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.

GOOD SHEPHERD CHURCH WILL HOLD THEIR ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING ON SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 16TH

CHANGES are coming, CHANGES are coming...

- Pearl River Interfaith Thanksgiving Observance will be held this year at Good Shepherd. The service will be on Tuesday evening, November 25th at 7:30 p.m. This will be in place of Good Shepherd’s annual Thanksgiving Service.

- CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICES at Good Shepherd will have NEW times: 4:30, 8:00 & 10:00 pm (special music will precede the 8:00 and 10:00 services at 7:30 and 9:30 pm, respectively)

HOT DOG SUNDAY & COMMITTEE FAIR...IT WAS A SPECIAL DAY!

Photo’s by Dagmar Klein
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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AT YOUR SERVICE
The Reverend Henry Morris, Interim Pastor
Ione Mensing - Diaconal Assisting Minister
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
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
Nolan Patrick Arfsten
Hayes Emerson Eisold

Date
2/28/14
2/28/14

GENERAL MEMORIAL FUND
In memory of Ray Woodward given by Dorothy Urquhart
In memory of Ray Woodward, given by Lauren Galliker & Michael Spivey
In memory of Ray Woodward, given by Durelle & Richard Voorhees
In memory of Ray Woodward, given by Dave & Ruth Cranston
In memory of Maddy Keller, given by Dorothy Urquhart
In memory of Martin Nee, given by Durelle & Richard Voorhees

PASTOR’S DISCRETIONARY FUND
In memory of Will Traynor, given by Dave & Ruth Cranston

Voice Publication Deadline
Items to be included in The Shepherd’s Voice must be submitted to the church office by October 10th for the November 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.

INTERESTED IN MEMBERSHIP?....or just want to find out more about Good Shepherd?
On October 12th and 19th at 10:30 a.m, in the Church Parlor, we will be gathering for an opportunity to 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 October 26th. Please call the church office or e-mail Kathleen@gspr.org if you would like to attend or if you have any questions.

2014 CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH COUNCIL
Richard Struck - President
Susan Baumeister - Vice President
Robert Bergman - Treasurer
Kim Arcidiacono - Council Secretary
Rob Bayer - Property
Werner Boecker - Financial Secretary
Barbara Bow - Worship & Music Liaison
Brian Brooker - Property Liaison
Trish Habas - At Large
Steve Habina - Youth Liaison
Jayne Knarich - At Large
Katie Lauer - Youth Representative
Janet Maleski - At Large
Herman Mensing - Stewardship Chairman
Kenneth Merring - Personnel
Daily Living

Each of us has been called to respond to God’s gift of life and to receive the salvation offered through Christ’s sacrifice for us. We have been called to take care (to be responsible and faithful stewards) of all God has entrusted to us: God’s creation, our lives, our abilities, our resources, and our time.

If the term “Being a True Christian” has any real meaning for us, we are compelled to respond to that call. If we do not, and choose to distance ourselves from lives of service, we really have to reassess where we are in our faith lives. It’s very simple: If we are God’s people, as we claim we are, we will accordingly respond with lives of “giving back,” by caring for the environment God has gifted to us, and for the gifts of time, abilities and resources that God has freely, abundantly and undeservedly given to us.

As the time approaches when we will once again make decisions for the year ahead regarding or lives as God’s people, and committing to supporting God’s work at Good Shepherd and elsewhere, ---- the question is raised, for all of us: “What are my intentions for serving God in 2015, in response to God’s call to a life of service?”

