



The Shepherd's Voice



Serving Rockland County, NY & Northern Bergen County, NJ

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Reaching and Risking to Welcome the World in the Word that has come among us in Jesus.

June 2011

FROM THE PASTOR

I cannot believe I am writing the June Voice article. The end of April is coming soon and the article is due in early May. So, while it is being written a bit early, I know that the summer is just around the corner and I am already looking forward to a different pace, even though my experience has been that life at Good Shepherd includes some “down time,” but also a number of ministries to help us grow in the faith.

Beginning July 11, we will have our weekday summer services held on Mondays rather than on Wednesdays or Saturdays, as in the past. This will accommodate those who are away for the weekend and will assist in staffing the service.

The summer Sunday schedule begins on June 12 with the regular service at 9:30 a.m. and Confirmation at 11:a.m. On June 19, there will be only one service at 9:30 a.m. and this will continue through Labor Day weekend.

When you travel, visit a local church in the area. This is a good way, not only to experience something new in worship but also a way of living out what God commands—that we are to “remember the Sabbath day and keep it holy.” For Brother Martin, this is central to our life as Christians because we need the Word shared in community with others.

Blessing and peace to you,

Pastor John Havrilla

SUMMER WORSHIP SCHEDULE



Sundays—9:30 a.m.
June 12th through Sept. 4th

Monday Evenings—7:30 p.m.
July 11th through August 29th

**CONFIRMATION WILL BE HELD ON
SUNDAY, JUNE 12TH AT 11:00 A.M.**



Let's Celebrate at the Carnival-Themed Picnic Friends and Family Welcome!

Sunday Church School will end another successful year with a carnival-themed picnic filled with fun, food and games.

June 5th @ 11:30 in the Playground

Look for an email with items and help we need.



**The Evangelical Lutheran
Church of the Good Shepherd**

112 North Main Street
Pearl River, New York 10965

OUR MISSION

**“Welcoming the World in the
Word that has come among us
in Jesus Christ”**

WORSHIP SERVICES

Sundays: 8:15, 9:30, 10:30 a.m.

SUMMER WORSHIP SERVICE

Sundays: 9:30 a.m.

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John W. Havrilla - Pastor

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Youth Administrator

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Alex & Alma Nika - Sextons

John R. Taylor - Pastor Emeritus, FL

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LIFE STATIONS

Baptism

Date

Theresa Lee McCabe	5/22/11
Andrew Joseph Cummings	5/22/11
Kaitlynn Ann Cummings	5/22/11

Marriages

Date

Daniel Duonnolo & Joan Gessner Tinger	4/30/11
Kevin Widmayer & Nancy Martin	5/14/11

Funerals

Died

Margaret Otto	4/26/11
Richard Liberth	4/26/11

General Memorial Fund

In memory of Fred Clarkston, given by Linda Cox.
In memory of Fred Clarkston, given by Dave & Ruth Cranstoun
In memory of Fred Clarkston, given by Rod & Vicy Robertson
In memory of Richard Liberth, given by Dave & Ruth Cranstoun

SPECIAL BIRTHDAYS IN JUNE

Grace Hopper	June 9th
Dorothy Urquhart	June 15th
Ruth Cranstoun	June 15th
Ruth Lagerquist	June 17th
Gretchen Scheibner	June 24th
Rita Friedman	June 30th

FROM THE VICAR

Christ is Risen, Alleluia!

Celebrating the resurrection of our Lord at Good Shepherd this year was a wonderful experience, but I must say, an extremely busy week.

Making visits to our shut-in members, wrapping up First Holy Communion classes, gathering a group of youth and volunteering at St. Luke's Lutheran Church Soup Kitchen (my NYC home congregation that serves an estimated 150 to 300 meals every Tuesday and Thursday, and located in the heart of Times Square), preparation for the Walk with Jesus on Good Friday, and seven services in four days. What a week! What a month!

As I reflect and think about everything that took place during our Lenten Journey and Holy Week, I consider myself to be a fortunate intern to have been placed in such a wonderful congregation. It was truly a blessing to see how many individuals share their time and talents, not only during one of the busiest times on our church calendar, but also throughout the year. I want to thank each of you sincerely for all you do in the name of Jesus.

