



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 Christ.

HOT DOG SUNDAY is September 14th

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



9/11 Service of Remembrance
Thursday, September 11th
6:30 p.m.
Orangetown Town Hall



INSTALLATION SERVICE FOR
INTERIM PASTOR, HENRY MORRIS
Sunday, September 7th, at 10:30 a.m.
Coffee Hour to follow in
Fellowship Hall

FALL WORSHIP RESUMES

Starting September 7th, 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.

Welcome Pastor Morris!

September 7th marks the first Sunday in the pulpit for Pastor Henry E. Morris as our Interim Pastor at Good Shepherd Church. Please join me in welcoming Pastor Morris into our church family. His service with us will continue until a new permanent pastor is selected. Pastor Morris was ordained by the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America in 1984. He is a graduate of Augustana College in Rock Island, Il and Yale Divinity School in New Haven. Pastor Morris served for 16 years as Pastor of Our Savior Lutheran Church in Fairfield, CT, 1984-2000. Since then, he has served the New England Synod as an Intentional Interim Pastor with five separate congregations, the most recent being at Zion Lutheran Church in Waterbury, CT. He has also been chair of the New England Synod Worship Committee, serving directly under the New England Bishop.

Pastor Morris is a big supporter of children/youth programs and the music ministry. He loves to sing, play the organ, tell good stories and likes good food too! He has a very outgoing personality and I think you will find him a great treat to be with! Pastor Morris is a trained and experienced Interim Pastor who will be invaluable to Good Shepherd as we continue our transition process. Bishop Rimbo has made special arrangements with the New England Synod to obtain Pastor Morris' services for Good Shepherd. Pastor Morris will be staying in the church apartment on site and will make weekly trips back to his home in New Haven.

We will welcome Pastor Morris with a special installation at the 10:30 AM worship service on Sept 7th, and hold a Welcoming Reception for him immediately following in Fellowship Hall. Pastor Morris will be preaching at all three services. Pastor Kathleen Koran of the Synod Staff will also be on hand to assist with the installation. Please plan to join us for one of the services that day and attend the reception to hear, meet and speak with Pastor Morris. Let's show him a great Good Shepherd Welcome!

Richard Struck
Council President

**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.

CONTACT US

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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

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LIFE STATIONS

BAPTISMS

MacKenzie Marie Spoelstra
Abigail Elizabeth Crane

Date

7/27/14
7/27/14

WEDDING

Jose Roman & Nicole Vetrano

7/20/14

DEATHS

Raymond P. Woodward, Jr.

7/14/14

GENERAL MEMORAIL FUND

In memory of Ray Woodward, given by Mr. & Mrs. Ed Sneath
In memory of Ray Woodward, given by Irmgard Oelkers
In memory of Ray Woodward, given by Mr. & Mrs. John Richardson
In memory of Ray Woodward, given by Ms. Nancy Kinard
In memory of Ray Woodward, given by Mr. & Mrs. Robert Garten
In memory of Ray Woodward, given by Mr. & Mrs. Christopher Sneath
In memory of Ray Woodward, given by Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Gorman
In memory of Ray Woodward, given by Mr. & Mrs. Semo Sennas
In memory of Ray Woodward, given by Sue & Rich Baumeister,
Inge Dowling, Jayne Johnston, Werner Boecker

Voice Publication Deadline

Items to be included in *The Shepherd's Voice* must be submitted to the church office by **Sept. 12th** for the **October** 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.

**2012 ANNUAL REPORTS ARE DUE
INTO THE CHURCH OFFICE BY
OCTOBER 7th.**

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
Katie Lauer - Youth Representative
Janet Maleski - At Large
Herman Mensing - Stewardship Chairman
Kenneth Merring - Personnel

FROM OUR PARISH PROGRAM DIRECTOR - Kathleen Harpster

September is going to be a fun-filled month! It begins with the arrival of our Interim Pastor, Pastor Henry Morris. On Sunday, September 7, we will install Pastor Morris and have a special coffee hour in Fellowship Hall.

The following week, on September 14, we can all gather in the Fellowship Hall for Hot Dog Sunday and the Committee Fair. For those new to Good Shepherd, Hot Dog Sunday is when we have hot dogs, salads, desserts, and lots of great fellowship. It is our "welcome back" to another year of Sunday School, Bible Study, and the music programs.

