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THE EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD

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

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

FROM THE PASTOR

In January we sent our prayers and Godspeed to Vicar Jonathan, Vilma and Alex who have been an important part of our life here at "Good Shepherd" for the past sixteen months. Jonathan found it increasingly difficult to manage his work here, alongside his studies at seminary in Philadelphia and his family life in New York City. We trust that this reduction in his work load will be helpful as he completes his last year at seminary, and as he is called to serve in his first congregational call somewhere in the wider church.

While we only had a few days to plan his farewell, we sent our prayers and best wishes to him and his family on Sunday, January 8th, with receptions after each of our three Sunday services. In his letter of resignation, Jonathan expressed, most graciously, about how God has used us to help shape and form him for the ministry of Word and sacrament. At the same time, Jonathan was a blessing to our mission and ministry. This teaching and learning ministry has become an important part of our life here at Good Shepherd. As Jon looks forward to a congregational call, we have applied for a new intern and look forward to the possibility of becoming an intern teaching congregation again, even as we are seeking to live out the vision for our future that was presented to the congregation this past fall and approved at the congregational meeting in November.

While we find ourselves having to "think quickly" with this vacancy, we can take confidence in the fact that our congregational leadership is already working on plans to make sure that our youth and confirmation ministry programs continue as planned, with many people involved. We are truly blessed to have faithful leadership in our youth ministry, of both adults and young people.

In particular, we will need assistance in having some of the men from the congregation attend the next two retreats in February and March, as well as the Lutheran Youth Gathering this summer. If you are interested in helping in this way, please contact our Youth and Family Coordinator, Deanna Lauer, at the church office.

Moving more deeply into this Epiphany season, we can know the joy of being led by the Lord Jesus who was born to give us a new birth through faith in him and to lead us through the cross to the great victory of his resurrection. Through all the changes that come, we sing in faith and in joy, "Jesus, still lead on, though our rest be won...". This is our treasure in life and in faith—our peace with God has been won. With this gift, God calls us to follow our gracious Lord and to share this peace with all of God's creation in the endings and in the new beginnings that enrich both life and faith.

In the light of Christ's Incarnation,
Pastor John Havrilla

Employment Opportunity at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church **Parish Program Director**

The search for candidates and the interview process will begin after the final job description has been completed, with an expectation that it should be available for pick-up in the office by mid-February.

After viewing the description and qualifications, those interested in interviewing for this full time position should leave their resume in the mailbox of Don Widmayer. Mailbox is in the Counting Room, on the first floor of the education building.

ASH WEDNESDAY—February 22nd

Imposition of Ashes: 12:15 pm & 7:45 pm
Service of Confession & Holy Communion: 12:30 pm
Divine Service of Confession & Holy Communion: 8:00 pm

Corporate Confession will be held at both services.
Individual Confession and assurance of forgiveness will be available in the sanctuary at 12:00 pm & 7:30 pm.



**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.
Mondays: 7:30 p.m.

CONTACT US

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Web site: www.gspr.org

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

AT YOUR SERVICE

John W. Havrilla - Pastor

Ione Mensing - Diaconal Assisting Minister/
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Robert Bergman - Treasurer

Nancy Carlson - Creative Play Director

Dale Damon - Church Secretary

Steve Damon - Bookkeeper

Brenda Ferguson - Organist/Choir Director

Don Widmayer - Council President

Dagmar Klein - Church Administrator
Youth Administrator

Jeanette Kunow – Superintendent of
Sunday School

John Lampkin - Composer-in-Residence

Deanna Lauer - SCS Office Adm./ Worship
Leader/Youth Coordinator

Alex & Alma Nika - Sextons

John R. Taylor - Pastor Emeritus, FL

2012 CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH COUNCIL

Donald Widmayer - Council President
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Kenneth Merring - Personnel
Tracey Miller - Youth
Lin Simeti - At Large
Barbara Sloane - Fellowship
John W. Havrilla - Pastor

LIFE STATIONS

Baptisms

	<u>Date</u>
Jack Louis Cooke	12/11/11
Havannah Rose Lamadrid	12/11/11
Harrison Theodore Merring	1/08/12

General Memorial Fund

In memory of the Eiserman Family, given by Philip & Arlene Anns.
In memory of my parents, given by Fred Voigt.
In memory of Ron Johnson, by Roy Johnson.

