

## SHEPHERD NEWS

### Song Fest



**Sunday, October 19 @ 4:00 p.m.**

Celebrate music with the Borderline Brass Quintet, SOV Choir, Ken Hanna Singers and much audience participation! A dessert reception will follow. Interested in joining the choir for the upcoming Song Fest? Please come to rehearsal on Wednesdays at 7:00 p.m.

### Adult Discipleship

There are many great classes being held this Fall at SOV. From evangelism to discovering your gifts to Bible exploration, we encourage you to take advantage of these opportunities to grow in your faith.

### "Refresh" Bible Study is Back!

Beginning Sunday, October 12 at 10:30 a.m. join Pastor Zach for a study titled, "Flawed, Imperfect People Chosen by God." We'll look at real

examples from God's word that prove how common people can and will be used in the most uncommon ways. Gideon was insecure. David committed adultery and murder! Jacob was a liar. Elijah showed a lack of faith in God. And Solomon, described as the wisest man on earth, showed a lack of wisdom. The fact of the matter is that God doesn't wait for us to become perfect before He uses us. This series will help uncover real, applicable life lessons and explorations into God's Word that will make discovering all of His promises a reality. Join us each week or just drop in when you can make it!

### Coming Soon to "Refresh"

A study titled, "Lessons from the Book of Judges" will be taught by Sylvia Rowenhorst, beginning November 16. Don't miss this fascinating look at the lives and lessons of the judges!

### Welcome Tammie!



Tammie Proue has joined the staff as our new Special Needs Coordinator. Tammie, her husband Tom, and sons Andrew, Jacob, and Adam are members of Shepherd. She comes to us with a wealth of experience in the special needs area and a BA degree in psychology from Northwestern College. Most recently, she was program coordinator for three adult family homes in Wisconsin.

All children are welcome at Shepherd! We strive to make it possible for children with special needs to participate in Children's and Youth activities. Adult Special Friends walk alongside these children and youth during Sunday School and Confirmation. If you would like to help in this ministry call Tammie at 651.436.8248 ext 17.

## MARK YOUR CALENDAR

October 1, 8, 22, 29	Grade 7, 8 Confirmation
October 1, 15, 29	Kid's Connection Worship Team
October 2, 9, 23, 30	3rd Base... the Stop Before Home
October 4	Prayer Shawl-In
October 4-5	Grade 7, 8, & 9 Retreat
October 5, 12, 19	Senior High Small Groups
October 7, 14, 21, 28	Discovering My Design
October 11, 25	ServeFest
October 18	SOV Book Club
October 26	9 <sup>th</sup> Grade Confirmation Sunday

**Saturday Worship: 5:30 p.m.**

**Sunday Worship: 9:00 and 10:30 a.m.**

Our Mission: To connect all people to Christ through nurturing, building friendships and serving.

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# FROM THE PASTOR

## A Note to All Parents

On October 26, many of our confirmation students will be publically affirming their Faith in Jesus Christ. It's a great day for parents. It's a wonderful thing to see the child we brought for baptism earlier on, stand up before a congregation and profess his or her own personal faith.

As a parent have you ever wondered after confirmation day, *"Where do I fit in now in regards to my teen's spiritual life? I got them through Sunday School, communion classes, and now confirmation. Am I kind of... done?"*

**Parents, here is where we fit in.** We are never done looking out for our child's spiritual needs. We are vital to their spiritual health. Don't stop praying for them. Don't stop asking them which service they will be attending on Sunday. Let them know that worship is necessary. Don't stop inviting them to join you in doing service in and outside the church. When they move out of the

house and head off to college don't stop asking them, "Where did you worship this Sunday?" Don't stop asking them as adults, "Have you found a church home where you live? That's important for you. We're concerned for your spiritual health."

There is a chance they'll get irritated with you along the way as you ask these kinds of questions. But guess what? That comes with the job!

Parents, we're never done being parents.

## Baptism Class

The next Baptism class will be offered on Sunday, October 12 at 9:30 a.m. This class is for parents who wish to have their child baptized at Shepherd, or for anyone who wishes to be baptized. To sign up for this class, or to schedule a baptism, please call the church office.

