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July/August 2012

Reaching and Risking to Welcome the World in the Word That has Come Among us in Jesus.

SUMMER WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Sundays June 17th - Sept. 2nd

9:30 a.m. Holy Communion

Wednesdays, July 18th through Aug. 29th

7:30 p.m. Summer Worship Service



CAN YOU PAINT?

We are counting down to our *SonSurf* VBS program this summer and could use some help in painting some of the scenery.

We will be here on Sunday 7/15 and 7/29 after the service at 10:30 for about an hour. Any and all help is appreciated.

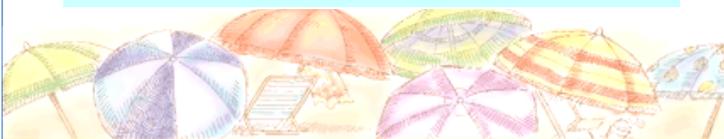
If you have any interest in helping out this summer, while the program is running, please contact Diane Bergman.



Submitted by
Eileen Kennedy

VACATION BIBLESCHOOL *SUNSURF BEACH BASH*

August 13—17
9:00—12:00 noon



CHURCH OFFICE SUMMER HOURS

July 2—August 31

9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. daily
Office closed—Wed. 7/4, Mon. 9/3



CALLING ALL GARDENERS

Check your calendars...

We are looking for gardeners to choose one week during the summer to help with our Good Shepherd gardens. Weeding, dead-heading, and minimal watering will keep our church looking beautiful.

Check the sign-up sheet on the bulletin boards...and

Thank you!

Summer Giving

If it's July, it must be summer. As we begin these "lazy, hazy days" of this wonderful season, with time to relax with family and friends, please remember Good Shepherd with your faithful worship and offerings whenever you're "in town." When you spend time away, please also remember the support your church needs; as you know, Good Shepherd doesn't get a vacation.

Thanks for your continuing generous support of our faith family, and have a terrific summer.

The Stewardship Committee

CHECK IT OUT: WWW.GSPR.ORG



**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.
Wednesdays: 7:30 p.m.

CONTACT US

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AT YOUR SERVICE

John W. Havrilla - Pastor

Ione Mensing - Diaconal Assisting Minister/
Director of Outreach

Don Widmayer - Council President

Robert Bergman - Treasurer

Maureen Connolly - Creative Play Director

Dale Damon - Church Secretary

Steve Damon - Bookkeeper

Brenda Ferguson - Organist/Choir Director

Kathleen Johnson - Director of Programs

Tim Kellogg - Director of Youth, Family &
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

Alex & Alma Nika - Sextons

John R. Taylor - Pastor Emeritus, FL

2012 CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH COUNCIL

Donald Widmayer - Council President
Eileen Kennedy - Council Vice President
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Susan Baumeister - Social Ministry
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Herman Mensing - Stewardship Chairman
Kenneth Merring - Personnel
Tracey Miller - Youth
Lin Simeti - Evangelism Liason
Barbara Sloane - Fellowship

LIFE STATIONS

Baptisms

	<u>Date</u>
Calvin Kenneth Oelkers	5/27/12
Dean Robert Bossmann	6/17/12
Avery Mikah Model	6/17/12
Madison Elise Crane	6/17/12

Marriages

	<u>Date</u>
Eric Joseph Mayer & Krista Marie Schunke	6/01/12

Death

	<u>Date</u>
Joyce Squilla	6/17/12

All in the Family

- Congratulations to Sean Edwards of Good Shepherd's Boy Scout Troop 36, on attaining the rank of Eagle Scout.
- Kirk Smith, a member of Good Shepherd, is stationed in Afghanistan. We would like to support him and his fellow soldiers by sending him letters and care packages.

There will be bins in the coat room and at the entrance to the Education Building with a list of suggested items . We will package and mail them.

For letters/cards, send to: SSG SMITH, KIRK
TFIron 2/108th Bravo Co.
Shindand Airbase APO AE 09382

Voice Publication Deadline

Items to be included in *The Shepherd's Voice* must be submitted to the church office by **Aug. 10** for the **September 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.

COMING IN JULY

Good Shepherd Church is pleased to announce the introduction of an electronic option for making regular offerings. Contributions can now be debited automatically from your checking or savings account. Our new electronic giving program offers convenience for you and much-needed donation consistency for our congregation.