Dolores & Bob Blank Music Fund

In memory of Dolores & Bob Blank, given by Steven Blank.

Good Shepherd Music Outreach Fund

In memory of Clyde Yates, given by Martha & Will Traynor.

A THANK YOU FROM THE FERGUSONS

Thank you for the beautiful cards and prayers for our family during this time of grief. My father, Clyde Yates, would have been so appreciative of your kindness, as are we. God bless you, everyone!
Brenda & Tom Ferguson

Voice Publication Deadline

Items to be included in The Shepherd's Voice must be submitted to the church office by **February 10th** for the **March 2012** 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 that you'd like us to use.

FEBRUARY IS GOOD SHEPHERD FUND MONTH

Thanks to our loyal group of contributors, the Good Shepherd Fund was able to help three needy families during the past year. In the six brief years since we began this journey of faith, the Fund has been able to provide almost \$11,000 of help to needy families in the congregation and community, as well as supporting some other outreach programs.

Unfortunately, tough economic times and low interest rates pose a significant challenge for us in the year ahead. Under such conditions, we can expect more requests for help, while experiencing a reduced income flow. We also have been asked to help with a new outreach program in support of Social Ministry. Therefore, we urge all members of the congregation to consider making a contribution to the Fund, large or small, in the year ahead. A temple talk and brochure will outline some forms of participation to consider, ranging from a once a year offering to a special bequest. As Lent begins, let us commemorate the tremendous sacrifice Jesus made for us by making our own sacrifice and giving up something to aid others less fortunate than ourselves.

NOTICE FOR ALL SUNDAY CHURCH SCHOOL PARENTS

First - Regarding students not bringing electronic games, devices to class with them. A cell phone for emergencies is permitted but should be left with the teacher at the beginning of class and picked up at dismissal.



Second - Important notice regarding prompt pick-up of students at dismissal. If you are leaving the premises during the Sunday School hour please notify the teacher, as well as make sure you are back promptly at 11:30 for pick up. If you are attending church and it lets out a little late, please making your first stop the classroom, to pick up. We have been having parents pick up as late as noon, and teachers having to wait an extended period of time for students to be picked up.

Thank you for your attention to these two matters. It is greatly appreciated.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

In February and March, our 5th graders will enter a time of instruction in preparation for receiving Holy Communion in May. The schedule of classes was sent home; if you did not receive the letter or if you have any questions, please call the church office at (845)735-2243.

While some congregations make the sacrament of Holy Communion available to infants, others such as Good Shepherd, wait until youth are in 5th grade to begin this practice. For families who attend worship almost weekly, it may not be a bad idea to have family members in earlier grades receive the sacrament. If you would like to consider this, please speak with the pastor, and home instruction can be done any time during the year. Most every congregation, regardless of when they begin Holy Communion, provide for some type of instruction for youth as they reach an age where they can begin to understand the basics of why we receive this Sacrament and what it means for our lives. Lent is usually chosen as the time for instruction, based on the historical tradition of the Church, wherein new members went through a time of instruction during Lent and then were received as new members of the congregation at Easter. New members would also receive Holy Communion for the first time.

We rejoice with our 5th graders and their families and keep them in our prayers during this important time of preparation in their Christian lives.



STEWARDSHIP

There cannot be a surer rule, nor a stronger exhortation to the observance of it, than when we are taught that all the endowments we possess are divine deposits, entrusted to us for the very purpose of being distributed for the good of our neighbour."

— John Calvin (1509-64), French theologian and reformer

TURKEY RUN THANK YOU

Thanks to the generosity of our congregation, we were able to deliver 52 turkeys and 2 hams to Bethlehem Lutheran Church in the Bronx for Thanksgiving. With the \$300 in donations, 10 chickens were purchased for distribution to single person family units. The rest of the donations were given to Pastor Larry for use in restocking the food pantry. We also delivered 100 lbs. of potatoes (!), 30 lbs. of yams, 8 lbs of fresh carrots, and over 50 bags of groceries.

