

# Good Shepherd Free Lutheran Church



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*Mission Statement: We, the Congregation of Good Shepherd Free Lutheran Church (AFLC), declare that God the Father is all powerful and eternal, that His Son Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior, is the Living Word and by the power of the Holy Spirit, we aspire to live our lives according to the Word of God and to proclaim His truth to a lost and hurting world around us.*

## Pastor Norr's Page

### THE LAW OF THE HARVEST

Galatians 6:7-10, "Do not be deceived, God is not mocked; for whatever a man sows, this he will also reap. For the one who sows to his own flesh shall from the flesh reap corruption, but the one who sows to the Spirit shall from the Spirit reap eternal life. And let us not lose heart in doing good, for in due time we shall reap if we do not grow weary. So then, while we have opportunity, let us do good to all men, and especially to those who are of the household of faith."

There are four laws of the harvest. 1st law: We reap what we sow. If you plant peas you will harvest a crop of peas, not carrots. If we smile and greet a stranger, they will often smile and greet you in return. On the other hand, if you shout angrily at another person, their response will be shouting angrily in return. We reap what we sow.

2nd law of the harvest: We reap what we sow with an increase. We plant one kernel of corn, we will harvest possibly 3 or 4 ears of corn from that stalk. We sowed one kernel, we harvested 300 to 400 kernels. We decided to take a break from church this summer, for one Sunday, and then the increase, we find it is easier to stay home from church for several Sundays, because it's so much "fun" to do so many other things instead. On the other hand, a family decided to visit our church this summer, and were greeted by so many friendly people, that they decided to attend every Sunday. There is an increase.

3rd law of the harvest: We reap what we sow in a different season. We sow in the spring, and we harvest in the fall. When parents are careless about Church attendance and Bible Study, they are raising their children to be careless about Sunday School and church attendance when they grow up. If the husband and father doesn't attend church with his family, the children that the mother attempts to bring a spiritual emphasis into their lives is not nearly as effective as if the father was with them in Sunday School and church. The different season then, as the children grow up they don't attend church with their family, because Dad didn't attend when they were growing up.

4th law of the harvest: We cannot do anything about last year's harvest, but we can only improve this year's harvest. With our children, more is caught than is taught. Every child needs to be raised in a home with mother and dad praying with them every day and attending Sunday School and church every Sunday.

### Upcoming Church Activities

<b>Church Picnic</b>	<b>50th Church Anniversary</b>
<p>After the worship service on July 26 in the Lions Building at Olcott Park.</p> <p>Bring a dish to share, play games, visit and listen to praise music by Lifted Hands.</p>	<p>The church will have a 50 year celebration on September 26 &amp; 27. If you would like to serve on a committee, please contact Pastor or Deb Hunter.</p>



### Ministerial Acts for May

• **Funerals**

Leland Erickson  
Kevin Nystrom

• **Baptisms**

• **Weddings**

If you have any prayer requests, please call Melissa Nissila at 865-4769 or 780-7079, she is in charge of the prayer chain.

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**Sunday Evening Bible Study**

The Sunday evening Bible Study will take a break for a few weeks. We completed the study on "Relying on the Holy Spirit" on May 31st. We are searching for a new study and will let you know when the new study will begin.



**Saturday Night "Alive"**

Tammy and Keith sang a duet while Keith played the ukulele.



**Vacation Bible School**

The Sunday School students can participate in Vacation Bible School at Storybook Lodge during August 16-21st. This is a great opportunity for your child to stay connected with other children in a Christian setting. If you are interested call the church (741-9003).



