



The Shepherd's Voice

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

NOVEMBER 2015

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

NOTICE OF SPECIAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING—"CALL SUNDAY"—see pages 8, 9

From the Council President – Council Update

The Church Council has been hard at work on the many issues facing us during this transitional period. The best news is that our faith and commitment is strong and resilient, as the Lord would have it be! Our goal is to complete this major transition to a new permanent Pastor by the end of the year. We have been blessed by the excellent service provided by Interim Pastor Henry Morris, and by a talented and devoted Call Committee. In this edition, I want to highlight several other issues that Council has been dealing with on behalf of the membership.

Capital Campaign Study Group: Under the leadership of Don Widmayer, this Study Group has been evaluating the current maintenance needs of the church and projecting future building needs required to operate appealing programs. During Oct/Nov, the Council is expected to prioritize a list of over 30 projects the Study Group has recommended be undertaken. These range from expensive items such as installing an elevator for easier access and replacing the patio over the boiler room, to less costly items like window replacements in Fellowship Hall and skylight replacements in the education building. Council is considering a capital campaign during 2016 to fund these projects, outside the normal budget. More on this in coming months.

Albert Ahlf Joins Music Staff: Council has hired Albert Ahlf to replace John Lampkin as our 9:30 AM contemporary worship pianist. Albert is completing his degree in Jazz Music & Performance at SUNY Purchase. He lives in Orangeburg and is an active musical performer and instructor throughout the lower Hudson Valley. Albert continues to serve as Assistant Choir Director & Pianist at Piermont Reformed Church and teaching assistant at the Rockland Music Conservatory in Pearl River. He has performed as a pianist at Rockland Community College, Nyack Village Theater, the Old 76 House restaurant, Helen Hayes Hospital, the Community Church of HoHoKus, NJ, and several other venues. Albert also received classical music training at the Ithaca College School of music. Albert has a particularly good rapport with young musicians and hopes to introduce some of them into the 9:30 AM worship service.

Current Financial Needs: At this writing the church has a \$24,000 deficit through August 31st. The Council decided to alert the congregation to this deficit throughout September – November, the end of our fiscal year. You have seen announcements about this in the *Voice* and in the weekly *Cross Connections*. So far, people have responded and this deficit is being reduced. However, WE NEED YOUR HELP to reduce the deficit further. We ask that the congregation prayerfully consider increasing their giving during these final months of our fiscal year. Updates on the deficit reduction effort will be published in *Cross Connections* as the numbers become available.

2016 Budget Planning: The Council is working on a plan to present a balanced budget for the December 2015 – November 2016 fiscal year. This plan will be ready to present at the Annual Meeting on November 15, 2015. This budget will include funding for a new permanent Pastor and for an additional position whose duties will be determined by the new Pastor. Funding for all current programs will continue. The budget will also contain a realistic income/revenue projection. We believe that having a balanced budget for the coming year will be a stabilizing factor and also aide the new Pastor in establishing priorities within the plan.

Annual Meeting – November 15, 2015: Please plan on attending Good Shepherd's Annual Meeting on November 15th following the 10:30 AM worship service. Again this year we will have a potluck luncheon in Fellowship Hall, followed by the meeting itself. This new format was a big hit last year, so please plan to be there, enjoy a meal and fellowship with your fellow members, and participate in the discussions about our programs and proposed budget for next year! Thank you.

Richard M. Struck
Church Council President

THE INTERFAITH THANKSGIVING SERVICE WILL BE HELD THIS YEAR ON TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 24TH, AT 7:30 PM, AT THE PEARL RIVER UNITED METHODIST CHURCH, ON THE CORNER OF JOHN STREET AND FRANKLIN AVE. IN PEARL RIVER. GOOD SHEPHERD WILL NOT BE HOLDING A THANKSGIVING SERVICE THIS YEAR.

**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

Sundays: 8:15, 9:30, & 10:30 a.m.