Check it out... www.gspr.org

ON SUPER BOWL SUNDAY FEBRUARY 5TH...

LET'S HAVE A



Starting January 22nd, we will be collecting cans of soup to fight hunger in our community. With all the snacking and feasting we do watching football, let us share with others, and fill the shelves of *People to People*.

GREENING OUR PASTURES — THE GREEN THING

Checking out at the store, the young cashier suggested to the older woman that she should bring her own grocery bags, because plastic bags weren't good for the environment. The woman apologized and explained, "We didn't have this green thing back in my earlier days."

The clerk responded, "That's our problem today. Your generation did not care enough to save our environment for future generations."

She was right -- our generation didn't have the green thing in its day. Back then, we returned milk bottles, soda bottles and beer bottles to the store. The store sent them back to the plant to be washed and sterilized and refilled, so it could use the same bottles over and over. So they really were recycled. But we didn't have the green thing back in our day.

We walked up stairs, because we didn't have an escalator in every store and office building. We walked to the grocery store and didn't climb into a 300-horsepower machine every time we had to go two blocks. But she was right. We didn't have the green thing in our day.

Back then, we washed the baby's diapers because we didn't have the throw-away kind. We dried clothes on a line, not in an energy-gobbling machine burning up 220 volts. Wind and solar power really did dry our clothes back in our early days. Kids got hand-me-down clothes from their brothers or sisters, not always brand-new clothing. But that young lady is right; we didn't have the green thing back in our day.

Back then, we had one TV, or radio, in the house -- not a TV in every room. And the TV had a small screen the size of a handkerchief (remember them?), not a screen the size of the state of Montana. In the kitchen, we blended and stirred by hand because we didn't have electric machines to do everything for us. When we packaged a fragile item to send in the mail, we used wadded up old newspapers to cushion it, not Styrofoam or plastic bubble wrap. Back then, we didn't fire up an engine and burn gasoline just to cut the lawn. We used a push mower that ran on human power. We exercised by working so we didn't need to go to a health club to run on treadmills that operate on electricity. But she's right; we didn't have the green thing back then.

We drank from a fountain when we were thirsty instead of using a cup or a plastic bottle every time we had a drink of water. We refilled writing pens with ink instead of buying a new pen, and we replaced the razor blades in a razor instead of throwing away the whole razor just because the blade got dull. But we didn't have the green thing back then.

Back then, people took the streetcar or a bus and kids rode their bikes to school or walked instead of turning their moms into a 24-hour taxi service. We had one electrical outlet in a room, not an entire bank of sockets to power a dozen appliances. And we didn't need a computerized gadget to receive a signal beamed from satellites 2,000 miles out in space in order to find the nearest pizza joint.

But isn't it sad the current generation laments how wasteful we old folks were just because we didn't have the green thing back then? :)

...OF COURSE SOME OF YOU ARE RECEIVING THIS NEWSLETTER VIA E-MAIL (a computerized gadget), WHICH IS SAVING US PAPER, AND IF MORE OF US WOULD SIGN UP FOR THE E-VOICE, IT WOULD SAVE MORE PAPER AND POSTAGE! SIGN UP BY SENDING US YOUR EMAIL ADDRESS TO secretary@gspr.org. THANK YOU!

Why I Became a Member of the Good Shepherd Choir

Before I became a member of the Good Shepherd Choir, I enjoyed singing the hymns in church on Sunday mornings. I have never had voice lessons or participated in any organized choirs. Then one day, I decided to join the church choir. I remember that first Thursday night; George Culik and Dick Biehl singing away, while I was feeling quite overwhelmed. The second Thursday night I felt a little more confident and my confidence grew from there. Brenda Ferguson arrived seven years ago and with her help and direction, my singing improved.

Throughout the years, the choir has become my second family. I invite all members of the congregation, who love to sing, to join this fantastic group of church members.

Warren Johnson
Choir Member

GOOD SHEPHERD MUSIC MINISTRY 2011-12

Senior Choir—Worship Leaders

Thursdays—7:30-9:00 p.m.

