



# 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..

## FROM OUR VICAR

Grace to you and peace from God our father and our Lord and Savior, Jesus the Christ.

On Sunday, June 9th, we celebrated the confirmation of 22 of our young men and women in the church. So, as I do each year about this time, I reflect on what it means to be a confirmed member of the body of Christ. It means that each of these confirmands will be allowed to sit through the incredibly exciting congregational meetings! Well, yes, that's part of it, but it means so much more than that.

At our baptisms, our parents, sponsors, and members of our congregation made promises to these young people. Together, we promised to, to live with them among God's faithful people, bring them to the word of God and the holy supper, teach them the Lord's Prayer, the Creed, and the Ten Commandments, place in their hands the holy scriptures, and nurture them in faith and prayer, so that your children may learn to trust God, proclaim Christ through word and deed, care for others and the world God made, and work for justice and peace.

In their confirmation, these young people are affirming their Christianity and taking up for themselves a life of discipleship. They are full adult members of the body of Christ from that moment onwards, and are expected to continue to fulfill the promises their parents and sponsors made for them in their baptisms. Yet, as we know, they are still young adults in their faith, and as I am well aware, young adults need both freedom, and support, as they ask for it, as this is part of the process of learning what it means to be an adult. Please, do for them in their faith anything you would for any other member of this congregation, listen to them when they speak on religious matters, as they have much to offer, and continue to help them grow in faith beside you.

Finally, to the confirmands, congratulations to each of you at the beginning of your adult life in faith; with adulthood comes responsibility, and freedom. Each of us here at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church are proud of your accomplishments, have enjoyed watching you grow, and ask you to join with us in Christ to continue to learn and grow, and spread the Good News we are called to share.

Vicar Jerod Freeberg, Intern Pastor

## CONFIRMATION CLASS OF 2013

Robert Terrence Callan  
Danielle Marie Epp  
Nicholas James Girard  
Ryan Joseph Hennelly  
Zachary Ryan Kunow  
Alyssa Paige Macrino  
Natalie Christine Shedler  
Quinton Thomas Tramm

Jessica Rose Celentano  
Laryssa Faith Filatov  
Michael Roemer Healy  
Christer Hakan Herrmans  
Brittany Layne Lucas  
Catherine Elizabeth Martini  
Eric John Skoog

Grace Margaret Duffy  
Sean Vincent Gick  
Mikayla Sierra Healy  
Kayla Nichole Iwanier  
Frank Robert Luciano  
Katherine Elizabeth McCambridge  
Christopher David Smith

## SUMMER WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Sundays—9:30 a.m.

June 9th through Sept. 1st

Mondays—7:30 p.m.

Summer Worship/Audacity

June 17th through August 26th



**JOIN US ON AUGUST 11<sup>TH</sup>  
FOR A FAREWELL FOR OUR  
INTERN PASTOR  
VICAR JEROD FREEBERG  
A RECEPTION WILL FOLLOW  
THE 9:30 SERVICE**

**The Evangelical Lutheran  
Church of the Good Shepherd**

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**OUR MISSION**

**“Welcoming the World in the  
Word that has come among us  
in Jesus Christ”**

**SUMMER WORSHIP SERVICE**

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  
Vicar Jerod Freeberg - Intern Pastor  
Ione Mensing - Diaconal Assisting Minister/  
Director of Outreach  
Susan Baumeister - Council President  
Robert Bergman - Treasurer  
Maureen Connolly - Creative Play Director  
Dale Damon - Church Secretary  
Steve Damon - Bookkeeper  
Brenda Ferguson - Organist/Director of Music  
Kathleen Harpster - Parish Program Director  
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  
John R. Taylor - Pastor Emeritus

**LIFE STATIONS**

**WEDDINGS**

Sean Murphy & Martha Basanta 6/15/13

**BAPTISMS**

Ryder Jay McCloud 6/30/13  
Hailey Grace Marchese 6/30/13

**MUSIC OUTREACH FUND**

In memory of Robert Balison given by Kenneth O. Scheller  
given by Bobby, Diane, Nicole &  
Amber Butler  
given by Patricia Jo Waugh  
given by Kelly Fitzpatrick  
given by the Fitzgerald Family  
given by Norman Krajkowski  
given by Jason Watzka  
given by Grace D. Mowat  
given by Michelle & Jason Worob  
given by Christopher &  
Kerri McBride  
given by Women's Faith, Life Group  
given by The Piecemakers  
given by Aileen Assenheimer,  
Robert & Michael Callan, Jr.

**SUMMER OFFICE HOURS**

**The Church Office will be open  
Monday—Friday 9:00 a.m. to 1 p.m.  
From July 1 to August 30**

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**2013 CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH COUNCIL**

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## FROM OUR PARISH PROGRAM DIRECTOR

Last week was the ELCA Metropolitan New York Synod Assembly in Tarrytown, NY. Having been selected as a hospitality volunteer, I had the opportunity to attend the assembly free of charge. What a great experience!

