

# The Shepherd's Voice

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

## LENT AT GOOD SHEPHERD...COMMUNIVERSITY IS BACK!

What is "Communiversity"? It's part of Wonderful Wednesdays in Lent. For five Wednesday evenings, we will have the opportunity to come together for soup suppers and fellowship, various sessions for learning and sharing (the communiversity), and end with worship... the beautiful Holden Evening Prayer. Those who attended four years ago can attest to the enjoyment and value of this program.

Why join us?

You don't have to cook! Jayne Knarich has organized five groups within our congregation to host each supper...and one home-made soup is better than the next. This is also an opportunity to sit with old friends and meet new ones, without the rush of coming and going on a Sunday morning, to share our lives.

You get to choose a session in which you can learn, grow, and see where life and faith come together. Members of our congregation and some outside speakers will share those things which peak their interest. Topics such as prayer, music, life decisions, crafts, business and ethics, outreach to the needy, food....will be presented, all integral to life and faith.

Our fifth graders will have three classes in preparation for their First Communion, along with separate sessions for their parents.

The evening will end with the quiet evensong that offers that sense of peace we long for.

So join us on February 20th, 27th, March 6th, 13th and 20th. Suppers will begin at 6:00 p.m., the sessions at 7:00 p.m. and the brief Holden worship at 8:00 p.m. We hope you come each Wednesday, but, if not, come when you are able. A specific listing of classes will be available in the near future. If there is a question of inclement weather, you will be able to check the church website ([www.gspr.org](http://www.gspr.org)) or check the message on the church phone (845-735-2243).

Ione Mensing, Director of Outreach

## February 20th — Good Shepherd's 112th Birthday

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### ASH WEDNESDAY—February 13th

12:15 p.m. - Imposition of Ashes and Service of Holy Communion

7:45 -7:55 p.m. - Imposition of Ashes

8:00 p.m. - Service of Holy Communion

Following each service, Pastor will be available for Individual Confession and Absolution.



**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**

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**LIFE STATIONS**

**Baptisms**

	<u>Date</u>
Emma Susan Tallman	12/09/12
Beatrix Belle Barba	12/23/12
Braedan Alexander Osuba	12/23/12

**Deaths**

Hakan Herrmans	11/22/12
Rita Friedman	12/26/12
Laura Bouton	12/28/12

**General Memorial Fund**

In memory of Katharina Berg, by The Brothers & Sisters of  
Harmon Lodge No. 199

In memory of his parents, Edwin & Nell Voigt, by Fred Voigt

**Capital Reserve Fund**

In memory of Hakan Herrmans by: Woodcliff Lake PFA, Inc.

Harold & Lois Johnson  
The Sunshine Club of Mahwah  
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Alfa & Gosta Groop  
Sune & Ringa-May Gronlund  
John F. Kurth  
Birgitta Perrons  
The Lundquist Family in Finland  
Karl & Ann Marie Sten  
Martha Hoglund  
Margaret Nylund  
Nancy Merrigan  
Anthony Rocanova & Ann Lylund  
Linnea & Lars Backs  
Michael & Nancy Profita  
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**Christian Education Budget**

In memory of George Sieger, by Ann Sieger

**Bethlehem Lutheran Bronx Fund**

Given by Lynette Hasenkamp

Given by the Men's Breakfast Group

**Good Shepherd Lutheran Church**

Given by the PR AA Group

**Good Shepherd Fund**

In memory of Vearl Dupas

by Danny Epp & Bruce Degon  
by Petie Fischer & Family  
by Don & Barbara Smith & Family  
by Michael & Sandra Piskun

# audacity

connecting people, challenging god, living faithfully

We are currently in the final planning stages for the launch of audacity on April 6<sup>th</sup>. audacity will be a new style of worship experience available to you each Saturday evening at 5:00 p.m. at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church. The focus of this service will be to bring you a brand new and refreshing approach to worship, including music led by local talent. The aim of audacity is to connect people, challenge god, and help us to live faithfully. audacity is about community; that's why this service is open to everyone, regardless of age, race, gender, hair color, clothing option, or sexual orientation. We want to challenge god, and ask the questions that others are afraid to ask, so that we might learn from one another; after all, no one person has all of the answers, and we want to live faithfully to god and to ourselves. Please let me know if you would be interested in being featured as a musical guest. There are also many other ways in which you can get involved in this exciting new endeavor. If interested, please contact jerod freeberg at [jerod@gspr.org](mailto:jerod@gspr.org).

