

## **Letters from the Pastor**

June 2010

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

This year our congregation will have a new worship schedule for the summer. I heartily approve of this change in our schedule, which may come as a shock to those of you who know that I was previously never very fond of any schedule changes. So, why the change?

My prior concerns focused on a couple issues. I always thought more people would attend worship more frequently if they had more than one option regarding the time of the service. I also feared that changing the schedule would lead to confusion about service times and when the summer schedule began and ended.

What changed my mind? Last year we had one Sunday where the congregation came together for one service and it was well attended. More importantly, people seemed to very much appreciate the opportunity to worship with some of the other church members they do not get to see very often. Having just one service will also give a well deserved rest to some of our volunteers who work so hard behind the scenes before every service all year long. Our hope is that our one service of Holy Communion will help our members come to know and appreciate one another better.

To make sure that our summer schedule is a success we will publicize the new schedule every way we can: in the newsletter, on the website, on our answering machine, and the outdoor sign, etc. We will return to our regular schedule on Rally Day, Sunday, September 12.

I hope that everyone will have a restful, relaxing summer. Of course, we need regular participation in the Word and sacrament, so I trust you will worship wherever you are when you cannot attend The Good Shepherd Lutheran Church.

I hope to see you in worship, Sunday, June 6 at 9:00 AM.

Pastor Eric