



CELEBRATING
CREATIVE PLAY'S
50TH YEAR

The Shepherd's Voice

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

February 2019

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



Happy
Birthday

February 20th is
Good Shepherd's
118th Birthday!

Happy
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YOU MAKE A DIFFERENCE!
Join the 28 Days of **Kindness** Challenge
February 2019

WHAT IS 28 DAYS OF KINDNESS?

28 Days of Kindness is a global initiative to promote awareness of doing good deeds for others. While you can easily share the love on any day or month of the year, we chose February for our month-long event.

WHY LITTLE ACTS OF KINDNESS?

Through our own personal experience, it's sometimes the little things that have the biggest impact. You can make someone's day simply by buying their cup of coffee, offering to pay for a meal, sending them a card in the mail, or even making a phone call to let them know they're thought of. With enough good deeds, **we make a difference.**

HOW DO I GET INVOLVED?

Pick up your copy of the 28 days of kindness challenge and kindness labels in the back of the sanctuary or in the church office. Each week at church services, we will celebrate and reflect on our congregation's acts of kindness!

WHO'S BEHIND ALL THIS?

Really happy people, who want to cause ripple effects of goodness in lives of many - also known as the Evangelism Team!

Kristina Olsson, Pat Hoffman, Irene Ryan, Don Widmayer, Janet Maleski & Sharon Martini



be
KIND
TO OTHERS.



**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, 9:15, 10:30 a.m.
Wednesdays: 7:15 p.m.

CONTACT US

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AT YOUR SERVICE

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Brian Burns - Director of Music
Elaina Burns - Organist
Maureen Connolly - Creative Play Director
Dale Damon - Church Secretary
Lisa Filatov - Bookkeeper
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 by February 8th, for the March 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

Baptisms

Shannon Mae Stensgard 1/6/19

Deaths

Floena Carduck 12/06/18
Otilie Hansen 1/15/19

2019 CHURCH COUNCIL

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(*non-voting)

Got love?

Love asks nothing in return but seeks those who need it. And who needs our love more than those who are consumed with hatred and are utterly devoid of love?

—Dietrich Bonhoeffer

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: carolwestphal9@gmail.com

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



The season of giving

This holiday season, we thank everyone who has supported **Good Shepherd** this past year with their time, talent and financial contributions, and look forward to support from all our members in this new year. If you need a convenient way to make regular offerings or if you plan to make an additional gift before the end of the year, we encourage you to check out our electronic giving options. As the pace of life speeds up, you may find electronic giving a most welcome way to make contributions. Visit **GSPR.org**, then proceed to **Give: eOffering**, or contact the church office for more information.



LOVE WITHOUT LIMITS

Jesus' Radical Vision for Love with No Exceptions

Jacqueline A. Bussie

Author of *Outlaw Christian*

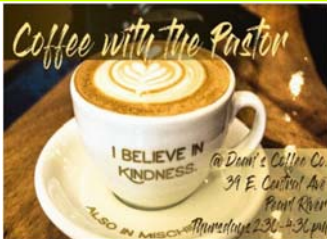
Tuesday night book group – new book!

We'll be reading Love Without Limits: Jesus' Radical Vision for Love with No Exceptions, by Jacqueline A. Bussie. If you're interested in joining us, a sign-up sheet is in the back of the church, or you can call Lisa Holliday at the church office (845) 735-3343.

We'll be starting on February 5th, so sign up ASAP! Cost is \$20 (checks made out to Good Shepherd).

“Abundance isn't God's provision for us to live in luxury. It's his provision for us to help others live. God entrusts us with his money, not to build our kingdom on earth, but to build his kingdom in heaven.” –

Randy Alcorn



Coffee with the Pastor

Beginning on January 24th, every Thursday, Pastor Lena will be spending a couple of hours (2:30-4:30) at Dean's Coffee Co. on E. Central Ave in Pearl River. You are welcome to stop by to

chat, have a cup of coffee or tea, and/or pray. In fact, you're encouraged to!! Also, send anyone you know who'd like to talk to a pastor but doesn't want to go to church to do it Pastor Lena's way.



FEBRUARY FOOD COLLECTION FOR PASTOR LARRY'S CHURCH



On the second Sunday in February (February 10th) we will be collecting canned vegetables for the Food Pantry at Pastor's Larry's church in the Bronx. Box will be available at the back of the church.

Boy Scout Sunday February 3, 2019

Come celebrate scouting with us: Boy Scout Troop #36.

We will be participating in the 10:30 service in appreciation of Good Shepherd's sponsorship.

Come meet us after the service as we host coffee hour.

In addition, we have arranged for a special tasting of Luigi O'Grady's Family Dinner specials of Chicken Marsala, Chicken Parmesan, Eggplant Rollatini, Meatloaf, Meatballs, and Chicken Francaise.

Luigi O'Grady's Family Dinner packages are available as a fundraiser for our Troop the week of March 4th.