CONTACT US

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AT YOUR SERVICE

The Reverend Henry Morris, Interim Pastor
Richard Struck - Council President
Robert Bergman - Treasurer
Maureen Connolly - Creative Play Director
Dale Damon - Church Secretary
Steve Damon - Bookkeeper
Brenda Ferguson - Organist/Director of Music
Dagmar Klein - Church Administrator
The Reverend John R. Taylor - Pastor Emeritus

LIFE STATIONS

Baptisms

Savannah Elizabeth Spoelstra
Nathan Paul Witherell
Aidan James Lutot

Date

10/18/15
10/18/15
11/08/15

**DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME ENDS NOVEMBER 1st.
REMEMBER TO TURN BACK YOUR CLOCKS
OCTOBER 31st, BEFORE BEDTIME!**



The Good Shepherd Church Council

Richard Struck, President
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Voice Publication Deadline

Items to be included in *The Shepherd's Voice* must be submitted to the church office by **November 13th**, for the Dec./Jan 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.

**GOOD SHEPHERD CHURCH
WILL HOLD ITS
ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL
MEETING ON SUNDAY,
NOVEMBER 15TH,
FOLLOWING THE 10:30 SERVICE**

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.

Roof Fund Appeal!

As most of you know, Good Shepherd owns a free-standing house next to the church on Hunt Ave. In the past; this house was used by several of our Vicars as their residence while they served with us. We now will refer to this house as the Parsonage, since our next Pastor will most likely live there for a while.



The Parsonage needs a new roof! However, our present finances will not support the approximately \$7,500 needed to replace the present roof. So, your Church Council has decided to issue an Urgent Appeal for special donations for a Roof Fund. Please prayerfully consider contributing to this fund during October and November, since we want to do the work before winter this year! We ask that these contributions not be made by reducing your current pledge or giving pattern. This needs to be extra funding, outside of your normal giving. Thank you.

Enjoy the Convenience of Online Giving



Good Shepherd Church wants to remind you that you can give to the church through our “**eOffering**” website link at www.gspr.org. We offer an online giving option as a way to automate your regular weekly and special offerings. Electronic giving offers convenience for individual congregational members and provides much-needed donation consistency for our congregation.

eOffering can direct debit your checking or savings account in the amount and frequency you choose, and transfer those payments directly to Good Shepherd’s bank account.

To set up your online eOffering account, please visit Good Shepherd Church’s website (www.gspr.org), look for the word “Give” in the box on the lower left hand side of the home page, and click “**eOffering**” to enter Online Giving. Click to create a new profile and follow the directions on the page. Once you create a profile, you can, at any time set up an automatic donation plan, change your donation plan, make a one-time donation, or view your online donation history.

As you contemplate future financial contributions to Good Shepherd Church, please consider electronic giving. The church office can provide you with additional information. If you have any questions or need assistance setting up an eOffering profile, you can also contact Rich Bowman at (845) 627-6967 or by email at rpbp@yahoo.com.

WELCA

The next meeting of WELCA will be held on Tuesday, Nov. 3rd at 1:30 PM in the parlor of Good Shepherd Church.



We will have a guest speaker who will talk to us about “Shelter Boxes.” Sounds interesting and you need to join us to find out what they are.

We have a short business meeting, and some delicious refreshments and fellowship. So, please join us.

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

MAINTAINING YOUR MEMBERSHIP

The congregational constitution states that membership is maintained by annually receiving the sacrament and making a contribution of record. Every January, the congregation updates its membership records by noting those who have maintained membership or removed themselves from the rolls.



CHECK IT OUT... WWW.GSPR.ORG
& CHECK US OUT ON FACEBOOK TOO!

CREATIVE PLAY NEWS



Our fall days have been filled with so many exciting events at Creative Play. The children, who were dressed in their Halloween costumes, trick or treated to all the classrooms; it was so much fun. Our children are learning about the Native Americans and Pilgrims, and how they worked together to build homes and grow their own food. The Program Committee will put on a special show about the First Thanksgiving, and the children will get to have a hands-on experience, pretending they are on the Mayflower, living in a tepee, and playing games children in those days enjoyed. November ends with a delicious feast of turkey, mashed potatoes and corn, with all the children dressed as Native Americans. Everyone at Creative Play is thankful for faith, family and friends!

Maureen Connelly, Director



“Not what we say about our blessings, but how we use them, is the true measure of our thanksgiving.”

