



The Shepherd's Voice

Serving Rockland County, NY, & Northern Bergen County, NJ

APRIL 2018

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

EASTER AT GOOD SHEPHERD

EASTER VIGIL (Fire, Death, & Resurrection) 7:30 p.m. (at Prince of Peace, Old Tappan, N.J.)
March 31

EASTER SUNDAY

April 1	6:30 a.m.	Sunrise Festival Eucharist Service
	7:30 -11 a.m.	Easter Breakfast served in Fellowship Hall
	9:00 a.m.	Festival Eucharist Service
	11:00 a.m.	Festival Eucharist Service



HOLY HUMOR SUNDAY

April 8	8:00 a.m.	Holy Communion Service
	9:00 a.m.	Contemporary Holy Communion Service
	10:30 a.m.	Holy Communion Service

Stewardship Message

If we are truly people of faith, we put aside the din of this world and hear Jesus telling us, simply and clearly: As my father has given bountifully to you, so also I expect you to return to my Father a fair proportion of that with which you have been blessed. Be generous as you serve your house of faith, that my word and saving love will be made known to all; support charities and other social services agencies, which rely on your support; give freely of yourself to all in need. Be thankful you have been called to do my Father's work.

Author unknown

CALLING ALL IRON CHEFS!!!

Do you have a special dish you like to make?
Do you have a traditional dish you are proud of?
Or do you just take pleasure in serving great food?

The Good Shepherd Men's Group is hosting its **FIFTH ANNUAL IRON CHEF NIGHT** in Fellowship Hall on the evening of April 21st. This event will provide you with the perfect venue to share your joy and interest with our church community. We are looking for enthusiastic participants who will bring their favorite prepared appetizer, entrée, or dessert for all to taste and enjoy. All ages are invited to participate in this fun-filled and delicious evening. Entries will be judged and prizes will be awarded.

Take a look at page 6 and if you need further details, please call or email Craig Sloane at 845-642-1568 or csloane1@gmail.com. Thank you!

**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

Sundays: 8:00, 9:00, & 10:30 a.m.
Wednesdays: 7:15 p.m.

CONTACT US

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Fax: (845)735-0819

E-mail: office@gspr.org

Web site: www.gspr.org

Creative Play Pre-School: (845)735-2737

AT YOUR SERVICE

The Reverend J. Lena Warren - Pastor
Don Widmayer - Council President
Robert Bergman - Treasurer
Elaina Burns - Organist
Brian Burns - Director of Music
Maureen Connolly - Creative Play Director
Dale Damon - Church Secretary
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Lisa Holliday - Coordinator of Faith Formation
Dagmar Klein - Church Administrator
Janet Maleski - Council Secretary
The Reverend John R. Taylor - Pastor Emeritus

Voice Publication Deadline

Items to be included in *The Shepherd's Voice* must be submitted April 10th for the May 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.

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 you'd like us to use.

LIFE STATIONS

Deaths

Jane D. Johnston

3/18/18

Elevator Fund

In memory of Beverly Hill, given by Caroline McGarvey
In honor of Otilie Hansen's 100th Birthday, given by Caroline McGarvey

**Good Shepherd Church
is on Social Media**

See our church webpage at: www.gspr.org

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Good Shepherd Lutheran Church

2018 CHURCH COUNCIL

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(*non-voting)

6th through 8th Grade Confirmation Classes

Confirmation Classes will be held in Fellowship Hall on the following evenings:

6th Grade – Monday, April 9th – 7:00 to 8:15pm

7th Grade – Monday, April 16th – 7:00 to 8:15pm

8th Grade – Monday, April 23RD – 7:00 to 8:15pm

PRAYER CHAIN

if you, a loved one, or a friend experience difficulty and you desire prayer support, the Good Shepherd Prayer Chain may be helpful.

When you have a request or a thanksgiving to share, please call: Ione Mensing at 201-664-1235; email: himensing@gmail.com or Carol Westphal at 845-624-5732; email: carolwestpha-19@gmail.com

The Prayer Chain will then be activated, and many will be praying with and for you.

WELCA—WOMEN OF THE ELCA

The next meeting of WELCA will be on Tuesday, April 3rd, in Fellowship Hall.

Hope you all had a wonderful and meaningful Easter.