## **FROM THE PASTOR**

The longer I live in the church as, first and foremost, a community of worship and witness, the more grateful I am that I ended up in a church that appreciates the historical-liturgical heritage of Christendom. Now that we have moved from the Twelve Days of Christmas into the season of Epiphany, we will hear the stories of the Scriptures that tell of God's mighty deeds in revealing and manifesting the God made flesh in Jesus Christ.

Making our way through the season of Epiphany, we find ourselves walking across a bridge between the Twelve Days of Christmas and the forty days of Lent. Lent will show us more the human nature of our blessed Lord, even as we struggle with our own. Epiphany shows us more the divine nature, even as this divinity is always hidden from the human eye. Nonetheless, in the season of Epiphany, a glimpse of Jesus' divinity is given, one that only a spirit-born faith can come to behold.

The question that comes to mind for me is how does a liturgical calendar help me and the church worship God and live our lives as Christians? How might the faith, espoused by Scripture, the Creeds, the writings and witness of the great thinkers and martyrs in the faith, the Confessions and the calendar of the church, speak to the pressing issues we face, both personally and in community?

More specifically, how might our faith help us give witness in a land where every day, 33 people, the same number of years that our Lord lived, die from gun violence? We cannot and will not forget Newtown, CT, and all the others who have lost their lives at the hand of gun-inflicted wounds.

Please know that I have been a hunter with my father, years ago, and believe in the right of individuals to own and use guns. In our own family, we hunt, and have every year, venison, duck and even bear. The issue at hand is not about the right of a person to own a gun. The issue is that it is far too easy in our country for people who struggle with mental illness to buy weapons that can kill many people in a very short period of time. No policy will ensure complete safety but our present policy does not take into account the harsh realities we face as a country.

For sure, the paradox of our faith is that during the Twelve Days of Christmas, the church remembers that Herod slaughtered innocent children and honors them on December 28<sup>th</sup>. In the season of Lent, Jesus brings new life to those who die and suffers persecution because of his life-giving ways in the face of death.

Simply put, within liturgy and worship there is a place for a wide variety in worship, but liturgy, essentially, is about service, and about God serving us in Word and sacrament, and we, the church, serving the world in justice and mercy. This connection is a great gift, indeed, a gift that creates reflection and compels action as we sing out our hearts in worship and as we work for a better world.

## WELCA NEWS

Keep this date in mind, April 6<sup>th</sup> 2013. The women of Good Shepherd are invited to a retreat sponsored by our W.E.L.C.A. group and to be presented by Pastor Peggy Niederer. She will base the presentation on her recent trip to Hungary. The title is "Christ's Transforming Grace". It will start around 9 am, with coffee and a continental breakfast-around noon we will break for a light lunch and then continue to about 2:30, ending with the Eucharist. More information will follow next month.

Our next meeting will be Tuesday, Feb 5th, at 1:30 PM, in the parlor. Ladies, the sanctuary door will be open at 1:00 p.m., so that you can come up the ramp and not have to deal with all the stairs getting to the parlor.

We will once again be collecting Personal Care Kits for Lutheran World Relief. They are to consist of the following:

- 1 52 x 27" (approx.) dark color bath towel
- 2 Bath size bars soap in original wrap
- 1 Adult toothbrush in original wrap
- 1 Sturdy comb, remove packaging
- 1 Metal nail clipper, remove packaging

Wrap items in the towel, and tie with ribbon or yarn. Do not enclose kit in plastic bag. Please do not add or delete any items from the list above.

There will be a plastic bin, for collection, in the educational building. Thank you very much.

