

Serving Rockland County, NY & Northern Bergen

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

**HOT DOG SUNDAY is September 16th!**

Following the 10:30 a.m. service, join us in Fellowship Hall for our annual lunch of hot dogs, with all the trimmings. It's a great opportunity to reconnect after the summer with those members we know, as well as to meet new people.

FALL SERVICE SCHEDULE RESUMES

Starting September 9th, we will have three services each Sunday at:

8:15, 9:30 & 10:30 a.m., with Sunday Church School at the 10:30 hour.

FROM THE PASTOR

September is here. The Olympics are over. How incredibly disciplined these young athletes are. I tip my hat to the effort of the "Brits". They deserve a lot of credit for offering the world a great Olympics that beautifully reflected the culture and history of Great Britain. All of this was to support the athletes who work year after year to perfect their skill, giving them a forum to compete on the world stage.

Now that September is here, we, at Good Shepherd church, return to our full schedule and our fall program that reflect our lives as disciples of the Lord. At the heart of our ministry and mission is the need and the joy of growing in our discipleship. Inherent in being a disciple is a life of faith that seeks to grow intentionally in a disciplined way. This discipline includes hearing the Word and receiving the sacrament regularly. It includes regular conversation with other Christians who are intentionally seeking to grow in the faith because there is so much to learn. Lifelong learning in the faith includes learning of the wonderful stories in the Scriptures as they relate to the stories of our own lives.

I invite you to take part in the discipline of being a disciple of Jesus Christ at "Good Shepherd". Growing in grace is the work of the Spirit among us. In our program ministries there are ample opportunities for learning more about how God's Word speaks to us as we live our lives each day. Since September is the month when we emphasize our lifelong learning ministries, I invite and encourage you to participate in one of the learning groups that we have at Good Shepherd. There is a place for you to grow as a disciple of the Lord. The Spirit comes to work us "good and hard" in order that we can serve and give witness to our living Lord each day of our lives.

The Reverend John W. Havrilla, Pastor

MINISTRY MATTERS CLOSE TO HOME

We hold in prayer our new Vicar, Jerod Freeberg, who begins his internship year with us this month. Jerod, his mother, father and brother will be traveling to our area at the beginning of September to help him move into his apartment. Jerod has completed two years at Luther Seminary in St. Paul, Minnesota and has completed his Clinical Pastoral Education program in Minneapolis this summer. This will be Jerod's first trip to New Jersey and New York, and so we want to give him that famous "Big Apple" welcome. Vicar Jerod's installation will be held on September 16, with a special reception held after the 10:30 a.m. Service on Hot Dog Sunday. Please join Jerod for a hot dog luncheon following worship. Your warm welcome has always been appreciated by all those who have served at "Good Shepherd" during their internship year and makes a big difference as students begin their work with us.

We are also happy to share the news that former Vicar, Jonathan Recabarren, has been called to serve as pastor of Fordham Lutheran Church in the Bronx, New York. We will announce the date of his Ordination as soon as it has been set by the Bishop of the Metropolitan New York Synod. We keep Jonathan, Vilma, Alex and all the members of their new congregation in our special prayer of thanksgiving to the Spirit that "calls, gathers, enlightens, sanctifies and keeps" the church for mission in the world.

**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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AT YOUR SERVICE

The Reverend John W. Havrilla - Pastor

Jerod Freeberg - Vicar

Ione Mensing - Diaconal Assisting Minister/
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Donald Widmayer - Council President

Robert Bergman - Treasurer

Maureen Connolly - Creative Play Director

Dale Damon - Church Secretary

Steve Damon - Bookkeeper

Brenda Ferguson - Organist/Choir Director

Kathleen Johnson - 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

Deanna Lauer - SCS Office Adm./ Worship
Leader/Youth Coordinator

Alex & Alma Nika - Sextons

John R. Taylor - Pastor Emeritus, FL

2012 CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH COUNCIL

Donald Widmayer - Council President

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Lin Simeti - Evangelism Liason

Barbara Sloane - Fellowship

John W. Havrilla - Pastor

LIFE STATIONS

Baptisms

Date

Alfred John Ryan

7/29/12

Matthew Oliver Barschdorf

7/29/12

Lucas Peter Habina

7/29/12

Charles Bingham Rankin

8/26/12

Deaths

Date

George K. Hadelor, III

7/12/12

All in the Family

Former Vicar, Jonathan Recabarren, has accepted a call to Fordham Lutheran in the Bronx...Congratulations !!

