



# 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.

## HOLY WEEK & EASTER AT GOOD SHEPHERD

<b>Palm Sunday</b> <b>March 24</b>	8:15, 9:15 & 10:30 a.m.	Services of Holy Communion, Blessing/Procession, with Palms
<b>Maundy Thursday</b> <b>March 28</b>	8:00 p.m.	Service of Holy Communion, followed by stripping of the altar
<b>Good Friday</b> <b>March 29</b>	12:00 p.m.  2:00 p.m. 8:00 p.m.	<i>"Walk With Jesus"</i> , a youth-oriented service dramatizing the three days of the Passion of Jesus Christ Tenebrae Holy Communion Service* Tenebrae Service* <i>*(Tenebrae services not suitable for babies &amp; young children)</i>
<b>Holy Saturday</b> <b>March 30</b>	2:00-3:30	Easter Eve Celebration—Family Life Event for families with children from Pre-K through second grade.
<b>EASTER SUNDAY</b> <b>March 31</b>	6:30 a.m. 7:30 -11 a.m. 9:00 a.m. 11:00 a.m.	Sunrise Service of Holy Communion Easter Breakfast served in Fellowship Hall Festival Eucharist Service Family Worship Service (communion available following service)



### "WALK WITH JESUS"

#### Children's GOOD FRIDAY Service

Once again, we will be having our "Walk with Jesus" on Good Friday, March 29th, at 12:00 noon. This is an excellent way for children to experience the story of Jesus' last days. They, along with their families, are invited to walk and sing in the Palm Sunday procession, eat at the Last Supper, pray in the Garden of Gethsemane, be part of the crowd at the trial, at Calvary, and at the tomb. Our youth will play the parts of Jesus, his disciples and those who participated in these events. Come, walk with Jesus, and bring a friend.



### ANNUAL EASTER EVE EVENT

**Saturday, March 30, 2013**

**2:00 – 3:30 pm**

**Fellowship Hall**



Join us in celebrating Easter at our annual Easter Eve Event for families with children from Pre-K to 2nd grade. We will meet in Fellowship Hall on March 30th, from 2:00-3:30 p.m., for crafts, refreshments and our Easter egg hunt. If interested in helping out, please contact Deanna Lauer, at [youth@gspr.org](mailto:youth@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.

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Vicar Jerod Freeberg - Intern Pastor  
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Robert Bergman - Treasurer  
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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  
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John Lampkin - Composer-in-Residence  
Deanna Lauer - SCS Office Adm./ Worship  
Leader/Youth Coordinator  
John R. Taylor - Pastor Emeritus

**LIFE STATIONS**

**Baptisms**

Henry Everest Orfini

**Date**

2/10/13

**Deaths**

Harold R. Biddleman

12/28/12

**2013 CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH COUNCIL**

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**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.

**MARCH 17TH—1:30 P.M**



**PEARL RIVER ST. PATRICK'S DAY PARADE**



**MARCH 10TH**

**REMEMBER TO TURN YOUR CLOCKS  
AHEAD 1 HR.**

**CHECK IT OUT...WWW.GSPR.ORG**

**Voice Publication Deadline**

Items to be included in The Shepherd's Voice must be submitted to the church office by **March 8th** for the **April 2013** 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).

## **FROM THE PASTOR**

Lent is a time for reflection but is not a great time for a pastor to reflect. Lent is filled with many services, including the preparations for the celebration of the Resurrection of our Lord.

To this end, however, the wider church recommends that pastors take a sabbatical, a time away from congregational duties, to allow for personal growth as it relates to the ministry. Synodical guidelines call for a pastor to take a three-month sabbatical every seven years, but this becomes problematic when the congregation is a teaching congregation for intern pastors. Since we have had interns for many years, I have not taken a sabbatical, but intend to go on sabbatical from August 15 to November 15. Our intern pastor, Jerod, will be leaving us during August to return to seminary, completing our work as a site for internship training into the foreseeable future. I am especially grateful for this sabbatical opportunity and have advised Bishop Rimbo of the plan and welcome his support.

