

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.

Dear Members and Friends,

This is my last article for the Shepherd's Voice that I will write as your pastor. I know that we have a special day coming and will express my thoughts about that after the event. For now, I ask you to remember that we have all been marked with the cross of Christ forever and that we are part of the mystical body of Christ. During transitions, there are many things we cannot understand, nor do we have to understand them. Living the mystery means God frees us from ourselves to live for others, even in the face of life's uncertainties.

I hope you all have a restful and enjoyable summer. Remember that Pastor John Holliday and Pastor Laurie Craig will be on call during July and August, respectively, and come September, an interim pastor will help lead you to call a new pastor. All along, you have a wonderful president in Rick Struck and a staff of the highest dedication. To all of you, a blessed summer that includes worship in the Word and at the Lord's table. Don't miss a Sunday. It has been one of my deepest delights in life to be your pastor. Even with the challenges, it has been an incredible ride of fun. Who would ever think the ministry would be described in such a way?

Onward and upward,
The Reverend John W. Havrilla, Pastor

Dear Members and Friends,

Who can believe the wonderful send-off we shared on June 22? I must tell you that I loved the liturgy that day, especially hearing the congregation sing the plainsong so beautifully and all the wonderful music in the service. The reception following gave me a chance to speak with those who were not able to attend the dinner party, which was an event truly beyond description. If you have not seen the photo of the Tina Turner impersonator and singer sitting on my lap, please stop by at the office and take a look. I will remember the entire day to my very last. I can only imagine the number of hours that went into imaging the day and then all the details involved planning it. I could see on your faces that we were all having a wonderful time and this is helping me as I transit away from my ministry with you. The very generous "purse" was also beyond imagination, and I appreciate your generosity, shown in full measure.

Next week, I will be expressing my appreciation in more personal ways but did want to share with you the joy of being with you, all the way from my forgetting to bring my newly washed robe to the church for the service that morning, to the end of the day when I was able to munch on the "Good and Plenty" favors.

A pastor friend shared a quote from "Smithsonian Magazine," which is helping me process so many different emotions. The quote reads, "Life must be understood backwards but is lived forwards." As I look back, I have a deepened appreciation for being with you in the mystical body of Christ expressed in our beloved congregational family; however, I know we look to the future God is preparing for us and into that future we are drawn. The faith and the fun we have shared will help us "live forwards." "If anyone is in Christ, they ARE a new creation," and God is about the work of making all things new. From my heart, from Marsha's, from Eric and Adam's, there is a wellspring of gratitude and love.

Pastor John, Marsha and family.

SUMMER WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Sundays—9:30 a.m.
June 8th through August 31st.



SUMMER OFFICE HOURS

The Church Office will be open
Monday—Friday 9:00 a.m. to 1 p.m.
From July 1 to August 29

**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 SERVICES

Sundays: 9:30 a.m.

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The Reverend John W. Havrilla - Pastor
Ione Mensing - Diaconal Assisting Minister
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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
The Reverend John R. Taylor - Pastor Emeritus

LIFE STATIONS

BAPTISMS

	<u>Date</u>
Alyna Danielle Baker	6/7/14
Brooke Seaфра Baker	6/7/14
Christopher Ryan Phillips	6/7/14
Katya Emma Habas	6/7/14
Fiona Grace Ventry	6/7/14
Liam Charles Ventry	6/7/14

DEATHS

Magdalene “Maddy” Keller	6/08/14
Peter Filatov	6/21/14

GENERAL MEMORIAL

In Memory of Maddy Keller, given by Mrs. Jean E. Unhjem

DOLORES & BOB BLANK VOCALIST FUND

In memory of Dolores & Bob Blank, given by Steven Blank

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Voice Publication Deadline

Items to be included in *The Shepherd's Voice* must be submitted to the church office by **August 8th** for the **September** 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.

2014 CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH COUNCIL

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FROM OUR PARISH PROGRAM DIRECTOR

In June, I had the privilege of working as a volunteer at the Metropolitan New York Synod Annual Assembly in Melville, New York. This is the second year I have participated as a volunteer and I find the experience extremely valuable. As your Program Director, one of my responsibilities is to establish relationships with people from the synod, and attending the Annual Assembly is a great way to do just that. The networking that takes place during these days gives me a chance to hear what other congregations are doing to answer God's call to "Go therefore, and make disciples of all the nations."