I would like to share one of the highlights that took place during Holy Week during the youth group urban soup kitchen visit to St. Luke's. On Tuesday, April 19th, nine youth and three adults made our way to the city early in the morning to get a tour of Hell's Kitchen and were able to see the apartment in which I was raised. My mother opens the door to her home, greeting each of us with a cup of orange juice, coffee, or water, and a tour of the apartment. This experience enabled our youth group to learn more about their vicar (yours truly) and see the difference between living in an apartment as opposed to living in a house. Following the apartment visit, we went for a short walk along Times Square, beginning on 47th and ending on 42nd Street. We had a quick fast food lunch and then made our way to an unexpected treat, standing 54 stories high overlooking the island of Manhattan from the roof of the Condé Nast Building on 42nd Street. What a spectacular view of the city: North, South, East and West. We especially thanked my good friend, Daniel Torres, who afforded us this unforgettable experience. After a busy morning, we finally made it to St. Luke's and geared up with our net caps, aprons and gloves to serve on the food line. What an experience each of our youth had dealing with all kinds of ethnicities and walks of life, from the homeless person on the street to the business man with the two-piece suit, each looking for a warm meal to sustain them for the day. Each of our youth interacted with every individual, extending a hand with food to feed someone less fortunate. I must confess to you, I was extremely proud of our young people and the great job each one did, from signing in each person as the clients lined up for food, to serving and cleaning up after everyone had eaten and gone on with the rest of their day. What an experience our group had, with each of us that day sharing the love of Christ, the resurrected Christ, with complete strangers.

To conclude our trip, the youth had an option of either visiting St. Patrick's Cathedral or whatever they wanted to do. They decided unanimously to visit the M&M store, which we did, and save the Cathedral visit for our next trip into the city.

What a memorable experience to have during Holy Week, especially with all the hard work and dedication each of us shares with Good Shepherd. We are one church—one body of Christ—and we share the unconditional love of Christ even with the total stranger.

He is Risen indeed, Alleluia!
Vicar Jonathan Recabarren



BOILER BUCKS ARE MOUNTING UP

WE'VE REACHED ANOTHER MILESTONE IN PAYING FOR THE NEW AND IMPROVED HEATING AND AIRCONDITIONING SYSTEM. THE GRAND TOTAL TO DATE IS **\$30,337** WITH ABOUT \$5,000 DONATED SINCE JANUARY. KEEP UP THE GOOD WORK. BOILER ENVELOPES ARE ALWAYS AVAILABLE IN THE BACK OF THE CHURCH.



THANK YOU!!!

Thank you to everyone who answered our e-mail to help with the spreading of mulch on Saturday, May 14th.

They were: Gerard Seybold, Greg Sealander, Brian Brooker, and Sue and Rich Baumeister.

Tom Knarich
Property Committee

STEARDSHIP THOUGHT

From Psalm 24, we understand God to be the absolute owner and giver of all: "The earth is the Lord's and all that is in it, the world and those who live in it." What incredible gifts we are loaned from our Creator—and what incredible trust and responsibility we each bear as we make choices about the caring and tending of those gifts! Author unknown

WELCA

We had our last meeting of WELCA in May, concluding a very rewarding.

We put together "Health Kits" for Lutheran World Relief and donated money to "God's Barnyard" to buy a cow. We had a guest speaker from Hospice of Rockland and we then donated \$100.00 to that organization. We also donated food items for Thanksgiving to *People to People* and we are now collecting peanut butter and jelly for breakfast and lunch to be donated to a church in Spring Valley to help feed homeless people. So, our outreach programs have gone a long way to help folks in our area and around the world. With God's blessings and help from all the ladies, we are a very important part of Good Shepherd. Thanks to our Program Committee, we had some very good programs. The fellowship and refreshments are great too.

We wish you all a wonderful summer and we'll see you in the fall.

If you have any questions, call Barbara Bow at 845-215-5866.

ASCENSION DAY SERVICE—JUNE 2ND

On June 2nd, we will have a brief said service of Holy Communion at 7:30 p.m. We will be focusing on the ministry of our Parish Visitors and Eucharistic Ministers. Following the worship, we will meet in the Parlor for a time of shared experiences and refreshment. All are welcome to the service and to join us at the gathering to find out more about this ministry, which reaches out to the extended members of our church family.