Evening Bells—Advanced Handbell Choir

Mondays—6:00 to 7:00 p.m.
(check calendar for dates)

Chapel Choir, Savior's Bells—High School Musicians

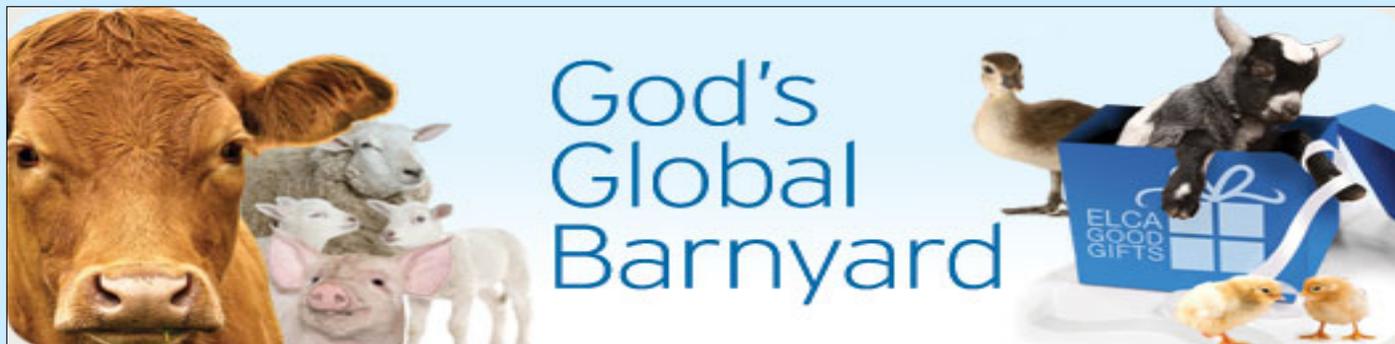
Mondays—7:00 to 8:00 p.m.
Soloists, CANZONA
Mondays—8:00 to 9:00 p.m.
(check calendar for dates)

Sacristy Singers, God's Holy Bells—Elementary School Musicians

Thursdays—4:30 to 5:30 p.m.
(check calendar for dates)

The Organ School—Classical Scholarship Students

Individual lesson times, TBA



MAKE WAY FOR THE COWS, SHEEP, PIGS, GOATS, DUCKS AND CHICKS....AND THIS YEAR—ALPACAS!

Once again, Good Shepherd will join ELCA congregations all over the world in combating hunger by contributing to God's Global Barnyard. Last year, we raised over \$2,600 that went to purchase animals for families throughout the world, and made an enormous difference in their lives. Not only do they provide food to eat but they provide fertilizer to grow crops, and offspring to sell on the market. We are kicking off our "Give to God's Global Barnyard" campaign on Sunday, February 26th. The Sunday School and all the groups within the church will be involved. Watch for details in the next Voice and Cross Connections.



CREATIVE PLAY NEWS

One extra day of school fun, February is a Leap year, and good thing, because we have a lot to do at Creative Play. Our annual Pancake Day is celebrated on February 6th & 7th. All the children can come to school in their pj's and enjoy a snack of fresh sliced oranges and as many pancakes as they want!

We celebrate Valentine's Day with cards and handmade gifts for our families. On February 15th & 16th we will have a visit from the dentist, and learn all about taking care of our teeth.

We will end the month looking forward to the warmer days of spring.

Our open registration for the 2012-13 school year was held on January 30th for our 3- & 4-year-olds. If you are interested in enrolling, please call the school (735-2737), as there are limited openings. We also will have applications for our summer camp and Kindergarten Enrichment classes. Check with the office for when they will become available.

Food, Faith & Friends -- Next Meeting Tuesday, February 28, at 7 PM

Looking for a Community that involves real people rather than just an on-line social networking site? This group might be for you!

Food, Faith & Friends will hold its next meeting on Tuesday, February 28 from 7 to 8:30 p.m. We invite you to join in this opportunity to meet new people, share a little about our life and faith journeys, and share a good meal together. Our meeting will take place in the church parlor. Child care is available if you let us know in advance.

You are cordially invited to join us for the next meeting. Bring yourselves, an open heart, an open mind, and an appetite! For more information or to **RSVP**, please contact Rich Bowman at rpbp@yahoo.com or (845) 627-6967, or lone Mensing in the church office at parishworker@gspr.org.