One such conversation was incredibly moving for me. We were speaking with three members from a small church in Long Beach. They were telling us how Hurricane Sandy had destroyed most of their town. Only three members of the church had car insurance prior to Sandy, so only three members now have cars. These folks drive all around, picking up other members so they can attend church on Sundays.

They don't have a pastor at this church either. They rely on supply pastors to preach each week; and they spoke of the joy in knowing that God was bringing different pastors, each with different gifts, to bless their church. With pride, they shared how the pastors comment on the way the whole congregation gathers in a circle and holds hands for the final prayer. "Your members really do pray," they hear.

And then they spoke of the "drunks." "We would come to church in the morning and find people passed out by the front door of our church. We didn't know what to do. So we talked about it and decided that if the person could stand, we would invite them into the service. One member would take responsibility for holding the hymnal and helping the visitor keep up with the service. There are times when this isn't very pleasant," said the member, "as these folks don't often bathe and can smell pretty bad. But we feel that this is what God calls us to do, and we are glad for the chance to witness to these people."

I sat stunned. Good Shepherd's mission is "Reaching and risking to welcome the world in the word." These people are living that mission.

Dear God, please give me the wisdom to recognize opportunities to be welcoming, and give me the strength and courage to follow through. Amen.

Summer Pastoral Coverage

Pastor Havrilla has always watched out for the congregation; and in preparation for his retirement, he arranged for pastoral coverage through the months of July and August.

During July, Pastor John Holliday (the pastor from Prince of Peace Lutheran church in Old Tappan) will provide coverage for crises, emergencies, and family transitions. You can call the Good Shepherd Church office during office hours, as always. If you have an emergency in the evening hours or over the weekend, you call Pastor Holliday at (201) 768-9511.

For August, Pastor Laurie Craig (some of you may remember her from her harp presentation during Lent), will provide assistance during emergencies. If you need to reach Pastor Craig after hours, her home phone number is (845) 735-4346.

Please note that if you are admitted to the hospital, the hospital is no longer allowed to notify the church (due to HIPPA laws). In this situation, please have a family member call the office so pastoral care can be provided.

We will have supply pastors delivering the sermons on Sundays until the Interim Pastor arrives on September 2. Look for more information coming soon as we are planning the installation of our Interim Pastor on Sunday, September 7.

GARDEN COMMITTEE CLEAN-UP DAY

On July 12th, we will be having another clean-up day around the church. To beat the summer heat, the time will be from 7:30 am to 10 am. Whatever time you can give will be deeply appreciated.



Youth Happenings July-August 2014

Summer is here! Congratulations to our 2014 confirmands, our students who received their First Holy Communion, and to all 2014 high school and college graduates. This is a time to celebrate and look forward. All of these young people have taken part in something special in their lives that means the beginning of something new.

Celebrating Our Scouts (Part 2):

Last month, we recognized Zach Kunow who built a 60' bridge on the Long Swamp Trail in Sterling Forest State Park and Kevin Olson posted signs noting important botanical and wildlife information for local parks. This month, we recognize Luke Shedler from Ramsey Troop 31, who led his troop in the grounds preparation and planting of 70 deer and drought resistant shrubs at the Ramapo Senior Center. They created a picnic area, building two tables, and two large planter boxes. In addition to the labor-intensive projects, Luke received a \$100 donation from Wal-Mart on behalf of the Senior Center for indoor leisure activities, which included games and cards. These three young men have earned the status of Eagle Scout, the highest honor in scouting.

E-Youth Happenings:

Stay up to date on all the summer Youth Happenings and subscribe to the Youth Happenings email (<http://eepurl.com/mgzFn>). This is the place to go for all the latest news and summer events, and will be the way you receive all youth related email updates beginning September 1st. For questions about the email subscription, contact me (tim@gspr.org).

July Events:

H2O/Jr. High Lock-In (incoming 6th-outgoing 8th graders)

All 6th-8th 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 required.** Contact Tim Kellogg (tim@gspr.org) to attend or chaperone. Event date and details to come via email.

Project 4:12 (incoming 9th-12th grade) Summer Movie Night!

Monday, July 21st, from 6:45 pm-9 pm, join us in Fellowship Hall for high school movie night. Friends welcome. Watch your email for further event details!