Although I will be away from the congregation for an extended period of time, pastoral needs will be met with the same stated supply pastor who will preach the Word and preside at the table, and be available for pastoral care after Sunday services. As we come closer to that time, I will share more information with you about this matter.

Upon my return, there will be a minimum of a six-month commitment to continue serving in the congregation. This offers the opportunity for the pastor to share with the congregation what has been gained on sabbatical.

Specifically, the purpose of my sabbatical is threefold. Foremost, I want to take time for rest, reflection and re-creation, as stated above. Secondly, I plan on visiting with other congregations that are similar to 'Good Shepherd,' with the purpose of developing a network of lay leaders among those congregations and ours. I am restricting my visits to extend from Maryland to New England, along the east coast, in settings that will be similar to our setting. Finally, I want to use the time to help make my final preparations for my retirement, including opportunities in which I may be able to offer my skills in ministry but without the demand of full-time ministry.

With regard to my second goal, I want to point out that our congregation has developed an extensive program ministry. However, we do not have other congregations in our area, regardless of "mainline" denominational associations, with whom we can "brainstorm", share ideas and address together the problems and opportunities that program-size congregations face. To this end, I am looking to expand our relationships with congregations that are similar to 'Good Shepherd', while celebrating and growing closer to the relationships we have with congregations in our area.

August is six months away. The time will speed by. Normally, we ask that those planning marriage begin the preparation work for a parish wedding at least six months in advance. In no way does the sabbatical preclude someone being married at 'Good Shepherd'; however, should such requests be made at this time, there will be an intentional effort to find a pastor who will be able to preside at the wedding service. To date, we have been able to accommodate several weddings planned during the sabbatical.

Should you have questions about any matters related to what I have shared here, please feel free to contact me. Aside from the sabbatical, I do look forward to sharing Lent with you and seizing it as an opportunity for reflection and growth in the Word and in renewed service and witness in the world.

The Reverend John W. Havrilla, Pastor

## SERVICE OF HEALING PRAYERS & ANOINTING - MARCH 3RD

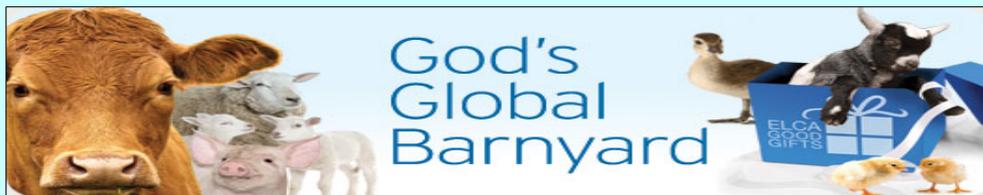
On March 3rd, following the 10:30 service, there will be an opportunity to participate in a time of healing prayers and anointing with oil at the altar rail. As each person receives the oil of healing, a special prayer asks for a renewed sense of God's power and love in his or her life.

From time to time, our lives become broken and unwell. We sometimes feel guilt and shame, and God can seem so distant. The prayers and anointing remind us that, even in, or perhaps especially in, these times of difficulty, God is lovingly present and at work, continuing to "accomplish in us the work of God's salvation."

## INTERESTED IN MEMBERSHIP?.... or just want to find out more about Good Shepherd?

On March 3<sup>rd</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> at 10:30 a.m., we will be gathering for an opportunity to find out more about Good Shepherd, get to know other interested people, learn about our faith and history, and share in our present and future hopes. We are asking those who wish to become members to attend both sessions. We will be receiving New Members into the church on March 17<sup>th</sup>. Please call the church office or e-mail [parishworker@gspr.org](mailto:parishworker@gspr.org) if you would like to attend, or if you have any questions.