Hope you will join us in our celebration.
Thank you for your continued sponsorship.



Girl Scouts Silver Award Valentines Bake Sale

Sunday February 10
After all services

A variety of sweets for your sweet:

- Small Cannoli's (filled onsite) 1 for \$2
- Chocolate-covered pretzels* 2 for \$2
- Chocolate chip cookies 3 for \$1
- Crumb cake slices \$1
- Brownies \$1

And other assorted goodies.

If you wish to pre-order, please contact Allison Hoffman at allihoff@gmail.com or Holly Gallet at (845) 664-2753.

We appreciate your purchase! All proceeds will go toward refurbishment of the Good Shepherd Youth upper room.

*Gluten-free also available

All products not baked in a gluten- or nut-free kitchen



CREATIVE PLAY HAPPENINGS

Winter is upon us, but it will be up to the Groundhog to let us officially know if it will be an early spring. The children love pretending they are groundhogs, popping out of the play tunnel, and seeing their shadow on the screen projector. February also brings Valentine love! The children exchange Valentine cards with their classmates. The month will end with the Puppet Committee parents putting on shows for the little ones to enjoy. Registration is open for all our 3 and 4 year old programs. If you would like to see the school or find out more information about all the learning and fun we have, please call the school office (845-735-2737) to set up a time to visit.

We have also opened our registration for our Time for Two's/Toddler programs. If you have a child who will be 2 by December 1st, these classes are the perfect opportunity to start your child's school experience. Call our office for more information.



MUSIC MINISTRY

Dear Good Shepherd Families,

We hope you all enjoyed the holiday season! We are so grateful to all who participated in Good Shepherd's Sanctuary Choir, Bell Choir, Advent Cantata, and Children's Christmas Pageant, and we want to extend our thanks to those who supported these groups by attending various services throughout the season. We are very fortunate at Good Shepherd to have so many musical offerings during the Advent and Christmas season, and your contributions add so much to our worship!

We would like to extend special thanks to the Sanctuary Choir, to the Bell Choir, to Katherine and Chris Filatov, to Lynn Curtin and her flute trio, to Inese Cederbaums, and to Daniel Burns and Rianna Spero for providing beautiful music for worship during our Advent and Christmas services. So many people have come up to us to compliment your playing, and we want to be sure to pass those compliments along to you, our special guests!

Thank you all for your kind words about the children's singing during the Christmas Pageant. Congratulations to all who participated! You all sang so beautifully, and we look forward to hearing you sing again with us on Palm Sunday (April 14th) – please save the date! We will meet for rehearsals during the Sundays leading up to Palm Sunday.

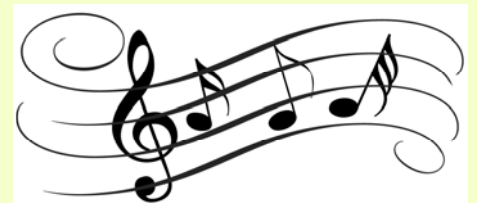
If you play an instrument and you'd like to play a prelude, postlude, or other special music during a service, please let us know! We would love to have you share your love of music with the church! You are welcome to join us throughout the year, so please find one of us before or after a church service or email elaina@gspr.org to learn more about how you can participate!

The Music at Good Shepherd Concert Series is open to all, and we encourage you to bring your friends and family to these special events. Thank you to everyone who attended the Advent Cantata on December 19th!

Our next event is as follows:

Gus Mercante, countertenor, and Elaina Burns, piano

Sunday, March 3rd, at 4:00pm



Please feel free to contact us to learn about dates for all ages to get involved!

Hope to see you soon!

Elaina and Brian

“Love is like a tennis match; you’ll never win consistently until you learn to serve well.”

—Dan P. Herod

WELCA

The next meeting of WELCA will be on Tuesday, February 5th, at 1:30 PM in Fellowship Hall. Ladies, if you are a member of Good Shepherd, you are a member of WELCA. We meet the first Tuesday of every month. We have a short business meeting, enjoy a program and share social time and delicious refreshments. We are all needed so we can continue our outreach programs in our church and our community.

We are presently collecting Personal Care Kits for Lutheran World Relief; and the container for collection is in the entrance to the educational building. We have been doing this for a number of years and it has been very successful and is well-received by LWR. Thank you to all.

Following are the items to be included in the kits:

52 x 27 (approx. dark color bath towel)
 Bath size bars soap in original wrap
 Adult tooth brush in original wrap
 Sturdy comb, remove packaging
 Metal nail clipper, remove packaging

Wrap items in towel and tie with ribbon or yarn. Do not add or leave out any items. Do not enclosed kit in plastic bag.