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

**ON SUPERBOWL SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 3rd...**

**LET'S HAVE A .....**



**Starting January 20th, we began 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*. Donations may be dropped off at the entrances to the Church and Education Building.**

**“God loves a cheerful giver of one’s abilities, time, and resources.”**

Have you ever thought about that and tried to analyze your own feelings regarding giving. Well, when you discover that a more precise translation, from Greek, of the word “cheerful” is “hilarious,” the question becomes even more interesting. How many of us give with hilarity? Perhaps the ability to give with cheerfulness or hilarity is related to our motivation for giving: Grudge giving says, “I have to.” Duty giving says, “I ought to.” Thanks giving says, “I want to.”

Author Unknown

**INTERESTED IN MEMBERSHIP?....**  
**or just want to find out more**  
**about Good Shepherd?**

On March 3<sup>rd</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> at 10:30 a.m., we will be gathering for an opportunity to find out more about Good Shepherd, get to know other interested people, learn about our faith and history, and share in our present and future hopes. We are asking those who wish to become members to attend both sessions. We will be receiving New Members into the church on March 17<sup>th</sup>. Please call the church office or e-mail [parishworker@gspr.org](mailto:parishworker@gspr.org) if you would like to attend, or if you have any questions.

## LENTEN SIMPLE SOUP SUPPERS ARE PLANNED AND YOU ARE INVITED TO ATTEND

We have some great cooks who have stepped up and you are invited to attend the Lenten midweek Simple Soup Suppers that will take place each Wednesday from 6 p.m. to 7 p.m., just before Communiversity at 7 p.m. and the Holden Evening Prayer at 8 p.m. Here is the schedule:

- 2/20 Men's Breakfast Group
- 2/27 Jennifer Henion and Babette Romaine
- 3/6 Women's Faith and Life Group
- 3/13 WELCA
- 3/20 Food, Faith and Friends Group



## REMEMBER OUR MILITARY

We are thrilled that Kirk Smith is home from Afghanistan. Many members felt this was an important outreach, and wanted to continue. We have two local persons in the military to whom we will be sending packages. Check the lists at the entrances, and bring in donations. We are providing the addresses so you are able to send a card or letter.



Sgt Kristin DiDonato  
101 ESB HHC Company  
APO AE 09355

Sgt Anthony Montano  
101 ESB HHC RNCC  
APO AE 09355

## MINISTRY TO OUR MILITARY

In speaking with Carolyn DiDonato, mother of Sgt. Kristin DiDonato, she was happy to tell the folks at Good Shepherd, that her daughter and Sgt. Anthony Montano are engaged, and are making long-distance plans to be married in October 2013.

Kristin and Anthony are both 23 and met at the Orangeburg National Guard Armory when they were 19. Kristin works in the motor pool and Anthony in satellite communications. They are stationed at the same base in Afghanistan, within walking distance of one another.

Carolyn describes Kristin as always having had a passion to serve. In the summer of her High School junior year, she attended Boot Camp in South Carolina. After high school graduation, she attended Rockland Community College and then completed her 4-year degree in speech and communications therapy at Geneseo College.

Anthony was born and raised in Queens and is a graduate of Ithaca College. According to his future mother-in-law, he has a "heart of gold." She continues to say "these are honorable kids – they both love and are proud of their country and want to serve."

Carolyn's best Christmas present was a 2-hour Skype session with Kristin and Anthony. Carolyn reports it was so great to catch up, and Kristin's grey cat, "Rascal's", made his Skyping debut – he was a kitten who got himself adopted on a cold winter night when he scratched at Kristin's door while she was a student at Geneseo.

These young people, who are proud to serve, are very grateful for the Good Shepherd connection and appreciate that they are being remembered.

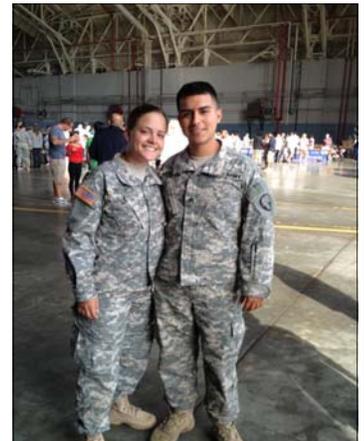
*Written by Irene Ryan*

A note from Kristin and Anthony:

*To the Parishioners of Good Shepherd Church,*

*Thank you for keeping us in your thoughts and prayers while we serve in Afghanistan. Your kindness and care packages are very much appreciated and we will always be grateful for your support. Thank you again.*

*Sgt. Kristin DiDonato and Sgt. Anthony Montano*



## MANY THANKS TO OUR MUSICIANS FOR EXTRA CHRISTMAS MUSIC...

Our Pastor, John Havrilla, beautifully intoned our services, planning the liturgies and carols with love and care.