## Tune in October 19

Did you know that Pastor Steve serves as an associate speaker on the Christian Crusaders' radio and Internet program? He will be preaching on October 19.

Christian Crusaders, now in its 72nd year of radio broadcasting, can be heard in this area at 7:30 a.m. on KKMS / AM 1220. Thousands of people tune in to this program each Sunday on nineteen stations across the country and on shortwave radio in Western Europe. This half-hour program promises to uplift and inspire listeners with a strong, Gospel-based message!

If you have a friend or relative who is unable to worship in their own church, tell them about this worship service available on the air every Sunday and online twenty-four hours a day.

For more information visit the Web site at [www.christiancrusaders.org](http://www.christiancrusaders.org).



# GROWING IN CHRIST

## Fall Shawl-In



The Prayer Shawl Ministry invites you to a "Shawl-In" at Shepherd on Saturday, October 4. Drop in anytime from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. to learn to knit or crochet. You may add a row to our "community shawl" or make a "prayer square." Enjoy food and fellowship as we enjoy God's love and comfort in touchable, tangible ways!

## Library Open House

October 18 & 19 @ SOV

October is Church Library Month. Come to an Open House of the Shepherd Library before and after the worship services on October 18 & 19. Members of the Library Task Group will be on hand to show you what is new. They will answer any questions you may have about available resources or how to use the library. And you'll want to check out the free giveaways!

## SOV Book Club

The SOV Book Club is currently reading "Gilead" by Marilynne Robinson. Join them to discuss the book on Saturday, October 18 at 9:00 a.m. at the Hudson Bagel and Coffee Co.

## SeAM

### Southeast Asian Ministry

Jennifer Krueger, Executive Director of SeAM, is speaking at Shepherd on Sunday, October 5 at 10:30 a.m. Come to learn about the current face of refugees and immigrants in the Metro Area as well as volunteer opportunities and how you can make a difference in their lives. Donations of travel size toiletries, blankets, quilts and rice cookers are being accepted. Please bring them with you to the seminar.

## SOV Endowment Seminar

### A Partnership for Giving: A Lutheran Community Foundation Seminar

You are cordially invited to attend a seminar on October 5

at 10:30 a.m. at SOV. The seminar will be moderated by Doug Last, CFP®. The SOV Lutheran Church Endowment Fund allows the church to enhance the mission, outreach and ministry of the Congregation. Come to learn how a giving partnership with Shepherd of the Valley through the Endowment Fund can maximize your support to causes that reflect your values, and can also increase your benefits as the donor.

## Men's Ministry



### Minnesota Vikings vs. the Green Bay Packers!

Come join a bunch of guys watch the Vikings/Packers game on big HD screens with pumping sound—along with lots of food, fellowship, and fun. Kickoff is at **noon on Sunday, November 9** in the Community Center at SOV. Pizza and soda will be available for a small fee. Bring your friends! For more info, talk to Pastor Zach. Sign up at the Information Kiosk.



# FOR KIDS ONLY

## Sunday School News:

“Feed My Lambs... Let the Children Come!” What a blessing for God to allow Shepherd to be His tool in *touching the lives of children for eternity*. Welcome to the many new families that God has brought to our ministry. And **thank you** to those who have answered “yes” to God’s call to serve in His mission of *connecting all kids to Christ!*

*Christie Cotner*

**Parents, thank you for following our Check—In / Out Procedures! Now, how you can help things run smoothly:**

1. Please check your child in **no earlier** than 10 minutes before Sunday School begins. This will alleviate congestion and allow the Shepherds time for prayer and preparation prior to their class.

2. Please pick up your child from their classroom **promptly** after service.
3. Have your child bring their **Bible** each week.
4. Please have your young child stop for a potty break before coming to Sunday School.
5. Remember, no Preschool—Grade 5 children will be released on their own. Only 6th Graders will come and go on their own.

### Bringing a Guest

Please check all guests in at the Information Desk located at the East Entrance. They will be issued a nametag and you will receive a Parent Pass.