Middle School Youth



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Date	Day	Activity	Location	Time	
2/3/2019	Sunday	All youth hands on deck!	Fellowship Hall	7am-11am	Making Sub Sandwiches (Youth Fundraiser) RSVP to Kristin Ventry
2/10/2019	Sunday	Upper Room	Youth Room	10:30-11:30	Work on: "You make a difference -28 days of kindness challenge" with fun and games!! Invite a friend
2/17/2019	Sunday	Upper Room	Youth Room	10:30-11:30	Work on "You make a difference -28 days of kindness challenge" -making bird feeders Invite a friend
2/24/2019	Sunday	No Upper Room			Come join us at LYO middle school retreat (Lutheran Youth Organization) 2/22-2/24; details to follow


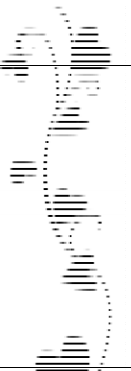
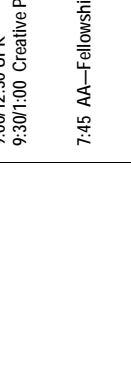
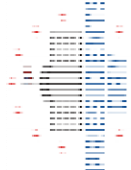




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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
FEBRUARY 2019						
3 4 Epiphany 8:00 Worship Service 8:00-12:00 Sub Sandwich Prep—Fellowship hall 9:15 Contemporary Worship 9:30-10:15 Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal 10:30 Holy Communion/SCS 11:30 Coffee Hr.—Fellowship Hall 11:30 Coffee Hour—Fellowship Hall	4 9:00/12:30 Creative Play/UPK 6:30 CP Teacher's Mtg. 6:30-8:15 Confirmation 6th & 7th Grade 7:00 Prayer Shawl Ministry	5 9:00/12:30 Creative Play/UPK 1:30 WELCA—Fellowship Hall 7:00 Book Group—Parlor 7:00 Boy Scouts—Fellowship Hall 7:15 Evangelism Mtg.—Yth. Room	6 9:00/12:30 Creative Play/UPK 9:30/1:00 Creative Play 7:15 Holy Communion Serv.	7 9:00/12:00 UPK 9:30/1:00 Creative Play 10:00 CP Governance Board 6:00-7:00 Evening Bells 7:30 Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal	8 9:00/12:00 UPK 9:30/1:00 Creative Play 7:45 AA—Fellowship Hall	9 7:00-9:00 GAME NIGHT with Sweets Pot-Luck
10 5 Epiphany 8:00 Holy Communion Service 9:15 Contemporary Worship 9:30-10:15 Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal 10:30 Worship Service/SCS 11:30 Coffee Hr.—Parlor 12:00-2:00 Youth Event (9-12th grades) Bowling 6:00 AA/Fellowship Hall	11 9:00/12:30 Creative Play/UPK 6:30 Confirmation 8th Gr.	12 9:00/12:30 UPK 9:30/1:00 Creative Play 7:00 Book Group—Parlor 7:00 Boy Scout Troop 36—FH	13 9:00/12:30 UPK 9:30/1:00 Creative Play 11:00 Staff Mtg. 6:00 Executive Com. Mtg. 6:00 Evangelism Mtg. 7:15 Holy Communion Serv. 8:00 Food, Faith & Friends—Parlor	14 Valentines Day 9:00/12:30 UPK 9:30/1:00 Creative Play 10:00 Bible Study—Parlor 6:00-7:00 Evening Bells 7:30 Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal	15 9:00/12:30 UPK 9:30/1:00 Creative Play 7:45 AA—Fellowship Hall	16 9:00 Men's Breakfast
17 6 Epiphany 8:00 Worship Service 9:15 Contemporary Worship 9:30-10:15 Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal 10:30 Holy Communion/SCS 11:30 Coffee Hour—Parlor 500 Book Group—Parlor 6:00 AA/Fellowship Hall	18 President's Day NO CREATIVE PLAY/UPK 	19 NO CREATIVE PLAY/UPK 7:00 Church Council Mtg.—Parlor	20 9:00/12:30 UPK 9:30/1:00 Creative Play 6:00 Evangelism Mtg.—Parlor 7:15 Communion Service—FH	21 9:00/12:30 UPK 9:30/1:00 Creative Play 10:00 Bible Study—Parlor 6:00-7:00 Evening Bells 7:30 Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal	22 9:00/12:30 UPK 9:30/1:00 Creative Play 7:45 AA—Fellowship Hall LYO MIDDLE SCHOOL RETREAT—Pt. Murray, NJ	23 LYO MIDDLE SCHOOL RETREAT—Pt. Murray, NJ CP Classroom Clean-up Rain Date
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9 TIPS FOR LIVING WITH LESS PLASTIC



1

Bring your own shopping bag



2

Carry a reusable water bottle



3

Bring your own cup



4

Pack your lunch in reusable containers



5

Say no to disposable straws & cutlery



6

Skip the plastic produce bags



7

Slow down and dine in



8

Store leftovers in glass jars



9

Share these tips with your friends

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