BUDGET RESULTS THROUGH APRIL 2011

Our giving thus far in 2011 is below last year and we are projecting a budget deficit of at least \$24,000. Very shortly we will be entering the "slow" months for church giving, which could bring on a cash crunch this summer.

Please check your annual planned giving and if you have fallen short, please try to catch up so we can continue our ministries without the need for reductions.

Thank you for your prayerful consideration.

Bob Bergman, Treasurer

Thank You To All Musicians!

Our Music Ministry has produced 4 musicals this year:

Angels Aware! Advent - Sacristy Singers

It's cool in the furnace **Lent** - Sacristy Singers

BEETHOVEN MOUNT OF OLIVES Holy Week - Senior Choir

JOSEPH AND THE AMAZING TECHNICOLOR DREAMCOAT Mother's Day - Chapel Choir

Our *Evening Bells* played for a beautiful Worship service at Saint Thomas Lutheran Church during Christmas, being the first musical group to extend our Music Ministry Outreach to the community.

Throughout the year, these choirs have blessed our own Worship services with anthems offered to God, given after much work and dedication. We thank each of you and your families!

Our *Music Sundays @ Noon Sacred* Concert Series continued as a gift to our congregation and community in the serene beauty of our sanctuary. It is our hope and prayer that this beautiful music lifts your heart to God!

Soli Deo Gloria!

A note of Thanks!

As we celebrate the end of the school year with the next round of children making Holy Communion and Confirmation, I am thankful to be surrounded by the talent of the entire SCS team. Our congregation is fortunate to have such a strong and vibrant Sunday Church School and we are blessed to have such a dedicated team of teachers, coordinators and helpers who each week teach our youth the Word of God.

Special thanks to Jeanette Kunow, Deanna Lauer and Wayne Kunow for their enthusiasm and leadership and incredible commitment to the youth of Good Shepherd.

Warmly,

Eileen Kennedy
Chairperson - Christian Education

WELCOME TO NEW AND RENEWED MEMBERS

On April 24th, we welcomed these new and renewed members to our congregation:

Maxwell Afari from Pearl River

Raymond & Andrea Bernard, and their daughter Lilly, from Nanuet

Bill (wife Amy) McCabe, from New City. Their daughter, Theresa Lee, will be baptized in May - Renewal

Bob and Bernie Nissen from Pearl River

Christopher (wife Laura) Ryan (children Theodore, James, & Christopher) from New City - Renewal

Daniel Ryan (children Jack & Thomas) from Orangeburg - Renewal

Joseph & Joan Smith from Congers

Austen & Chrissy Zivec and children, Logan, Gavin & Jayna, from Nanuet

We look forward to getting to know them better and have them become an integral part of Good Shepherd.



Moo, Quack, Cluck, Oink, Baa, Neahh GOD'S GLOBAL BARNYARD SAYS THANK YOU!

Our ELCA World Hunger campaign during the Lenten Season was able to raise almost \$2,500 to donate animals to God's Global Barnyard. Not only will these animals provide food to eat, but they provide fertilizer for crops, offspring to sell, and wool for clothing. We are donating not only a cow and many sheep, but pigs, goats, flocks of chickens and ducks! Our SCS children really did a great job of hopping at our "Bunny" Hop-a-Thon, and then many filled their barn banks. So thank you to the children, to the church groups, and the individuals who made this possible.

There are God's Global Barnyard cards in the church office. These all-occasion cards, which are blank on the inside, are a nice way to tell loved ones about the gift you have made in their honor to support the animal projects of ELCA World Hunger throughout the year.

This Lenten Season, your generous GIVING was most appreciated!

Danke schön, Merci, Efcharisto, Grazie, Paldies,
Multumesc, Gracias, Tack,

Carole Meehan, Chair



GREENING OUR PASTURES



It's that time of year when we can get outside again...such a joy after our long, cold, snowy winter!

So let's enjoy the world of God's creation...camp, picnic, swim, garden, hike, star-gaze, make sand castles...and as we do so, let's recommit to doing all in our power to keep our parks and beaches

clean from litter, keep our waters clean for swimming, refrain from using pesticides and herbicides, plant beautiful gardens and grow your own vegetables, compost, and cut down on noise and air pollution.