## MAKE WAY FOR THE COWS, SHEEP, PIGS, GOATS, DUCKS, CHICKS. AND ALPACAS!



Once again, during Lent, Good Shepherd will join ELCA congregations all over the world in combating hunger by contributing to God's Global Barnyard. Last year, we raised \$2,500 that went to purchase animals for families throughout the world, and made an enormous difference in their lives. Not only do they provide food to eat but they provide fertilizer to grow crops, and offspring to sell on the market. The Sunday School will have its Annual Hop-a-thon, and all the groups within the church will be involved. Watch for details in *Cross Connections*

## FROM THE VICAR

This past weekend, Tim Kellogg, our Youth and Education Director, and I had the opportunity to immerse ourselves in learning and connecting, in Anaheim California, as part of the annual ELCA Youth Workers Extravaganza. The Extravaganza, is a four-day event in which the participants have the opportunity to attend workshops on various hot topic issues in youth ministry. There are workshops on camps, theology, games, and even social media.

During my time at the convention, I focused on learning more about social media and technology in the church, because I believe social media and technology are important to the churches future. To give you an idea of what I mean, during this conference I learned that if Facebook were a country, it would be the 3<sup>rd</sup> largest in the world, behind only China and India, and that 1 of 8 couples who were married last year met online, and that there are over 50 million tweets sent on twitter each day! And finally, 90% of people trust peer recommendations and only 14% trust an advertisement, which means that in order for us to generate a forward-moving church in a forward-moving culture, we must take advantage of word-of-mouth through the Internet, and social media. Have you ever heard of going viral? Well the record today is 34,000,000 views in one day! That is 1/10<sup>th</sup> of the whole population of the United States. Talk about trending and positive advertising, and the best part is the cost, which is literally nothing to the user.

As a congregation, we currently have Facebook and Twitter accounts and reach 65 people a week which is equivalent to 1/5<sup>th</sup> of our weekly attendance, so please stay connected and find us on Facebook [@facebook.com/gslcpr](https://www.facebook.com/gslcpr), or follow us on Twitter [@goodshepherd17](https://twitter.com/goodshepherd17). It takes a community to build a successful social network from the ground up; help us any way you can, like us, tweet us, or post about us and help us build a social network for the future.

Vicar Jerod Freeberg, Intern Pastor



## REMEMBER OUR MILITARY

We have two local young people, in the military, to whom we are sending packages. Check the lists at the entrances, and bring in donations. We are providing the addresses so you are able to send a card or letter.

Sgt Kristin DiDonato  
101 ESB HHC Company  
APO AE 09355

Sgt Anthony Montano  
101 ESB HHC RNCC  
APO AE 09355

## FROM OUR PARISH PROGRAM DIRECTOR

Have you read the book, *Our Iceberg is Melting*? It is a simple fable about successfully responding to change in an ever-changing world. In preparation for the January 2013 Leadership Retreat, Pastor Tennermann (our meeting facilitator) recommended that church council members and the staff read this book. Not only is it a fun and easy read, it gives great insight into the steps necessary for successful transformation.

So why would Good Shepherd leadership want to learn more about change? In the last several months, Maureen Connolly replaced Nancy Carlson as the Creative Play director, the church added new staff, and the office was remodeled. The future will continue to bring adjustments, as life always does. Through all this unpredictability, how do we know how to proceed?

We are a very blessed congregation because our mission and vision were clearly defined a couple years ago. Our mission is to "Welcome the World in the Word", and we do that by deepening faith, inspiring people, and elevating service. Our mission and vision are the compass that keeps us on course even when the waves bounce us about. Just as these tools provided direction through the previous changes, they will help us steer our course for the future.

To help us prepare, the council and staff participated in a wonderful retreat during which we learned about the eight-step process for change as explained in *Our Iceberg is Melting*. Twenty-four of us gathered in Fellowship Hall on a Saturday to discuss transition, our roles, and the future. It was a time of growth, learning, and relationship building, as well as the opportunity to understand how to face change, embrace it, and come through it successfully.

The Good Shepherd Leadership Team is committed to a great future for our congregation. At our training, we learned that healthy congregations face challenges and celebrate successes. Together, with God's help, we will continue to implement the vision throughout 2013 and beyond.