We will be collecting Personal Care Kits until April 10th. So please deposit your kit in the bin located in the entrance to the educational building. These kits are most needed and they are very much appreciated. Last year we delivered 33 kits to be shipped to Lutheran World Relief and we would certainly like to meet that number, or better yet, exceed it. So we need the help of all of you.

Following are instructions and items to be included:

One (1) light-weight bath size towel. Dark color recommended

Two (2) or three bath size bars of soap in original wrapping

One (1) Adult-size toothbrush in its original packaging

One (1) sturdy comb, remove packaging

One (1) metal nail clippers (attached file optional), remove packaging.

Fold towel in half. Place the rest of the items in the towel, fold and roll so nothing falls out. Secure with ribbon or strong rubber bands.

Please give new items. Do not donate items with religious symbols, messages or your group's name.

Do not donate any items decorated with a U.S. flag, patriotic or military symbols or references to the armed forces, including camouflage.

Do not add or leave out any items listed.

Pastor Larry McFarland, from Epiphany Lutheran Church in the Bronx, will be our guest speaker at the April meeting, so please join us in welcoming him.

If you have any questions or need a ride, please call Barbara Bow at 845-215-5866 or Mary Iseman at 845-623-7638.

God's peace to all.



ShopRite Gift Card Fundraiser For Youth Gathering 2018 BUY A GIFT CARD and

Good Shepherd receives 5%

from each gift card purchase. The cards can be purchased in the Church Office. Cards can be used at any ShopRite location. We have \$25, \$50, or \$100 cards. CASH and checks will be accepted.

Any questions, please contact Dagmar Klein at 845-735-2243 or office@gspr.org .

MEN'S BREAKFAST GROUP

Good Shepherd's Men's Breakfast Group meets the third Saturday of every month, at 9:00 am, in Fellowship Hall.

All men of Good Shepherd are invited to join in for fellowship and a great breakfast! Mark your calendars for April 21st..



Please save the date for this spring recital!

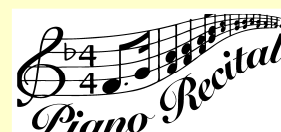
Sunday, April 29, 1:30pm

Toccare – Piano Recital featuring Dr. Elaina Burns

Suffern Public Library

Free concert, no tickets required

Crisp, shimmering, playful, pensive, haunting, hypnotic, frenetic, ethereal, effervescent, poignant, elegant—how can these words be conveyed through music? It is the responsibility of the performer, the interpreter, to communicate these concepts to the audience through the use of specific touches and pedal techniques. Let Dr. Elaina Burns treat you to an afternoon of inspiring music by Bach, Scarlatti, Brahms, and others. Each composer requires a different touch at the instrument, and this concert will feature some of the unique touches and pedal techniques that can be used to create an artistic performance. This is a free concert and no tickets are required. Please join us for an afternoon of beautiful music!





CREATIVE PLAY HAPPENINGS

Our caterpillars have arrived! The children will be observing the life cycle of the caterpillars, seeing them grow bigger, move into their chrysalis, and finally emerging as painted lady butterflies.

Our Dinosaur Committee will be staging the dinosaur program, where the children will learn about the different dinosaurs from parent "paleontologist". They will get to explore, digging for dinosaur bones and watching a volcano explode. We thank our parents on this committee for their enthusiasm and excitement in sharing this program with our classes.

Summer Camp registration is ongoing. Camp takes place during the month of July and runs for 4 weeks. If you are interested in having some fun summer days, pick up your Application beginning April 9th. Spots fill up quickly, so make sure to take note of this date.

We will also be starting our Time for Twos/Toddler registration on April 9th. Just call the school with your information and we will be making up classes over the summer.

The "Comma King" Shares his Time and Talents with LSSNY

Herman Mensing provides assistance to our Advancement and Communications Department by proofreading and editing our marketing and communications materials. Herman, a dedicated professional, has shared his gift for editing with us for the last four years. Whether he's editing our marketing brochures, proofreading our letters to donors, or working to enhance the content and style of our invitations and press releases, Herman ensures that we communicate to all using clear, accurate language.



Herman worked at AT&T for more than 40 years, much of that time as an Account Manager. After his retirement, he kept in touch with several co-workers, one of whom thought he would be perfect as a contract editor for AT&T's Outsourcing Department. Herman did this contract work for another 10 years before retiring again. For Herman, helping others in need is at the root of his commitment to service. He would often tell his children when they were growing up, "You don't want to pass up an opportunity to serve."