"Waterpalooza" Multi-church Gathering (6th-12th grade)

We will be joining Park Ridge United Methodist Church, Fordham Lutheran, and Prince of Peace Lutheran in an afternoon of outdoor water recreation. Swimwear and permissions slips needed to participate. More details to come via email. Contact me if you're interested in participating.

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 7th, at 10:30 am.**



Have You Noticed?

In July new paper towel and soap dispensers will be installed throughout the Education Building and the church. We recently found out that the old dispensers are not a good choice from either an environmental perspective or from a financial standpoint. The Property Committee and Creative Play worked collaboratively to be good stewards of our resources. Great Job!!!

THANK YOU TO SUMMER SOLOISTS

Our 9:30 worship services this summer are led by volunteer soloists. Several have already signed the calendar in our Choir Room.

If you would like to volunteer, please call Brenda, 634-2729, and arrange a rehearsal.



Thank You!!!

Deanna Lauer has been our Youth Coordinator, handling administrative responsibilities for all of Good Shepherd's Youth Ministry groups, and faithfully volunteered her time to be our Sunday Church School Administrative Assistant. Deanna has always gone above and beyond her job description as Youth Coordinator and her years of service have been invaluable to the Youth and Family programs at Good Shepherd. Thank you Deanna, for everything you've given to the ministries of Good Shepherd Lutheran Church!

Related Changes:

Whom do I contact, instead of Deanna, for my Good Shepherd Youth and Family needs? Timothy Kellogg, Youth, Education, and Family Director (tim@gspr.org) will handle all emails for the following email addresses: youth@gspr.org, sundayschool@gspr.org, confirmation@gspr.org, and acolytes@gspr.org.

Sincerely,

Timothy Kellogg
Youth, Education, and Family Director

Christian Education Highlights **July-August 2014**

Summer Education Series: Different Christian Churches

Sunday, June 29th, from 10:30-11:30, in Fellowship Hall

Sunday, July 6th, from 10:30-11:30, in Fellowship Hall

Sunday, July 13th, from 10:30-11:30, in Fellowship Hall

There are over 40,000 Christian denominations, but if we're all Christians, what's the difference? Come explore and discuss some of the different Christian churches and beliefs unique to specific denominations.

Theology Pub

Tuesday, July 1st, from 7:30-9:30, at the Nanuet Hotel.

Tuesday, August 5th, from 7:30-9:30, at the Nanuet Hotel.

Bible Study

Wednesday evening Bible Study will return the first week of October.

Email me about Adult Faith Formation

Subscribe to email updates and reminders about our Adult Faith Formation ministries. Check the Adult Faith Formation box on the following form (<http://eepurl.com/mgzFn>) to receive the latest updates on all Youth and Adult Christian Education opportunities.

Timothy Kellogg
Youth, Education, and Family Director



Boy Scout Troop 36 celebrates 100 Years of Scouting at Good Shepherd Church

August 9th – 10th, 2014

Kaufman Campground, 89 Sickletown Road, Pearl River

We expect to start the festivities at around 2 PM and will be serving dinner at around 5:30 PM. Dinner will include burgers, hot dogs, the famous Troop 36 "trash can turkey" and our newest featured menu item: Whole Roasted Pig!

We are asking non-active troop members for a voluntary donation of \$5 per person to help offset the cost of the food. Any who wish to do so are welcome and encouraged to pitch a tent and camp overnight with the Troop.

This event is open to current and former scouts, leaders, family members, and anyone who has helped to support Scouting at Good Shepherd, past or present.

Please pass this message along to anyone who you think might be interested, and ask them to do the same.

It is requested that anyone interested in coming, send an e-mail to "100years@pearlriver36.mytroop.us" under the Subject line: "100 Year Reunion," with your name, e-mail address, and expected number of adult and youth guests coming with you. You will be placed on a mailing list and will be sent additional information on the event, as it draws closer.

We hope to see you there!

