

The Community Connection



June Newsletter



The Story of Courage and Faith: Past and Present

Pastor Emeritus, Jim Munter

How richly the Lord has blessed us over these past two decades! The story of these past twenty years rests upon the foundation that was laid by faithful saints fifty years ago. This is the place that the mission committee of the old American Lutheran Church (ALC) took the risk of providing money and a faithful pastor to bear witness to the death and victorious resurrection of Jesus. In those days Sandy was a small town beyond the reach of the trolley line. It took courage and faith for those first charter members to witness the gospel of Christ on this dusty corner in an overwhelming LDS community.

I admire the courage of Pastor Hushagen who stepped out of his Lutheran Midwest comfort zone to accept the call to an unknown place called Sandy, Utah. I think of Pastor Jerry Trelstad whose ministry continues to live on through his daughter Mim, the wife of our present senior pastor, Jeff Nellermoe. The faithful, courageous and gentle ministries of these men was the foundation for the continuing dynamic ministry of Pastor Tom Ashbrook through whom the Spirit called and gathered a large congregation. Pastor Ashbrook had the courage and faithful vision to encourage the saints to build our present sanctuary.

Good Shepherd has a deep spirituality in its DNA. Our faith is a marvelous gift of the Spirit, but it sadly became destructive when we drifted into the attitude that our spirituality resulted from our own worthiness and not a precious gift of grace from the Holy Spirit. The Lord, in His mercy, turned this challenge into a new spiritual awakening. We learned to never, never take our eyes off the message of the Gospel, that we are (and always will be in this life) sinners saved through the Father's undeserved love in the death and resurrection of His son Jesus.

As I evaluate our history, from the vantage point of today, I see the footprints of the Holy Spirit patiently leading us into ever renewed understanding of ourselves, that has set the course for the blessings of these past twenty years. "Prayer First, Prayer Always" comes from the hearts of people who realize their only hope is in Jesus! The Spirit has led us to take our eyes off of ourselves to reach out in mission. Have you considered that the sun never sets on our mission ministries. As the sun rises over Vietnam its light rushes over the expanse of Russia and then across the Atlantic to Mexico, South America and Sandy, Utah.

It has proven true that the light that shines furthest away shines brightest at home. Our ministry with Brother George Rivera in Mexico has helped us see and care about the Hispanic people in our own community. The orphan children in Vietnam and the spiritually hungry children in Russia have opened our eyes to see and love the foster children in the Salt Lake area through the Royal Family Kid's Camp Ministry and the Milestone House. Our own healed brokenness has taken us through steel bars into prison ministry. The love of Jesus has cascaded into thousands of sandwiches feeding the homeless through the Salvation Army and opened our church doors to feed and shelter homeless families.

Then there are the faithful Sunday School teachers and helpers who come every Sunday to introduce their little flock to Jesus. Now we are adding weekday childcare through the "Little Lambs" ministry. The Spirit has blessed our teenage youth ministry in touching hundreds of young men and women. At least eleven of them are now in ordained ministry.

The faithful members of our choir and worship leaders are here every week to practice so they can help us all praise our living Lord through song in worship. The same for the bell choir and those who control the sound system. Like the women of scripture, the "Women Of the Word" (WOW) work tirelessly behind the scenes. On and on it goes! Hundreds of saints working together, empowered by the undeserved love of Jesus to love others.

Our courage and faith was put to the test once again when we tore down and rebuilt over sixty percent of our physical structure at a cost of a little over two million dollars. If this were not enough, while all this was in process we disengaged from the ELCA and joined ranks with the LCMC association with other Lutheran Congregations! Talk about an earthquake and spiritual tsunami all at once! We put our trust in the Lord and He has been more than faithful! This past month the building mortgage has been paid in full!

Now we face a new spiritual test. How will we respond to a debt free ministry opportunity? If there are no struggles I would suspect that we do not have a "God-sized" vision for ministry. The Holy Spirit has led and strengthened us through these past fifty years for which we can only give our Lord the praise and glory! May we turn to the future with this same courage and faith in the gospel of Christ that has empowered us in the past. I am humbled and grateful to have journeyed through these past twenty years with you.

Psalm 34:3 Glorify the LORD with me; let us exalt his name together.

Parents! Bring your family to the 9:30 am worship service this summer. They will not be disappointed. The kids expect church to be fun. It is! But, there is much more. This summer they will experience the joy of worshipping with you! Have your children ever seen you worship? For a child, seeing their mom and/or dad worship is life-changing. A child learns to trust in God's love through your example.