This is the first time I have participated in a Synod Assembly. It was fun to see people I met at local conferences who were also at the Assembly. In addition, I had the opportunity to meet several new people, including a lot of pastors. I enjoyed listening to the discussions around the resolutions and the memorials, as well as seeing the voting process. Although I didn't get to hear many of the project presentations, I was able to stop by the booths that had information about synod-supported activities, such as the ELCA Justice for Women Task Force, the Healing Network, the Parish Resource Center, and the MNYS Malaria Campaign.

During the opening worship service, Bishop Rimbo delivered the message. The theme of his homily was "We need each other." He ended his sermon with this prayer: "Dear people of God, let's do the same with one another: visit, strengthen, comfort, care for each other, and hurry, because God is waiting for us to sing "My soul magnifies the Lord." As the Synod Assembly progressed, it was wonderful to see how many ELCA members strive to touch the lives of others such that their souls indeed magnifies the Lord.

Kathleen Harpster  
Parish Program Director

## THANK YOU FROM AND TO WAYNE KUNOW

Wayne would like to thank all the families of the *Upper Room* for the recognition extended to him during the Sunday Church School Recognition and the Rite of Confirmation Service held on June 9th.

The recognition was in honor of Wayne's 15 years of leadership in *Upper Room*, a Sunday morning class for 6th through 8th graders.

Thank you, Wayne, for your many years of ministry to our youth.

## **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](mailto:secretary@gspr.org), as well as the e-mail address that 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 **August 9th** for the **September/October** 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).

## WELCA

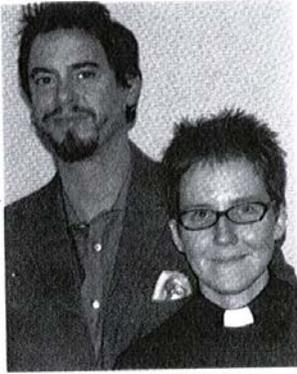
Thank you to all the wonderful WELCA ladies for supporting our group again for another season.

Thank you to Geraldine Goumas and Carol Brundage for accepting the officer responsibilities again for another two years. Thank you to Gloria Liebert and Dorothy Urquhart for planning our meeting speakers and entertainment for each meeting. And most of all, thank you to the great ladies who have come out every month and supported us, but more importantly, shared in the fellowship we so enjoy with each other.

We invite any and all women of the church to join us. Our next meeting is the first Tuesday in October at 1:30 p.m. in the Parlor. Thank you all.

In Christ's service and with love, Barbara Bow

## OUR NEW MISSIONARIES



REV. MIRIAM SCHMIDT  
& JEREMY BLYTH

The Rev. Miriam Schmidt, and her husband, Jeremy Blyth, are our new missionaries from Slovakia. Miriam is the pastor of the Bratislava International Church, and they work together to coordinate the ELCA's Young Adults in Global Mission Program in Central Europe. We, as a congregation, help support their work.

Miriam and Jeremy have two daughters, Ursula and Esme (just born in November). We will be gathering more information about them and their work, and hope you will join us in this important work through your prayers and your donations to Missionary for a Day.

## GREENING OUR PASTURES



In *Green Like God* (FaithWords), Jonathan Merritt insists that caring for the planet isn't a "right-left" issue but a "moral-immoral" issue. When Christians find common ground about being stewards of creation, he says, we fulfill God's divine plan and encounter him more easily.

Merritt writes: "One of the reasons God is so protective of the earth and one of the reasons he charged us with keeping and caring for it is because he is singing through it .... That alone should produce in us a deep appreciation for the creation and a passionate worship for the One who made it."

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## CREATIVE PLAY



Good Shepherd Creative Play is looking forward to summer vacation. We still have limited openings in our 3-and 4-year-old classes, as well as our Kindergarten Enrichment and Time for Twos classes. Please call the school (845-735-2737) for information about these programs.

## ATTENTION PAINTERS

If you enjoy painting and like getting to know more Good Shepherd members, please share your gifts and help make the Fellowship Hall look like a National Park. We will be meeting after church (10:30 am - noon) on July 14, 21, 28, & August 4 to paint the scenery we are using for decoration during Vacation Bible School. Snacks will be served. If you can help for 30 minutes, one hour, or more, we would be thrilled to have you join us. We will be working in the Fellowship Hall on July 14, 21, and Aug 8. We will be in the Upper Room on July 28th. For questions, please call the church office (845-735-2243) or Diane Bergman at: db7356@verizon.net.

## 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

Cans of tuna or chicken

Granola bars

Pasta and mayo for salads

Canned fruit

Our food bin is located at the entrance to the Education Building. Thank you for your support.