WELCA HAPPENINGS

Happy New Year to everyone, and hope you all had a wonderful Christmas.

It's time to get back to our schedule; our next meeting of WELCA will be held on Tuesday, Feb. 7th, at 1:30 in the Parlor. Not sure of what our program will be, so let's just all be surprised. And, the fellowship and refreshments are always enjoyed.

Also, don't forget to bring in the Personal Care Kit(s)—see list of items below. We will be packing them up and getting them out to LWR.

Ladies, if you are a member of Good Shepherd, you are part of WELCA, so please join us. We are all needed to continue our outreach programs. If you have any questions, please call Barbara Bow at 845-215-5866 or Mary Iseman at 845-623-7638.

WELCA is putting together Personal Care Kits; they used to be called Health Kits. But things have changed. Now you need:

1. One light to medium weight bath-size towel, approx 52x27 inches, dark color recommended.
2. Two bath-size bars of soap (4 to 5 oz), any brand, in original wrapping.
3. One adult-size toothbrush in its original wrapping.
4. One sturdy comb, with packaging removed.
5. One metal nail clipper, with or without attached file; remove packaging.

All items should be new and in good condition. Wrap all items in the towel and tie securely with ribbons or yarn. A basket will be available in the Education Building lobby for donations. Do not enclose the kit in plastic bags. No substitutions.

ESL CLASS UPDATE

ESL classes resumed on January 9th. We have a few new students this semester, and as always, we welcome any new volunteers who would like to help on Monday evenings, from 7:30-9:00 pm in Fellowship Hall. If interested, please call Joan Duonnolo at 845-267-8390.

YOUTH NEWS – FEBRUARY 2012 HAPPENINGS

Confirmation Classes

Thursday, February 2nd - 7:15 to 8:30 PM – 6th & 7th graders

Thursday, February 16th - 7:15 to 8:30 PM – 8th graders

Acolyte Training – to be confirmed. Acolytes will be notified.



February Youth Activities

Junior High Youth Retreat (6th-8th graders) February 24th - 26th at Koinonia

Theme: "Jesus: The Original X Man"

Cost: \$110 (includes tee shirt). Permission slips will be available on youth bulletin board and in church office.

Make checks payable to Metro NY Synod. Registration deadline is February 10th.

We will leave from church parking lot on Friday night, at 6PM, and return home on Sunday at noon.

Drivers and chaperone will be needed. Please contact Deanna Lauer at Youth@gspr.org or call the church office at 735-2243.

Senior High Youth Retreat (9th-12th graders) March 16th- 18th at Koinonia

Theme: "Every day I'm Jesusin' " Cost: \$110 (includes tee shirt).

Permission slips will be available on youth bulletin board and in church office. Make checks payable to Metro NY Synod. Registration deadline is February 24th.

We will leave from church parking lot on Friday night, at 6PM, and return home on Sunday at noon.

Drivers and chaperone will be needed. Please contact Deanna Lauer at Youth@gspr.org or call the church office at 735-2243.

Watch for other exciting youth activities in the process of being planned for February. More information will be in upcoming Cross Connections, as well as in the youth calendar and emails going directly to the youth.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!...MARK YOUR CALENDARS!...MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

Saturday, March 3rd, 6PM-9PM **"Good Shepherd's Got Talent"**

The Sr. High youth will be sponsoring a Pasta Dinner/Talent Night. The proceeds will go toward the National Youth Gathering trip to New Orleans this July.

Do you have a talent you want to show off? We are looking for all kinds of acts (musical, comedy, magic, etc.), Please call Deanna Lauer at 735-2243 or email Youth@gspr.org.

Looking for a great Summer Camp?

Experience fun, adventure and learning at one of our beautiful Lutheran camps.

Koinonia offers a variety of camping experience for boys and girls in 2nd grade thru 12th grade.

Ma-He-Tu is a girls-only summer camp for ages 7-15. Both camps will help your child create lifelong memories. For more info, check their websites: KoinoniaNY.org or Mahetu.org.

Going Global!