Build an expectation for worship. Sitting in church can be difficult for young ones who've never experienced it before, but when prepared, children can meet high expectations. Let them know, lovingly, that you expect them to sit still and pay attention during the service. Older children can write down words they may not understand or questions they have about the sermon. Younger children will enjoy the music and just being with their parents. Coming to the altar rail as a family is a wonderful experience for everyone and bringing your young ones up for a blessing during communion is a gift that blesses the pastors, your child and you too.

If you are looking for a way to grow closer as a family, a way to open conversation with your child about God and his Word or just another way to spend time with your kids, bring them to worship. You'll be blessed! We are making changes in the 9:30 am service. We will be singing Hymns, along with old and new VBS songs.

GSLC Men's Bowling Team



Don Christy, Jeff Carlos, Curtis Zeeh, Ben Zaharias (Captain), Steve Wren, Chuck Hellige, and Larry Larson

Good Shepherd's bowling team just completed a successful season in the YMCA league on April 14th finishing in 4th place overall. We spent a good portion of the first half of the season in last place before finishing 6th of 14 teams. In the second half we finished in 4th place. We also played in the Utah State USBC championship tournament. It has been a fun season with many ups and downs. If you are interested in hearing more about the team, please speak to any of the members. You can contact Ben Zaharias at 801-759-4634 or zomnker@gmail.com. The league is also in need of more teams. It would be great if Good Shepherd could field another for the 2011/2012 season!

Congratulations Barbara Kimball

Did you know that Barbara Kimball is our new State President for Church Women United? She is also Co-President of our local Salt Lake—Bountiful group. She was chosen the "Most Valiant Woman of the Year" of Church Women United. Well done, faithful servant!



Salvation Army Award

On May 11, 2011 The Salvation Army held their Fifth Annual Donor and Volunteer Appreciation Luncheon. The event was titled, "Doing the Most Good". During the ceremony, Good Shepherd Lutheran Church was awarded the "Community Dining Room Award". John and Carol Bradford attended the luncheon and accepted the award on Good Shepherd's behalf. They said, "When our award was presented, the presenter mentioned that GSLC was one of many similar organizations that helped in this type of work. We were thanked for the dedicated monthly service we offer such as the food that we bring, the servers (including the communion offering), the bibles, and the prayers offered. This is above and beyond what most other communities offer. They also mentioned our consistency and the quality of what GSLC does for them every 3rd Sunday of each month. The Salvation Army thanked our church and all of us for the blessing of our giving of time and our love."

Thank you to EVERYONE who helps with this very important community outreach. It wouldn't be as amazing as it is without you! Please stop by the church office to see the beautiful engraved bowl that they presented to our wonderful church.

SENIORS 2011



Ellie Anderson
Rocky Mtn High School,
College of Western Idaho
Culinary Arts/ History Ed



Amanda Barrett
Brighton High School,
San Diego State
Pre-Med/Biology & Swimming



Steven Bennett
Waterford School,
Columbia University



Malia Campos
Murray High School,
Salt Lake Community College
Softball Scholarship



Haylee Carlton
Brighton High School,
Salt Lake Community College
Undecided



Sarah Duensing
Brighton High School,
Washington State Univ.
Humanities/English/Pre-Law



Megan Hall
Brighton High School,
Westminster College
Nursing



Jaxon Kemp
Valley High School,
Undecided College Plans



Ian Knudson
Brighton High School,
University of Utah
Chemical Engineering



Kirstin Kvam
Jordan High School,
Washington State Univ.
Psychology/Criminal Justice



Sara Park
Murray High School,
Snow College
Sociology, Softball Scholarship



Jenna Petersen
Intermountain Christian,
University of Oklahoma
Biochemistry



Amanda Sanderson
Provo High School,
Dixie College
Psychology or Music



Evan Wharton
Alta High School,
University of Utah
Music/Jazz/Composition



COLLEGE GRADS



Traci Hardell
University of Phoenix
Doctorate of Education



Brad Jensen
University of Utah
BS in Exercise Physiology,
Accepted to the Physical Therapy
Doctorate at the U of U fall of 2011



Kristen Mauck
University of Utah
Health Promotion & Education/
Emergency Medical Services



Jonathan Nellermoe
Trinity Western Seminary
Canada Institute of Linguistics,
MA in Linguistics



Ashley Willoughby
University of Utah
BS in Elementary Education

Good Shepherd Jubilee Historical and Upcoming Events

Good Shepherd Lutheran Church

Historical Events



Nov. 5, 1961: First Worship Service held at Goff Mortuary

Feb. 21, 1962: Congregation is officially organized as Good Shepherd Lutheran Church

May 6, 1962: Articles of Incorporation (501c3) filed with the State of Utah. Good Shepherd receives its religious organization tax-exempt status.