**2012 ANNUAL REPORTS ARE DUE
INTO THE CHURCH OFFICE BY
OCTOBER 7th.
office@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 that you'd like us to use.

Voice Publication Deadline

Items to be included in The Shepherd's Voice must be submitted to the church office by **Sept. 14th** for the **October 2012** 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.

ONCE UPON A TIME...

According to *A Brief History of Our Church*: “In the year 1900, a group of Lutherans living in Pearl River, including a number of German and Swedish families...decided they should form a congregation for the purpose of divine worship.” They probably didn’t think in terms of a mission at that time, yet they clearly knew why they were joining together - “for the purpose of divine worship.” One hundred and twelve years later, we articulate that focus by claiming “Our mission is to spread the Word of God, empowered by the gifts we have been given.” Our Mission Statement answers the question, “*Why do we, as a congregation, exist? What is our purpose?*”

Our Vision Statement answers the question, “*What is a picture of the future we seek to create?*” Excerpts from our Vision Statement have been appearing weekly in the *Cross Connections*. We will be continuing this over the coming months. In essence, their content is about Deepening Faith, Inspiring People and Elevating Service.

You will be hearing more about these areas as we include them in messages about our Stewardship opportunities. Here is a little prayer that caught my eye about Jesus’ feeding of the 5000. *Lord, remind us that you have a marvelous way of making the most of the gifts that we have, when we turn them over to you and allow you to work your multiplication. Amen.*

Submitted by Jayne Knarich

GOOD SHEPHERD PRAYER CHAIN

There have always been more questions about “prayer” than there are answers. So much we don’t understand, and yet, through the centuries, people have called upon God in prayer for help in times of need, and we continue to do so today.

Often, when we face a difficult time in our lives, or when we know of a friend who is coping with a difficulty, we instinctively turn to prayer. Often, too, we call friends and ask them to pray with us. Knowing that others are praying with us can be a helpful source of courage and strength.

The ***Good Shepherd Prayer Chain*** is a way of enabling members of our congregation to support each other in prayer. ***And just what is a “prayer chain?”*** A prayer chain is simply a group of people who have committed themselves to be available to pray as needs arise. Here’s how it works:

Someone calls or e-mails a request for prayer to Lone Mensing or Carol Westphal. That request is then relayed to members of the prayer chain by e-mail. Each person receiving the request then takes some time to pray for the request received. The prayer may be a simple “God, please help!” or it may be a time of quietly lifting a particular person and a particular need to God and asking for God’s help.

If you should experience a difficult time in your life—or in the life of a loved one or friend—and would like the support of others praying with you, please call or e-mail your request to:

Lone Mensing.....201-664-1235 parishworker@gspr.org

Carol Westphal.....845-624-5732 carolwestphal@verizon.net

The ***Good Shepherd Prayer Chain*** will then be activated, and a number of people will be praying with you. Be assured, your concern will be held in confidence. Members of the prayer chain will share your concern only with God—not with others.

Are you interested in becoming a part of the Good Shepherd Prayer Chain so you can pray for others in their time of need? Would you like more information? If so, please contact Lone or Carol.

THANK YOU DON GABEL, SCOUTMASTER

Good Shepherd and Boy Scout Troop 36 would like to thank Don Gabel for over ten years of service as their Scoutmaster. Under Don's leadership, the troop grew to 38 members. In addition, Don left a strong committee in place to carry on the success of Troop 36. There will be a celebration of Don's service at the Court of Honor in October.

Thank you, Don. The gift of your time and talents is greatly appreciated.



Dot Mordeci, Irene Ryan, Chris Ryan & Marsha Havrilla, for volunteering to take care of packaging and mailing boxes to Kirk Smith and his soldier comrades.