Apply now to be an ELCA Young Adult in Global Mission. Young adults (ages 19-29) are invited to apply to serve for a year in an international program in Argentina, Uruguay, Jerusalem/West Bank, Madagascar, Malaysia, Mexico, Central/Eastern Europe, Southern Africa or in the United Kingdom.

Visit www.elca.org/yagm

MISSION MOMENT

ADVENT 2011

ADVENT OF BREAD AND WATER

Even though this is our seventh Advent season in Argentina, we are still struck by how different it feels from the Advent experiences we grew up with. Global mission service is constantly dislodging our preconceived notions and unsettling us with new questions. In South America Advent comes to us in the ever longer, ever warmer days that announce that spring is turning into summer. We are challenged to seek the meaning of Advent in symbols and sensations that are not the ones we are used to. This year on the second Sunday of Advent we were called to reinterpret the symbols of bread and water during a morning of baptisms and First Communion (including our Matthew!) at our congregation here in Buenos Aires. Among those receiving these sacraments were members of our community who live in an extremely marginalized neighborhood on the outskirts of Buenos Aires. Families in this community literally subsist on the refuse of the city by recycling cardboard and retrieving items from a nearby landfill.

As I witnessed the baptism and First Communion of young people who were born into a state of exclusion, the symbols of water and bread took on the meanings that these elements have in the lives of those who do not have access to clean drinking water and whose daily bread is not a certainty. As I listened to the giggles provoked by baptismal water trickling down faces and saw the joyful anticipation of that first holy bread, I was unsettled by the questions that stirred within me. What commitment are we making when we baptize into the Christian community members who do not have access to clean drinking water? What do the words "the Body of Christ given for you" mean when we speak them to a person who may not eat anything else that day?

These are among the questions that accompany us during this Advent season. While we are far from having the answers, the image that guides our search is a baby in a manger. Of all the ways that God could have chosen to be revealed in human form, God chose a human life -- in Christ -- that was in solidarity with the kind of vulnerability that water and bread represent for the majority of the world's population. Jesus was born in dehumanizing conditions -- in a stable for animals -- not just because there was no room at the Inn. God wanted to be in solidarity with human vulnerability from the moment of Christ's birth in the stable until His death on the Cross.

While our Advent journey in South America is filled with unsettling questions and symbols that call for constant reinterpretation, we give thanks for the new ways that they point us to the Christ child. Whether you are awaiting Christ's arrival during the long days of summer or the long nights of winter, we pray that you will join us in this Advent journey of watching, waiting and asking how together our Christian community can help fulfill Christ's promise of cleansing water, wholesome bread, and new life for all of humanity.

With Advent hope,

Kate Lawler and David Wunsch

ELCA Regional Representatives in South America



Here we are with our First Communion class. David and Kate are the bookends and Matthew is right in the middle.



Grab your surfboard and paddle out to ride a wave of fun and adventure at SonSurf Beach Bash VBS!

August 13 - 17, 2012 - 9 am - Noon

Children who are 4 years old (by the fall) up to those who are now in second grade are eligible to join the fun.

Adult, teen and tween volunteers are also invited to jump in to help.

Watch for more details in March and registration forms in April and May.



TRAINING AVAILABLE FOR VOLUNTEER CHAPLAINS AT NYACK HOSPITAL

To interested Rockland County Clergy and committed lay people:

The Department of Pastoral Care at Nyack Hospital will be starting a program of training for volunteer chaplains at the Hospital the week of February 6, 2012.

The Prospectus for the program is found below this article.

We will be meeting for 10 weeks, from 6:30-8:45 PM (with a short break) at the hospital, with a break from March 26-April 15 for Easter and Passover. Class work will be 20 hours and, during the course, each student will be required to do 10 hours of hospital visitation. There is no cost to participants, and participation does not require you to become a volunteer chaplain following the training.

If you are interested, please let me know as soon as possible which weeknight of Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday is the best for you.

Please call or email me with any questions. I look forward to your responses. Thank you.

Dave Wentroble

Chaplain David P. Wentroble, DMin, BCC

Director of Pastoral Care

Nyack Hospital

160 North Midland Avenue

Nyack, NY 10960

845-348-2182

wentrobled@nyackhospital.org

Prospectus for Nyack Hospital Volunteer Chaplain Training
February – May 2012

One Weeknight evening, Monday through Thursday depending on schedules of participants.