Most of all, let us take time, with our kids and grandkids, to share the joy of nature, the simple beauty of a wildflower, the smell of pine, going barefoot in the grass...and give God thanks "for the beauty of the earth."



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CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR GRADUATES

Kaitlin McLaughlin will be graduating from Syracuse University on May 14, with a B.S. in Inclusive/Education. She will be leaving at the end of August to teach in Vietnam for one year.

Scott R. Mikuszewski is graduating from Binghamton University with a B.S. in Mechanical Engineering. He will be working for Perfection Paving, Inc. and pursuing an engineering position.

Amy Getchell graduated Summa Cum Laude with a BS in Civil Engineering from the University of Maine and will be pursuing an MS in Geotechnical Engineering at the University of New Hampshire this fall.

Jill Getchell graduates from Suffern High School and will be pursuing a BS in Civil Engineering at the University of New Hampshire in the fall.

Daniel Brooker graduates from Suffern High School and will be attending Princeton University majoring in Mechanical Engineering and also plans to pursue a certificate in jazz performance.

Ashley Kunow graduates from Suffern High School and will be pursuing a BS in Civil Engineering at Lafayette College in the fall.

CREATIVE PLAY



Introducing...Kindergarten Enrichment Programs for:

Pearl River Kindergarten Students 2011-2012

Morning Program: 9:00 am to 12:00 pm (children will be bused **from** Creative Play **to** Evans Park, Franklin Avenue, and Lincoln Avenue schools).

Afternoon Program: 12:00 pm to 3:00 pm (children will be bused **to** Creative Play **from** Evans Park, Franklin Avenue, and Lincoln Avenue schools).

For further information, please call Creative Play (845)735-2737.

SUMMER CAMP

This summer, during the month of July, Creative Play will hold a summer camp for 4, 5 and 6-year-olds.

SESSIONS: July 11-15th, July 18-22nd, and July 25-29th

WHO IS ELIGIBLE: 4-year-olds going into 4-year-old Pre-K Class
5-year-olds going into Kindergarten
6-year-olds going into 1st Grade

COST: \$125.00 per session

For further information, call Creative Play (845)735-2737 and ask for Renee Bucci.

GET YOUR COPY OF THE "VOICE" E-MAILED....

It will be exactly the same Voice that you've been receiving through the mail, but delivered via e-mail instead. That way you receive your copy faster, and we save on mailing expenses. To sign up for the e-Voice, send an e-mail to secretary@gspr.org, as well as the e-mail address that you'd like us to use.

Voice Publication Deadline

Items to be included in The Shepherd's Voice must be submitted to the church office by June 10th **for the July/August issue**. Electronic submission (e-mail) is preferred. Articles submitted after the deadline may not be published, due to space and time restrictions. Please e-mail articles to: secretary@gspr.org.

YOUTH NEWS - JUNE 2011 HAPPENINGS



Confirmation Class

Thursday, June 9th - 7:15 - 8:15 pm - Confirmation rehearsal and robe-fitting

Sunday, June 12th - CONFIRMATION Sunday

Please arrive by 10:15 so that you may put on your robe and have your picture taken.

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR CONFIRMANDS!

Family Life - SCS Family Festival

SCS Family Festival - Sunday, June 5th - 11:30am - 1:30pm

All are invited to celebrate the end of another year of Sunday School with a carnival-themed party held in the playground. Food and amusements will be available.

If you can help out in any way, please email Cindy at Csealander@optonline.net.

ELCA Youth Gathering 2012 - Informational Meeting

Monday, June 6th - 7:30 pm

Join us for an informational meeting for the 2012 ELCA Youth Gathering to be held in New Orleans, Louisiana, between July 18-22, 2012. The theme for the gathering is "Citizens with the saints" taken from Ephesians 2:14-20.

Any teenager going into 9th - 12th grades, or having just graduated from high school at the time of the Gathering, is eligible.

Please join us...if you have any questions, please contact Dagmar in the church office.

SAVE THE DATE...MA-HE-TU...SAVE THE DATE...MA-HE-TU

Friday, September 23rd - Sunday, September 25th, 2011. More information coming over the summer.




SUPPORT PEOPLE TO PEOPLE

"SUMMERTIME....and the living is easy."