—W.T. Purkiser

FIFTH ANNUAL GOOD SHEPHERD TURKEY RUN



November 21 is **BRING YOUR TURKEY TO CHURCH DAY**. We'll be collecting turkeys and Thanksgiving fixin's for distribution at Epiphany Lutheran Church (Pastor Larry McFarland's church) and to Fordham Lutheran Church (Pastor Jonathan Recabarren's church).

This year we'll be receiving your donations on **Saturday**, November 21, from 8 a.m. to 10 a.m., in the church parking lot.

In addition to the 50 – 60 turkeys (or chickens or hams), we hope to receive, the following Thanksgiving items so we can assemble a bag of groceries to accompany each turkey: stuffing, cranberry sauce, gravy, sweet potatoes, canned veggies, instant potatoes. We've seen an increase in *donated fresh vegetables* and these are always much appreciated too.

If you can't shop but would still like to donate, then ShopRite gift cards and checks made out to Good Shepherd Lutheran Church – memo note "Turkey Run" work well too. **We'll also be happy to pick up your donation.** Call Jayne or Tom Knarich at 845-358-7632.

Lastly, we would love to have some help in sorting the groceries in Fellowship Hall on the morning of the 21st. If you would like to be a driver to the Bronx churches, just call Jayne or Tom. There will be people at the two churches to unload when we get there. Many hands make light work.

Oh give thanks to the Lord; call upon His name; make known his deeds among the peoples! 1 Chronicles 16:8

GOOD SHEPHERD'S BOY SCOUT TROOP 36 WREATH AND GRAVE BLANKET SALE



Boy Scout Troop 36, sponsored by Good Shepherd Church, will be selling Christmas wreaths (\$20) and grave blankets (\$30). The wreaths and blankets are beautifully hand-decorated by the Scouts, with natural evergreens, pine cones, a red bow, and seasonal decorations.

The Troop wishes to thank the congregation for their past generous support of their annual fundraiser. Order wreaths and blankets beginning early November by signing the sign-up sheet in the entrance of the church, or call Scoutmaster Bob Klein at 845-624-3216. Ordered wreaths can be picked up on Nov. 29th and Dec. 6th. Additional wreaths will be for sale on these dates, as well. If you need your wreaths before Thanksgiving, please call the Scoutmaster to make arrangements.

CONFIRMATION NEWS

6th through 8th Grade Confirmation Classes

Confirmation Class will be held the following evenings in Fellowship Hall:

6th Grade – Thursday, **November 5** – 7:00 to 8:15 pm

7th Grade – Thursday, **November 12** – 7:00 to 8:15 pm

8th Grade – Thursday, **November 19** – 7:00 to 8:15 pm

For more information, contact the Church Office at (845) 735-2243.

Christian Education

Middle School: 5th to 8th Grade

Laser Tag –Sunday, November 8, from 2:30-4:00 pm

New York Sports Club -- Palisades Center Mall

\$17 per person

RSVP is Required • Only 25 Spaces Available • Reserve Your Spot ASAP • Invite a Friend

Contact: Rich Bowman at rbbp@yahoo.com or the church office at **(845) 735-2243**

Price includes an hour of Laser Tag and pizza. Participants are to meet in the lobby of NY Sports Club, located in the Palisades Center food court area. **Please arrive by 2:20 pm** so we can start our game on time. Participants will be dismissed to their parents, from the lobby, at 2 pm. Cash or checks payable to Good Shepherd Lutheran Church. Annual or single event permission slip required.

High School: 9th to 12th Grade

Laser Tag –Sunday, December 13, from 2:30-4:00 pm

New York Sports Club -- Palisades Center Mall

\$17 per person

RSVP is Required • Only 25 Spaces Available • Reserve Your Spot ASAP • Invite a Friend

Contact: Rich Bowman at rbbp@yahoo.com or the church office at **(845) 735-2243**.

Price includes an hour of Laser Tag and pizza. Participants are to meet in the lobby of NY Sports Club, located in the Palisades Center food court area. **Please arrive by 2:20 pm** so we can start our game on time. Participants will be dismissed, from the lobby, at 3 pm. Cash or checks payable to Good Shepherd Lutheran Church. Annual or single event permission slip required.