ALTAR GUILD

The Altar Guild is made up of lovely ladies in Good Shepherd who help set up the Church for the weekly services, decorate for the different holidays and seasonal times, and wash the communion glasses. This is a very important part of our worship service and these ladies are always working behind the scenes and therefore we want to thank them and recognize those who have helped over the years and are now retiring from this particular service. We thank these ladies for the continued dedicated service to our Church and for keeping it so beautiful. We thank Ruth Begany, recently retired from the Guild. Those retiring from glass washing are Ruth Clarkston, Dot Urquardt, and Adele Welker. We also thank Martha Traynor for heading up the Guild and to Ella Krampetz, Mary Iseman, Inge Dowling, Helen Cooper, Ruth Cranstoun, Denise Guadagnino, Barbara Brunkhurst, Diane Bergman, Donna Lundgren, Florence Johnson, and Geraldine Goumas, for being on the Altar Guild. We also welcome new members Wendy Gates, and Varnee Bargmann. Anyone who would like to help in this service is asked to call the office. We especially need glass washers after the 8:15 service.

CHOIR NOTES

Much appreciation and thanks to the many musicians who volunteered to sing in our summer worship services, giving of their talent to God, and lifting our hearts to Him:

Men of our Sanctuary Choir, "Faith of Our Fathers"
 Carol Brundage and Barbara Bow, "Blessing"
 Bob Klein, "O Day Full Of Grace"
 Rob Bayer, "Precious Lord, Take My Hand"
 Jeanne and Rick Struck, "Shall We Gather At The River?"
 Pastor, Rick and Nicholas Bowman, "God Is Love"
 George Culik, "I'd Rather Have Jesus Than Anything"

In September, our Sanctuary Choir begins rehearsals after Labor Day. All are welcome, all ages and levels of talent !! The choir sings each Sunday at the 10:30 worship service.

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| Rehearsals: | Thursday evenings: | 7:30-9:00 pm |
| | Sunday mornings: | 9:45-10:15 am |

If you want to try "part time" volunteering, just show up on any Sunday at 9:45 am, and sing with us. You and your musical gifts are greatly needed, and always appreciated!

Brenda Ferguson
Organist/ Music Director

FROM KATHLEEN JOHNSON, PARISH PROGRAM DIRECTOR

Fall is right around the corner; and for families with children, this means schedule changes as school begins anew. Here at Good Shepherd, Creative Play classrooms will come alive, Sunday Church School will again generate excitement and enthusiasm, and committee meetings kick back into gear. As we sense the increased activity, do we also realize the additional blessings that come from being a part of the Good Shepherd community?

When you think of Good Shepherd, what comes to mind? We immediately think of Pastor John and how he helps us feel welcome and at ease. Did you hear him share the rhyme, "St. Ann, St. Ann, bring me a man!" Everyone had a good laugh. And who doesn't love to discuss all the marvelous music programs we have: The Renaissance Camerata, Oh Jonah, and Music at Noon. Are you familiar with WELCA, the Men's Breakfast group, the Altar Guild, the Garden Committee, Women's Faith and Life, the Piecemakers, or ESL? Whether we contribute to these committees in a leadership role or as a participant, our lives are blessed. As our members collaborate not only to keep the air conditioning operating for service, but also to provide family picnics, we all reap the benefits.

Good Shepherd has an amazing number of programs. With the summer break coming to a close, meetings will begin again. Have you explored all the opportunities for fun, growth, and service? One of us cannot do as much as all of us. Join in and be prepared to be blessed!

WELCA

WELCA will meet on the second Tuesday in October, October 9th at 1:30, in the parlor. We will have a planning meeting for the next year, and fellowship and refreshments as usual; and all ladies are invited.

MEN'S BREAKFAST GROUP

Good Shepherd's Men's Breakfast Group will resume meeting on the third Saturday of every month at 9:00 am in the Church Parlor. All men of Good Shepherd are invited to join in for fellowship and a great breakfast!

Food, Faith & Friends

Meeting Tuesday, September 18th, at 7 PM

Food, Faith & Friends will hold its first meeting of the new season on Tuesday, September 18th, from 7 to 8:30 p.m. in the church parlor. We invite you to join in this opportunity to meet new people, share a little of our faith journeys, and eat a meal together. Child care is available if you let us know in advance.

You are cordially invited to join us for the next meeting. Bring yourselves, an open heart, an open mind, and an appetite! For more information or to **RSVP**, please contact Rich Bowman at rbbp@yahoo.com or (845) 627-6967, or contact Ione Mensing in the church office at parishworker@gspr.org.

