

LUTHERAN CHURCH OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD

& The Vineyard Preschool

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SUMMER TIME AND THE LIVING IS VERY BUSY

July was a very busy month at Good Shepherd. The Board of Directors appointed an interview committee to select from several candidates our new Preschool Director. The committee [Pastor, Steve Andrade, Michelle Anderson, and Lenore Penkethman] met and set up interview questions and went through the process of interviewing candidates. We recommended to the Board, and they agreed to offer the position to Denise Higuera, an experienced Preschool Director from San Jose. Her church-run preschool/day care program was being phased out as that church had decided to put all its efforts into growing its school. Denise is excited to be able to continue her passion of teaching young children. We feel fortunate to be able to add her to our staff with her energy and experience and leadership.

The Board also tended to the much-needed repairs to our parking lot that we have put off for about three years. We agreed to hire Jim Frantzich construction, our “neighbors” up the road on Hecker Pass Highway. The natural low point for water run off is now a concrete gutter. It will last longer than most of us and keep the parking lot from damage due to water run off. We also had some bad patches repaired. Next step will be to seal the entire parking area and driveway so that it will last longer.

The Board also approved the purchase of furnishings for the new classroom to be located in the north end of the Social Hall. We are excited to be adding capacity to our Vineyard Preschool. We have added twelve students in the M-W-F morning class so far. Of course, the room needed to be cleaned out. A diligent and dedicated crew came early one Saturday morning to clean out the room. Thanks to all who helped. Preparations are underway to paint the room, secure the sliding partition so that it can be locked when class is not in session, and bring the Social Hall up to fire code. Here I will mention Herm Weyland, for taking the lead on this front. We will have the room ready for school very soon. Stop by when you are here for Sunday worship and see how we are progressing.

Our congregation’s 60th anniversary is this year! We will likely have a very special Sunday morning worship service followed by a community meal. Debbie Andrade and Lenore Penkethman have agreed to co-chair our celebration meal. We will combine that with the Vineyard Preschool staff ministry recognition and invite all Vineyard parents and their children, to join in the party. This year is also the Vineyard 37th anniversary (founded in 1974), so we have more reasons to celebrate God’s rich blessings. And it’s a great opportunity to reach out into our community. More information will be forthcoming as we get closer and actually select a Sunday for our celebration.

Finally, we are making final preparations for our annual Summer Music Camp (our 15th year), which begins on Monday, August 8th. The theme this year is The Wideness of God’s Love. We will learn stories of God’s loving ministry that went beyond the accepted boundaries and tribal allegiances to bring God’s love to a wider and wider community. We have some great music planned for our children to learn and sing in the culminating worship service on Sunday, August 14th. After worship that day, we will have our annual congregational Beer ‘n’ Brats picnic. Again, this is an opportunity for us to reach out into our community with the love of God. We have notified and invited all the Vineyard Preschool families to come. We invite you to come and help. Bring a child in your neighborhood.

These are not only busy times, but exciting times at Good Shepherd. We have an opportunity to get involved and engaged in our calling to be God’s people in this place. We have much to look forward to. The healthiest people are future oriented people. I trust that is also true for institutions like the church. God is in our present moment and promises to be our future.

Yours for energetic and engaged and future oriented living,

Pastor Koch

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<h1>August 2011</h1>						
	1 N.A. 6 & 8 pm	2 N.A. 6 pm	3 N.A. 7 & 8:30	4 N.A. 8 pm	5 N.A. 8 pm	6 N. A. 9:30 Flowers - Rymers N.A. 8 pm
7 9:30 am Worship N. A. 4 pm	8 <u>MON-FRI</u> N.A. 6 & 8 pm	9 <u>SUMMER</u> N.A. 6 pm Board of Directors 7:15 pm	10 <u>MUSIC</u> N.A. 7 & 8:30	11 <u>CAMP</u> N.A. 8 pm	12 <u>9:00 TO</u> <u>11:30</u> N.A. 8 pm	13 N.A. 9:30 am Flowers Needed NA Birthday Party 3 pm N.A. 8 pm
14 9:30 am Culminating Worship and Beer n Brats Picnic NA 4 pm	15 N.A. 6 & 8 pm	16 N. A. 6 pm	17 N.A. 7 & 8:30 p	18 N.A. 8 pm	19 N.A. 8 pm	20 N.A. 9:30 am Flowers - Weylands N.A. 8 pm
21 9:30 am Worship NA 4 pm	22 N.A. 6 & 8 pm	23 N. A. 6 pm	24 Health Screening in Social Hall, 8:30a - 4:30p N.A. 7 & 8:30 p	25 N.A. 8 pm	26 N.A. 8 pm	27 N.A. 9:30 am Flowers Needed N.A. 8 pm
28 9:30 am Worship NA 4 pm	29 Vineyard Open House N.A. 6 & 8 pm	30 Vineyard Open House N. A. 6 pm	31 Vineyard 1 st Day of Class N.A. 7 & 8:30 p			

August Birthdays

1 Jay Yothers, 3 Norma Rymers, 20 Rozanne Koch
30 Elinore Workman, 21 Kelly Cox

August Anniversaries

6 Jack & Lenore Penkethman, 19 Jay & Vivian Yothers
24 Herm & Zita Weyland

Date	Coffee Time		August Assisting Ministers		
	Set up	Clean up	Acolytes	Lectors	Ushers
7	H & Z Weyland	Duane Brown	Ben Anderson	Carolyn Carver	Karen & Nicci Spence
14	Congregational Beer 'n' Brats Picnic		Kyra Guerra	Rozanne Koch	Mariah Garcia & James Guerra
21	Michelle Anderson	Karen Spence	Nicole Critzer	Patty Johansen	Steve & Debbie Andrade
28	Sally Hammelev	Mariah Garcia	Ben Anderson	Jo Brooks	John Hopkins