CHRISTMAS PAGEANT REHEARSALS

Attention all SCS students: It's time for the Annual Good Shepherd Christmas Pageant !

All students, Pre-K - 5th grade, are welcome to come out and join us. Rehearsals began September 20th and will run for one hour after the 10:30 service ends. We will present our pageant on December 20th, as part of the Music at Noon Ministry.

We also welcome any middle school or high school students who wish to earn community service hours for their school's requirement.

Please contact Michelle Zaro at:

zarom@aol.com



**Stenland Lodge No. 727
Vasa Order of America
an Educational, Cultural
and Fraternal Organization**



Invites you to their
Annual Lucia Celebration and Christmas Party

Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, Fellowship Hall
Sunday December 6, 2014, at 2:00 p.m.

Refreshments will be served

Requested Donation \$10.00

Children under 16 are free.

For Information: Contact Ingrid Allison at
ingridallison@optonline.net or 845-425-1574

ADULT CHRISTIAN EDUCATION



**Food, Faith
& Friends**

Food, Faith & Friends Meets Tuesday, November 17, at 7 pm

We cordially invite you to join us for Food, Faith & Friends on Tuesday, November 17, from 7 to 8:30 p.m. in the church parlor. Come share in this opportunity to meet new people of all ages, share a little about our faith journeys (including our questions), and eat a meal together. Bring yourselves, an open heart, an open mind, and an appetite! Invite a friend! Watch the Sunday *Cross Connections* in November for more details. If you have any questions, contact Rich Bowman at rbbp@yahoo.com or (845) 627-6967 or the Church Office at (845) 735-2243.

Theology Pub: Tuesday, November 3rd, 7:30-9:30 pm, Nanuet Hotel Restaurant

OPPORTUNITIES FOR CHRISTMAS GIFTING

During the holidays, our hearts are opened to those in need. At Good Shepherd we offer these suggestions as possibilities for you to choose from. Doing this as a family activity is a teaching tool, living out the joy of giving to others.






1. **White Gifts** – We will collect gifts for children, wrapped in white paper and noted with age/boy/girl, and dedicate them at a 10:30 service. These gifts will be taken to children in the Bronx. – sponsored by Youth/Sunday Church School
2. **Project Joy** – Collection of gifts for needy families (determined by *People to People*) Chart will be available for sign-up; delivery of gifts will be taken to *People to People* on specified date; sponsored by Social Ministries
3. **Mitten Tree** – Mittens, scarves, hats for children in Appalachia – sponsored by Creative Play
4. **Gifts for teens in Psychiatric Hospital** - PJs, T-shirts, sweatshirts and pants, games, PlayStation games (other Items will be provided on list in coat room) – Sponsored by Social Ministries
5. **Men's Breakfast** – Collection of money to be given to needy families in the Bronx
6. **Food Pantry** – *People to People* food pantry – food and non-food items are always needed; sponsored by Social Ministries
7. **Lutheran World Relief:** Lutheran World Relief works with local partners to provide lasting solutions to poverty, injustice and human suffering. They are working in refugee centers, providing health and financial aid in areas affected by disasters, drought, ebola, and wars, by providing shelter, quilts, kits. Give: www.lwr.org; call: 800-597-5972 or mail to Lutheran World Relief, P.O. Box 17061, Baltimore, MD 21297
8. **God's Global Barnyard** – Buy an animal: www.elca.org/ELCA/eCards/Categories/GodsGlobal-Barnyard
9. **Buy your Christmas Gifts from SERRV International** – This organization works with artisans across the globe, by marketing in a just and direct manner – beautiful items are found on their website: www.serrv.org



Transformations

Gratitude can transform common days into thanksgivings, turn routine jobs into joy and change ordinary opportunities into blessings.