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR 2014 GRADUATES

- Kristina Nicole Demou graduated from Clarkstown South High School and will be attending the University of Delaware in the fall. Kristina is a member of the National Honor Society and an Honor Student.
- Katherine Grace Filatov graduated from Nanuet Senior High School with Honors. She will be attending Ithaca College, School of Music. Katherine will be majoring in Clarinet Performance and Music Education
- Matthew Robert Klein graduated from Pearl River High School, and will be attending the State University of New York College at Oswego in the fall, majoring in Computer Engineering.
- Stephanie Kunow graduated from Long Island University, Hudson Graduate Campus, with an MS in Special Education and Autism. Future plans: Speech Pathologist.
- Brittany Kunow graduated from the University of Scranton with an MS in Reading Education. Future plans: Middle School Math Teacher.
- Walter Lauer, III graduated from Clarkstown North High School and will be attending the State University of New York College at Oswego in fall.
- Colleen McLaughlin graduated in June with a BA in Film Production from The Westphal College of Media Arts and Design at Drexel University. This summer, she will work as an Assistant Editor at Giaronomo Productions in NYC.
- Lea Miller is graduating from Pearl River High School, and will be attending Syracuse University in the fall, majoring in Aerospace Engineering.



GREENER PASTURES... Buy food locally. Farmers markets are great places to shop, and ensure that the veggies you're eating hot off the grill or mixed in a salad haven't traveled thousands of miles just to reach your plate. That cuts down on the use of fossil fuels, which leads to significantly reduced levels of pollution and resource depletion over your typical tomato bought at the local supermarket. Websites like [Local Harvest](#) can help you find one in your area, even if you've never seen one in your life! -from website: *How to Go Green: Summer*



Confirmation and First Holy Communion

The Rite of Confirmation was received by twenty young people at Good Shepherd in 2014. In Confirmation we affirm the promise made on our behalf at Holy Baptism; the promise that God chose us through the gift of grace in the work of Jesus' death and resurrection. In baptism, our parents promise to raise us faithfully in the Church and God promises to love us and forgive us as members of God's family – the body of Christ. In Confirmation, the promise of baptism is reaffirmed that God lovingly and graciously chose us through the work of God's own son, Jesus Christ, on the cross.

On Sunday, June 15, 2014 twenty three 5th graders received their First Holy Communion. These young people received the gift of grace, given for them, for the forgiveness of sins, as members of the family of God. Christ, truly present in this gift, gives us life in the bread and wine, that is for us, the body and blood of Christ. We celebrate this First Holy Communion and the gift given for us at the Lord's Table.

Confirmation Class of 2014

Alexandra Marie Artuso	Taylor Marie LePore
Michael T. Callan	David William Martini
Olivia Chase Cosimano	Brielle Kristine Nostro
Andrew Gerard Genua	Jaclyn Maria Pagliocca
Mark Christopher Jesse	Erica Jo Simonsen
Bridget Anna Klein	Justin Bailey Sudial
Stephen Jakob Klein	Lucy Christina Syvarth
William Josef Klein	Steven Frederick Tillette
Matthew Charles Lauer	Tyler John Tillette
Lauren Michelle LePore	Thomas Gregory Wilson

First Holy Communion Class of 2014

Alayna Danielle Baker	Brooke Seaфра Baker	Danielle Nicole Callanan
Michael Patrick Callanan	Elloisa Margaret Collins	Jonathan Victor Filatov
Shannon Vaughn Gick	Jason Michael Girard	Michael Christopher Kowalski
Matthew Reed McCambridge	Zoe Rae Moss	Joseph Santino Domenic Padilla
Gianna Paige Pagliocca	Caroline Grace Pond	Grant Leroux Reinecke
Michael William Shore	Riley John Stemmerman	Lilliana Elizabeth Tramm
Rosalyn Adele Tramm	Kya Renee Tricarico	Fiona Grace Ventry
Melissa Jade Young	Gavin Conrad Zivec	



Thank you to Thrivent Financial for Lutherans for providing the beautiful crosses given to our 2014 Confirmation Class .

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

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



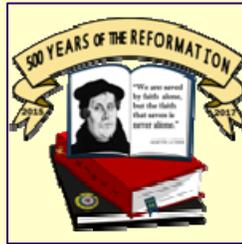
Art Contest for High School Students

Juried Art Contest and Gallery Exhibit

Jersey District of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod and Concordia College of New York

<http://www.njdistrict.org/> For students in Grades 9-12

The 500th Anniversary of the Protestant Reformation



Capturing the Spirit of the Protestant Reformation in Art

biographically, culturally, historically, spiritually, thematically, etc.

Five Cash Awards \$50, \$100, \$150, \$200, \$300

Plus Five Certificated Awards

Contest Requirements: See requirements on our website: www.reverendluther.org].