Our SANCTUARY CHOIR, 10:30 am Worship Leaders, also prepared a beautiful anthem for 8:15 am Worship on December 16, "Waiting For a King". They sang selections from Handel's Messiah during Advent, "And The Glory of the Lord", and "O Thou That Tellest Good Tidings To Zion". During the 11:00 pm Christmas Eve service, our Sanctuary Choir masterfully delivered three lovely anthems, leading the Christmas carols and liturgy: "Noel!" by Daquin; "Alleluia!" by Telemann; "Still, Still, Still" arr. Norman Luboff.

SACRISTY SINGERS brought many a tear to our eyes, singing "He Wants to be Close to His Children" on the very difficult Sunday of December 16, following the Newtown, Connecticut tragedy. They also astounded us with a memorized Handel's Messiah, "O Thou, That Tellest Good Tidings to Zion". GOD'S HOLY BELLS assured us of God's love, "Angels Watching Over Me".

EVENING BELLS played 30 minutes of joyful and sweet Christmas handbell music in concert, preceding our 11:00 pm Christmas Eve worship, beginning at 10:30 pm. This is becoming a much-anticipated tradition at Good Shepherd!

CHRISTMAS PAGEANTS, with our children in full costume, were given in love by Michelle Zaro following the December 23 10:30 am worship, to a full house and a very appreciative congregation. Also, in the family 7:30 pm Christmas Eve worship, by Joanie Hampton. Many thanks!

RENAISSANCE CANZONA offered eight instrumental Christmas carols with orchestra instruments, a 25 minute prelude gift to God, at 7:00 pm. We were delighted to hear this premiere concert on Christmas Eve-2012, which exhibits great musicianship from our Junior High instrumentalists in worship.

David and Dylan Martini opened the 7:30 pm and 9:00 pm Christmas Eve services with solos, leading the Processional "Once In Royal David's City". Nick Bowman led the offertory at 7:30 pm with "Away in a Manger".

RENAISSANCE CAMERATA gave an outstanding 25-minute Prelude for our 9:00 pm Christmas Eve service, including Savior's Bells, a cappella Christmas carols from the 1400-1600s, Tenor Saxophone carols with Walter Lauer, III, and a beautiful bass solo sung by Matthew Klein, "The Greatest Gift of All". The 14-member High School choir then led the 9:00 pm service with candlelit psalm, "Adoramus Te Domino", and the offertory: "Christmas Canon in D" by Pachelbel, featuring Julia Syvarth on solo violin. Our communion was graced with Katherine Filatov playing "O Holy Night", clarinet, and Walter playing carols with his saxophone. Special love and appreciation goes to Daniel Brooker, trumpet, returning from Princeton University to play the entire 9:00 Worship.

Robert Callan, bass, offered "The Little Drummer Boy" for Christmas Day worship at 10:30 am, as a special gift to God and his mother.

These volunteer musicians spent hours in rehearsals, giving devotion, energy, and extraordinary talent in preparation and worship. We heard the voices of angels as our hearts were lifted to God on high.

Thank you, one and all!

Brenda Ferguson, Organist/Director of Music

### Voice Publication Deadline

Items to be included in The Shepherd's Voice must be submitted to the church office by **Feb. 8th** for the **March 2013** 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](mailto:secretary@gspr.org).



**THE BARN IS EMPTY...**so let's fill it! Once again, during Lent, we will have the opportunity to make donations toward the purchase of ducks, chicks, cows, goats, sheep and more! These animals will be given to families all over the world, to improve their lives and their health...more information will be available in Cross Connections.

