



# 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 Christ.

**ON SUPER BOWL SUNDAY,  
FEBRUARY 2nd, LET'S HAVE  
A SOUPER BOWL OF CARING**



Starting January 19th, we started 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*. Soup can be dropped off in the entrance to the Education Building

FOR UP-TO-DATE  
CALENDARS,  
GO TO [WWW.GSPR.ORG](http://WWW.GSPR.ORG)

**February 20th  
Good Shepherd's  
113th Birthday**

## FROM THE PASTOR

Each year Bishop Robert Rimbo of the Metropolitan New York Synod visits congregations in our synod covering the southern half of New York State from just north of Kingston, N.Y. to the tip of Long Island. There are about 200 congregations in our synod and about 10,000 in the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America which is one of the major Lutheran church bodies in North America. Recently, the ELCA elected its first woman as national bishop and she is quite a speaker.

Bishop Rimbo has requested to visit with us on February 9. We are looking forward to his visit and will decide this month what our schedule will be for that day.

Please look for further notices concerning this visit, even as we are waiting to hear from the Bishop's office concerning our time together.

February is the month in which we celebrate our congregation's birth in 1901. It is also the month that we highlight the work of the Good Shepherd Fund and the numbers of people in our area who this fund has helped. Some folks have made it the tradition to give our congregation a birthday gift by donating to this important SOS fund. Perhaps this is something you might consider if you have not already contributed as part of your additional giving.

My main point in this letter is not a "sales pitch" but to celebrate our "Good Shepherd Life." We have challenges but we also have opportunities. How happy it made me when I heard that our Sunday School is running out of space because of the numbers involved in this ministry. Happy Birthday, Good Shepherd. God is not done with you YET. We still have places to go and things to see. We live in God's future.

With so many changes abounding in our lives and world, it feels good to be part of a community that has roots going way back and a 2020 vision in its future. What better way to celebrate than to share it with the wider church, including Bishop (Regional Pastor) Robert Rimbo. Highlight February 9<sup>th</sup> on your calendar.

With Epiphany Light,

Pastor John Havrilla

**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”**

**SUMMER WORSHIP SERVICES**

Sundays: 9:30 a.m.  
Mondays: 7:30 p.m.

**WORSHIP SERVICES**

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

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**AT YOUR SERVICE**

The Reverend John W. Havrilla - Pastor  
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Education Ministries  
Dagmar Klein - Church Administrator  
Jeanette Kunow - Superintendent of  
Sunday School  
John Lampkin - Composer-in-Residence  
Deanna Lauer - SCS Office Adm./ Worship  
Leader/Youth Coordinator  
John R. Taylor - Pastor Emeritus

**LIFE STATIONS**

**BAPTISMS**

Lily June Arcidiacono	11/24/13
Katherine Sophie Lai	11/24/13

**WEDDINGS**

Daniel Quinn & Tara Jensen	11/22/13
Robert Joseph & Emma Martin	12/14/13
Donald Maier & Karen Lagerquist	12/21/13
Robert Russo & Betty Daniels	1/25/14

**DEATHS**

<u>DEATHS</u>	<u>date</u>
Gail Sullinger	December 14, 2013
Marieanne Linss	January 2, 2014
John Porobija	January 26, 2014

**General Memorial Fund**

In Memory of Connie Smith by Hortense Mikus  
In Memory of Gail Sullinger by John & Dottie Marschhausen

**Music Outreach Fund**

**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.

**Voice Publication Deadline**

Items to be included in The Shepherd's Voice must be submitted to the church office by **February 14th** for the **March/ April 2014** 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.

**2014 CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH COUNCIL**

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## A Note from the Outgoing Council President

It's hard to believe that the year of my tenure is now completed. The Council as well as the congregation has shared many challenges, with the budget shortfall having been the greatest. Now that we are welcoming a new President, I can assure you that the Council will continue to do its best to provide clear and effective leadership for our congregation. We will be faced with some challenges and looking forward to a leadership transition. The Council will continue to be responsible stewards of the Vision that has been put in place. We hope you too will see it in your heart to also be responsible with your time, talent and finances to ease us into the transition we are about to face. Thank you for your support this past year, and God Bless you all.

Sue Baumeister  
Outgoing Council President

## TURKEY RUN THANK YOU

Thank you for all your support of the annual Turkey Run. Because of your generosity, Good Shepherd and our Youth Group was able to distribute 50+ turkeys, hams and chickens *plus* 50 bags of groceries to Fordham Lutheran Church (Pastor Jonathan Recabarren's church), to other identified people of need through Pastor Larry McFarland and to Prince of Peace Lutheran Church in Old Tappan for its own distribution to less fortunate families in our area.

In our community of faith, this is such a meaningful outreach. The event was all the brighter because of the participation of our young people. These kids really gave of themselves with their energy and enthusiasm, helpfulness and cheerful spirit.

## Youth Happenings

Don't forget to pick up your pre-ordered Super Bowl Subs, Sunday, February 2<sup>nd</sup>, at 11:30 am, in Fellowship Hall! On behalf of our 2015 Youth Gathering participants, we've raised a little over 9% of our overall need for 17 youth to take part in this life-changing service opportunity and would like to thank all of you who have supported us thus far. We have a ways to go, and we continue to seek support for this trip, and we thank you and celebrate our ongoing progress on the road to Detroit.