If you are currently giving on a weekly basis, you will no longer need to write out 52 checks a year or prepare 52 envelopes. And, when travel, illness, or other circumstances prevent you from attending services, this program will enable your weekly offerings to continue on an uninterrupted basis. To access the Good Shepherd direct giving website, all you need is a computer with Internet capability. Enter www.gspr.org (go to the home page) then locate **Give: eOffering** (on the left side of the screen) and click on the **eOffering** link. The next screen will show 'Click here to create a new profile, "followed by "Create Your Online Profile."

A "Frequently Asked Questions" flyer is available from the church office to provide you with details regarding the direct giving program.

God Loves The One Who Gives Gladly
2nd Corinthians 9:7

Christian Education Opportunities Summer 2012

Greetings Good Shepherd Families,

The summer season is upon us and this means activities, fun in the sun, vacations, and various summer adventures. As the seasons change, our need for fellowship and community continue. May the summer be a time of rest and rejuvenation for your families, a time of excitement and energy for your activities, and a time of worship and peace in the Lord.

Whether life is slowing down or speeding up for the summer, may this also be a season of thanksgiving as we share our joys and burdens at the foot of the cross. In day or night, in laughter or sorrow, in winter or summer; whatever season life brings, may we look to the cross of our Lord Jesus for provision, rest, renewal, peace, restoration, and everlasting hope. Seasons change, life moves at different paces, and no matter where we are, God is found at the cross. Grace, peace, and blessings to you all this summer and always.

Young Men's Bible Study:

A Bible Study for the working man and the young men of GSPR. We will meet for three short sessions, on August 8th, 15th, and 22nd at the Nanuet Hotel, 8:15-9:15pm. We'll be discussing the Apostle Paul and the Epistle to the Romans. Hope to see you there!

Questions about Christian Education?:

Contact me via email or phone: tim@gspr.org or 845.735.2243.

Grace and peace,

Tim Kellogg
Director of Youth, Family, and Education Ministries

WELCA

We wound up our year with a wonderful lunch at the Greenhouse Cafe. We also collected yarn to donate to the Golden Stitchers.

We would like to thank our president, Barbara Bow, for all her interest and enthusiasm throughout the year. Also, thanks to our program committee, Dorothy and Gloria, for the interesting and fun programs they arrange.

Have a wonderful summer and we'll meet again in October.

**SUPPORT PEOPLE TO PEOPLE**

SUMMERTIME....and the living is easy, but, people still get hungry. So, please bring in some easy, summer foods, like:

Cold cereal
Peanut butter and jelly
Cold drinks like juices and ice tea/lemonade
Canned fruit
Cans of tuna or chicken
Pasta and mayo for salads
Granola bars

ALTAR GUILD...LOOKING FOR VOLUNTEERS

Ever wonder why the altar always looks so good? Ever wonder who puts the hymn numbers on the hymn boards, changes the altar candles when they are too short, makes sure the right color paraments are on the altar each week, sets up the flowers on the altar for Christmas and Easter? ...it's the ladies of Good Shepherd's Altar Guild. If you would like to help and give some of your time on a Saturday, please give the Church Office a call at 845-735-2243 and we will put you in touch with Martha Traynor, Altar Guild Chairwoman. We also need glass washers on Sunday mornings following the communion services. Thank you for considering this important ministry at Good Shepherd.

THANK YOU!

Now that the stage has been cleared, the breakfast has been served, items have been scavenged, and the last hamburger eaten, I would like to send my sincerest of "Thank You's" to all the volunteers who made this past year's youth events a success.

Although there are many volunteers involved, it is a small few that lead this program and consistently give of themselves time and time again. The youth of this congregation benefit from your creativity and donations and we couldn't do it without you. I would like to give special recognition to those people who lead the Youth Programs:

Family Life	- Cindy Sealander
Upper Elementary	- Andrea Bernard
Jr. High Youth	- Lisa Filatov
Sr. High Youth	- Bob Klein
Sr. High Youth Gathering	- Deanna Lauer & Dagmar Klein
Soup Kitchen	- Diana Henriques
Youth Recruiter	- Sharon Martini
Youth Council	- Tracey Miller

All good things must come to an end and as we look to the future, change is among us. **Cindy Sealander** and **Diana Henriques** have decided to step down, which opens the door of opportunities for others. Their steadfast dedication to the program these past years is greatly appreciated and their creativity and commitment to future youth events will be greatly missed. We wish them all the best in their future endeavors.