## **CATHEDRAL DAY IN MANHATTAN**

If this is the year 2012 - and the world has not ended just yet! - why are these young people singing Renaissance Music? Why are they interested in cathedrals? And, of all things: why are they singing beautiful sacred music in 4-part harmony and polyphony...without microphones or other electronic instruments?

These 14 musicians are clad in authentic Renaissance gowns and shirts, museum-quality detailing, from 1400-1600 AD European culture. Gorgeous apparel, sacred music of the highest caliber, lively personalities, and superior intellect mark them as excellent musicians.

Our talented, hard working, dedicated youth are Renaissance Camerata, a sacred choral group, members of Good Shepherd Lutheran Church in Pearl River, New York. Pastor John Havrilla, who intones his worship services beautifully and is a music lover himself, has overseen the growth of the Music Ministry in his congregation. Directed by Brenda Ferguson, Organist/Director of Music, Good Shepherd Church has many instrumental and choral choirs, meeting the needs of every age and talent.

Renaissance Camerata had its premiere concert on June 10, 2012, singing sacred music from the 1400-1600's, reconnecting them and their audience with our European heritage. This prompted an interest in cathedrals, where the music was actually sung in worship services for hundreds of years.

### **SUNDAY, DECEMBER 2 - CATHEDRAL SUNDAY**

When given a choice of Christmas gifts, this high school group chose to travel through Manhattan - in a white stretch Escalade limo - studying cathedrals firsthand. We began in Little Italy (Italy was the birthplace of Renaissance culture: painting, sculpture, stained glass, cathedrals, gorgeous music...and of course, fabulous clothing). Warmly welcomed by Father Ahern into the oldest cathedral in New York City, Old Saint Patrick's Cathedral (1807), the choir heard their own voices for the first time in a truly beautiful authentic cathedral, complete with perfect acoustics.

Next stop: The Metropolitan Museum of Art, Fifth Avenue, to see the sacred Christmas tree, with angels and candles framed by a gold and brass choir screen, hear the carols, see the crèche and Italian village recreated under the tree, view the artifacts from cathedrals in Europe, stand in awe before the armor, weapons, and swords of the Renaissance.

Saint Thomas Cathedral, just in time for Evensong, hearing the renowned Choir of Men and Boys, wiping tears from our eyes as we listened to pure heavenly music, under the superb direction of John Scott, worshipping with a full cathedral of singing congregants.

Across the street to St. Patrick's Cathedral, we viewed the life-sized crèche, complete with a new golden retriever dog.

We finished the evening, after 9 hours in Manhattan, with ice skating in Central Park. Such a gift... Scholarship and love of God, music and cathedrals. All because of a dream-Renaissance Camerata!

## **FROM THE PARISH PROGRAM DIRECTOR**

We are so grateful to our members for sharing their marvelous ideas for activities. Jeanne Struck suggested a Christmas Caroling event for this past December. Working with members of the staff, flyers advertising the Good Shepherd singers were delivered to businesses along Central Avenue in Pearl River. On Friday, December 14, twelve members met in the parking lot. Jeanne provided Santa hats for all; we had sheets with the words to numerous carols, and off we headed. It was a great night to walk along, singing our songs. At one stop, people came out of the restaurant and stood on the sidewalk, listening as we sang. By another restaurant, a group of teenagers joined in the singing. After making our way along both sides of Central Avenue, the group headed back to Good Shepherd, where they enjoyed hot cocoa, cookies, and fun conversation. It was a great event for all who participated.

Some other activities that are in the planning stages (thanks to member suggestions) are an Iron Chef event and the presentation of Race to Nowhere. If you have a new idea, or even something we have done before that you enjoyed, please consider sharing your thoughts with me. Good Shepherd is a wonderful community and spending time together enhances our relationships and adds joy to our lives.

Kathleen Harpster



## CREATIVE PLAY NEWS

The families at Creative Play participated in the "Souper Bowl" collection for *People to People*. Our classes read the story, "Stone Soup", and talked to the children about sharing and helping others. Always a good lesson to learn.

