

The Weekly 4.29.12

☞ I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep.

John 10:11 (NIV)

☞ Jesus, The Good Shepherd

John 10:11-18

Pastor Marty Strohschein

Readings for Next Sunday:

Acts 8:26-40; 1 John 4:1-11 (11-21); John 15:1-8



☞ For Reflection before Worship

It is the sheep owner's presence that guarantees there will be no lack of any sort; that there will be abundant green pastures; that there will be still, clean waters; that there will be new paths into fresh fields; that there will be safe summers on the high tablelands; that there will be freedom from fear; that there will be antidotes for flies and disease and parasites; that there will be quietness and contentment.

Phillip Keller, *A Shepherd Looks at Psalm 23*

☞ Welcome Guests! Here is what's going on at Living Water:

- For general information, such as our nursery during the service and our communion practice, please see the back of the The Weekly.
- TODAY – Sunday morning Growth Hour after the worship service with classes for elementary, youth and adults as well as a nursery for children 0-4.
- May 13 – Mother's Day Family Pictures and Brunch! To express our appreciation for mom's on Mother's Day, we will have a photographer on hand to take family pictures at no cost to you. This is also the second Sunday of the month, but instead of our usual pot-luck, we will be offering a catered brunch (from Millstone Café) – free of charge! Please RSVP on the sign-up sheet in the back of the gym.
- May 27 - Each month on the 4th Sunday we offer a traditional Christian-Lutheran worship service. We will do our best to explain the meaning behind the service so that you can be spiritually enriched even if you aren't familiar with it.
- June 11-15 – Vacation Bible School! Learn more and register your children at our website, www.livingwateraz.org.

☞ **Understanding Jesus** - *Current Sermon Series*. Today we focus on John 10:11, where Jesus is called the Good Shepherd

☞ **God's Wisdom for Marriage and Parenting** – The Adult Growth Hour class is studying proverbs about marriage and parenting from the book of Proverbs (Today – Marriage; May 6 & May 20 – Parenting). If you would like to strengthen the most important relationships in your life, come to this class to learn how! If you are single but are considering marriage, the marriage classes will be helpful to you in considering what marriage is and what to look for in a spouse. In the parenting classes we will consider how to pass the Christian faith to the next generation, therefore we hope those classes will be especially helpful to those in the midst of parenting challenges and joys, but also to those who are not. This class meets in the gym @ 10:30am Sundays and is led by Pastor Marty.

☞ **Growth Hour Classes Today after the Service (10:30am):** The theme for Growth Hour this year (Fall 11 – Spring 12) is "Home Grown Faith".

- Adult Class: Led by Pastor Marty on the book of Proverbs (meeting in the gym)
- Jr. & Sr. High Youth: (6-12th grade) Led by Dane Kurapatskie and Kathy Choitz on the book of Proverbs (north classroom building)
- Promise Land: (K-5th grade) led by Amanda Strohschein (north classroom building)
- Nursery: (Preschool and under) led by rotating volunteers (north classroom building)

☞ **Vacation Bible School Giving Tree**

The excitement of vacation bible school at Living Water is growing! We are looking forward to hosting a great group of children to hear the Gospel of Jesus for a whole week! Not all of us can be there for the week of VBS but there are still many ways you can help Living Water prepare to serve our community in this way. One of those opportunities is going on right now: the VBS Giving Tree! There are all kinds of odds and ends of supplies we will need for the kids to do all the activities for the week and many of those items are on a tag hanging from the tree up front. If you would like, please take one...or a couple of tags, purchase the item(s) and bring

4-22-12 Attendance: 54 Giving: \$2692

Set-up 5-6-12 7:15am Tricka, Grabau, Tyler