



The Shepherd's Voice

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

July/Aug 2018

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

SUMMER WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Sundays—9:00 a.m.
June 3th —September 2nd.
Wednesdays—7:15 p.m.
June 6th—September 5th.

SUMMER OFFICE HOURS

The Church Office will be open
Monday—Friday, 9:00 a.m. to 1 p.m.,
from June 18th to August 31st.

2018 Good Shepherd Directory

The new Directory is here!!!
If you had your portrait taken please pick up
your free copy of the directory in the office.

If you did not have your portrait taken and would
like a copy, cost is \$15.00.

Many thanks to our Directory Committee for creating
a beautiful 2018 Directory:

Sue Baumeister, Denise Guadagnino, Cindy Sealander,
Renate Spiegelberg and Kristin Ventry.

Fred Voigt Bequest

House for Sale

We are pleased to offer a house for sale from a generous bequest. The house is located on South Highland Ave in the Village of Chestnut Ridge, in the Town of Ramapo.

It is a 2-bedroom, 1-bath house on one acre of level property. See display in the coat room or entrance to the education building for additional details and photos.

Please contact Anthony Armenio for more information at 845-826-5751 or aarmenio22@yahoo.com.



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Come one, come all!
Learn that when we get “shipwrecked,”
we’re rescued by Jesus!”
“Shipwrecked” is the theme for our
Vacation Bible School this summer,
open to children turning 4 up to 4th grade.

**July 30 – Aug 3 from
9am - Noon**

We need many helpers to make this week a success! We need adults to be team leaders for the children’s groups, and we need someone willing to lead crafts. Children older than 4th grade can be helpers. Contact Lisa Holliday at lisa@gspr.org or call the church office if you can help out.

If you would like to register your child (ren), there is a registration form included in this “Voice” (one per child). Registration deadline is June 12th – get it in soon because we filled up last year and we hate to turn anyone away!



**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

Sundays: 9:00 a.m.
Wednesdays: 7:15 p.m.

CONTACT US

Church Office: (845)735-2243

Fax: (845)735-0819

E-mail: office@gspr.org

Web site: www.gspr.org

Creative Play Pre-School: (845)735-2737

AT YOUR SERVICE

The Reverend J. Lena Warren - Pastor
Don Widmayer - Council President
Robert Bergman - Treasurer
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 August 10th, 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.

LIFE STATIONS

Deaths

Cecelia Pyzowski 4/24/18

General Memorial

In Memory of Cecelia Pyzowski from The Book Group:
Alayne Pick, Elaine Arezzo, Ilene Weetzner, Lisa Lieberman, Claire McClellan, Deborah Rosenblatt, Mary Ellen Blauman, Carol Berger

In memory of Bobby Crispell, given by Bill Murphy

Solar Panel Fund

In memory of Elenore Reed, given by Mary Olson

2018 CHURCH COUNCIL

J. Lena Warren, Pastor
Donald Widmayer, President
Anthony Armenio, Vice President
Janet Maleski, Secretary
Robert Bergman, Treasurer *
Kim Arcidiacono
Werner Boecker *
James Cleary
Jake Daniels
Wendy Gates
Linda Hecker
Jayne Knarich
Deanna Lauer
Carole Meehan
Kenneth Merring
Mark Olson
Christopher Ryan
Debra Thaler
(*non-voting)

**Good Shepherd Church
is on Social Media**

See our church webpage at: www.gspr.org

"*Like Us*" on Facebook at:

Good Shepherd Lutheran Church

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.

Summer Adult Forums



During the summer, with our being down to one service, we are planning a series of opportunities to learn about faith, life, music, church, generosity, and more!

Below is the current schedule and we hope you will join us! These presentations will begin shortly after worship (beginning no later than 10:30) and go about an hour. The two movie discussions will go a little longer, as each film is around 80 minutes in length.