WOMEN'S FAITH LIFE GROUP TO MEET OCTOBER 9TH

It is that time of year again! Kids back to school, summer vacations past, and back to a more rigorous routine! Calendars filled with lots of activities and commitments and bosses are paying more attention to what time you get into the office. Life gets so busy that we often don't make the time to nourish our faith and spirit. So to assist in filling that gap, through the support and friendship of other women living that crazy, busy, life - the Women's Faith Life Group will begin its new session. We will resume meeting on October 9th, in the parlor. Due to the nature of this group, there is a limit of 15 members. We do ask that if you join, you do your best to attend all of the meetings, as there is a certain level of commitment and continuity that makes this group flourish. If you are interested in joining, please e-mail Lin at linsimeti@optonline.net.

Submitted by Lin Simeti

Thank you to everyone who completed the communication survey. Although we did not receive a large number of responses, the two concepts people strongly supported are e-mail reminders about the many special Good Shepherd events and information posted on the website regarding committee/volunteer activities at the church and in the community. I will work to implement these ideas over the next couple of months.

Good Shepherd Communication Survey Results

How do you prefer to receive information from Good Shepherd?

E-mail 71.4%

Hard copy via regular mail 42.9%

Cross Connection (Sunday bulletin 35.7%

Phone call 7.1%

Website 7.1%

Text message 0.0%

Bulletins posted in the Education Building 0.0%

Other _____ 7.1%

Several people provided e-mail addresses.

Would you want to receive e-mail reminders of special events such as Oh Jonah?

Yes 84.6%

No 15.4%

If you want e-mail alerts, what type of events would you like to be notified about?

Music events 100.0%

Social & service group activities 83.3%

Special worship services 75.0%

Adult learning programs 75.0%

Youth events 66.7%

Do you use the website to get information about the church?

Yes 64.3%

No 35.7%

What information could we include on the website that you would find helpful? Examples: volunteer opportunities, information about the different group activities, etc.

Information about different group activities.

Volunteer activities at church and in the community.

Updates from the various committees.

Calendar of events

Would it be helpful if you could call a number to hear a recording of upcoming events?

Yes 25.0%

No 75.0%

Do you think it would be helpful to have a Suggestion Box in the Education Building?

Yes 58.3%

No 41.7%

Would you be interested in reading Good Shepherd updates on:

Facebook 100.0%

Twitter 25.0%

Submitted by Kathleen Johnson, Parish Program Director

Youth Events and Activities September 2012



Summer is wrapping up and it's time to kick the year off, but what an exciting summer it has been here at Good Shepherd. Our Family Life (Pre-K-2nd grade) and "J-Crew" (3rd-5th grade) kids had an amazing Vacation Bible School week, our "H20" Jr. Highers (6th-8th grade) ended the summer with a memorable Lock-in, and our "Project 4:12", and Sr. Highers (9th-12th grade) became "Citizens with the Saints" at the ELCA Youth Gathering in New Orleans! We have some incredible young people in our church family!

Sunday Church School (SCS) Begins:

We kick off the year on Sunday, September 9th at 10:30. If you have not already done so, please send in your registration form to the church office to help the first day go more smoothly. On September 9th, families should report to Fellowship Hall between 10:00-10:25am to complete the registration process and meet their children's teacher. Additional registration forms can be downloaded from the church website at www.GSPR.org or picked up in the church office. If you have any questions, please contact Deanna Lauer(youth@gspr.org).

Confirmation and First Holy Communion (FHC) Meeting:

Sunday, September 9th at 11:30 in the sanctuary: Mandatory parent and student meeting for 6th-8th graders for Confirmation and for 5th graders who will make their First Holy Communion next spring.

Confirmation classes:

September 13th 7:00-8:15 for 6th, 7th & 8th graders.

September 20th 7:00-8:15 for those who missed the September 13th session.

(*Safe Church* instruction will be held during both of these sessions for parents who have not had it)

First Holy Communion:

New! On Sundays, at 10:30am, 5th graders will go directly to their SCS classroom instead of the children's worship in Fellowship Hall (beginning September 16th). FHC candidates will also meet on five additional days (TBD) to ensure comprehensive instruction. Contact Tim for details (tim@gspr.org).