My heart-felt appreciation goes out to all our volunteers, as you make Good Shepherd a better place and, of course, my job easier.

With warmest wishes,

Tracey Miller
Youth Chairperson

FROM KATHLEEN JOHNSON, Program Director

From a Sermon by the Reb, 1958:

“A little girl came home from school with a drawing she’d made in class. She danced into the kitchen where her mother was preparing dinner.

‘Mom, guess what?’ she squealed, waving the drawing.

Her mother never looked up. ‘What?’ she said, tending to the pots.

‘Guess what?’ the child repeated, waving the drawing.

‘What?’ the mother said, tending to the plates.

‘Mom, you’re not listening.’

‘Sweetie, yes I am.’

‘Mom,’ the child said, ‘you’re not listening with your eyes.’” (115-116)

When I first heard this story, I reflected back on times when I hadn’t “listened with my eyes.” Realizing we are in control of every verbal and nonverbal aspect of our communication means we have a tremendous responsibility, but also an amazing privilege.

One of my responsibilities as Program Director is to improve communication with the congregation and the community. Webster’s dictionary defines *communicate* as:

a: to convey knowledge of or information about; make known

b: to reveal by clear signs

c: to cause to pass from one to another

Are there times you heard about a Good Shepherd event after the fact, and wished you could have participated? Are you interested in joining one of the many Good Shepherd programs but don’t know enough about them to decide which one to attend? Maybe you have an idea, comment, or suggestion and aren’t sure who to talk to. As I pondered the best way to not only share information, but also to hear your thoughts, I decided to ask you to complete a communication survey.

Please take five minutes and fill out this 10-question survey. A hard copy is included with the paper addition of the Voice (see insert) or you can pick up a copy in the church foyer. There is a link to an electronic survey on the Good Shepherd website both under “Latest Happenings” and in this article. I will compile the information and share it with you in next month’s edition of the Voice.

[Good Shepherd Communication Survey Link](#)

Thank you for giving your time to complete the survey and share your ideas. Communication is a key factor to building strong relationships. My goal is that this information will lead to enhancing an already healthy congregation.

Albom, Mitch. Have a Little Faith: a True Story. New York: Hyperion, 2009

Good Shepherd Communication Survey

1. How do you prefer to receive information from Good Shepherd?
 - a) E-mail message
 - b) Hard copy via regular mail
 - c) Phone call
 - d) Text message
 - e) Website
 - f) Bulletins posted in the Education Building
 - g) *Cross Connections* (in Sunday's bulletin)
 - h) Other _____

2. If you wish to receive e-mails, please provide your name and current e-mail address here:
 (name) _____ (e-mail) _____

3. Would you want to receive e-mail reminders of special events, such as *Oh Jonah*?
 - a) Yes
 - b) No

4. If you want e-mail alerts, what type of events would you like to be notified about?
 - a) Music events
 - b) Special worship services
 - c) Youth events
 - d) Adult learning programs
 - e) Social & service group activities

5. Do you use the website to get information about the church?
 - a) Yes
 - b) No

6. What information could we include on the website that you would find helpful? Examples: volunteer opportunities, information about different group activities, etc.

7. Would it be helpful if you could call a number to hear a recording of upcoming events?
 - a) Yes
 - b) No

8. Do you think it would be helpful to have a Suggestion Box in the Education Building?
 - a) Yes
 - b) No

9. Would you be interested in reading Good Shepherd updates on:
 - Facebook
 - Twitter
 - Other _____

10. If you would like the Program Director (Kathleen Johnson) to give you a call, please include your phone number here: _____

Please put your completed survey either in the offering plate or mail it to Kathleen at Good Shepherd Church, 112 North Main St., Pearl River, NY 10965. Thank you.

THANK YOU TO OUR SUNDAY CHURCH SCHOOL STAFF!

On Sunday, June 3rd in Fellowship Hall following the mini-service, we recognized how truly blessed we are to have such a dedicated Sunday school staff.