- July 1** *I Am:* Movie and Discussion
- July 8** The Age of the Spirit: The Future of the Church – Pastor Lena
- July 15** “Pipes, Pedals, Keys, Countries, and Culture: A musical presentation” – Elaina Burns
- July 22** “The Lord’s Supper: Remembrance, Communion & Hope” – Merold Westphal
- July 29** *Connected: an Autobiography of love, death & technology:* Movie and Discussion
- August 5** “Deep River: The African-American Spiritual” – Brian Burns
- August 12** A Tour Through Hell: *It isn’t just August in NYC*
(How various religions view the afterlife) – Rich Bowman
- August 19** Enough: Christian Minimalism, a movement ancient and new – Pastor Lena
- August 26** “Walking Wet: Living as the Baptized” – Lisa Holliday



SAVE THE DATE!!! FALL CONFIRMATION RETREAT CAMP MAHETU SEPTEMBER 21 – 23

All Confirmation students are expected to attend this retreat at least once, in their three years of confirmation..

We need high school students to serve as junior chaperones! (contact Lee Warren at glwarren@gmail.com)

We need adults to serve as chaperones too! (contact Lisa Holliday at lisa@gspr.org)
Information on registration will be out later in the summer.

WELCA

The first meeting of WELCA will be on Tuesday, September 4th 2018 at 1:30 PM, in Fellowship Hall.

Ladies, if you are a member of Good Shepherd, you are part of WELCA and all are welcome. We have a short business meeting, a program and enjoy refreshments and social time.

At this first meeting, we hold an auction, this is our only fund raiser for the year. Please bring a wrapped new or used item. If you buy something to auction, keep the cost in the \$15 to \$20 range. We have done this for several years and it is very enjoyable.

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



HUNGER DOES NOT TAKE A SUMMER VACATION...help support
People to People

...items always needed:

Cold/Hot cereals

Peanut butter and jelly

Cold drinks, like juices and iced tea/lemonade

Cans of tuna or chicken

Flour, sugar

Juice boxes

Canned soups/vegetables

Pasta/rice

Canned fruit

Diapers

Tea, coffee

Boxed macaroni & cheese



Music Upcoming Dates



Join us for a **JAM SESSION!** On **Saturday, July 21st**, we'll be getting the band together! Any instruments are welcome—particularly guitar, bass, banjo, mandolin, harmonica and anything that can play bluegrass and old-timey gospel. We will meet at **1:00PM** in the sanctuary. Songs will include *I'll Fly Away*, *Precious Lord*, and *Down in the River to Pray*. Let's play together and see if we feel good about playing for a service in August!

SUMMER CHOIR is coming! We will rehearse from **7:00PM to 8:00PM** on **Thursday, July 12th**. We will sing during the 9:00AM worship service on **Sunday, July 15th**. Come join our choir and experience the joy of singing in a group! **NO EXPERIENCE/MUSIC READING** is required! Just come sing!

Join our music ministry in supporting and enhancing our congregation's worship! We'd love to see some new faces!

Please contact Brian Burns if you have any questions: gsprmusic@gmail.com

Mark Your Calendars! Fall Fair/Hot Dog Sunday

Coming soon. Sunday, September 16th, 2018, is right around the corner. Good Shepherd will host a Fall Fair, at which time all our members are welcome to join each other in Fellowship Hall, to dine on hot dogs, and view the displays of the committees and groups of our church, sharing how they witness in serving others, both within Good Shepherd, and well beyond. Save the date!