Kathleen Harpster  
Parish Program Director

## **GOOD SHEPHERD'S SOUPERBOWL RESULTS**

THANK YOU! Because of your generosity, many will sit down to hearty, healthy soup dinners. Four young teens transported the boxes and bags of soup to *People to People*, they weighed in at 952 pounds...a new record for Good Shepherd! The soup had an estimated value of \$2,380. Thank you, also, to our Creative Play families who were very active in our *Souperbowl* program this year, combining it with their "Stone Soup" lessons. So, thank you to all who contributed!

The Social Ministry Committee



## **OUR LENTEN WONDERFUL WEDNESDAYS CONTINUE ...**

On March 6<sup>th</sup>, 13<sup>th</sup>, and 20<sup>th</sup>, we will continue to have our Soup Suppers, *Communiversities* sessions, and Holden Evening Prayer. Join us for delicious home-made soups and fellowship (at 6:00 p.m.), then choose a *Communiversisty* session to attend (at 7:00 p.m.), and end the evening with the Holden Evening Prayer (at 8:00 p.m.).



**Music @ Noon*****BLESSED ASSURANCE*****"Hymns of Faith and Struggle"**

Request YOUR favorite hymn, as we sing together in the sanctuary.

Also, J. S. BACH. Prelude and Fugue in E b

O GOD, OUR HELP IN AGES PAST

SUNDAY, MARCH 10 @ NOON

**New musical in the works!**

**SACRISTY SINGERS** presents

***THE STORY- TELLIN MAN***

In honor of our wonderful Mothers!

Saturday evening, May 11th, 7:00 pm

ANY elementary-age child is welcome to join us as we learn about Jesus' parables!

With singing, acting, dancing, playing handbells and orchestra instruments.

In full costume and staging!!

Rehearsals Thursdays, 4:30-5:30

**SANCTUARY CHOIR** is a loving family of musicians, 10:30 Worship leaders  
recruiting **NEW MEMBERS**.

Rehearsals are Thursdays 7:30-9:00 pm, and Sundays 9:45 am.

**ALL AGES ARE WELCOME!**

Please join us as we praise God twice....with our hearts and  
with our voices!

**audacity** connecting people, challenging god, living faithfully

We are currently in the final planning stages for the launch of audacity on April 6<sup>th</sup>. audacity will be a new style of worship experience available to you each Saturday evening at 5:00 p.m. at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church. The focus of this service will be to bring you a brand new refreshing approach to worship, including music lead by local talent. The aim of audacity is to connect people, challenge god, and help us to live faithfully. audacity is about community that's why this service is open to everyone, regardless of your age, race, gender, hair color, clothing option, or sexual orientation. We want to challenge god, and ask the questions that others are afraid to ask, so that, we might learn from one another, after all no one person has all of the answers, and we want to live faithfully to god and to ourselves. Please let me know if you would be interested in being featured as a musical guest. There are also many other ways in which you can get involved in this exciting new endeavor, if interested please contact jerod freeberg at [jerod@gspr.org](mailto:jerod@gspr.org).

**Christian Education Opportunities**  
**March 2013**

As some of you know, this January, Vicar Jerod and I attended the Lutheran Youth Workers Extravaganza. It was quite the experience that I wanted to share with you all. This conference holds a special place in my heart as it is where I was connected to Good Shepherd a little over a year ago. One year later, on behalf of Good Shepherd, I went to the Extravaganza to learn, reflect, and teach about things related to Youth Ministry. This conference is unique in that one may gain new ideas or strategies for the benefit of their congregation, from the topical workshops or from conversations with other leaders. Some of those things include how we lead Confirmation today, what it looks like to be a church volunteer in the 21<sup>st</sup> century, and how the whole church works together for our Youth Ministry.