—William Arthur Ward

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
I ALL SAINTS SUNDAY 8:15 Holy Communion/Temple Talk 9:30 Contemporary Service 9:45 Sanctuary Choir rehearsal 10:30 Holy Communion/SCS /Temple Talk/ Sacristy Singers 11:30 Pageant Rehearsal—Sanctuary 11:30 Coffee Hour—Church Parlor 6:00 AA/Fellowship Hall	2 9:30/12:30 Creative Play/UPK 6:00-7:00 Evening Bells 6:30 Creative Play Teachers Mtg. 7:00 Evangelism Mtg.—Parlor 7:00-8:00 Renaissance Camerata 7:30 Prayer Shawl Ministry 8:00-9:00 Canzona Yth Orch. 9:00 Solos—Choir Room	3 ELECTION DAY NO CREATIVE PLAY 9:15-10:20 CP Yoga—FH 1:30 WELCA—Church Parlor 7:30-9:30 Theology Pub-Nanuet Hotel 	4 9:00 Golden Stitchers—FH 9:30/1:00 Creative Play/UPK 7:00 Worship & Music	5 9:30/1:00 Creative Play/UPK 11:30 Staff Mtg. 4:30-5:30 Sacristy Singers 7:00 6th Gr. Confirmation—FH 7:30-9:00 Sanctuary Choir	6 9:30/1:00 Creative Play/UPK 3:00-6:00 Organ Lessons 7:45 AA/Fellowship Hall	7 2:00-3:00 Q&A with Council & Call Committee 3:00-4:30 Meet & Greet Pastoral Candidate
8 24 PENTECOST <u>CALL SUNDAY</u> 10:30 Holy Communion/Baptism (Pastoral Candidate leading service) 11:30 SPECIAL CONGREGATIONAL MTG. 2:30-4:30 Middle School Laser Tag 3:00-4:00 St. Lucia Rehearsal—Sanctuary 6:00 AA—Fellowship Hall	9 9:30/1:00 Creative Play/UPK 6:30 Creative Play Teachers Mtg. 7:00-8:00 Renaissance Camerata 8:00-9:00 Canzona Yth Orch. 9:00 Solos—Choir Room	10 9:15-10:20 CP Yoga-Fellowship Hall 9:30/1:00 Creative Play/UPK 1:00 Piecemakers—Youth Room 7:00 Boy Scouts—Fellowship Hall 7:00 Social Ministry—Parlor 8:00 Women's Faith Life—Parlor	11 Veterans Day NO CREATIVE PLAY 9:00 Golden Stitchers—FH 9:30/1:00 Creative Play/UPK 4:30 Executive Committee 	12 9:30/1:00 Creative Play/UPK 11:30 Staff Meeting 4:30-5:30 Sacristy Singers 7:00 7th Gr. Confirmation—FH 7:30 Sanctuary Choir	13 9:30/1:00 Creative Play/UPK 3:00-6:00 Organ Lessons 7:45 AA/Fellowship Hall	14 9:00-3:00 AA Seminar Fellowship Hall
15 25 PENTECOST Commitment Sunday 8:15 Worship Service 9:30 Contemporary Service 9:45 Sanctuary Choir rehearsal 10:30 Holy Communion/SCS/Evening Bells 11:30 ANNUAL MEETING/Pot Luck/FH 6:00 AA/Fellowship Hall	16 9:30/1:00 Creative Play 6:00-7:00 Evening Bells 7:00-8:00 Renaissance Camerata 8:00-9:00 Canzona Yth Orch. 9:00 Solos—Choir Room	17 9:00/1:00 Creative Play/UPK 1:00 Piecemakers 1:00 CP Program Set-Up 7:00 Boy Scouts—Youth Room	18 9:00 Golden Stitchers—FH 9:30/1:00 Creative Play/UPK Creative Play Native American Program—Fellowship Hall 7:00 Church Council—Parlor	19 9:30/1:00 Creative Play/UPK Creative Play Native American Program—Fellowship Hall 11:30 Staff Meeting 4:30 Sacristy Singers 7:00 8th Gr. Confirmation—FH 7:30 Sanctuary Choir	20 9:30/1:00 Creative Play/UPK 3:00-6:00 Organ Lessons 7:45 AA/Fellowship Hall	21 8:00-10:00 TURKEY RUN 9:00 Men's Breakfast
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29 ADVENT I 8:15 Holy Communion Service 9:30 Contemporary Service 9:45 Sanctuary Choir rehearsal 10:30 Holy Communion Service/SCS 6:00 AA/Fellowship Hall	30 9:30/1:00 Creative Play/UPK 10:00 Creative Play, Play Practice 1:30 Creative Play, Play Practice 6:00 Evening Bells-choir room 7:00 Renaissance Camerata 7:00 Youth & Education Mtg. 8:00 Canzona Youth Orchestra 9:00 Solos-Choir Rm & Sanctuary	NOVEMBER 2015 	<i>First Sunday of Advent</i> 			