2018 Vacation Bible School Registration Form
Good Shepherd Lutheran Church
Shipwrecked VBS
July 30 – Aug. 3, 2018
9:00 to 12 noon daily

Child's Name: _____

Parent or Guardian: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Parent/Guardian Email Address: _____

Telephone: _____ Home Church: _____

Child's Date of Birth: _____

Grade Child will be entering in the fall _____ (must be 4 yrs. old by the fall, up to entering grade 3)

Allergy/Medications/Medical Needs (list all): _____

Health Insurance Policy Number: _____

Family Doctor: _____ Phone No.: _____

Emergency Contact (name): _____

Emergency Contact (phone): _____

To whom shall your child be dismissed after VBS each day?: _____

*In the event of an emergency, every effort will be made to contact the parent or guardian at the above number.
 I hereby give my permission to the VBS staff to authorize proper medical care until such time as I can be contacted.*

(Parent or Guardian): _____

REGISTRATION: Fee for the program is \$35 per child (\$85 maximum per family). A separate form is needed for each child. Forms are available in the *May Voice* and online at www.gspr.org. Make checks payable to *Good Shepherd Lutheran Church*. Payment must accompany form in order to process registration. Church members are urged to register as early as possible, as registration is on a "first-in" basis.

Forms can be mailed to the church (112 North Main St. Pearl River, NY 10965) or left in Lisa Holliday's mailbox in the counting room. Questions? E-mail lisa@gspr.org. **BE SURE TO FILL OUT PHOTO RELEASE FORM, AS WELL (p. 6).** Registration will be confirmed by end of June.

Picture Release Form – Good Shepherd Lutheran Church

IF THE PARTY is 18 years old or older, complete the following down to the Consent section; otherwise, the parent or legal guardian must also sign.

I, _____, give Good Shepherd Lutheran Church (GSLC), its assigns, licensees, and legal representatives the irrevocable right to use my picture, portrait or photograph in all forms and media and in all manner, for the advertising, trade or any other lawful purpose for the benefit of Good Shepherd Lutheran Church only. I hereby forever waive any right to inspect or approve the finished product, including but not limited to, written copy and/or an image in print or on the website, which may be created in connection therewith. I am eighteen (18) years of age or older. I understand that GSLC cannot control the unauthorized use by persons other than Good Shepherd, of my image once such image is published. Any claim I may have concerning unauthorized publication of my image must be pursued by me against the unauthorized user. Good Shepherd disclaims any responsibility for such unauthorized use of my published image.

I have had sufficient time to review and seek explanation of the provisions contained above, have carefully read and understand them, and agree to be bound by them. I voluntarily and irrevocably give my consent and agree to this Release and Waiver.

Executed this _____ day of _____, 20_____.

Signature _____ Witness _____ Phone _____

Address _____ City, State, Zip _____

Consent

If person is under the age of 18, his or her parent or legal guardian must also sign.

I, _____, am the parent or legal guardian of the person listed above. I have read and understand the provisions of this document. I consent to the person participating, as described above, and I fully enter into and agree to the above Release and Waiver, and forever waive any rights therefrom.

Parent/Guardian Signature _____

Date _____

Address _____

City, State, Zip _____

Phone _____



CALENDAR HIGHLIGHTS JULY/AUGUST 2018

SUNDAY SERVICES—9:00 a.m.....WEDNESDAY SERVICES—7:15 p.m.

JULY

- July 1 9:00 a.m. Holy Communion Service, with *Lemonade on the Lawn* following the service
10:30 a.m. Adult Forum
- July 4 6:00 p.m. Barbeque, followed by Communion Service at 7:15 p.m., including a patriotic hymn sing-along and then walk over to the fireworks display on Central Ave.
- July 2-27 Creative Play Summer Camp—weekdays 9am-12pm
- July 8 9:00 a.m. Holy Communion Service
10:30 a.m. Adult Forum
- July 11 4:30 Executive Committee Mtg.
7:15 p.m. Communion Service (outside if weather permits)
- July 12 Summer Choir Rehearsal—7-8 p.m.
- July 15 9:00 a.m. Holy Communion Service/Summer Choir sings
10:30 Adult Forum
- July 18 7:15 p.m. Communion Service (outside if weather permits)
- July 21 Jam Session/Sanctuary—1-3p.m.
- July 22 9:00 a.m. Holy Communion Service
10:30 a.m. Adult Forum
5:00 p.m. Book Group
- July 23 6:30 p.m. Fellowship Committee Meeting
- July 25 7:15 p.m. Communion Service (outside if weather permits)
- July 29 9:00 a.m. Holy Communion Service/Baptism
10:30 a.m. Adult Forum
- July 30-Aug. 3 Vacation Bible School—weekdays 9am-12pm