### Confirmation:

Thursday, February 6, 2014 (6<sup>th</sup> grade) from 7:00-8:30 pm in Room B-2.  
Thursday, February 13, 2014 (7<sup>th</sup> grade) from 7:00-8:30 pm in Fellowship Hall.  
Thursday, February 27, 2014 (8<sup>th</sup> grade) from 7:00-8:30 pm in Fellowship Hall.  
Acolyte training to follow. Those expected to attend the training will be notified.



### Youth Group Events for February:

J-Crew and H2O (3<sup>rd</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> grade) Monster Mini-Golf: Sunday, February 9<sup>th</sup>, from 12:00-2:30 pm, meeting in Fellowship Hall. Bring \$10 for pizza and one round (18 holes) of Monster Mini-Golf.

4:12 (8<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grade) Youth Group and Dinner: Sunday, February 23<sup>rd</sup>, from 4:12 pm-6 pm. Join us for this monthly youth fellowship event.

Jr. High (6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> grade) Retreat at Camp Koinonia: Friday, February 21<sup>st</sup>-Sunday, February 23<sup>rd</sup>. Registration and Payment of \$120/person is due Sunday, February 2<sup>nd</sup>.

### Vacation Bible School Planning:

Wednesday, February 12<sup>th</sup> at 1:30pm, in the Parlor: We invite those who are interested in helping to plan for VBS 2014 to attend our first planning session. 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 wonderful ministry opportunities!

Grace and Peace, Timothy Kellogg, Youth, Family, and Education Director  
[tim@gspr.org](mailto:tim@gspr.org)  
845.735.2243 Ext. 303

## CREATIVE PLAY NEWS...

The snowy, wintery days have led to fun crafts, such as shaving cream snowmen, sparkly snowflakes, and hot chocolate fun days! Our families will participate in our collection of soup for the needy, and our classes will learn the lesson of sharing through the story "Stone Soup". It's a nice way to teach the children to help those who are less fortunate.



February always starts with our Groundhog predictions and the children love to pretend they are the groundhog, by popping out of the play tunnel and seeing their shadow on the screen set up in Fellowship Hall. This February our classes will participate in the Good Shepherd Olympics. Each class will make their own Olympic flag, and the children will make its own Olympic torches. Each class will participate in Creative Play Olympic events like skating (using tissue boxes as skates) bobsled racing (being pushed in a cardboard box!) and luge racing (we use our scooters). Everyone has a great time and learns about team spirit and cooperation. And of course, we are all gold medal winners! Registration for the 2014-15 school year has taken place, but if you know anyone who might be interested, please call the office, as there are limited openings. Registration for our Time for Twos program will take place in March, and our Summer Camp and Kindergarten Enrichment applications will soon be available.

Don't forget to visit our Facebook page (look for Good Shepherd Creative Play, picture of the lamb) and see all the fun and exciting times we are having.

Maureen Connolly  
Creative Play Director, (845)735-2737

## WELCA

Happy New Year to all. Hopefully, with the cooperation of the weather, we can resume our meetings. Our next meeting is planned for Tuesday, February 4th, at 1:30 PM in the parlor.

A few things to think about is that our Personal Care Kits will be due by the March meeting so they can be boxed and delivered in April to the pick-up center. Also, we are planning another retreat with Pastor Peggy, to be held on April 26th. The program will be: *Women of the church; then and now*. This is open to all ladies of the church, and invitations will be extended to other Lutheran churches in the area. The charge will be \$25.00 per person and will include a continental breakfast and a light lunch. This event was enjoyed by all last year and surely will be this year, as well. More information will follow at a later date.

Ladies, if you are a member of Good Shepherd, you are already a member of WELCA. We meet the first Tuesday of every month. We enjoy interesting programs, wonderful fellowship and, of course, delicious refreshments. We are all needed to continue our many outreach programs, which are so rewarding and needed, locally and worldwide.

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

## Christian Education Opportunities

Adult Faith Formation has grown substantially here at Good Shepherd. We have our traditional book-centered Bible Study on Wednesday nights and we have monthly events with a little something for everyone. Food, Faith, and Friends meets every third Tuesday and is a family-centered ministry, in which we fellowship around the dinner table and discuss important faith matters. Theology Pub, meets the first Tuesday of the month at the Nanuet Hotel and is a contemporary faith centered discussion for adults looking to ask a variety of questions and grow in their faith.

### Bible Study:

Wednesday, February 5, 7:30-9pm, in Pastor's office.  
Wednesday, February 12, 7:30-9pm, in Pastor's office.  
Wednesday, February 19, 7:30-9pm, in Pastor's office.  
Wednesday, February 26, 7:30-9pm, in Pastor's office.









Come join us in our continuing study of Luke's Gospel account. We will resume weekly meetings after the Lenten season.

### Theology Pub:

Tuesday, February 4, 7:30-9:30 pm, at the Nanuet Hotel.

Timothy Kellogg  
Youth, Family, and Education Director  
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