Ma-He-Tu:

Good Shepherd's annual Ma-He-Tu retreat is happening this month for all Confirmation students (grades 6-8), September 21st-23rd. See Tim for details about participating and/or volunteering (tim@gspr.org).

Youth Group Names Are In:

Your votes have been received and our youth groups have new names! "J-Crew" (The Jesus Crew, 3rd-5th grade) will be building an awesome Jesus Crew in SCS and First Holy Communion. "H20" (Hope 2 Offer, 6th-8th grade) will be "H20'ing Seeds" of faith this year in Confirmation. And, "Project 4:12" (9th-12th grade) will be bold and mature in their service to Good Shepherd and the community; they will also participate as "Confirmandos," armed with their baptism, fellowshiping with this year's Confirmation students.

I hope you all had a great summer vacation! Welcome back!

Grace and peace,

Tim Kellogg
Youth, Family, and Education Director
tim@gspr.org
845.735.2243

**SAVE THE DATE
OCTOBER 13TH, 2012, FOR
GOOD SHEPHERD'S
ANNUAL OKTOBERFEST!**

Anyone on our worship service schedule interested in ushering, being a communion assistant or acolyte for Christmas Eve and Christmas Day 2012, please contact Barbara Brunkhurst or the church office at 845-735-2243 or email office@gspr.org.



CREATIVE PLAY NEWS

Everyone at Creative Play is ready for another year of learning and fun. Our summer camp concluded on August 3rd and it was a huge success. With a little imagination and theme-related games and crafts, the children attended a beach party, a rodeo, the rainforest and the Olympics!

The teachers and staff are busy getting the classrooms decorated and organized for our new school year. We can't wait to meet new friends and welcome back old ones. Our UPK classes and Kindergarten Enrichment classes will begin on Wednesday, September 5th. Our four-year-old classes will begin on Monday, September 10th, and our three-year-old classes start on Tuesday, September 11th.

Our Time for Twos classes will begin in late September. These classes are perfect for parents looking to spend an hour a week with their child singing, playing and creating. We still have spaces available in some of our classes, so if your child is two by December 1st, please call the office for more information.

We also have some openings in our three-year-old afternoon classes that meet on Tuesday and Thursday. There are also limited openings in our morning Kindergarten Enrichment class; call 845 735-2737, if you are interested in more information about these programs.

Don't forget to visit our website, gscreativeplay.org, and learn about all our wonderful programs!

Maureen Connolly
Director

Education is essential to breaking the cycle of poverty

Join *People to People* in helping Rockland kids go Back to School with Dignity!



Back to School with Dignity is one of *People to People's* most powerful programs because it aims to provide essential school supplies to at-risk Rockland students.

Simply purchase a few extra school supplies when shopping for your own favorite students.

People to People has plenty of pens, rulers, regular pencils, single subject spiral notebooks and glue sticks.

They REALLY need all of the following:

Compasses, Dividers, Dictionaries, Scissors, Book Covers, Hi-lighters, Graph Paper, Pencil Cases, Calculators, Colored Markers, Pocket Folders Scientific Calculators, 1' binders, White Index Cards, 3-subject notebooks, Marble composition books, 5-Subject notebooks

THANKS TO ALL THE GREEN THUMBS!

Thanks to all who have offered their green thumbs and strong backs to keep our gardens looking lovely this summer. Despite the heat and humidity, they have been weeding, deadheading and keeping an eye on things. Our weekly workers are: Sue Baumeister, Audrey Balison, Donna and Grace Duffy, Jim and Lori Richard (and her mom when visiting), Eleanor Bertha, Varnee Bargmann, Marge Pearson, Darlene Gibson, Jane Woodward, Ione Mensing and Alan Krampert. It's great when people sign up for a week and spread out the labor.

So if you see any of these folks, give them a big "Thanks"!

OUR Cupboards Are Bare! And The Need is Still There!