**Students Honored**

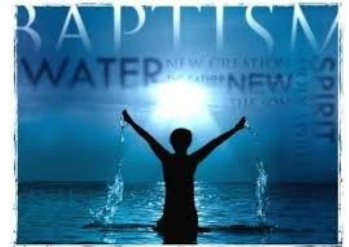
Graduates honored at church on May 17th. The students were honored with a cake and a devotional: Tyler Anderson - Bradley University - (grandson of Dale and Sue Mott), Aimee Imberg - Range Community College - (daughter of Gordy Imberg), Paul Mattila - Master's degree from Columbia Southern University, Alexandria Polizzi - Eveleth-Gilbert High School - (daughter of Damon and Kim Fultz) and Calvin Sullivan - Duluth East High School - (son of Willow Sullivan).



Best wishes in your future endeavors..

**Baptism at the Lake**

Come join us for Baptism at the Lake, it will take place on August 2nd, after church at Sparta Beach on Ely Lake.



**Volunteer Update**

	<b>June 7</b>	<b>June 14</b>	<b>June 21</b>	<b>June 28</b>
<b>Greeters</b>	Dave & Barb Stewart	Dave & Barb Stewart	Kathy Zaiser	Kathy Zaiser
<b>Ushers</b>	Warren Swartz & Lisa Inman	Tim & Deb Hunter	Deb Hanela	Gordy & Melissa Nissila
<b>Acolytes</b>				
<b>Readers</b>	Sherry Johnson	Deb Hunter	Keith Bechtold	Janelle Saranen
<b>Kitchen Clean-up</b>	Marcy Zallar	Ellen Bane	Deb Hanela	Lisa Inman
<b>Laundering Linens for the Month:</b> Rebecca Smith				



**"Well done, good and faithful servant!" Matthew 25:23**

Thank you all for your service.

**GOOD SHEPHERD LUTHERAN CHURCH  
CHURCH COUNCIL MINUTES**

April 14, 2015

Called to order at 7:12 p.m.

**Attendance:**

Pastor Norr, Tammy Bechtold, Kathy Carlson, Lisa Inman, Sherry Johnson, Linda Kolocek, Art Lee, Sharon Maki, Paul Mattila, Todd Niemi, Gordy Nissila, Melissa Nissila & Warren Swartz.

**Deacons:** Sheri Peterson & Tom Smith

Opening Scripture: Matthew 28:1-10

Opening Prayer

Motion was made and supported to approve the minutes of the March 10, 2015 meeting as read.

**Treasurer's Report:**

General Fund, Building Fund, and Memorial Fund were read. Motion was made and supported to approve the Treasurer's report as read.

**Financial Secretary's Report:**

Ladies Fund, Radio Broadcast, Home Missions Fund were read. Motion was made and supported to approve the Financial Secretary's report as read.

**Sunday School Report:**

The Sunday School report was given by Sherry Johnson. The ending balance for the Sunday School was read. They will be working on Mother's Day gifts. May 17<sup>th</sup> will be the last Sunday for Sunday School for the summer. Motion was made and supported to approve the Sunday School report as given.

**Youth Group Report:**

The Youth Group report was given by Sharon Maki. The ending balance for the Youth Group was read. The Youth Group will be going to the Edgewood Vista to play games with the residents this coming Sunday, April 19<sup>th</sup>. Motion was made and supported to approve the Youth Group report as given.

**Deacons' Report:**

The Deacons' report was given by Sheri Peterson. There have been a consistent number of children attending Sunday School. The Sunday Eve Bible Study is going well. An Ad for Saturday Night "Alive" was put into the bulletin and Manney's Shopper. The next date will be Saturday, April 18<sup>th</sup>. The dates for Summer Bible Camp were approved for August 16<sup>th</sup>-21<sup>st</sup> at Story Book Lodge. The Church Newsletter is going well also. Motion was made and supported to approve the Deacons' Report as given.