In addition to the learning, I was fortunate to learn through teaching. I led a workshop on the importance of our Lutheran understanding of faith for young people today and how we proclaim something real to them every Sunday morning. I also learned that while teaching, it's hard for a lot of people to distinguish what it means to be a Lutheran. As a result, I was given the challenge by a former professor, who happened to attend my workshop, that I needed to come home and write a mini-sermon to teach our little ones the Theology of the Cross.

Along the way, we heard about missions, service, fundraising, and several other resources that will help benefit the ministries of Good Shepherd. The beauty of a conference like this is that one doesn't just return home with ideas and excitement, we also come back with a vision for implementing the ideas we already have as a community. It was an honor to represent Good Shepherd as a student and a teacher at this conference. I look forward to sharing more of the gifts that came out of this conference in the weeks and months to come.

**Bible Study:**

We will resume weekly meetings after the Lenten season; save the date! Wednesday, April 10<sup>th</sup>.

**Communiversity 2013:**

*Communiversity* is back! Each Wednesday during Lent, we will have a selection of unique educational opportunities. The following are the March dates, please join us:

Wednesday, March 6, from 7-8pm.  
 Wednesday, March 13, from 7-8pm.  
 Wednesday, March 20, from 7-8pm.

Also, join us for Simple Soup Suppers, beginning at 6pm.

Grace and peace,

Timothy Kellogg  
 Youth, Family, and Education Director

[tim@gspr.org](mailto:tim@gspr.org)

845.735.2243 Ext. 303



## SAVE THE DATE FOR VBS 2013

Get ready for exciting wilderness thrills  
as you head out to beautiful



## SONRISE NATIONAL PARK VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

August 5 -9, 2013  
9AM to Noon

Children who are 4 years old (by the fall) up to those who  
are now in second grade are eligible to join the fun.

Adult, teen and tween volunteers are also invited to help.

Watch for more details in the April Shepherd's Voice.  
Registration forms available in April and May.



## Youth Events and Activities March 2013

We're halfway through Lent, which means we're halfway to Easter, and it means our First Holy Communion students have their formal instruction sessions this month. This is a busy time in the life of our church and it's a busy time in a lot of our lives. Lent has a way of reminding us to slow down and take in life a little bit because it's a time of fasting and repentance. We fast because of the provisions God has given us and we repent because we are prompted by the grace we've received from our Lord.

### **Sunday Youth Group Gatherings:**

J- Crew (3<sup>rd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> grade) Sunday, March 3, from 11:30-12:30pm.

### **Confirmation:**

Thursday, March 7, 2013 (6<sup>th</sup> grade), from 7:00-8:15pm in Fellowship Hall.

Thursday, March 14, 2013 (7<sup>th</sup> grade), from 7:00-8:15pm in Fellowship Hall.

Thursday, March 21, 2013 (8<sup>th</sup> grade), from 7:00-8:15pm in Fellowship Hall, with acolyte training to follow. Those 8th graders expected to attend the training will be notified.

### **Confirmation Hot Dog Supper:**

Thursday, March 21, 2013, from 6:15-7:00pm. RSVP with Deanna Lauer ([youth@gspr.org](mailto:youth@gspr.org)).

### **Youth Group Events for March:**

March 10th; Girl Scout Sunday at Good Shepherd

All girls in scouting are invited to participate in the 10:30 service. Interested? Call the church office at 845.735.2243.

Sr. High (9<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grade) Retreat at Camp Koinonia: It's that time of year for the LYO (Lutheran Youth Organization) retreat at Camp Koinonia. Registered 9<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grade youth will attend this retreat Friday, March 15 - Sunday, March 17.

### **Lent and Easter Events:**

First Holy Communion (5<sup>th</sup> grade): Our First Communion students will be having their formal instruction sessions on the Sacrament of Holy Communion on Wednesday, March 6, 13, and 20, from 7-8:30pm, following our Simple Soup Suppers. All First Communion students are expected to attend.

"Walk with Jesus": Come to the children's service at noon on Good Friday (March 29<sup>th</sup>), for the annual "Walk with Jesus" and participate in the last week of his life. Older youth will act out the story while families with younger children participate in the Palm Sunday procession, eat the Last Supper, pray in the Garden of Gethsemane, and be part of the crowd at the trial, at Calvary and at the tomb.