~ Shopping List ~

Cereal or Oatmeal
Canned Juice & Juice Boxes
Canned Vegetables
Canned Chili & Beef Stew
Individual Servings Fruit Snacks
(Apple Sauce, Peaches, Etc.)
Soup (Dry & Canned)
Beans (Dry & Canned)
Pasta (All varieties)
Macaroni & Cheese (Boxed)
Flour, Rice & Sugar
Tomato Sauce & Tomato Puree (Canned & Jarred)
Tuna Fish
Mayonnaise
(Regular & Reduced Fat)
Cooking Oil
(in plastic bottles)
Peanut Butter & Jelly
Parmalait & Powdered Milk

~ Other Needed Items ~

Diapers (All Sizes)
Toothpaste & Toothbrushes
Toilet Paper & Tissues
Shampoo & Conditioner
Feminine Hygiene Items
Deodorant and Lotion



Check it out... www.gspr.org

ART @ NOON

Good Shepherd has had some memorable Music @ Noon concerts, and now our Visual Arts committee would like to offer Art@ Noon on October 7th....so mark your calendars.

We will be having a presentation on our beautiful stained glass windows, information on how the glass and windows were made, and take a deeper look at how the Bible stories and symbols are incorporated into the art.

Join us at noon on October 7th as we explore how these windows at Good Shepherd raise our awareness and enrich our faith.



COMMUNIVERSITY IS BACK! Would you like to be a “professor”?

Several years ago, we had a program during Lent called “Communiversity”, which was part of a series of *Wonderful Wednesdays*. The evenings began with an informal supper, followed by classes, and concluded in the sanctuary with a brief worship using Holden Evening Prayer. In addition to the regular classes preparing for 1st Communion, and the corresponding classes for their parents, Good Shepherd offered sessions that touched on interests that broadly related to some of the places where faith and life intersect.

We are looking for people who are willing to share a hobby, an interest, a career that intersects with their faith.

Last time, fifteen members and friends of the congregation were the presenters, and covered interests such as prayer, faith and film, gardening, weaving, end-of-life issues, music, retirement, people of the Passion, preparing for the Paschal Feast, meditation, faith in art, architecture....there was even one, “Have Dog and God and will travel (to Afghanistan)”, so we’re open to many ideas.

Think about it....and contact Tim Kellogg at Tim@gspr.org or Lone Mensing at parishworker@gspr.org

CONTINUE TO SUPPORT KIRK SMITH AND OUR TROOPS

On behalf of Staff Sergeant Kirk Smith and his squad, thank you for all the supplies and the funds for mailing. In speaking with his wife, Christine, I learned that Kirk has received three packages and was very happy to be remembered by the members of Good Shepherd. Christine mentioned that Gold Bond and Lotrimin spray and store brands are very much needed to soothe a lot of blistered feet, and a simple deck of cards can while away many hours. The tuna and chicken packs with crackers are considered a real treat—for a nutritious pick-me-up. She said EVERYTHING on the list is very much needed and desired. Some of the soldiers never receive any packages, so those that do freely share. Christine says they set up a mini tent (CVS) and let those that need supplies help themselves. So, keep the supply list handy and when you shop, kindly remember our men and women in uniform. The war is far away for most of us—but until our troops return home, they need to know that we are thinking of them, we care about them, and value and honor their service. Thank you, good people of Good Shepherd, for your continued support

Socks (preferably black, brown, green, tan...not white)
 Energy Bars, Beef Jerky, Healthy Snacks
 Commercially sealed lip balm, toothpaste, toothbrushes, roll-on deodorant
 Individually packaged razors
 Travel-size Board Games, handheld electronic games, decks of cards
 Bandana Coolers/cool ties, mini-battery-operated fans
 Hand and foot warmers
 Single serving boxes of cold cereal; individual packets of hot cereal
 Commercially wrapped individual packets of trail mix, nut energy bars, cookies, sunflower seeds, candy – no chocolate
 Ready-to-eat tuna or chicken salad kits
 Packets of powdered hot or cold beverages
 Individual packets of moist towelettes
 Travel-size containers foot powder (Gold Bond, Lotrimin spray)
 Screen-printed t-shirts, baseball style caps, gloves
 Holiday and general occasion greeting cards (blank)



(Baskets for donations can be found in the entrances to the Education Building and church.)

Christian Education Opportunities

Greetings Good Shepherd Families,

Now that summer is coming to an end, we can reflect upon all the activities and life events we participated in during this very hot season. For some of us, this summer may have been a time of rest, for others a time of challenge, and for others, still, a time of joy. Regardless of what season we had this summer, may we come into this next season with anticipation and a fresh perspective.