## 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.

## Youth Events and Activities July-August 2013

First, let me say, congratulations to our 8<sup>th</sup> grade Confirmands on their affirmation of Baptism! I am proud of you and look forward to watching you transition as adult members of the church. Now, I'd like to thank the H2O Youth Council (Chris Filatov, Laryssa Filatov, Brielle Nostro, Jackie Pagliocca, Dante Simeti, and Lucy Syvarth) who planned and delivered fun carnival-style games for our SCS students as a part of June's Ordination Festival; these young volunteers and their friends did an amazing job!

In addition to serving our congregation, many of our youth provide services to the community. Recently, Natalie Shedler (one of our 8<sup>th</sup> grade Confirmands) gave a presentation on Disability Awareness to the fifth graders at Connor Elementary School in Suffern. Natalie and her fellow presenter, Victoria, did an amazing job of highlighting the truths and misconceptions about disabilities. I was honored to be a part of their presentation and share my firsthand experience of living with Cerebral Palsy and "2-D vision" (no depth perception). It is great that we have young people in our congregation giving back to the community!

On another serious note, this past May I attended the Orangetown Town Hall meeting on the prescription and synthetic drug problems facing teens in Rockland County. These are not pleasant matters, but they are very real issues facing our youth in Rockland County, and we should all be aware of them. Nationally, one person dies every fourteen minutes from a prescription drug overdose and, in Rockland County, one out of every seven kids is using some form of drug. The drugs of choice for teens are the prescription drugs many people have after injury, in their medicine cabinets (like opium-based painkillers), and a synthetic substance known as "Bath Salts" (sold over the counter in misleading packages). Synthetic substances are chemical mixes of unknown properties that are very dangerous and potentially lethal. Experts and authorities recommend you call local poison control centers if you or someone you know has taken these substances. On behalf of all those affected by this rising epidemic, I'd like to offer a word of prayer, "Lord, God, we ask for your gracious protection for all people, especially our young people dealing with drug abuse and addiction. In your mercy, may they receive healing. We pray these things in the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Amen."

### July Events:

#### **H2O/Jr. High Lock-In (incoming 6<sup>th</sup>-outgoing 8<sup>th</sup> graders)**

Thursday, July 11<sup>th</sup>, from 6 pm-8 pm Friday, July 12<sup>th</sup>. All 6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> grade youth and their friends are invited to our annual "H2O" Jr. High Lock-In! We are going to have a night of fun, games, movies, and snacks. **Permission slips and payment requested.** Contact Tim Kellogg ([tim@gspr.org](mailto:tim@gspr.org)) to attend or chaperone.

#### **Project 4:12 (incoming 9<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grade) Movie Night!**

Monday, July 15<sup>th</sup>, from 8:45 pm-11 pm, join us in Fellowship Hall for high school movie night, after the summer Worship/Audacity service! We'll be viewing *Monty Python and the Holy Grail* (PG). Watch your email for further event details!

### August Events:

#### **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. **Sunday Church School begins Sunday, September 8<sup>th</sup>, at 10:30 am.**

#### **Vacation Bible School (VBS)**

Monday, August 5<sup>th</sup>-Friday, August 9<sup>th</sup>, from 9 am-noon, VBS is a fantastic week of fun and faith discipleship for the kids and families of Good Shepherd and the community. Registration is full and we are not accepting more participants at this time. Registered volunteers, join us for the kickoff meeting and pizza party (June 25<sup>th</sup>, from 6-7:30 pm).

#### **Pinecrest Lutheran Leadership Camp**

Sunday, August 11<sup>th</sup>-Sunday, August 18<sup>th</sup>; teens (ages 15 and older) who would like to participate should visit [pinecrestllm.org](http://pinecrestllm.org) for more information.

#### **Project 4:12 (incoming 9<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grade) Movie Night!**

Monday, August 19<sup>th</sup>, from 8:45 pm-11 pm, join us in Fellowship Hall for high school movie night, after the summer Worship/Audacity service! Watch your email for further event details!

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## **Save the Date!**

### **Ma-He-Tu Confirmation Retreat**

As part of our Confirmation program, all 6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> graders for the 2013-2014 school year kick off Confirmation with this awesome retreat experience. This year's retreat will be held Friday, September 27-Sunday, September 29. **Registration costs of \$50 for participants and \$25 for Jr. Chaperones (9<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> graders), along with permission slips, will be accepted beginning May 15<sup>th</sup>.**

### **First Holy Communion and Confirmation Parents Meeting**

Sunday, September 8<sup>th</sup>, at 11:30 am in the Sanctuary, we expect at least one parent per family to be in attendance for our First Holy Communion (5<sup>th</sup> grade) and Confirmation (6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> grade) students. We will be going over the 2013-2014 expectations for each program. We will hold a makeup meeting Sunday, September 15<sup>th</sup>, at 11:30 am.