Family Life (Pre-K-2<sup>nd</sup> grade): Good Shepherd will be holding an Easter Eve Event for our little ones on Saturday, March 30<sup>th</sup>. Come join us from 2-3:30pm for crafts, refreshments and an Easter egg hunt! Please RSVP to Deanna Lauer ([youth@gspr.org](mailto:youth@gspr.org)) if you wish to participate. We also need volunteers for set up/clean up, supplies, and chaperones. Please contact us for more details.

All youth and families event: It's time for our annual Easter Breakfast! Sunday, March 31<sup>st</sup>, from 7:30-11am. Good Shepherd Youth and Families will be joining the Men's Breakfast crew to host a breakfast on Easter morning.

We are thankful for your presence here at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church and look forward to serving with you in one of our many great ministry opportunities!

Grace and Peace,

Timothy Kellogg

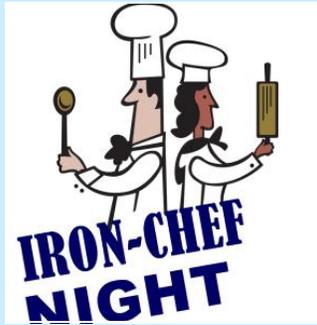


## CALLING ALL IRON CHEFS

- Do you have a special dish you like to make?
- Do you have a traditional dish you are proud of?
- Or do you just take pleasure in serving great food?

The Men's Group is hosting an IRON CHEF NIGHT, on the evening of April 27, that will provide you with the perfect venue to share your joy and interest with our church community in Fellowship Hall. We are looking for enthusiastic participants who will bring their favorite prepared appetizer, entrée, or dessert for all to taste and enjoy. All ages are invited to participate in this fun-filled and delicious evening. Entries will be judged and prizes will be awarded.

For further details: Please call or email Craig Sloane at 845-642-1568 or [csloane1@gmail.com](mailto:csloane1@gmail.com)



## Take a Trip on the SS Steward

Now, what does that mean? Is there such a ship? Indeed, there is, and we're all passengers on that "steward ship." Get it? That trip is intended to be among the most meaningful rides of our lives, even more meaningful than that thrilling roller coaster "ride of your life." Our passage has been paid for. And what a thrill it is, to participate actively on that ride, doing God's work in His world.

Webster defines stewardship as "an individual's responsibility to manage his life and property, with proper regard for the rights of others." And Christian stewardship fits right into that meaning. As people of God, we are called to manage our lives responsibly, to generously use the gifts of all that God has given us—ourselves, our time, our world, our resources, our everything.

This boat ride is not your traditional Caribbean cruise; it does not last just seven or ten days. It's unique, in that it is an all-life ride, one that God wants us to enjoy, as we live out God's plan to serve Him, and serve our fellow brothers and sisters in Christ.

The call has gone out: All Aboard! The SS Steward has pulled out of dock, to embark on a sea of opportunities of serving our God. Full steam ahead! Are you among the passengers?

## WELCA

The March meeting of WELCA will be held on Tuesday, March 5th, at 1:30 PM in the parlor. Our program will be an "auction". Please bring something new to be auctioned off. Articles can be wrapped or unwrapped. Proceeds will be used to further our benevolence support.

All ladies of the church are invited to join us for a retreat on "Christ's Transforming Grace" to be presented by Pastor Peggy Niederer. The date is Saturday, April 6th, 2013, from 9:00 am – 2:30 pm in Fellowship Hall. The day will begin with a continental breakfast, and a lunch at noon, the program will conclude with the Eucharist. Please bring your Bible and read Romans 3:19 – 28 and John 3:1 – 21. The cost is \$25.00. Please RSVP to Barbara Bow by Monday, April 1st, at 845-215-5866. Check the bulletin board in the educational building for complete information. These retreats are very inspirational and rewarding, along with fellowship we share.