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How well do you know Good Shepherd?
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<td>B. The purpose of this group is to provide the congregation with a clean, safe, and functional place to worship. These folks repair, replace, remove, or install items as needed. Some of the many projects they work on are: change light bulbs, put up the Advent Wreath, electrical work, set the clocks for daylight savings time, address heating &amp; air conditioning issues, assist with snow shoveling, and open the exhaust fan in the organ pipe room.</td>
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<td>C. These outreach activities help meet the needs of people facing a spectrum of life challenges. Some examples are the flower delivery, Souper Bowl Sunday, Global Barnyard &amp; the Hop-a-thon, the Turkey Run, the Prayer Shawl Ministry, &amp; the Piecemakers.</td>
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<td>E. Let’s help spread the Good News! We are involved with developing outreach within and outside the congregation. Some of our responsibilities include organizing Name Tag Sundays, planning the New Member brunch, participating in Keep Rockland Beautiful, hosting the Pearl River Day booth, and Christmas Caroling.</td>
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<td>F. We plan activities throughout the church year so that members have an opportunity to share in the friendship of the church family. Come join us for Hot Dog Sunday and Oktoberfest.</td>
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<td>H. Do you enjoy the beauty of flowers? We have the responsibility of weeding, planting, and maintaining the flower beds at Good Shepherd. Meeting as a team in early May, we plant the new annuals. Throughout the summer we gather for general care of the grounds.</td>
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MUSICIANS WANTED AND WELCOMED!

Any age, vocal or instrumental … YOU are needed and appreciated. Call Brenda 845-634-2729 if you want to give back some of your talent to God.

Sanctuary Choir 10:30 Worship Leaders. Rehearsals: Thursday, 7:30-9:00 pm Sundays, 9:45-11:30 am

Evening Bell Every month, in Worship. Monday, 6:00-7:00 pm

Renaissance Camerata High School Vocal Choir Monday, 7:00-7:45 pm

Canzona Youth Orchestra Monday, 7:45-8:30 pm

Sacryst Singers & God’s Holy Bells Elementary Thursday, 4:30-5:30 pm

The Organ School to be arranged

THANK YOU!

Our Choir and Handbell Rooms are better than ever, thanks to decisive and quick action by Rick Struck, the Church Council, and Jim & Wendy Otterstedt. We now have a new beautiful ceiling, freshly painted walls and robe closets, sparkling stripped and waxed floors, a professionally cleaned carpet, and bright clean lights to help us see the music.

Very special thanks to Carol Brundage, Barbara Bow, Jane Woodward, Gerard Seybold, and Robert Callan, who worked hard to clean, replace all the furniture, handbell equipment, stands, robes, and also restore the Parlor. We were able to begin our rehearsals in the best rooms ever!

We appreciate everyone who made this renovation possible. THANK YOU!

Brenda & All Music Ministry Volunteers

You are invited to
Food, Faith & Friends!
Tuesday, October 21, at 7 PM

You are invited to join Food, Faith & Friends on Tuesday, October 21, from 7 to 8:30 p.m. in the Church Parlor. Child care is available if you let us know in advance. Good Shepherd Church has an exciting year ahead! We cordially invite you to join in this opportunity to meet new people, 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! For more information or to RSVP, please contact Rich Bowman at rpbp@yahoo.com or (845) 627-6967, or email Kathleen Harpster in the church office at kathleen@gspr.org.

WELCA

The October meeting of WELCA will be on Tuesday, October 14th, at 1:30 PM in the parlor.

Our September meeting was very well-attended. We held our auction which was lots of fun and we made some money to add to our treasury.

Ladies, if you are a member of Good Shepherd, you are a member of WELCA. We are all needed to do the Lord’s work by continuing our many outreach programs. This year we will again be doing Health Care Kits for LWR. But more on that later.

Please join us. We have a short business meeting, an interesting program and, of course, fellowship and delicious refreshments.

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

MEN’S BREAKFAST GROUP

Good Shepherd’s Men’s Breakfast Group meets on the third Saturday of every month at 9:00 am in the Church Parlor. All men of Good Shepherd are invited to join us for fellowship and a great breakfast!
Youth Happenings

Hello Good Shepherd Families! It is beginning to be an autumn of bliss this year. You don’t want to miss a thing!