This year we decided to host a Committee Fair on the same day as Hot Dog Sunday. Why? So you can learn more about all the ways you can share your God-given gifts. The ELCA's theme is *God's Work, Our Hands*, and this concept applies at Good Shepherd too.

Does the thought of contributing to a committee concern you because of time constraints and/or the responsibilities involved? That is exactly why we have a group of people helping on each committee – so no one person has to do all the work. When a committee is organizing an activity, each member assists in the way or ways they feel most comfortable. An example of this collaboration would be Good Shepherd's participation in Pearl River Day. The Evangelism Committee is arranging for this event with one person submitting the application, another person working on tee-shirts for the volunteers, and another person coordinating who will work the booth.

Attendance at the committee meetings works the same way as when you join our Bible Study or Theology Pub. We all have busy lives, so you come as often as you can. You will build relationships with other members of the church, and find that it is fun to meet and work together. There is also a sense of satisfaction in knowing you are contributing to what makes Good Shepherd a great place to be.

The Lord taught us to pray "Our Father," rather than "My Father," because we are all part of the Body of Christ. We are a team. It is a privilege to share our time and talents in a way that serves God, Good Shepherd, and our neighbors.

On Sunday, September 14th, stop by Fellowship Hall, have a hot dog, and explore the many ways you can experience the joy of shared ministry!



That All May
Know Him

Come one, come all!!! If you love Good Shepherd but are not sure how to speak with friends about our great congregation, please join us for Evangelism 101. On Saturday, September 27, we have the amazing opportunity to learn about evangelism from Reverend Robert Fritch.

Rev. Robert "Bob" Fritch, a graduate of Trinity Lutheran Seminary in Columbus, OH, has been Senior Pastor of Our Saviour Lutheran Church in Jamaica Queens, since 1991. When he arrived, Our Saviour was a church faced with closure; but Our Saviour has grown to be the largest of the 60 Lutheran Churches in the Borough of Queens, and in 1998, Our Saviour was named one of seven of the fastest growing churches in the ELCA.

This training will go from 8:30 am – 2:00 pm and include a light breakfast, plus sandwiches for lunch. Pastor Fritch will give us the basic tools to begin evangelism right at our own front door, as we learn to prepare our congregation to reach out, and more importantly to expect and welcome newcomers to our church. This workshop will completely change your vision of evangelism.

Everyone is invited. Please RSVP by September 21. You may call the church office or send an e-mail to Kathleen@gspr.org.

WELCA

We hope everyone had a good summer.

WELCA will start in September and not in October as we did in the past. With the chance of bad weather again this winter, we need to have the extra time.

Our first meeting will be on Tuesday, September 2nd at 1:30 p.m., in the parlor. We will have a business meeting and discuss our plans for the year. For some fun and a fund raiser, we will hold an auction. Please bring something old or new wrapped to raffle off. And, of course, there will be refreshments and social time.

If you don't want to use the stairs, the door to the sanctuary will be open so you can come up the ramp. And, if you need a ride or have any questions, please call Barbara Bow at 845-215-5866 or Mary Iseman at 845-623-7638.

Ringner's Furniture on E. Central Avenue in Pearl River has graciously given a couch to the Pastor's Office. We especially appreciate this generous gift and the spirit in which it has been given.

Church Council Capsule

Your Church Council met on July 16th.

Among the topics discussed were the following:

New Interim Pastor: Pastor Henry Morris will be joining us at the beginning of September, and will serve as our interim pastor until we get a new, permanent pastor. He will be living in the apartment in the Good Shepherd education building. Thank you to all who have donated furnishings for his apartment.

Ministry Site Profile Committee: This committee has been charged with putting together a profile of Good Shepherd Church. This will be accomplished via members completing a survey as to their views of where we are today, and where we are looking to be in the future. All members have received the survey and are urged to submit their responses. Once the project is completed, a summary survey will be sent to the synod office, for them to use in identifying a prospective permanent pastor for our congregation.