Please look for our summer and fall calendar via email and on display in the church.

Grace and Peace,

Timothy Kellogg  
Youth, Education, and Family Director

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## **Christian Education Opportunities** **July and August 2013**

It's summer time and we have some new educational opportunities for you to enjoy! Last summer we started our "Theology Pub," which we're doing again this summer (see below for more information). In addition to that fun and insightful opportunity, we will be holding our brand new "Bible I. Q." series! "Bible I. Q." is geared towards adults who have questions and would like to learn more about the Bible. We'll focus on questions many of us have (see below for more information) and questions you bring to the table.

### **Theology Pub**

Wednesday, July 10<sup>th</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup>. Wednesday, August 14<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup> 7:30-9 pm at the Nanuet Hotel Restaurant. Theology Pub is a place for guys 21 and over to come chat about faith in our world and lives today (snacks, pizza, and pints are optional but encouraged as we're at a place of food service). No question is off topic, no question is off limits, and all questions are welcome! If we get amazing questions about God's existence and role in our world in the church, imagine what kind of faith conversation we can have at the pub!

### **"Bible I. Q."**

Sunday, August 18<sup>th</sup>, 25<sup>th</sup>, and September 1<sup>st</sup>, at 10:30 am (after service ends). Who wrote that book of the Bible? When was the Bible written? Why do we no longer add books to the Bible? How many books are in the Bible? Is that really in the Bible? If you have these questions or questions like these, we will be holding a three week series on questions about the Bible. Please join us and bring whatever questions you have about the Bible! If you would like to suggest a question for discussion in advance, please email me ([tim@gspr.org](mailto:tim@gspr.org)).

### **Summer Bible Study?**

I've had requests to have a weekday summer Bible Study, I'd be happy to lead this for anyone interested! If this is something you would like to be a part of please contact me ([tim@gspr.org](mailto:tim@gspr.org)).

Grace and peace,

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## CALENDAR HIGHLIGHTS JULY 2013

- July 1        7:30 p.m.    Summer Worship/Audacity  
 July 4        Church Office Closed  
 July 7        9:30 a.m.    Sunday Worship Service  
 July 8        7:30 p.m.    Summer Worship/Audacity  
 July 8-Aug. 2   Creative Play Summer Camp  
 July 10       7:30-9:00 p.m. Theology Pub—Nanuet Hotel Restaurant  
 July 11-12   6:00p.m.-8:00 a.m. Lock-In for 5th—8th Grades in Fellowship Hall  
 July 14       9:30 a.m.    Sunday Worship Service  
 July 15       7:30 p.m.    Summer Worship/Audacity  
 July 15       8:45-11:00 p.m. Monday Movie Night—for Project 4:12 (Senior High Youth)  
 July 21       9:30 a.m.    Sunday Worship Service  
 July 22       7:30 p.m.    Summer Worship/Audacity  
 July 24       7:30-9:00 p.m. Theology Pub—Nanuet Hotel Restaurant  
 July 28       9:30 a.m.    Summer Worship Service  
 July 29       7:30 p.m.    Summer Worship/Audacity

## CALENDAR HIGHLIGHTS AUGUST 2013

- Aug. 4        9:30 a.m.    Sunday Worship Service  
 Aug. 5        7:30 p.m.    Summer Worship/Audacity  
 Aug. 5-9      9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL  
 Aug. 7        7:00 Church Council Meeting—Parlor  
 Aug. 11       9:30 a.m.    Sunday Worship Service  
                     Farewell Service for Vicar Jerod Freeberg—Reception following  
 Aug. 12       7:30 p.m.    Summer Worship/Audacity  
 Aug. 14       7:30-9:00 p.m. Theology Pub—Nanuet Hotel Restaurant  
 Aug. 18       9:30 a.m.    Sunday Worship Service  
 Aug. 18       Pinecrest Lutheran Leadership Camp for Senior High Youth  
 Aug. 18       10:30 a.m.   Bible I.Q.—Fellowship Hall  
 Aug. 19       7:30 p.m.    Summer Worship/Audacity  
 Aug. 19       8:45-11:00 p.m. Monday Movie Night—For Project 4:12 (Senior High Youth)  
 Aug. 24       8:30 a.m.-12:00 p.m. Creative Play Classroom Clean-up  
 Aug. 25       9:30 a.m.    Sunday Worship Service  
 Aug. 25       10:30 a.m.   Bible I.Q.—Fellowship Hall  
 Aug. 26       7:30 p.m.    Summer Worship/Audacity  
 Aug. 28       7:30-9:00 p.m. Theology Pub—Nanuet Hotel Restaurant

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