February is always a busy month at Creative Play. We will have to wait until February 2nd to see if the groundhog sees his shadow, but the children at Creative Play can't wait till then. They will pretend they are groundhogs by crawling through a play tunnel, and popping out to see their shadows on a projection screen!

Of course our classes are excited for their Valentine Day celebrations. The children will make special gifts for their families and exchange valentine cards with their friends. The children will snack on bagels and strawberry milk. We also have our Chinese New Year celebrations, during which the children parade through the school scaring away all the bad spirits by wearing their water-colored dragon masks. We will wrap up our month with a visit from the dentist. The children will learn about healthy eating and how to take care of their teeth.

Our open registration took place on January 28th. Please call the school if you are interested in our 3- or 4-year old program, so we can set up an appointment for a tour.

We will also be offering our Summer Camp and Kindergarten Enrichment programs. Applications will be available soon. Give us a call (845-735-2737) if you have any questions about any of our programs.

Maureen Connelly, Director

## Christian Education Opportunities

### February 2013

We've kicked the New Year off with a running start and it is time to prepare for the Lenten season. This is a special time in the Church where we bring our sins repentantly before the cross of Christ. Sometimes it is easy to think of Lent as a time of self-improvement, when in reality, it is a period of reverence and repentance before God. This is the time where we journey with Christ through death and resurrection, experiencing the magnitude of grace.

### Bible Study:

Wednesday, February 6, from 7:30-9pm in Pastor's office. Come join us in our continued study of Luke's Gospel account. We will resume weekly meetings after the Lenten season.

### Communiversity 2013:

Communiversity is back! Each Wednesday during Lent, we will have a selection of unique educational opportunities. If you have a last minute course idea and would like to share your gifts, please contact Tim Kellogg ([tim@gspr.org](mailto:tim@gspr.org)) or Lone Mensing ([parishworker@gspr.org](mailto:parishworker@gspr.org)) by Tuesday, February 12. **Also join us for Simple Soup Suppers, beginning at 6pm.**

### 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 and Uruguay, Jerusalem/West Bank, Madagascar, Malaysia, Mexico, Central/Eastern Europe, Southern Africa and the United Kingdom. See [www.elca.org/yagm](http://www.elca.org/yagm).

### Lutheran Summer Music Academy & Festival:

June 23 - July 21, 2013—A musical training and performance program held on the campus of Luther College, Decorah, Iowa, for grades 8-12. Join talented musicians from across the U.S. for a life-changing experience, in which more than 80% of students receive financial aid, and students of all religious traditions are welcome. Accepting applications for: Band, Choir, Orchestra, Piano, and Pipe Organ. Apply today at [www.lutheransummermusic.org](http://www.lutheransummermusic.org).

Grace and peace,

Timothy Kellogg - Youth, Family, and Education Director

[tim@gspr.org](mailto:tim@gspr.org), 845.735.2243 Ext. 303

## Youth Events and Activities

### February 2013

We've kicked off the New Year with several new events! J-Crew (3<sup>rd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> grade) meets after church every first Sunday, for an hour of fun and fellowship. Project 4:12 (9<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grade) has begun its regular Youth Group meetings on the second Sunday of the month, on a journey of people, faith, and service for the future. H2O (6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> grade) has started an after-church game hour with Vicar Jerod, on every third Sunday of the month. These exciting new adventures are just the beginning of some great youth activities here at Good Shepherd!

#### Sunday Youth Group Gatherings:

J- Crew (3<sup>rd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> grade) Sunday, February 3, from 11:30-12:30pm.

Project 4:12 (9<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grade) Sunday, February 10, from 11:30-12:30pm.

H2O (6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> grade) Sunday, February 17, from 11:30-12:30pm.



#### Confirmation:

Thursday, February 7 (6<sup>th</sup> grade) from 7:00-8:15pm, in Fellowship Hall.

Thursday, February 21 (7<sup>th</sup> grade) from 7:00-8:15pm, in Fellowship Hall.

Thursday, February 28 (8<sup>th</sup> grade) from 7:00-8:15pm, in Fellowship Hall, with acolyte training to follow.

**Those 8th graders expected to attend the training will be notified.**

#### Confirmation Hot Dog Supper:

Thursday, February 7 from 6:15-7:00pm. RSVP to Deanna Lauer ([youth@gspr.org](mailto:youth@gspr.org)).