We give thanks for Herman's generosity in sharing his considerable editing skills with us. He reminds us that what we say, and how we say it, matters.

IT'S TIME AGAIN TO MAKE SOME NOISE---BARNYARD NOISE!

Once again, Good Shepherd wants to make a "JOYFUL NOISE" by filling the Global Barnyard with Moos and Baas, Bleats and Chirps, Buzzes and Oinks...a noisy racket of love and giving.

By "purchasing" animals or making donations toward those purchases, the ELCA will give animals, along with training, to families throughout the world. In this way they improve their nutrition and their financial situation, which opens doors to a better life, the ability to get an education, and the dignity of work.

So let's dig deep and offer noise and joy and full stomachs to those in need.

Barn & Pig Banks are available at the back of the church; please return banks or make a donation on Holy Humor Sunday, April 8th. Thank you!



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**GREAT AMERICAN
 CLEANUP**

Green Starts Here!

2018 Pearl River Community Cleanup

Saturday, April 14th

Raindate: Rain or Shine!

9:00am – 12:00pm

ONLINE REGISTRATION:

www.keepproclandbeautiful.org

**Meet at Gazebo on Central Avenue Field
 80 Central Avenue
 Pearl River, NY 10965**

**For more info contact Susan de Angelis
 Sdeangelis723@gmail.com
 (917) 520-3261**

**Earn Community
 Service Hours**

Help the Environment

**Free Refreshments
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WIN a PRIZE!

 by finding
 "KiRBy" -
 Keep Rockland
 Beautiful's gnome
 mascot - at a
 cleanup site



5th Annual Iron Chef Event

Saturday, April 21st, at 6:00 pm

Please join us in Fellowship Hall and enjoy a gourmet presentation of appetizers, entrees, and desserts, all prepared by creative culinary members of our congregation and their friends.



Seating is limited to 50 guests. Reservations are required!

- Attendance is on a first come, first served basis
- Reservations must be made before April 16th
- Cost: \$12.00 per adult, \$8 for children under 12
- Wine and beer: \$4 each – limit of 2

You will participate in judging the best of the best and will have the opportunity to take home the chefs' "secret recipes."

Please fill out the form below and send to the church office with your payment, with "Iron Chef" indicated on the check. No tickets will be sold at the door and confirmations will be by e-mail or telephone.

Only 50 tickets will be sold! Deadline is April 16th!

"Iron Chef Event" – April 21, 2018

NAME: _____

E-mail or telephone # for confirmation: _____

Persons attending: _____ Amount enclosed: _____

Wine: _____ Beer: _____ (Limit of 2 per person)