Break from March 26 through April 14 for Easter and Passover

Tentative Topics and Schedule

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| 1) Week of 2/6-2/9 | Making a Visit |
| 2) Week of 2/13-2/16 | How to be Caring |
| 3) Week of 2/20-2/23 | Communicating Care |
| 4) Week of 2/27-3/1 | Practicing the Presence of God |
| 5) Week of 3/5-3/8 | Active Listening |
| 6) Week of 3/12-3/15 | Prayer as a Part of Ministry |
| 7) Week of 3/19-3/22 | Prayer for Wholeness and Healing |

Break 3/26-4/13

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| 8) Week of 4/16-4/19 | Understanding Grief |
| 9) Week of 4/23-4/26 | Special Challenges in Communication |
| 10) Week of 4/30-5/3 | Ministry to Dying Persons |

Commissioning Sunday, May 6

PALLIATIVE CARE SEMINAR

PAIN MANAGEMENT * END-OF-LIFE CHOICES * RECENT LEGISLATION

Keynote Speaker

DAVID C. LEVEN, JD

Executive Director of Compassion & Choices of New York

Mr. Leven is a leading advocate for patients and families for improved healthcare, palliative care and end-of-life care. He has also initiated important healthcare laws in New York State, which will be discussed.

Sunday, January 29, 2012

2:30pm—6:00 pm

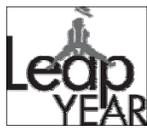
Seminar is FREE

The Wartburg Chapel

One Wartburg Place

Mount Vernon, NY 10552

Registration Required: 914-513-5308 * kthomas@thewartburg.org * <http://wartburgpalliative.eventbrite.com>