**Sunday Church School (PK-5th grade):**

**SCS Christmas Pageant Rehearsals**
Sunday, October 12th and 26th, at 11:30 am, in the Sanctuary.

**Cherub Choir** sings, during 10:30 worship, on Sunday, October 12th.

**Confirmation Ministry of Faith Affirmation:**

**H2O Odyssey: Journey to the Center of Hope**
- 6th Grade Confirmation: Thursday, October 2nd, from 7-8 pm, in Fellowship Hall
- 7th Grade Confirmation: Thursday, October 9th, from 7-8 pm, in Fellowship Hall
- 8th Grade Confirmation: Thursday, October 16th, from 7-8 pm, in Fellowship Hall

**Confirmation Family Night (6th-8th grade):** Thursday, October 23rd, from 6:15-8 pm, in Fellowship Hall
Bring the whole family!
Dinner begins at 6:15 pm
Class begins at 7 pm

**Acolyte Training**
Thursday, October 23rd, from 8-8:30 pm, in the Sanctuary
All students who signed up for the Acolyte Service Elective should participate.

**ELCA Youth Gathering (incoming 8th-11th graders):**
Registration Fee ($325) Due: Wednesday, October 15th.

**Oktoberfest**
Saturday, October 4th, beginning at 6 pm, in Fellowship Hall
Proceeds from Oktoberfest benefit youth attending the Youth Gathering in Detroit, MI in 2015.

**H2O (5th-8th grade): Laser Tag!!**
Sunday, October 19th, from 12:30-2 pm, at the NY Sports Club in the Palisades Center.
$15 for an hour of Laser Tag and pizza!
Friends are welcome to participate
Space is limited to the first 25 RSVPs
RSVP necessary to participate.

**4:12 (9th-12th grade): Spaghetti Dinner Game Night**
Sunday, October 19th, from 5-7 pm, in the Youth Room.
Contact Tim to bring a side dish, desert, or drinks to share (tim@gspr.org)
Bring your favorite board game and feel free to invite your friends!
Please RSVP to participate by Sunday, October 12th.

**For all Youth Ministry questions, contact Timothy Kellogg, Youth, Family and Education Director. Phone: (845) 735-2243 Ext. 303 or Email: tim@gspr.org. And stay connected with our e-news happenings for all your events (http://eepurl.com/mgzFn).**

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Christian Education Highlights

**Bible Study Resumes:**
- Wednesday, October 1st, from 7:30-9 pm, in Pastor's Office.
- Wednesday, October 8th, from 7:30-9 pm, in Pastor's Office.
- Wednesday, October 15th, from 7:30-9 pm, in Pastor's Office.
- Wednesday, October 22nd, from 7:30-9 pm, in Pastor's Office.
- Wednesday, October 29th, from 7:30-9 pm, in Pastor's Office.
All are welcome to participate. No age limit or prior religious education required.

**Theology Pub (21+):**
- Tuesday, October 7th, from 7:30-9:30, at the Nanuet Hotel.
- Tuesday, December 2nd, from 7:30-9:30, at the Nanuet Hotel.
All men and women over 21 years of age or older are welcome to participate. Please contact Tim Kellogg (tim@gspr.org) for more information.

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THANK YOU, VOLUNTEERS — VBS 2014

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Thank you to everyone who made this year’s VBS such a tremendous success!!
Stenland Lodge No. 727  
Vasa Order of America  
an Educational, Cultural and Fraternal Organization  
invites you to their  
Annual Lucia Celebration  
and  
Christmas Party  
at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church  
Fellowship Hall  
Sunday December 7, 2014, at 2:00 p.m.  
Refreshments will be served  
Requested Donation $8.00  Children under 16 are free.  
For Information: Contact Ingrid Allison at ingridallison@optonline.net or 845-425-1574

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**Church Council Capsule**

Your Church Council met on August 20th.