### Oh no, we’re going to be late!

- ◆ **3 & 4 year olds through Kindergartners:** If you arrive late, please check in at the **Preschool Resource Room**. Someone will be there to assist you with your nametag and escort your child to large group.

- ◆ **1-5 Graders:** Please check in at the **Information Desk** and someone will be there to assist you with your nametag and escort your child to large group.

### Where do Sunday School Offerings Go?

Offering envelopes are distributed at the beginning of the Sunday School year. Children’s offerings help support Brandon and Amanda Maxwell in Tanzania, and Nicholus, Pamela, & Luis through Compassion International. Each class will write to these children and to Amanda and Brandon throughout the year. During November, the Sunday School ministry will participate in Operation Christmas Child – Shoebox Ministry through Samaritan’s Purse. Giving is purely at your discretion and will not be individually recorded. Use this opportunity to teach your child about offerings and that we give out of our love for

### Children’s Ministry Mission Statement

*To unite with the family in connecting all kids to Christ, so they will know Him as their Lord and Savior, seek His Will for their lives, and share with others His Good News.*



# FOR KIDS ONLY

## Do You Have a Child With Special Needs?

Tammie Proue, our Special Friends coordinator, is ready to help your child join in the fun of Children’s Ministry programming. You may contact her at 651.436.8248 ext.17 or at [tproue@shepherd-lutheran.org](mailto:tproue@shepherd-lutheran.org).

## It’s not too late to join the team!

Be a part of the team who are *Connecting Kids to Christ* by helping with Children’s Ministry. Volunteer opportunities include Sunday School Ministry, 3<sup>rd</sup> Base and other periodic programs. Help us *Connect all Kids to Christ*. Pray about how God can use you to *affect a child’s life for eternity*. Questions? Talk to any of the Children’s Ministry staff.

## 3<sup>rd</sup> Base... the Stop Before Home

### Back in Full Swing!

3<sup>rd</sup> Base is an after-school program for 4-6 graders that offers faith, fun, food, and friends. October’s theme is *Fun and Fellowship*. It meets on Thursdays from 3:30-5:00 p.m. on the days that the Stillwater

School District is in session (unless otherwise stated). October meeting dates are the 2, 9, 23, 30. No 3<sup>rd</sup> Base on October 16 due to MEA. Kids attending Afton Lakeland Elementary can hop on the **Ring** Bus. Parents—make sure you send a note giving your child permission to ride the bus.

Adult extra hands are needed for 3<sup>rd</sup> Base. The time commitment will depend on the number who volunteer (a rotation schedule will be developed). Talk to Christie if you would like to help.

### Here’s how to join the team:

1. Pick up a permission slip at the Information Desk or Information Kiosk.
2. Fill out the front of the form.
3. Check out the expectations on the back of the form and sign it.
4. Bring it with you to 3<sup>rd</sup> Base.

Friends are always welcome. If you are bringing a friend, they will need a permission slip too. *Don’t sit on the sidelines... join the team!*

## Christmas Musical

Hey 2-6th Graders... mark your calendars! Next month we will begin getting ready for this year’s Christmas Musical! Try-outs for speaking and dancing parts will happen on October 29 from 6:30-8:00 p.m. Rehearsals will happen Sundays from 12:00-2:00 p.m. and Wednesdays from 6:30-8:00 p.m. The dress rehearsal and performance will be on Saturday, December 6.

Those who receive speaking and dancing parts will receive a schedule with the expectation that they will need to stay from 2:00-2:30 p.m. on Sundays and from 6:00-6:30 p.m. on Wednesdays. On the Sundays that we practice, you may send a lunch with your child and they can eat together prior to the start of rehearsal.

Adult help is needed in the following areas: the reception following the musical, props, costumes, working lines, set up and take down of props the day of the musical and putting together the program. Questions? Talk to Christie or Keri.



# GROWING IN CHRIST

## Small Group Update

Want to live out Shepherd's mission of connecting to Christ through nurturing, building friendships and serving? In small groups people get to know one another, develop supportive friendships, grow closer to Jesus, and sometimes even serve together.

Groups meet various days of the week and locations. Most begin the week of October 5. Information and registration is available online and at the Information Kiosk.

