowers - Needed N.A. 8 pm
17 9:30 am Worship NA 4 pm	18 N.A. 6 & 8 pm	19 N. A. 6 pm	20 N.A. 7 & 8:30 p	21 N.A. 8 pm	22 Wedding Rehearsal at Noon N.A. 8 pm	23 N.A. 9:30 Wedding 10am Garcia - Bettencourt Flowers Brooks N.A. 8 pm
24 9:30 am Worship NA 4 pm	25 N.A. 6 & 8 pm	26 N. A. 6 pm	27 N.A. 7 & 8:30 p	28 N.A. 8 pm	29 N.A. 8 pm	30 N.A. 9:30 am Flowers - Needed N.A. 8 pm
31 9:30 am Worship NA 4 pm						

July Birthdays

1 Ellen Heinrich 2 Carolyn Carver
11 Sally Hammelev 19 Kjersten Cox

July Anniversaries

None

Date

Coffee Time

Set up

Clean up

3	Duane Brown	Patti Johansen
10	Michelle Anderson	Duane Brown
17	Amy Low Critzer	Karen Spence
24	Debbie Andrade	Herm & Zita Weyland
31	Karen Spence	Debbie Andrade

May Assisting Ministers

Acolytes

Kyra Guerra
Ben Anderson
Nicole Critzer
Ben Anderson
Nicole Critzer

Lectors

Patti Johansen
Carolyn Carver
Rozanne Koch
Jo Brooks
Steve Andrade

Ushers

John Hopkins
Karen & Sabrina Spence
Maria Bettencourt & James
Steve & Debbie Andrade
John Hopkins

Flowers for July

3 - Duane Brown
10 - Karen Spence for Sally Hammelev's Birthday
17 - NEEDED
24 - Jo Brooks
31 - NEEDED



Vivian Yothers Update

Vivian had surgery to remove the tumor on Monday, July 27th. A post-op follow-up on Thursday, July 30 revealed that the surgery went very well. There will need to be some radiation of the area as well as the nearby lymph nodes in order to make as sure as possible that the cancer will not recur. There was some suspicious tissue in the area around the location of the tumor, the "margin." From Jay: All in all, a good report. The lead surgeon told us that in his opinion it was absolutely the right thing to have done and that, despite the need to clean up a margin, the procedure went quite well and Vivian has responded well to it. The surgical team and the attending nurses all seemed pleased with the outcome. I don't know if it was practiced bed-side manner, but there were smiles all around. Not a frown to be seen. Practiced or not, it was comforting to have such an up-beat conversation about the outcome.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS - Highlights

At the June meeting, the Board of Directors spent a good deal of time on the Vineyard Preschool issues. We discussed a new Director and advising current staff of where we are in the process. We were updated on the process of joining the church and preschool accounting systems. Enrollment is down in some classes that we may need to eliminate.

The Vineyard staff would like to be part of the interview process for the new Director.

President Steve Andrade has been meeting with city officials and contractors to plan for the development of new classroom space at the north end of the Social Hall. There was some concern for the cost of the development in adding a wall and doors. The sense was that we might be better off

determining the minimum we need in order to run a classroom, at least for the first year.

Vice President Vic Lase is continuing to give the street sign a fresh coat of paint in the same colors already on the sign.

Pastor Koch and Elder Zita Weyland have contacted members who have become ineligible to vote because of our by-law criteria for voting membership to advise them about what they need to do in order to become eligible to vote.

The parking lot is in great need of repair. We received a bid from the Frantzich company 2 years ago. Pastor Koch will contact them to re-connect and begin the re-bidding process.