With sincere appreciation we recognize the following individuals for their time, talents and service to the mission of educating the youth of our congregation:

Michelle Zaro	Pre-K teacher
Karen Coyle	Kindergarten teacher
Leigh Tuohy	Kindergarten teacher
Kim Callanan	First grade teacher
Christine Kowalski	First grade teacher
Debra Thaler	Second grade teacher
Diane Maikisch	Third grade teacher
Valerie Mariano	Third grade teacher
Stephanie Kunow	Fourth grade teacher
Linda Krampert	Fifth grade teacher
Kristina Demou	Teacher's assistant
Katherine Filatov	Teacher's assistant
Katie Lauer	Teacher's assistant
Julia Syvarth	Teacher's assistant
Tom Vislocky	Attendance/offering
Michelle Zaro	Cherub Choir Director
Deanna Lauer	SCS Administrator/Mini Service Leader



I would also like to take this time to thank all the parents who volunteered to be hall monitors, as well as the parents who volunteered on a rotating basis to assist Linda Krampert's fifth grade class.

Thanks also to Eileen Kennedy-Balison and Dagmar Klein for assisting us in making sure Sunday School ran smoothly!

Submitted by,
Jeanette Kunow
Sunday School Superintendent

CONFIRMATION 2012

The Rite of Confirmation was held on June 10th, at 11:00 a.m., with over 100 people in attendance. Please welcome the Confirmation Class of 2012:

Matthew James Corsie
Moritz Gogel Eisold
Morgan Alyssa Gruskin
Kelly Rose Harrison
John Eric Hornyak

Michael Joseph LaPoma
Nicholas Andrew Mante
Aidan Vavra Miller
Christopher John Ott, Jr.
Christopher William Pavlik



CHURCH SCHOOL ATTENDANCE

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE THREE SCS STUDENTS WHO HAD THE BEST OVERALL ATTENDANCE OF ALL ENROLLED SUNDAY CHURCH SCHOOL STUDENTS:

JERILYN BOW	PRE-K
CASEY HAMPTON	FIFTH GRADE
SHANNON FLYNN	FIFTH GRADE

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE FOLLOWING SCS STUDENTS WHO HAD THE BEST ATTENDANCE IN THEIR GRADE:

JERILYN BOW	PRE-K
ALEX BALISON	KINDERGARTEN
DOMINIC MARZEC	KINDERGARTEN
JAYME METZ	KINDERGARTEN
JONATHAN BOW	FIRST GRADE
MASON TRAMM	FIRST GRADE
MATTHEW BALISON	SECOND GRADE
DANIEL BOWMAN	SECOND GRADE
JONATHAN FILATOV	THIRD GRADE
SOPHIA BOWMAN	FOURTH GRADE
TREVOR PASCULLO	FOURTH GRADE
LAUREN VERDE	FOURTH GRADE
SHANNON FLYNN	FIFTH GRADE
CASEY HAMPTON	FIFTH GRADE



CONGRATULATIONS TO THE FOLLOWING SCS STUDENTS WHO HAD GOOD ATTENDANCE IN THEIR GRADE:

AVA KING	PRE-K
ALAYNA YOUNG	KINDERGARTEN
BRIAN SMELLEGAR	KINDERGARTEN
NATHAN DEVISSER	FIRST GRADE
SEAN HABAS	FIRST GRADE
DYLAN MARTINI	SECOND GRADE
MICHAEL VERDE	SECOND GRADE
SYDNEY PASCULLO	SECOND GRADE
LILLIAN TRAMM	THIRD GRADE
ROSALYN TRAMM	THIRD GRADE
MELISSA YOUNG	THIRD GRADE
KYA TRICARICO	THIRD GRADE
LAUREN VERDE	FOURTH GRADE
NICHOLAS BOWMAN	FIFTH GRADE
CARLY DEVISSER	FIFTH GRADE
CHRISTOPHER FILATOV	FIFTH GRADE
SYDNEY HANNIFIN	FIFTH GRADE
ASHLEY HENNELLY	FIFTH GRADE
RACHEL MCCAMBRIDGE	FIFTH GRADE
ANTHONY PADILLA	FIFTH GRADE
KADIE PAVLIK	FIFTH GRADE
DANTE SIMETI	FIFTH GRADE
DAVID SMELLEGAR	FIFTH GRADE
JILLIAN YOUNG	FIFTH GRADE
MICHAEL ZARO	FIFTH GRADE
LOGAN ZIVEC	FIFTH GRADE

Youth Events and Activities July-August 2012

Deanna and I (Tim) would like to thank all of you for your hard work and dedication over the past year! As we move into the summer season, we are looking forward to several more great events and activities. Our amazing young people have an exciting summer ahead of them!