If you wish to try out a group before joining, check out the **Newcomer Group** on Monday, October 6, at 7:00 p.m. at church. See what the group format and feel is, and meet some great people. Childcare is available. Also, men are invited to a **Men's Gathering** at SOV on Friday, October 10, at 6:00 a.m. Meet some new guys, and connect with members of the groups represented. Men's groups meet in different locations, but will meet together for this Fall kickoff. Small groups are making a kingdom difference... don't miss out!

## Much More Than a Bible Study

Though I have participated in a small group Bible study ever since Derek and I joined one years ago, I've received much more than I ever expected from the experience. I expected to learn more about God. I expected to learn how to rely on Jesus every day. I expected to become a bit more familiar with the Bible. Not surprisingly, those things happened.

But over the years, several other things happened. Our small group friends helped us through infertility and the adoption process. They greeted our Korean children at the airport and brought meals to ease our transition to parenthood. They loaded and unloaded our moving van when we moved from Minneapolis to Stillwater. We swapped kids for childcare and exchanged children's clothing and gear.

Our small-group friends are the "emergency contacts" on the cards filed at our kids' school. These friends have been early morning "workout partners". We have folded laundry together, cooked together and laughed together

(loudly) over a Bible study, a scrapbooking project, or even "dinner out." And, oh, have we prayed for each other. Small groups are no longer something I merely participate in. They have become part of my daily life. I need the accountability and discipline of the study to continue growing in my faith. But the blessing of these relationships continually energizes my participation both in our church family and the greater community where I live.

Every year my small group changes. I've come to look forward to the growth God brings me through the new group every year. I'm eager to meet the people He's already assembled for me this Fall. I'm eager to learn all about the Old Testament tabernacle, my Small Group's topic. And I'm eager to experience the blessing of friendship, support and caring that He continues to provide in the process.

How about you? Are you signed up?

*Kris Olson*



# YOUTH IGNITED

## Junior High

### 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Fall Retreat

- ◆ At YMCA Camp St. Croix in Hudson, WI
- ◆ Saturday October 4, 4:00 p.m. — Sunday, October 5 11:30 a.m.
- ◆ Please drop off and pick up at camp!

### 9<sup>th</sup> Grade Fall Retreat

- ◆ At YMCA Camp St. Croix in Hudson, WI
- ◆ Saturday October 4, 9:00 a.m. — Sunday, October 5 11:30 a.m.
- ◆ Please drop off and pick up at camp!

### 9<sup>th</sup> Grade Confirmation

- ◆ Photos taken October 22
- ◆ Confirmation Sunday, October 26 @ 12:30 p.m.

## Junior High Quake

### Youth Encounter Weekend

Join us November 21-23 at the Hilton Airport Hotel! This is a 3 day retreat with great speakers, music and super fun times. The cost is \$75.00 plus some food money.

Registrations can be found at the Youth Kiosk or on our website.

## A Message from Maria

I often wonder where I would be in my life today without people who love me and care about my life. I joined my first small group when I was in college. I remember walking to the small group leader's house feeling so nervous, scared, and not very knowledgeable about God. I remember feeling like I would be the only one who didn't know the books of the Bible by heart, or the only one who was nervous to pray out loud, or even the only one who had any troubles in life.

When I walked in the door I quickly found out that it did not matter that I wasn't a Bible scholar, or if I prayed with big words, or even if I had sin in my life. All that mattered was that I was a person who needed God and people to care about me... just like everyone else in that small group.

That very first small group I was in changed my life! I learned to be open and honest with who I was. I understood more about God and why He cares so much about me. I was surrounded by people who loved me and wanted to be there for me in the midst of all my pain and my joy! It was incredible!

This year in Senior High Ministry, we are all about Small Groups! The truth is, life was never meant to be done alone. God has gifted us with friends, family, and all kinds of other people that want to care for us and love us! In a Senior High Small Group you'll find just that—people who care about you and love you for who you are. I encourage you to check one out this month. Groups start Sunday, October 5 and meet from 6:30 – 8:00 p.m. at homes in the area. Register for one on our website or by filling out a blue registration form at the Kiosk. Get ready for your life to be changed forever!