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



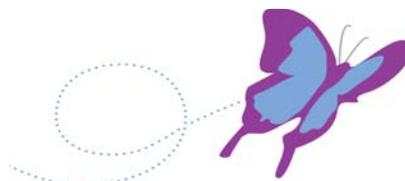
## CREATIVE PLAY NEWS

March comes in like a lion and out like a lamb, after the crazy weather we have had this year, everyone at Creative Play is hoping for more outside time! There are many activities planned for

March, like puppet shows for our 3- & 4-year-old classes, performed by parents from our Puppet Committee. Our traditional Easter Hat Parade will take place on March 18th & 19th; it will be fun to see all the creative hats on parade. We will end the month with Easter parties in the classrooms, where the children will hunt for Easter eggs, and enjoy a bunny cake baked by a parent volunteer. The children will visit Church to hear a story of spring and new life!

Our classes are filling up for the 2013-14 school year; there are still some openings in our 3-year-old afternoon and 3-day, 3 after-noon programs. Registration for our Kindergarten Enrichment, Time for Twos and Summer Camp will take place when we return from Easter Break. Please feel free to call the school ( 845-735-2737) so we can answer any questions you may have regarding these fun programs.

Maureen Connelly  
Director



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>MARCH 2013</b>					<b>1</b> 9:30/1:00 Creative Play/UPK 7:45 AA—Fellowship Hall	<b>2</b>
<b>3 LENT 3 Lutheran Schools Week</b> 8:15 Worship/Evening Bells 9:30 Contemporary Worship 10:30 Holy Communion/SCS/Upper Rm./ Evening Bells/New Member Class 11:30 Healing Service 11:30 Coffee Hour—Parlor 11:30-12:30 J-Crew (3-5 grades) Group Meeting—Fellowship Hall 6:00 AA—Fellowship Hall	<b>4</b> 9:30/1:00 Creative Play/UPK 6:00-7:00 Evening Bells 6:30 Creative Play Teacher's Mtg. 7:00-8:00 Renaissance Camerata 7:30 Prayer Shawl Ministry 8:00-8:45 Renaissance Canzona	<b>5</b> 9:30/1:00 Creative Play/UPK 1:30 WELCA—Parlor 7:00 Boy Scouts—Fellowship Hall	<b>6</b> 9:00 Golden Stitchers 9:30/1:00 Creative Play/UPK 6:00-7:00 Simple Soup Supper 7:00-8:00 Communiiversity Classes 7:00-8:00 First Communion Class #1 8:00-8:30 Holden Evening Prayer Serv.	<b>7</b> 9:30/1:00 Creative Play/UPK 10:30-11:00 Staff Mtg. 12:30-1:30 LIFE Meeting 4:30-5:30 Sacristy Singers 5:30-6:15 Renaissance Canzona 7:00-8:15 Confirmation 6th Gr. 7:30-9:00 Sanctuary Choir	<b>8</b> 9:30/1:00 Creative Play/UPK  <i>VOICE articles due for April Issue</i> 7:45 AA—Fellowship Hall	<b>9</b>
