

News for the week of October 21, 2018

To Prepare for Worship next week read:
Jeremiah 31:7-9, Hebrews 7:23-28, Mark 10:46-52

Have You Visited the Welcome Center?

- **Visiting Good Shepherd?** - Pick up a welcome packet and visit with the host at the center. Thank you for worshipping with us today!.
- **Sign up to Serve** - Check out our ministries at Good Shepherd and great opportunities to serve. - greeters, serving coffee, host at Welcome Center, ushering, etc.
- **Forms are available** - for baptism, reserve a room for a meeting, electronic giving, etc.
- **Photos** - If you would like your photo taken or update your current photo on the church data secure records, we can take care of that for you and your family.

Sunday 9:15am Bible Study - October 21st - "Lost Books?"
Session Two - Many "books" were written to try to fill in the gaps of things we don't know about the life of Jesus. This study is intended to give us a greater confidence in the Holy Bible. Led by Gene Kispert.

Monday Evening Bible Study starting October 29th
At 6:30pm, a study by Andy Stanley - "Taking Responsibility" will begin. Sign up in the Gathering Area. We will be meeting in the Worship Area. Invite a friend!

Wednesday Morning Bible Study starting October 31st
At 9am, a study by Andy Stanley - "Five Things God Uses to Grow Your Faith" will begin. Sign up is in the Gathering Area. We will be meeting in the Conference Room in the Office Wing. Invite a friend!

Youth and Children Announcements

- **Youth Group** - This Wednesday 5th and 6th grades will continue to meet as normal, from 7-8:30pm. Games, snacks, Bible study, worship small group, you and friends .
- **Rake and Run** - Youth- Rake and Run this Friday! Sign up on the youth bulletin board down by the youth room. We will meet at church on 8pm, and then raking people's yards...and you guessed it, running away.
- **Boo for Food** - This week during youth group, 7-12 grade, will be participating in the community-wide Boo for Food event. We will trick or treating for non-perishable food items in local neighborhoods. Drop off is 7pm at Good Shepherd, but pick up is at 9pm at Associated Church in Owatonna.
- **Free Resource** - On Sunday School kick-off day, many of you signed up for a free resource. You can pick those up on the Kids Grow table outside of the Worship Area.
- **No Youth Group on October 31st for all ages.**

Confirmation Service Next Sunday

Rite of Confirmation will be at 3pm at Good Shepherd. Come to hear the 9th graders read their faith stories. Pray for our young people who will be confirmed. Thank God for the many people who have faithfully nurtured them through their lives so far.

Thanksgiving Dinner - Sunday , November 11th

The youth will be hosting their annual Thanksgiving dinner with two seatings: 11am and 11:45am. Sign up in the gathering area to attend, and also if you would like to donate items to be used for the dinner. Youth and Parents—we would love to have you sign up to volunteer by the youth room. Thanks for supporting our youth ministry.

Join Us in Celebrating the Retirement of Pastor Mark - Sunday, November 18th

Worship Service 9:30am
Open House in honor of Mark and Sue
11am - 1pm (Light Lunch Served)
Program at 11:30am
Check your mailslot for your invitation
or the Welcome Center

Opportunities to Serve - Check the Kiosks

- **Operation Christmas Child** - Check out the display on the table in the Gathering Area. This is an opportunity to spread the love of Jesus throughout the world! Remember to take items from the exchange basket . Also, shop for the dresses located in the Prayer Room. Deadline for collection of boxes is Nov. 11th.
- **Quilting Ministry** - Check out the table in the Gathering Area on today and next Sunday. They are part of the Charity Bazaar - Saturday, November 3rd, to be held from 8:30am - 1:30pm at the Steele County Community Center.

Community Events

- **Feed My Starving Children** - Oct. 26th at Trinity Lutheran Church Owatonna.
- **Fall Leaf Clean-Up! - November 3rd, 9am**
Healthy Seniors of Steele County is organizing help with a fall leaf clean-up to senior citizens in need. Volunteers are needed to help rake and bag leaves. Bring your own rakes and work gloves. Call to volunteer at 507-774-7648 or email: anel@healthyseniorsmn.org
- **Open Table Event - Sunday, Nov. 4th, 4:30-7pm**
Rachel's Light is in the early stages of development to take over where Lily Sparrow House left off, to provide shelter, support and a place of belonging for women and children who have found themselves without a place to call home. Open Table, to be held at Good Shepherd, is an opportunity to join in a humble meal of bread and soup. See the kiosk in the Gathering Area for more info.

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