#### Youth Group Events for February:

**H2O (6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> grade):** Good Shepherd will be hosting a spaghetti dinner for 6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> graders. We will be joined by other churches for food and fellowship. This is going to be a chance to make new friends who are also learning about their Lutheran faith.

**Meet in Fellowship Hall at 5pm, Saturday, February 9. Please RSVP.**

**Project 4:12 (9<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grade):** "Shrove Tuesday on a Sunday" party. For our February Youth Group meeting (Sunday, February 10, at 11:30), we will have a celebration in preparation for Lent.

**Jr. High (6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> grade) Retreat at Camp Koinonia:** If you haven't registered, you only have until February 5th to submit your registration forms and fees to Camp Koinonia. Camp is February 22-24.

#### Vacation Bible School Planning:

We invite those who are interested in helping to plan for VBS 2013 to attend our first planning session. **Thursday, February 7, at 1:30pm, in the Parlor.** For questions about helping, please see Diane Bergman.

We are thankful for your presence here at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church and look forward to serving with you in one of our many great ministry opportunities!

Grace and Peace,

Timothy Kellogg

Youth, Family, and Education Director

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## FEBRUARY IS GOOD SHEPHERD FUND MONTH

Thanks to our increasing group of contributors, the Good Shepherd Fund was able to help two needy families during the past year. In the brief years since we began this journey of faith, the fund has provided over \$11,000 of help to needy families in the congregation and community, as well as supporting some outreach programs.

Continued economic stagnation and low interest rates pose a tough challenge for everyone in the year ahead. Under such conditions, we can expect more requests for help, while experiencing a reduced income flow. Therefore, we urge all members of the congregation to consider making a contribution to the fund this year, large or small. A temple talk 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 giving up something of our good fortune to aid others less fortunate than ourselves.

Bob Klein

Good Shepherd Fund Chairman

## **THANK YOU TO THOSE WHO CONTRIBUTED IN 2012**

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## GREENING OUR PASTURES

### **GREEN RESOLUTIONS FOR THE NEW YEAR**



- We resolve to spend at least an hour a week outdoors, to appreciate the elegance and serenity of the natural world.
- We resolve to share this admiration for the outdoors with our children, families, and friends, and to help them understand why they should defend the Earth from harm.
- We resolve to cut our solid waste by 25%, by increasing our recycling and composting efforts, and by buying products that create the least amount of trash.
- We resolve to spread the word about environmental issues and to encourage all efforts to do something about them.