<b>10 LENT 4—Girl Scout Sunday</b> 8:15 Holy Communion 9:30 Contemporary Worship 10:30 Worship/SCS/Upper Room/Baptism 10:30 New Member Class—Parlor 11:30 Coffee Hour—Parlor 12:00 Concert @ Noon—Sanctuary Choir <i>"Blessed Assurance"</i> 6:00 AA—Fellowship Hall	<b>11</b> 9:30/1:00 Creative Play/UPK 6:00-7:00 Evening Bells 7:00-8:00 Renaissance Camerata 8:00-8:45 Renaissance Canzona	<b>12</b> 9:30/1:00 Creative Play/UPK 1:00 Piecemakers—Youth Room 7:00 Boy Scouts—Fellowship Hall 7:30 CP Exec. Bd Mtg.—Nursery 7:30 Pastoral Sessions 8:00 Woman's Faith Life Group	<b>13</b> 9:00 Golden Stitchers—Parlor 9:30/1:00 Creative Play/UPK 4:30 Executive Committee Meeting 6:00-7:00 Simple Soup Supper—FH 7:00-8:00 Communiiversity Classes 7:00-8:00 First Communion Class #2 8:00-8:30 Holden Evening Prayer Serv.	<b>14</b> 9:30/1:00 Creative Play/UPK 10:30-11:00 Staff Meeting 4:30-5:30 Sacristy Singers 7:00-8:15 Confirmation 7th Gr. 7:30-9:00 Sanctuary Choir	<b>15</b> 9:30/1:00 Creative Play/UPK  Koinonia (Sr. High) Retreat 7:45 AA—Fellowship Hall	<b>16</b> 9:00 Men's Breakfast Koinonia (Sr. High) Retreat
<b>17 LENT 5</b> 8:15 Worship Service 9:30 Contemporary Worship 10:30 Holy Communion/SCS/Upper Room/ New Members 11:30 Internship Committee Mtg.—B9 1:30 St. Patrick's Day Parade in PR 6:00 AA—Fellowship Hall	<b>18</b> 9:30/1:00 Creative Play/UPK Creative Play Easter Hat Parade 6:00-7:00 Evening Bells 7:00-8:00 Renaissance Camerata 8:00-8:45 Renaissance Canzona	<b>19</b> 9:30/1:00 Creative Play/UPK  7:00 Boy Scouts—Fellowship Hall	<b>20</b> 9:00 Golden Stitchers 9:30/1:00 Creative Play/UPK 1:00 Rockland Clergy 6:00-7:00 Simple Soup Supper—FH 7:00-8:00 Communiiversity 7:00-8:00 First Communion Class #3 8:00-8:30 Holden Evening Prayer 8:30 Church Council—Parlor	<b>21</b> 9:30/1:00 Creative Play/UPK 10:30-11:00 Staff Meeting 4:30-5:30 Sacristy Singers 6:15-7:00 Confirmation Hot Dogs 7:00-8:00 Confirmation 8th Grade 8:00-8:15 Acolyte Training 7:30-9:00 Sanctuary Choir 7:30 Pastoral Sessions	<b>22</b> 9:30/1:00 Creative Play/UPK  7:45 AA—Fellowship Hall	<b>23</b>
<b>24 PALM SUNDAY</b> 8:15 Holy Communion 9:30 Contemporary Worship 10:30 Holy Communion, SCS/Upper Room/ Sacristy Singers/Canzona/GHB 11:30-12:30 Project 4:12 (Sr. High) 11:30 Coffee Hour—Parlor 6:00 AA—Fellowship Hall	<b>25</b> NO CREATIVE PLAY 6:00-7:00 Evening Bells 7:00-8:00 Renaissance Camerata 8:00-8:45 Renaissance Canzona	<b>26</b> NO CREATIVE PLAY 1:00 Piecemakers—Youth Room 7:00 Boy Scouts—Fellowship Hall	<b>27</b> NO CREATIVE PLAY 9:00 Golden Stitchers—FH	<b>28 MAUNDAY THURSDAY</b> 10:30-11:00 Staff Meeting 7:00 Sanctuary Choir 8:00 Holy Communion Service Stripping of the Altar	<b>29 GOOD FRIDAY</b> 12:00 Good Friday Children's Service " <i>Walk with Jesus</i> " 2:00 Tenebrae Service with Holy Communion 8:00 Tenebrae Service 9:15 Handbell setup for Easter Sunday  NO AA MEETING TONIGHT	<b>30 HOLY SATURDAY</b> 10:00 Altar setup for Easter Sunday  2:00-3:30 Easter Eve Event Family Life Group (Pre-K thru 2nd Grade)
<b>31 EASTER SUNDAY</b> 6:30 Sunrise Service of Holy Communion 7:30 -11 a.m. Easter Breakfast 9:00 a.m. Festival Eucharist Service 11:00 a.m. Family Worship Service 6:00 AA—Fellowship Hall						

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