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>FEBRUARY 2012</p> 			<p>1</p> <p>9:30/1:00 Creative Play/UPK 9:00 Golden Stitchers 10:00 Creative Play Governance Bd. 7:00-9:00 Life Meetings 7:30 Bible Study—Pastor's Office</p>	<p>2 Presentation of Our Lord</p> <p>9:30/1:00 Creative Play/UPK 10:30-11:15 Staff Mtg. 12:30 Life Mtg. 4:30-5:30 Sacristy Singers 7:15-8:30 Confirmation 6 & 7 7:30-9:00 Senior Choir</p> <p>Groundhog Day</p>	<p>3</p> <p>9:30/1:00 Creative Play/UPK</p> <p>7:45 AA/Fellowship Hall</p>	<p>4</p>
<p>5 Epiphany 5 Boy Scout Sunday</p> <p>8:15 Worship 9:30 Contemporary Worship 10:30 Holy Communion/SCS/Upper Rm. 11:30 Coffee Hr. in parlor</p> <p>6:00 AA/Fellowship Hall</p> <p><i>Super Bowl Sunday</i></p>	<p>6</p> <p>9:30/1:00 Creative Play/UPK 6:00 Evening Bells 7:00-8:00 Chapel Choir 7:30 ESL—Fellowship Hall 7:30 Prayer Shawl Ministry</p>	<p>7</p> <p>9:30/1:00 Creative Play/UPK 10:00 CP Governance Bd. Mtg. 1:30 WELCA—Parlor 7:00 Boy Scouts—Fellowship Hall</p>	<p>8</p> <p>9:30/1:00 Creative Play/UPK 9:00 Golden Stitchers 4:30 Executive Committee 7:30 Bible Study</p>	<p>9</p> <p>9:30/1:00 Creative Play/UPK 10:30-11:15 Staff Mtg. 4:30-5:30 Sacristy Singers 7:30-9:00 Senior Choir</p>	<p>10</p> <p>9:30/1:00 Creative Play/UPK</p> <p><i>VOICE articles due for March Issue</i></p> <p>7:45 AA/Fellowship Hall</p>	<p>11</p>
<p>12 Epiphany 6</p> <p>8:15 Holy Communion 9:30 Contemporary Worship 10:30 Worship/SCS/Upper Room 11:30 Coffee Hour/parlor</p> <p>6:00 AA/Fellowship Hall</p>	<p>13</p> <p>9:30/1:00 Creative Play/UPK</p> <p>6:00 Evening Bells 7:00-8:00 Chapel Choir 7:30 ESL—Fellowship Hall 8:00 Women's Faith Life Group</p>	<p>14 Valentine's Day</p> <p>9:30/1:00 Creative Play/UPK 1:00 Piecemakers—Youth Room 7:00 Boy Scouts—Fellowship Hall 7:30 CP Exec. Bd Mtg.—Nursery</p> 	<p>15</p> <p>9:30/1:00 Creative Play/UPK 9:00 Golden Stitchers 7:00 Church Council Meeting 7:30 Bible Study</p>	<p>16</p> <p>9:30/1:00 Creative Play/UPK 10:30-11:15 Staff Mtg. 4:30-5:30 Sacristy Singers 6:00 Boy Scouts Blue & Gold Dinner 7:15-8:30 Confirmation 8th Gr. 7:30-9:00 Senior Choir</p>	<p>17</p> <p>9:30/1:00 Creative Play/UPK</p> <p>7:45 AA/Fellowship Hall</p>	<p>18</p> <p>9:00 Men's Breakfast Group</p> 
<p>19 Transfiguration of Our Lord</p> <p>8:15 Worship/Temple Talk 9:30 Contemporary Worship/Temple Talk 10:30 Holy Communion/SCS/Upper Rm. Temple Talk 11:30 Coffee Hour/parlor</p> <p>68:00 AA/Fellowship Hall</p>	<p>20 President's Day <i>NO CREATIVE PLAY/UPK CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED</i></p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; width: fit-content; margin: 10px auto;"> <p><i>Good Shepherd's 111th Birthday</i></p> </div> <p>6:00 Evening Bells 7:00-8:00 Chapel Choir 7:30-9:00 ESL—Fellowship Hall</p>	<p>21 Shrove Tuesday <i>NO CREATIVE PLAY/UPK</i></p> <p>7:00 Boy Scouts—Fellowship Hall</p>	<p>22 ASH WEDNESDAY</p> <p>9:30/1:00 Creative Play/UPK 9:00 Golden Stitchers/parlor 12:00 Individual Confession & Absolution 12:15 Imposition of Ashes 12:30 Service of Confession & HC 7:30 Individual Confession & Absolution 7:45 Imposition of Ashes 8:00 Service of Confession & HC</p>	<p>23</p> <p>9:30/1:00 Creative Play/UPK 10:30-11:15 Staff Mtg. 5:00 Acolyte Training/Dinner 7:00 Pastoral Acts 4:30-5:30 Sacristy Singers 7:30 Senior Choir</p>	<p>24</p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; width: fit-content; margin: 10px auto;"> <p>Junior High Koinonia Retreat</p> </div> <p>9:30/1:00 Creative Play/UPK</p> <p>7:45 AA/Fellowship Hall</p>	<p>25</p> <p>2:00-6:00 Girl Scouts In Fellowship Hall</p>
<p>26 LENT I</p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; width: fit-content; margin: 10px auto;"> <p>Jr. High Koinonia Retreat</p> </div> <p>8:15 Holy Communion/Temple Talk 9:30 Contemporary Worship/Temple Talk 10:30 Worship/SCS/Upper Room/Temple Talk 11:30 Coffee Hour/parlor</p> <p>6:00 AA/Fellowship Hall</p>	<p>27</p> <p>9:30/1:00 Creative Play/UPK 6:00 Evening Bells 7:00-8:00 Chapel Choir 7:30 ESL—Fellowship Hall</p>	<p>28</p> <p>9:30/1:00 Creative Play/UPK 1:00 Piecemakers—Youth Room 7:00 Boy Scouts—Fellowship Hall 7:00 Food, Faith & Friends—Parlor</p>	<p>29</p> <p>9:00 Golden Stitchers 9:30/1:00 Creative Play/UPK 7:00 SPT Meeting—Parlor 7:00-8:00 First Communion Class #1</p>			



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"Please know that together we are making an immediate impact on the individuals and families who are working each day in the community to help build the ministry at St. Peter's and bring souls to Christ.

Thank you again for your wonderful generosity. We wish you, your family, the church council and the congregation a Healthy, Happy and Prosperous New Year."