June 25, 1962: Ground-breaking ceremony at current site (8575 South 700 East)

Dec. 30, 1962 – First Sanctuary dedicated unto the Lord

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Jubilee Events

50 years

July 4, 2011: Fourth of July Sandy City Parade Float

August 2011 : Jubilee Church Photo Directory

Sept. 10, 2011: Rally Day Festival, Jubilee Kickoff

Nov. 5, 2011: 1st Worship Commemoration

Celebrating 50 years of Ministry

June Birthdays & Anniversaries

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 Aase Jr, Mons (b.) Lighty, Megan (b.) Pecholcs, Marty (b.)	2 Justin & Elyse Henderson (w.) Ralph & Barbara Winberg (w.)	3 Carter, Gage (b.) Finlinson, Paul (b.) Fitz, Kevin (b.)	4 Schnegeberger, Al (b.)
5 Duensing, Kari (b.) Brett & Rene' Olson (w.) Jamie & Ameer Pierre (w.) Doug & Karen Stewart (w.)	6 Beardsley, Felita (b.) Fife, Zach (b.) Horn, Ken (b.) McCaslin, Janell (b.)	7 Berg, Mirna (b.)	8 Larry & Kelly Kvam (w.) Earl & Irene Nordbrock (w.) Wash, Diane (b.) Curt & Raina Zeeh (w.)	9 Carlton, Haylee (b.) Steve & Karen DeSmet (w.) Duernberger, Chris (b.)	10 Jim & Barbara Munter (w.) Sant, Jessica (b.)	11 Casteel, Burns (b.) Mejicanos, Edmon (b.) Matthew & Sarah Struyk (w.)
12 Sheltra, Ron (b.)	13 Barrus, Talor (b.) Campos, Ty (b.) Robertson, Victoria (b.)	14	15 Carter, Tyler (b.) Colby, Don (b.) Graham, Ray (b.) Jacobs, Louise (b.) Lee & LaVonne Pennell (w.)	16 Berg, Phyllis (b.) Larson, Larry (b.) Nelson, Bob (b.)	17 Fitz, Terri (b.) Johnson, Randy (b.) O'Brien, Erik (b.)	18 Norrie, Jayme (b.) Wollesen, Jennifer (b.)
19 Hanzlik, Ruth (b.) Scott, Pam (b.)	20 Jim & Michelle Bouwman (w.) John & Carol Bradford (w.) Lindeman, Kurt (b.) Richardson, Tory (b.) Uplinger, Uly (b.)	21 Woody & Alisa Longenecker (w.) Teri & Dan Nestel (w.)	22 Albrand, Rachel (b.) Albrand, Rebekah (b.) Bob & Pam Scott (w.)	23 Tom & Yvonne Krause (w.) Landis, Marci (b.) Pollick, James (b.) Rogers, Jason (b.) Linwood & Nancy Taylor (w.)	24 Bennett, Rick (b.) Lewis, Jilliane (b.) Longenecker, Alisa (b.) Roeder, Beverly (b.) Brick & Donna Thompson (w.)	25
26 Carter, Ceanne (b.) Larry & Cleone Larson (w.) Timothy & Denise Moore (w.) Pollick, Brandy (b.) Roberts, Wayne (b.) Wolach, Sarah (b.)	27 Mike & Tracy Christensen (w.) Doherty, Freda (b.) Jeff & Kathleen Luck (w.) Mary & Mike Sloan (w.) John & Susan Washington (w.)	28 Bradford, Wayne (b.) Jeff & Sherry Friesen (w.) Krause, Yvonne (b.)	29 Kirk, Collin (b.)	30 Brian & Jody Triptow (w.)		

April and May Statistics:

Weddings:	5/21 Andrew & Elizabeth (Jackson) Cowley	Births:	0
Baptisms:	5/1 Katelyn DeSmet 5/22 Kathy, Willow & Lily Edwards 5/22 Karen & Wynter West 5/29 Preston, Zachary & Madison Marshall	Deaths:	5/24 Preston Luck