Name That Youth Group:

The youth groups of GSPR have an opportunity to vote on a unique group name. If you haven't voted and would like to email us (letting us know your child's name and grade level), we will send you the appropriate survey (tim@gspr.org). Leading the votes: "H20" (Jr. High, grades 6-8), "J Crew" (grades 3-5), and Sr. High needs more votes to determine a leader.

National Youth Gathering:

Five of our Sr. High youth will be attending the ELCA's National Youth Gathering in New Orleans this July. We appreciate all you've done to support those going on this trip of mission, service, and fun; this trip would not be happening without your efforts and support! Thank you. Come show your support as we send the participants off at the July 15th Worship Service.

Sunday Church School (SCS) Fall Registration:

Registration packets will be mailed to you in August. Don't forget to register early for a smooth enrollment process.

Vacation Bible School (VBS):

VBS is a fantastic week of fun and faith discipleship for the kids and families of Good Shepherd and the community. We'd love to see you there! If you would like to register your child or volunteer, please contact Diane Bergman (DB7356@verizon.net). Registered volunteers, join us for a kickoff meeting (June 26, 6-7:30pm). Don't forget, this year's VBS is August 13th-17th.

Pincrest Lutheran Leadership Camp (Sr. High):

Teens (ages 15 and older) who would like to participate should visit pincrestllm.org for more information. Scholarships are available for those in need of financial assistance.

Jr. High Lock-In:

We are going to end the summer with an all-night marathon of fun, games, and fellowship. Jr. High youth (incoming 6th-8th graders) are invited to attend this lock-in (part of the night or overnight). We will gather in the youth room at 7pm on Friday, August 17th, and end after breakfast on Saturday, the 18th (8am in Fellowship Hall). Cost: \$5 per person for food and supplies. Look for the e-vite via email this August (more details to come). It's going to be awesome!

Confirmation and Ma-He-Tu:

Confirmation classes for all incoming 6th-8th graders will begin in September. Don't miss our annual Ma-He-Tu retreat (September 21st-23rd)! Information packets will be mailed out in August. Adults desiring to volunteer for Confirmation and/or Ma-He-Tu should contact me (tim@gspr.org) or Deanna (youth@gspr.org).

Reflections:

Our young members did an amazing job with their musical performances at the *Renaissance Camerata*! They looked stunning and delivered some wonderful music with poise and maturity. We have a lot to be proud of with our fantastic youth. Thank you Grace, Katherine, Laryssa, Katie, Brielle, Katie, Julia, Matthew, Robert, Matthew, Walter, David, Craig, Quinton, and Brenda!

Have questions about events?:

Contact Tim (tim@gspr.org) or Deanna (youth@gspr.org). You can also call us at the church.

Grace and peace,

Tim Kellogg,

Director of Youth, Family and Education Ministries



CALENDAR HIGHLIGHTS FOR JULY & AUGUST

July

July 4	Church Office Closed
July 9-Aug. 3	Creative Play Summer Camp
July 11	Executive Committee Meeting, 4:30 p.m.
July 15	VBS Set Decorating ,10:30 a.m.-12:00 p.m.—Fellowship Hall
July 18	Summer Worship, 7:30 p.m. (Wednesday through Aug. 29th)
July 18-22	Youth Gathering in New Orleans
July 24	Creative Play Governance Board Meeting, 10:00-11:30 a.m.—Parlor
July 29	VBS Set Decorating, 10:30 a.m.—12:00 p.m.—Youth Room

August

August 1	Worship & Music Committee Meeting, 8:00 p.m.
August 8, 15, 22	Young Men's Bible Study at Nanuet Hotel, 8:15-9:15
August 12	VBS Set-up, 10:30-3:30
August 13-17	Vacation Bible School— <i>Sunsurf Beach Bash</i>
August 25	Creative Play Classroom Clean-up, 8:00 a.m.—12:30 p.m.
August 29	SPT Meeting, 7:30 p.m.—Parlor
August 30	UPK Parents Meeting, 7:00 p.m.