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>FEBRUARY 2013</b> 					<b>1</b> 9:30/1:00 Creative Play/UPK  7:45 AA/Fellowship Hall	<b>2</b>
<b>3 Epiphany 4 Boy Scout Sunday</b> 8:15 Worship/Evening Bells 9:30 Contemporary Worship 10:30 Holy Communion/SCS/Upper Rm. Evening Bells 11:30 Healing Service 11:30 Coffee Hr. in parlor 11:30-12:30 J-Crew (3-5 grades) Group Meeting—Fellowship Hall 6:00 AA/Fellowship Hall	<b>4</b> 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	<b>5</b> 9:30/1:00 Creative Play/UPK 10:00 CP Governance Bd. Mtg. 1:30 WELCA—Parlor 7:00 Boy Scouts—Fellowship Hall	<b>6</b> 9:30/1:00 Creative Play/UPK 9:00 Golden Stitches 4:30 Executive Committee 7:30 Bible Study	<b>7</b> 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	<b>8</b> 9:30/1:00 Creative Play/UPK  <i>VOICE articles due for March Issue</i>  7:45 AA/Fellowship Hall	<b>9</b> 5:00H2O Spaghetti Dinner
<b>10 Transfiguration Sunday</b> 8:15 Holy Communion 9:30 Contemporary Worship 10:30 Worship/SCS/Upper Room/Baptism 11:30 Baptismal Reception—FH 11:30 Coffee Hour/parlor 11:30 Internship Committee Mtg.—B9 11:30 Project 4:12 Sr. High Mtg.—Yth. Rm. 6:00 AA/Fellowship Hall	<b>11</b> 9:30/1:00 Creative Play/UPK  6:00-7:00 Evening Bells 7:00-8:00 Renaissance Camerata 8:00-8:45 Renaissance Canzona	<b>12 Shrove Tuesday</b> 9:30/1:00 Creative Play/UPK 1:00 Piecemakers—Youth Room 1:00 CP Governance Bd. Meeting 1:30 CP Chapel Service 7:00 Boy Scouts—Fellowship Hall 7:30 CP Exec. Bd Mtg.—Nursery 8:00 Woman's Faith Life Group	<b>13 ASH WEDNESDAY</b> 9:00 Golden Stitches/parlor 9:30/1:00 Creative Play/UPK 12:15 Confession/Imposition of Ashes with Service of Holy Communion 4:30 Executive Committee 7:45-7:55 Imposition of Ashes 8:00-8:30 Service of Holy Com	<b>14 Valentine's Day</b> 9:30/1:00 Creative Play/UPK 10:30-11:00 Staff Meeting 4:30-5:30 Sacristy Singers 5:30-6:15 Renaissance Canzona 7:30-9:00 Sanctuary Choir  	<b>15</b> 9:30/1:00 Creative Play/UPK  7:45 AA/Fellowship Hall	<b>16</b> 9:00 Men's Breakfast
<b>17 LENT 1</b> 8:15 Worship Service 9:30 Contemporary Worship 10:30 Holy Communion/SCS/Upper Room/ Renaissance Camerata 11:30 Coffee Hour—Parlor 11:30 H2O (6-8th) Group—Youth Room  6:00 AA/Fellowship Hall	<b>18 President's Day</b> <i>NO CREATIVE PLAY/UPK            CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED</i>  6:00-7:00 Evening Bells 7:00-8:00 Renaissance Camerata 8:00-8:45 Renaissance Canzona  	<b>19</b> <i>NO CREATIVE PLAY/UPK</i>  7:00 Boy Scouts—Fellowship Hall 7:00 Food, Faith, and Friends	<b>20</b> 9:00 Golden Stitches 9:30/1:00 Creative Play/UPK 1:00 Rockland Clergy 6:00-7:00 Simple Soup Supper—FH 7:00-8:00 Communiversity 8:00-8:30 Holden Evening Prayer 8:30 Church Council—Parlor	<b>21</b> 9:30/1:00 Creative Play/UPK 10:30-11:00 Staff Meeting 4:30-5:30 Sacristy Singers 5:30-6:15 Renaissance Canzona 7:00-8:15 Confirmation 7th Grade 7:30-9:00 Sanctuary Choir 7:30 Pastoral Sessions	<b>22</b> Koinonia Retreat—Jr. High  9:30/1:00 Creative Play/UPK  7:45 AA/Fellowship Hall	<b>23</b> Koinonia Retreat—Jr. High
<b>24 LENT 2</b> Koinonia Retreat—Jr. High 8:15 Holy Communion 9:30 Contemporary Worship 10:30 Worship/SCS/Upper Room/Cherubs  11:30 Coffee Hour/parlor  6:00 AA/Fellowship Hall	<b>25</b> 9:30/1:00 Creative Play/UPK 6:00-7:00 Evening Bells 7:00-8:00 Renaissance Camerata 8:00-8:45 Renaissance Canzona	<b>26</b> 9:30/1:00 Creative Play/UPK 1:00 Piecemakers—Youth Room 7:00 Boy Scouts—Fellowship Hall	<b>27</b> 9:00 Golden Stitches 9:30/1:00 Creative Play/UPK 6:00-7:00 Simple Soup Supper—FH 7:00-8:00 Communiversity 8:00-8:30 Holden Evening Prayer	<b>28</b> 9:30/1:00 Creative Play/UPK 10:30-11:00 Staff Meeting 4:30-5:30 Sacristy Singers 5:30-6:15 Renaissance Canzona 7:00-8:15 Confirmation 8th Grade 7:30-9:00 Sanctuary Choir 8:15-8:30 Acolyte Training	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>

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