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	
1 EASTER SUNDAY 6:30 Sunrise Service of Holy Communion 7:30-11:00 Easter Breakfast—Fellowship Hall 9:00 Holy Communion Service 11:00 Holy Communion Service 6:00 AAF/Fellowship Hall 	2 Annunciation of Our Lord 6:00-7:00 Evening Bells 7:00 Prayer Shawl Ministry	3 1:30 WELCA 7:00 Book Group—Parlor	4 7:15 Holy Communion Service Fellowship Hall	5 6:30 Camerata 7:30 Sanctuary Choir—Choir Rm	6 9:00-9:30 Piano Lessons 7:45 AA—Fellowship Hall	7 2:00 Memorial Service	
8 Easter II—Holy Humor 8:00 Holy Communion Service 9:00 Contemporary Worship Service 9:30-10:15 Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal 10:30 Holy Communion/SCS 11:30 Coffee Hour—Parlor 11:45 Acolyte Training—Sanctuary 5:00 Book Group 6:00 AAF/Fellowship Hall	9 9:00/12:30 UPK 9:30/1:00 Creative Play 6:00-7:00 Evening Bells 7:00 Confirmation 6th Gr.	10 9:00/12:00 UPK 9:30/1:00 Creative Play 7:00 Book Group—Parlor 7:00 Boy Scout Troop 36—FH 7:00 Social Ministry—Parlor 8:00 Women's Faith Life—Parlor	11 9:00/12:00 UPK 9:30/1:00 Creative Play 11:15 Staff Mtg. 4:30 Executive Com. Mtg. 7:15 Holy Communion Serv. Fellowship Hall	12 9:00/12:30 UPK 9:30/1:00 Creative Play 6:30 Camerata 7:00 Food, Faith & Friends 7:30 Sanctuary Choir	13 9:00-9:30 Piano Lessons 9:30/12:00 UPK 9:30/1:00 Creative Play 7:00 Youth Gathering Mtg.—Parlor 7:45 AAF/Fellowship Hall VOICE ARTICLE DEADLINE FOR MAY "VOICE"	14 4:00-9:00 AA Special Event Fellowship Hall	
15 Easter III 8:00 Holy Communion 9:00 Contemporary Worship Service 9:30-10:15 Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal 10:30 Holy Communion/SCS/ 11:30 Coffee Hour—Parlor 6:00 Book Group—Parlor 6:00 AAF/Fellowship Hall	16 9:00/12:30 UPK 9:30/1:00 Creative Play 6:00-7:00 Evening Bells 7:00 Confirmation 7th Gr.	17 9:00/12:30 UPK 9:30/1:00 Creative Play 7:00 Boy Scout Troop 36—Yth. Rm. 7:00 Church Council—Parlor	18 9:00/12:30 UPK 9:30/1:00 Creative Play 7:15 Holy Communion Serv. Fellowship Hall	19 9:00/12:30 UPK 9:30/1:00 Creative Play 6:30 Camerata 7:30 Sanctuary Choir—Choir Rm	20 9:00-9:30 Piano Lessons 9:00/12:30 UPK 9:30/1:00 Creative Play 7:45 AA—Fellowship Hall	21 9:00 Men's Breakfast—FH 3:00 Set-up for Iron Chef 6:00 Iron Chef Event—FH	
22 Easter IV 8:00 Holy Communion 9:00 Contemporary Worship 9:30-10:15 Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal 10:30 Holy Communion/SCS 11:30 Coffee Hour—Parlor 5:00 Book Group 6:00 AAF/Fellowship Hall	23 9:00/12:30 UPK 9:30/1:00 Creative Play 6:00-7:00 Evening Bells 7:00 Confirmation 8th Gr.	24 7:00 Boy Scout Troop 36—FH 7:00 Book Group—Parlor	25 Mark Evangelist 9:00/12:30 UPK 9:30/1:00 Creative Play 11:15 Staff Meeting 7:15 Holy Communion Serv. Fellowship Hall	26 9:00/12:30 UPK 9:30/1:00 Creative Play 6:30 Camerata 7:30 Sanctuary Choir—Choir Rm	27 9:00/12:30 UPK 9:30/1:00 Creative Play 9:00-9:30 Piano Lessons 7:45 AAF/Fellowship Hall	28	
29 Easter V 8:00 Holy Communion 9:00 Contemporary Worship 9:30-10:15 Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal 10:30 Holy Communion/SCS 11:30 Coffee Hour—Parlor 3:00 Rockland Conservatory Concert—Sanctuary 6:00 AAF/Fellowship Hall	30 9:00/12:30 UPK 9:30/1:00 Creative Play 6:00-7:00 Evening Bells 7:00 Confirmation Family Night—Fellowship Hall					<h1>2018</h1>	



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Save the Date: Saturday, May 5, from 6 to 8 pm
Good Shepherd's Got Talent!

**What's
Your
Talent?**

Join us for a night of fun, dinner & entertainment as we bring back "Good Shepherd's Got Talent!" We are looking for about 20 acts of all ages to compete for a prize. Each youth attending the ELCA Youth Gathering will be part of the evening's entertainment competition, as well. The audience gets to vote! If you have a talent you'd be willing to share, please contact Rich Bow-

man (email: rbbp@yahoo.com or [917.312.4164](tel:917.312.4164) cellphone/text) or call the church office: (845) 735-2243.

More details to follow. Proceeds will help offset the cost for Good Shepherd youth attending the ELCA Youth Gathering in June.

Middle School Youth (grades 6-8)

JUMP 'N GLOW

Friday, April 13, 2018, 8pm-10pm

612 Corporate Way Valley Cottage, NY

\$22 (includes mandatory, non-slip socks)

Email: Sharon Martini sharonmartini@gmail.com