May the Lord give us eyes to see and ears to hear as we do the work of God with our families. This September, we will do more at Good Shepherd than return to our regularly scheduled programming: we will join *people* in worship and study, we will engage *faith* as we encounter the living God, and we will come together in *service* for our communities and families.

Adult Faith Affirmation:

Are you an adult who would like to brush up on your understanding of the faith? This year, at Good Shepherd, we are planning an affirmation/reaffirmation of faith series for those interested in participating. If this sounds like something you want to be a part of, please contact Tim to discuss what you'd desire from this sort of program (tim@gspr.org).

Bible Study:

Our Wednesday night Bible Study will resume on Wednesday, October 3rd from 7:30-9PM. We will conclude Romans and begin a study of Genesis.

Guys Theology Corner (aka Young Men's Bible Study):

For those who participated in our summer sessions and those who are interested in asking those "young at heart" faith questions we all have, contact Tim for details (tim@gspr.org).

Hope you had an amazing summer!

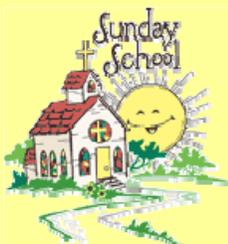
Grace and peace,

Tim Kellogg
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SUNDAY CHURCH SCHOOL

Sunday School is just around the corner! The first day of classes will be Sunday, September 9, 2012 at 10:30am. Please bring all children from PK-5th grade to Fellowship Hall between 10:00-10:25 for final registration.

Parents of 4-year-olds through 5th grade will be receiving registration forms in the mail, if your child has been enrolled in previous years. For those who are new to Good Shepherd, there will be forms available in the church office or a form can be down-loaded at www.gspr.org. Please mail back the forms as soon as possible to the church office. This will make the first day run more smoothly. We look forward to seeing you all in September!



GREENING OUR PASTURES

COMPOSTING YARD WASTE

All yards produce waste from pruning, lawn mowing and other routine plant care activities. Composting is a way to reduce the volume of organic wastes and return them to the soil to benefit growing plants.

Organic matter improves the drainage and aeration of clay soil. Compost can be thought of as a separator that "shoulders apart" tightly packed clay particles, to allow water and air to enter. Composting helps sandy soil hold water and nutrients. Compost holds moisture "like a sponge" and releases fertilizer nutrients slowly. It also increases the activity of earthworms and other natural soil organisms that are beneficial to plant growth.

Note: Compost is a soil amendment, not a fertilizer. It contains limited plant nutrients.

| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
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| 2 Pentecost 14 9:30 Holy Communion Service 6:00 AA/Fellowship Hall | 3 LABOR DAY Church Office Closed | 4 9:30/1:00 Creative Play/UPK/KE 1:00 Peccemakers—Youth Room 7:00 Boy Scouts—Fellowship Hall | 5 9:00 Golden Stitchers 9:30/1:00 UPK/K/Kindergarten Enrichment 7:00 Membership Meeting for Creative Play 3-year-olds | 6 9:30/1:00 UPK/KE Creative Play Visitation Day for 3-year-olds 10:30-11:00 Staff Mtg. 12:30 LIFE Committee Mtg. 7:00 Creative Play Member- ship meeting for 4-year-olds 7:30-9:00 Sanctuary Choir | 7 9:30/1:00 UPK/KE Creative Play Visitation Day for 3-day-3's & 4-year-olds 7:45 AA—Fellowship Hall | 8 92:00-4:00 Girl Scout Mtg. Fellowship Hall |
| 9 Pentecost 15 8:15 Holy Communion 9:30 Contemporary Worship/Holy Comm. 10:30 Worship/SCS Registration/Upper Rm 11:30 Confirmation & First Communion Parents Meeting—Sanctuary 6:00 AA/Fellowship Hall | 10 9:30/1:00 Creative Play/UPK/KE 6:00-7:00 Evening Bells 7:00-8:00 Renaissance Camerata 7:30 Evangelism Meeting 8:00-9:00 Canzona Orchestral Instruments—Choir Rm | 11 9:30/1:00 Creative Play/UPK/KE 1:00 Peccemakers—Youth Room 7:00 Boy Scouts—Fellowship Hall | 12 9:00 Golden Stitchers 9:30/1:00 Creative Play/UPK/KE 4:30 Executive Committee | 13 9:30/1:00 Creative Play/UPK/KE 10:30-11:15 Staff Mtg. 5:30-6:15 Jr. High Canzona 7:00-8:15 Confirmation all 6, 7, & 8th Graders Safe Church Training 7:30-9:00 Sanctuary Choir | 14 9:30/1:00 Creative Play/UPK/KE VOICE articles due for October Issue 7:45 AA—Fellowship Hall | 15 9:00 Men's Breakfast 11:00 Memorial Service 5:00 Blessing of the Animals followed by Saturday Evening Service |
| 16 Pentecost 16 8:15 Worship/Evening Bells 9:30 Contemporary Worship/Holy Comm. 10:30 Holy Communion/Upper Room/SCS/ Vicar Installation/Teacher Installation/ Evening Bells 11:30 HOT DOG SUNDAY—Fellowship Hall 11:30 Ma-He-Tu Chaperone Mtg.—Court Yd 6:00 AA/Fellowship Hall | 17 Rosh Hashanah NO CREATIVE PLAY/UPK/KE 6:00-7:00 Evening Bells 7:00-8:00 Renaissance Camerata 8:00-9:00 Canzona Orchestral Instruments—Choir Rm | 18 Rosh Hashanah NO CREATIVE PLAY/UPK/KE 7:00 Food, Faith & Friends—Parlor 7:00 Boy Scouts—Fellowship Hall | 19 9:30/1:00 Creative Play/UPK/KE 9:00 Golden Stitchers 7:00 Church Council | 20 9:30/1:00 Creative Play/UPK/KE 10:30-11:00 Staff Meeting 4:30-5:30 Sacristy Singers 5:30-6:15 Jr. High Canzona 7:00-8:15 Confirmation All Grades Make-Up Class/ Safe Church Training 7:30-9:00 Sanctuary Choir | 21 9:30/1:00 Creative Play/UPK/KE MA-HE-TU Confirmation Retreat 7:45 AA—Fellowship Hall | 22 MA-HE-TU Confirmation Retreat |
| 23 Pentecost 17 MA-HE-TU Confirmation Retreat 8:15 Holy Communion 9:30 Contemporary Worship/Holy Comm. 10:30 Worship/SCS/Upper Rm/Baptism 6:00 AA/Fellowship Hall | 24 9:30/1:00 Creative Play/UPK/KE 6:00-7:00 Evening Bells 7:00-8:00 Renaissance Camerata 8:00-9:00 Canzona Orchestral Instruments—Choir Rm | 25 9:30/1:00 Creative Play/UPK/KE 1:00 Peccemakers—Youth Room 7:30 Creative Play Executive Bd. 7:00 Boy Scouts—Fellowship Hall | 26 Yom Kippur 9:00 Golden Stitchers—Parlor NO CREATIVE PLAY/UPK/KE | 27 NO CREATIVE PLAY/UPK 10:30-11:15 Staff Mtg. 4:30-5:30 Sacristy Singers 5:30-6:15 Jr. High Canzona 7:30-9:00 Sanctuary Choir | 28 7:45 AA—Fellowship Hall | 29 |
| 30 Pentecost 18 8:15 Holy Communion 9:30 Contemporary Worship/Holy Comm. 10:30 Holy Communion/SCS/Upper Room 6:00 AA/Fellowship Hall |  | | | | | |

BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS—SEPTEMBER 15TH AT 5:00 P.M.

We will hold our “Blessing of the Animals” Service on Saturday, September 15, beginning 5:00 p.m..

This forty-minute service comes after a number that attended the first blessing service. It will be held in the garden chapel, weather permitting. In case of inclement weather, the service will be postponed until another time. If the weather is uncertain, please call the church office and a phone message will provide information regarding the service.

This service will also provide time for those who are not bringing animals but who prefer to worship at the Saturday evening hour. Holy Communion will be offered after the service of the blessing of animals. Those who prefer not to remain for the Communion will have opportunity to leave with their animals, during the offertory song.

Our first service of this kind was a blessing to all in attendance and was quite heartwarming, indeed. It will be informal in nature, as in the past. You are invited to invite your friends.