**Pastor's Report:**

A door offering in the amount of \$831.00 was collected by our church for Minnesota Adult & Teen Challenge. Pastor read a letter from them as well. Pastor also read a thank you from the Quad Cities Food Shelf for the \$187.00 we donated along with 156 lbs. of food given for the March Food Drive. Youth For Christ (YFC) has a new Director and his name is Christian Dane. The YFC Spring Banquet will be on Thursday, May 7<sup>th</sup> in Mt. Iron. Pastor would like to purchase a table for this event. Mother's Day is Sunday, May 10<sup>th</sup> and we will pass out carnations and a Mother's devotional. Pastor would like to purchase 125 of these devotionals. The graduates for this year were discussed – Alex Polizzi. A devotional will also be handed out on Father's Day. (40 fathers) Discussed purchasing a book on home remedies that uses scriptures. Possibly put some information from the book in the church newsletter. A recommended donation of \$40.00 is asked for this. Motion was made and supported to approve the Pastor's Report as given.

**Old Business:**

Discussed the men's & women's toilets being too low. Also discussed installing a bar for support. Art Lee will look into these. Will get bars for now and check on risers for the toilets. Discussed the security system for the church also. Todd Niemi will check into this. Discussed Power Point and a handout was given. This will be tabled for another month. We will pray on this issue. Discussed remodeling the church kitchen. Tim & Deb Hunter will

look into this and get bids. Decided to have the Hunter's discuss this at the next meeting. Camp dates of Aug. 16-21 for Story Book Lodge this summer. A complaint as to Teen Challenge not being served first when we had the lunch downstairs. Will announce that our visitors should go first in the food line. The Annual Church Picnic date has been set for July 26<sup>th</sup> at the Olcott Park. Deacon's Helpers is on hold for now. Name tags are still in the works. The Ladies Retreat will be Saturday, April 18<sup>th</sup>. A drum machine is not needed for the church at this time. The Praise Team discussed a small PA for when they travel. Discussed the air conditioners being serviced and cleaned. Discussed handout for Nick Schunk's bid and contract for roof repairs.

**New Business:**

Discussed the 50<sup>th</sup> Church Anniversary & Church Directory. Discussed having an Anniversary celebration in the early Fall. A tentative date is September 26<sup>th</sup> & 27<sup>th</sup>. A Committee will be set up for this at the next meeting. Pastor will call Life Touch Photography about a date for the Directory.

Discussed Spring Cleanup for the church. The dates will be May 14, 15 & 16.

Motion was made and approved to purchase up to 2 tables, using the Home Missions Fund, for the YFC Spring Banquet at \$150.00/each.

Motion was made and approved to purchase a Natural Remedies book for the church with a \$50.00 donation.

Motion was made and approved to order 6 dozen carnations and 125 Devotionals for Mother's Day.

Motion made and approved for Keith Bechtold to look into a small PA for the Praise Team and come back with prices.

Motion made and approved to give \$50.00 to the Association for a Bible School Yearbook. Sharon will call Adan Venne regarding St. Louis County Community connect and see if he will come and speak at our Council meeting. Sharon will call the radio station regarding the sermon not being broadcast.

Motion made and approved for Dave Saranen to check into the Clavinova problem. The discs are the problem and we discussed how to fix them.

Motion made and approved for Nick Schunk to repair our roof in the amount of \$800.00.

Motion made and approved to have North County Heating & Cooling service our air conditioners.

Meeting closed with the Lord's Prayer and was adjourned at 8:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Melissa Nissila, Secretary

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Thank you to everyone that helped clean the church. Your service was greatly appreciated.



**PLEASE KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS.....**

Helvi Ahola  
Al Bedard  
Jessie Dutcher  
Joe Goerd  
Dave Gustafson  
Susan Haavisto  
Tim Hunter  
Minerva Imberg, who is at Edgewood Vista Assisted Living  
Daphne Koski  
Grace Lee, who is at Essentia Convalescent Care  
Willmer Lehrke  
Tyne Lothberg, who is at Edgewood Vista Assisted Living

Lorna Mattila, who is at Edgewood Vista Memory Care  
Sue Mott  
Mary Peterson  
Bernetta Sabin  
Ed Salo, who is at Edgewood Vista Memory Care  
Willow Sullivan