AUGUST

- Aug. 1 7:15 p.m. Communion Service (outside if weather permits)
- Aug. 5 9:00 a.m. Holy Communion Service, with *Lemonade on the Lawn* following the service
10:30 a.m. Adult Forum
- Aug. 8 4:30 p.m. Executive Committee Meeting
7:15 p.m. Communion Service (outside if weather permits)
- Aug. 12-19 Pinecrest Lutheran Leadership Camp
- Aug. 14 Church Council Meeting—7:00 p.m.
- Aug. 19 9:00 a.m. Holy Communion Service
10:30 a.m. Adult Forum
5:00 p.m. Book Group
- Aug. 20 7:00 p.m. Church Council Meeting
- Aug. 12-19 Pinecrest Leadership Camp
- Aug. 22 7:15 p.m. Communion Service (outside if weather permits)
- Aug. 25 9:00 a.m. Creative Play Classroom Clean-up
- Aug. 26 9:00 a.m. Holy Communion Service
10:30 a.m. Adult Forum
- Aug. 29 7:15 p.m. Communion Service (outside if weather permits)

Greetings!

Thanks to the faithful work of a number of leaders on Council and the vote of the congregation, we at Good Shepherd will be going solar! It looks like the solar panels will be going on the Education Building roof toward the end of this summer, and once on, will immediately benefit the congregation and the environment.

As your pastor, I am so thrilled to see the church living out community responsibility and discipleship by stewarding resources we've been entrusted with and witnessing to how we can care for the environment—the world that God has made. It is a delight to know that we can pass a better legacy to future generations who are and will be a part of this community and who will live on this planet. While there is an obvious financial benefit to this decision in my view, this is also faithfully living out God's call to human beings at the beginning, to care for the earth.

On the other side of this note is a “Pledge a Panel” form. While we have the money saved in the Bouton Fund (a fund generously created by Ed Bouton for the care and improvement of the property), we thought it best to offer you an opportunity to support this project so that we might reimburse this fund with a vision toward future capital projects. We hope that Ed Bouton's generosity might inspire you, too.

Please consider supporting the solar project by giving the cost of a whole panel, at \$1000. This amount can be paid in many different ways, as laid out on the form. However, any amount that you are able to give is much appreciated! Feel free to write the amount you would like pledge in Option C. Any donation over \$250 will be acknowledged with the addition of the family name on our Tree of Life at the entrance to the Education Building.

No matter what you give, we give thanks for your generosity and know that you are helping to make Good Shepherd's future that much brighter.

Grace and peace,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Pastor Lena". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Pastor Lena
(For Good Shepherd's Council)

GOOD SHEPHERD SOLAR PROJECT ☀
“PLEDGE A PANEL”

Option A

We are happy to support our environmental renewal at Good Shepherd with the purchase of _____ panels at a price of \$1,000 per panel.

Payment for the panel(s) will be made as follows:

1. A check or direct deposit for the full amount will be made in the near future, credited to

Envelope # _____.

2. Payment in four equal installments of \$_____ will be made quarterly over the next year.

Envelope # _____

3. Payment in eight installments of \$_____ will be made quarterly over the next two years.

Envelope # _____

Option B

Together, with the following people, we pledge \$1000 for a panel:

 Envelope #s _____

Option C

We are excited to support this project, but do not feel we can pledge the cost of an entire panel at this time. Instead, we would like to contribute \$_____ toward the project.

Envelope # _____

Name _____

Address _____

Every donation of \$250. 00 and over will be recognized with the addition of the family name on our “Tree of Life” at the entrance to the Education Building.

We would like to give this donation in honor/memory of:

 Thank you for your prayerful consideration of Good Shepherd
 and the environment of our wider world! ☐