NOTICE OF SPECIAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

Date: Sunday, November 8, 2015

Time: 11:30 AM or immediately following a single Worship Service at 10:30 AM in the Sanctuary of Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, 112 North Main Street, Pearl River, New York 10965. There is NO Sunday Church School (SCS), in order for families to hear the pastoral candidate together.

Purpose: “CALL SUNDAY” MEETING – to vote on the recommended candidate as our next Pastor of Good Shepherd Lutheran Church.

October 26, 2015

Dear Good Shepherd Member,

We are excited to share that, after months of discussion, interviews, listening to/attending various worship services and much deliberation by the Call Committee, the voting members of your Church Council have reviewed and unanimously approved the Call Committee’s candidate recommendation for our next permanent Pastor.

You are invited to participate in the upcoming “Call Sunday” Weekend Events:

Saturday, November 7th – “Meet & Greet” Reception in Fellowship Hall

2-3 pm: We recognize this is a big decision for the congregation. Come and talk with members of the Call Committee and the Church Council to discuss the candidate, your concerns and the process leading to the selection of a Pastor. The candidate’s biography will be available.

3-4:30 pm: Meet and interact with the candidate and their family. Members of the Call Committee and the Council will also be available for continued discussion.

Sunday, November 8th – “Call Sunday” Worship Service, Congregational Meeting and Vote

There will be only one service, to be held at 10:30 AM, and NO Sunday Church School.

The Pastoral candidate will preside and preach at this worship service.

Immediately following the service, a Synod representative will be introduced to conduct the meeting. The candidate will address the congregation, answer questions and will then leave the Sanctuary.

Members of the Call Committee and the Church Council will be present to provide additional background and to share their personal viewpoints about the candidate, as well as discuss the financial package being offered and to answer questions.

The voting members of the congregation will then be asked to vote to elect the candidate as Pastor and approve the financial package being offered.

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VOTING REQUIREMENTS:

- Must be a confirmed member. Such members shall have communed in this congregation and shall have made a contribution of record via envelope, check, or eOffering to this congregation during the current or preceding calendar year.
- Must be at least 18 years of age (requirement of the New York State Religious Corporation Law)
- A 2/3 majority vote, by written ballot, is required by the attendees at this specially called meeting to elect the pastoral candidate and to approve the recommended compensation and benefits package. (No absentee ballots)

No other business will be conducted at this meeting.

Confidentiality is still required during this process. The Call Committee and Council are working under rules prescribed by the Metro New York Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America. These are not rules and procedures that Good Shepherd created, but those of the national church, which we must abide by. These procedures require a great deal of patience by our congregation. However, it is good to remember that we are part of a national church organization, and it is the larger church, namely the Metro NY Synod, which provides us with qualified Pastoral candidates.

General Information about the Pastoral Candidate:

- Experienced ELCA minister with five years pastoral experience in Tri-State area
- Intellectually curious and thinks deeply about topics; holds three Masters degrees
- Strong communicator who utilizes a blog and social media
- Believes the youth are central and integral to the life of the church
- Leader who seeks to find common ground via small groups
- Led day and evening book discussions
- Has been called “a bridge to everyone, young and old,” by a current parishioner
- Theologically grounded in the incarnation and God in ordinary life

Please set aside the weekend of November 7th & 8th and be there for a joyous celebration of faith and renewal at Good Shepherd!

Yours in Christ,

Richard M. Struck
Church Council President

ORDER FORM
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ON CHRISTMAS EVE



Deadline for order: December 13, 2015

In Memory of:

In Honor of:

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Enclosed: \$ _____ (suggested donation \$10 per memorial)