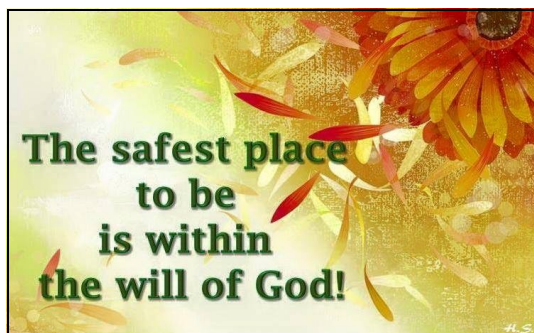
# June 2015

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>1</b> 12:00 pm—Pray for our Nation	<b>2</b> 3:00 pm—Washington Manor Service 5:00 pm—Celebrate Recovery in the Park	<b>3</b> 7:00 pm—Bible Study 7:00 pm—Baccalaureate	<b>4</b> 8:00 am—Pastors' Prayer Breakfast @ Northgate Café 10:30 am—Edgewood Vista Service 4:00 pm—Group Home	<b>5</b> 3:00 pm—Laurentian Manor Service	<b>6</b>	
<b>7</b> 9:00 am—Radio Broadcast/KRBT 9:45 am—Praise & Worship 10:00 am—Worship/Communion Service 2:00 pm—VCC Church Service 4:00 pm—Columbia Service	<b>8</b> 12:00 pm—Pray for our Nation	<b>9</b> 3:00 pm—Washington Manor Service 5:00 pm—Deacons' Mtg. 6:00 pm—Celebrate Recovery 7:00 pm—Church Council Meeting	<b>10</b> 12:00 pm—Ladies' Luncheon @ Country Kitchen 7:00 pm—Bible Study	<b>11</b> 8:00 am—Pastors' Prayer Breakfast @ Northgate Café 12:00—V.A.M.A. Meeting 4:00 pm—Group Home	<b>12</b> 3:00 pm—Laurentian Manor Service	<b>13</b> 9:00 am—Men's Monthly Breakfast @ Northgate Cafe
<b>14</b> 9:00 am—Radio Broadcast/KRBT 9:45 am—Praise & Worship 10:00 am—Worship Service 4:00 pm—Columbia Service 	<b>15</b> 12:00 pm—Pray for our Nation	<b>16</b> 3:00 pm—Washington Manor Service 6:00 pm—Celebrate Recovery	<b>17</b> 7:00 pm—Bible Study	<b>18</b> 8:00 am—Pastors' Prayer Breakfast @ Northgate Café 4:00 pm—Group Home	<b>19</b> 10:30 am—Edgewood Vista Memory Care Service 3:00 pm—Laurentian Manor Service	<b>20</b> 7:00 pm—Saturday Night "Alive"
<b>21 Father's Day</b> 9:00 am—Radio Broadcast/KRBT 9:45 am—Praise & Worship 10:00 am—Worship Service 4:00 pm—Columbia Service 	<b>22</b> 12:00 pm—Pray for our Nation	<b>23</b> 3:00 pm—Washington Manor Service 6:00 pm—Celebrate Recovery	<b>24</b> 7:00 pm—Bible Study	<b>25</b> 8:00 am—Pastors' Prayer Breakfast @ Northgate Café	<b>26</b> 3:00 pm—Laurentian Manor Service	<b>27</b>
<b>28</b> 9:00 am—Radio Broadcast/KRBT 9:45 am—Praise & Worship 10:00 am—Worship Service 4:00 pm—Columbia Service	<b>29</b> 12:00 pm—Pray for our Nation	<b>30</b> 3:00 pm—Washington Manor Service 6:00 pm—Celebrate Recovery				

If you have any news, concerns, or requests,  
you can contact Sherry by phone, text, or email.

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# Church Picnic

after worship service

on July 26, 2015

at Olcott Park

Bring a dish to share.

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