BUT, people still get hungry. So please bring in some easy, summer foods, like:

Cold Cereal	Pasta and may for salads
Peanut butter and jelly	Granola bars
Cold drinks, such as juices and ice tea	Cans of tuna or chicken
Canned fruit	

Drop off donated items in the food bin, found in the entrance to the Ed. Bldg.

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
JUNE 2011			1 9:30/1:00 Creative Play/UPK CP Graduation Rehear. 9:00 Golden Stitches 7:00 Creative Play Orientation Meeting for Alumni 4's 7:30 Bible Study	2 Ascension Day 9:30/1:00 Creative Play/UPK CP Graduation Rehear. 11:00 Staff Mtg. 7:30 Holy Communion Said. Serv. followed by mtg. in parlor 8:00 Senior Choir 9:30-10:00 Organ Lesson	3 9:30/1:00 Creative Play/UPK CP Graduation Rehearsal 10:30-1:00 Organ Lesson 3:00-3:30 Organ Lesson 7:45 AA/Fellowship Hall	4 9:00 Synod Book Club
5 Easter 7 8:15 Worship 9:30 Contemporary Worship 10:30 Holy Communion/SCS/Upper Rm. 11:30 SCS Picnic—held on playground 8:00 AA—Fellowship Hall	6 9:30/1:00 Creative Play/UPK CP Graduation Rehear. 4:30-9:00 Organ Lesson 7:00 Creative Play Orientation Mtg. for New Members 7:30 ELCA Yth. Gathering Mtg.	7 9:30/1:00 Creative Play/UPK CP Graduation Rehear. 1:00 Piecemakers 6:30 WELCA Dinner 7:00 Boy Scouts/Fellowship Hall 8:00 Women's Faith Life Dinner	8 9:30/1:00 Creative Play/UPK CP Graduation Rehear. 9:00 Golden Stitches 4:30 Executive Committee 7:30 Good Shepherd Fund Mtg.	9 9:30/1:00 Creative Play/UPK CP Graduation Rehear. 11:00 Staff Mtg./Calendar Mtg. 3:00-5:00 Organ Lessons 6:30 Recital Rehearsal 7:15-8:40 Confirmation Rehearsal 9:30-10:00 Organ Lesson	10 9:30/1:00 Creative Play/UPK CP Graduation Rehear. 10:30-1:00 Organ Lesson 12:00 Senior "B" Club/FFH 3:00-5:30 Organ Lesson VOICE articles due for July/August issue	11
12 Day of Pentecost 9:30 Summer Worship Service 11:00 Confirmation Service 8:00 AA/Fellowship Hall 	13 10:00 & 1:00 Creative Play Graduation 4:45-5:45 Organ Lesson 6:00-7:30 VBS Volunteer Mtg.	14 9:30/1:00 UPK Classes 7:00 Boy Scouts/Fellowship Hall 	15 9:30/1:00 UPK Classes 9:00 Golden Stitches 7:00 Church Council Meeting 7:00 Creative Play UPK Mtg.	16 9:30/1:00 UPK Classes 11:00 Staff Mtg./Calendar Mtg. 3:00-10:00 Organ Lessons	17 9:30/1:00 UPK Classes 10:30-1:00 Organ Lessons 3:00-5:00 Organ Lesson 7:00 Eagle Scout Ceremony 7:45 AA/Fellowship Hall	18 9:00 Men's Breakfast Group
19 The Holy Trinity Father's Day 9:30 Holy Communion Service 8:00 AA/Fellowship Hall 	20 9:30/1:00 UPK Classes 4:30-9:00 Organ Lessons	21 10:00 UPK Graduation	22	23 11:00 Staff Mtg. 3:00-10:00 Organ Lessons	24 10:30-1:00 Organ Lessons 12:00 Senior "B" Club Mtg. 7:45 AA—Fellowship Hall	25
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Interfaith Volunteers helps seniors in Clarkstown and Orangetown with transportation to medical appointments and errands, food shopping, friendly visits and telephone re-assurance.

There are many seniors in our community whose children and network of friends have moved a distance away and are in need of help so they can continue to live in their homes.

In order to help those in need, we are looking for volunteers:

- ...to provide transportation for medical appointments and errands
- ...to be a friendly visitor to a shut-in

Please call (845) 267-2154 if you can help by volunteering 1-2 hours a week, or month.

A Senior's Independence Depends On You!