Among the topics discussed were the following:

**Interim Pastor:** On September 7th, at a special installation church service, we will welcome our new Interim Pastor, Henry Morris, who will serve us until a full-time pastor is secured. A Profile Committee is currently gathering information about Good Shepherd, from all our households, to be submitted to the New York Metropolitan Synod, which will assist us in identifying who that full-time pastor will be. A Call Committee will be established in the fall, to pursue our finding that permanent pastor. Pastor Morris will be living in the 2nd floor apartment of the Education Building. A number of volunteers spent many hours in preparing the apartment (painting, installations, etc.), with others purchasing or donating furniture. Thank you to all who helped.

**Treasurer's Report:** We continue to struggle financially, with summer being one of the weakest at Good Shepherd, in recent years. We are currently approximately $20,000 behind, and are hopeful that households will catch up on either their written commitments, or on unwritten pledges they made in their hearts at the start of 2014.

**Sanctuary Roof, Creative Play Roof:** As the congregation is aware, we have two brand new roofs on these two buildings. With our financial situation in the shape it is, members may wonder where the necessary approximately $75,000 funding came from. The work was paid for out of a generous bequest made to Good Shepherd by one of our families, to be used for capital improvements.

**Choir Room Ceiling Repair Plans:** With the Education Building roof having been replaced, the ceiling leakage issue can be addressed. The Property Committee anticipates this will be taken care of in the coming weeks.

**Ministry Site Profile Update:** The committee reported that things are moving along well. To date, sixty surveys have been submitted by congregation members. When finished, the profile will be placed on the ELCA website to assist in our calling a full-time pastor. (Also see “Interim Pastor” paragraph above.)

**Committee Fair:** A committee fair will take place on hot dog Sunday, September 14th. The various church committees will individually display what they do, in serving God at Good Shepherd, and also to encourage involvement of parishioners not yet involved in these areas of service.

Respectfully submitted on behalf of your Church Council,

Kim Arcidiacono  
Council Secretary

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Answer Key: How well do you know Good Shepherd?
COME TO OKTOBERFEST 2014
October 4th at 6:00 p.m.
(Doors will open at 5:45 p.m.)

Come for a fun evening with
German atmosphere, great food, music,
entertainment, raffles, children’s activities,
and fellowship

Menu: Roast pork and gravy, potato pancakes, potato salad, red cabbage & bratwurst, applesauce,
green salad, rolls and an apple dessert (hot dogs for children)
Beer, wine, cider, and soda

Cost: Adults $14.00
      Children $8.00 (12 and under) (Children under two are free)
      Family: $40.00
      Wine and beer: $5 each – limit of two

We are looking for “many hands to make light work,” so watch for sign-up sheets to set up, decorate,
cook/work in kitchen, serve, and clean-up. We are also looking for individuals and church groups to make up
baskets for the tricky tray table. Pick a theme and be creative!
Raffle tickets for a beautiful handmade quilt will also be sold. Winner need not be present to win!
Please fill out the form below and send to church office with payment, with “Oktoberfest” indicated
on the check. Confirmation will be via e-mail or telephone.

Only 125 tickets will be sold (deadline to sign-up—September 28th)

OKTOBERFEST 2014 – October 4th 6:00 p.m.

NAME: _________________________________________________________

E-mail or telephone # for confirmation: ______________________________

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CREATIVE PLAY NEWS

School is in full swing; we are so happy to have our little friend’s voices filling the hallways again. Our new playground is a big hit with the children and the staff; everyone is having fun playing on Bernie the Bus and climbing on the moon rock.

School pictures take place in the beginning of October, and soon after, the children will be involved in fall crafts like apple prints, leaf rubbings and painting with acorns!

The children will learn about fire safety from the firemen and Sparky the Dalmatian dog. In mid-October, Tim Kellogg will meet with the children in chapel, where they will learn how special they are. Our parents from the puppet committee will be putting on some fun puppet shows for the children to enjoy. There are always exciting times at Creative Play!

We look forward to the end of the month when our children will celebrate Halloween with costumes and trick-or-treating, a most spooktacular day at Creative Play.