1. Art submitted must be your original work (*in your own hand*).
2. All art must be framed, wired and ready for mounting on the wall or table. There are no size limitations.
3. Art may be presented in any medium (pen, pencil, paint, graphic design, crayon, chalk, sculpture, etc.)
4. Interpretations of historical works of art are accepted.
5. Pre-registration is required before October 1, 2014, and sent to reformationessay@reverendluther.org.
6. Complete the attached Application Form and submit it with your work of art. Distribution centers are printed on the Application Form.
7. Art is judged by the professional staff of the OSilas Gallery and professional artists. The rubric for the top ten prizes is based on consistency with the theme, artistic skill, artist's statement, creativity, and originality. The theme is open to interpretation and inspirational, spiritual, historical, and personal reflections are suggestions, in addition to copies of work from the time period of the 16th century or the Reformation, over time.
8. All art work is to be collected by you at the end of Awards program on Nov. 16 and art left at the Gallery becomes the property of the NJ District of the Lutheran Church. The art of the top 5 prize winners will remain with the NJ District for exhibit through February 28, 2015. The NJ District of the Lutheran Church and Concordia College are not responsible for any damages to the student art received and/or displayed.

Deadline: All entries must be received by 12:00 noon on **Sunday, October 19, 2014, or by previously made arrangements with the Contest Director, Mr. Hank Bitten.**

Awards Program: Sunday, November 16, 2014 at 4:00 p.m.

OSilas Gallery, Concordia College, 171 White Plains Road, Bronxville, NY 10708

Exhibition open to the public:

Saturday, November 15 from 12–6 p.m., and Sunday, November 16 from 12–5 p.m.

CALENDAR HIGHLIGHTS

JULY

1	7:30	Theology Pub—Nanuet Hotel
4		Church Office Closed
6	9:30	Summer Worship Service
	10:30	Summer Education Series: Different Christian Churches
7-Aug. 1	9-12 pm	CREATIVE PLAY SUMMER CAMP
7	7:30	Prayer Shawl Ministry
8	1:00	Piecemakers—Youth Room
9	4:30	Executive Committee Meeting
	7:00	MSP Meeting—Church Parlor
	8:00	H2O Planning Meeting
10	7:30	Evangelism Meeting
12	7:30 (a.m.)	Garden Committee Clean-up
12	10:00	Youth Group Car Wash & Bake Sale (tentative)
12	8:00	H2O (6th-8th) Lock-in—Fellowship Hall
13	9:30	Summer Worship Service
	10:30	Summer Education Series: Different Christian Churches
	10:30	VBS Decorating—Fellowship Hall
15	10:00	Creative Play Governance Bd.—Church Parlor
16	7:00	Church Council —Church Parlor
20	9:30	Summer Worship Service
	3:00	Wedding
27	9:30	Summer Worship Service
	10:30	Baptisms
	10:30	VBS Decorating—Fellowship Hall
	10:30	SCS Leadership Meeting—Youth Room

AUGUST

2	12:30	“Water-Palooza”—Bergen Highlands UMC
3	9:30	Summer Worship Service
4-8	9:00	Vacation Bible School (9-12 am)
5	7:30	Theology Pub—Nanuet Hotel
6	7:00	MSP Committee Meeting—Church Parlor
10	9:30	Summer Worship Service
	10:30	Pastoral Input Workshop—Church Parlor
12	1:00	Piecemakers—Youth Room
13	4:30	Executive Committee Meeting
17	9:30	Summer Worship Service
	10:30	Sunday Church School Teacher Meeting—Fellowship Hall
20	7:00	Church Council—Church Parlor
21	7:00	MSP Meeting—Church Parlor
23	9:00	Creative Play Classroom Clean-up
24	9:30	Summer Worship Service
25	6:45	Project 4:12 (9-12th Grade) Movie Night—Fellowship Hall
26	10:00	UPK Teacher Meeting—Classrooms
	1:00	Piecemakers—Youth Room
	7:00	UPK Parent Meeting
30	9:30	Summer Worship Service



Vacation Bible School

Monday, August 4th-Friday, August 8th, 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 closed and we are not accepting more participants at this time. We are in need of additional volunteers; if you'd like to be a part of the VBS volunteer team, contact Tim Kellogg (tim@gspr.org). **VBS Decorating Sundays:**

Sunday, July 13th, 10:30-noon, in Fellowship Hall

Sunday, July 27th, 10:30-noon, in Fellowship Hall