Call Committee: In the fall, a Call Committee will be established, with the responsibility of seeking out a new pastor. It is anticipated the committee will be comprised of nine members, who will work with the synod in finding a pastor. It is not known how long it will take for a pastor to be identified. The individual would be one who, after reading our profile and perhaps visiting us, likes what he sees, and on the other side of the coin, would also depend on the reaction he/she receives from the members of the Call Committee, who represent the congregation. The committee is comprised of members across all aspects of our church, i.e., young person, elderly person, Sunday school-involved person, long-time member, young family parent, etc. Ongoing communication with our members will continue throughout the call process.

Roof Repair: The sanctuary has a new roof, as does education building. The cost of the two roofs is approximately \$75,000, and the work was very necessary. The funding for the roofing was provided via a generous donation from a church member.

Financial Update: As of Mid-Summer, our year-to-date revenues are down approximately \$4K. Expenses are down approximately \$12K. We are meeting our benevolence commitments. Property expenses are down. At mid-year, we are projecting a year-end deficit of approximately \$15K. We ask that our members continue to be faithful in their commitments made coming in to 2014, during this time of transition, especially during the "slow" summer months, and, of course, for the remainder of the year. Thank you.

Respectfully submitted on behalf of your Church Council,
Kim Arcidiacono, Council Secretary

You are invited to Food, Faith & Friends! Tuesday, September 16, at 7 PM

You are invited to join Food, Faith & Friends for our first meeting of the season on Tuesday, September 16, 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.



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!

**FOR THOSE WHO ORDERED PHOTOS,
2014 CONFIRMATION PHOTOS
&
2014 FIRST COMMUNION PHOTOS
THERE AVAILABLE FOR PICK-UP
ON THE TABLE IN THE COATROOM**

Preparing for a New Pastor!

Join a Ministry Site Profile Committee Congregational Workshop on Sunday, September 14 or 21, at Good Shepherd Church

The Ministry Site Profile Committee has been hard at work conducting a self-study to assess the needs and goals of our congregation. **Your assistance is crucial!** The committee will gather information from the congregation and give each of you the opportunity to share your opinions, hopes, and dreams for Good Shepherd Church. During September, you are invited to share your input at one of our congregational workshops:

September 14 at 11:30 a.m. during Hot Dog Sunday (Fellowship Hall)

September 21 at 9:30 a.m. (Parlor)

September 21 at 11:30 a.m. (Youth Room – next to Parlor)

If you haven't done so already, please complete the congregational survey found on the church's website: www.gspr.org by clicking on the link titled, "Ministry Site Profile Committee," or by completing a paper copy of the survey located in the back of the sanctuary.

Please email ProfileCommittee@gspr.org to share your ideas or to ask any questions. Our goal is to understand the thoughts and needs of the Good Shepherd congregation. We want to incorporate as much as we can into our Ministry Site Profile to help enable Good Shepherd Church obtain the best fit in a new pastor.

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 Fruit Servings
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)	Shampoo & Conditioner
Toothpaste & Toothbrushes	Feminine Hygiene Items
Toilet Paper & Tissues	Deodorants and Lotions

COME ONE, COME ALL... to our **PANCAKE BREAKFAST** on Sunday, September 28th from 8:30 a.m. to 10:30 am in Fellowship Hall.

ADULTS: \$5

CHILDREN (12 & under) \$3

*Serving Pancakes, Sausage,
Coffee, Juice & Milk.
Proceeds benefit the Youth
Gathering Mission Trip*



GREENING OUR PASTURES

Switch to cold water washing and save 80 percent on energy used for laundry, and save an estimated \$60 a year. Hang-dry your clothes instead of using the dryer and save 700 pounds of CO2 a year.

Turn off the lights when you aren't using them and reduce your direct lighting energy use by 45 percent. Stop using heat-producing halogen lamps (they can also be fire hazards). Install occupancy or motion sensors on outdoor lights.

Thanks to climatecrisis.net and The Home Energy Diet, for many of the carbon savings figures.

Read more: <http://www.care2.com/greenliving/10-simple-and-cheap-green-ideas.html#ixzz3B419jvNq>

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& CHECK US OUT ON FACEBOOK TOO!**

SUMMER VOLUNTEER MUSCIANS - THANK YOU!

WE THANK YOU FOR GIVING OF YOUR TIME AND TALENT IN A VERY BIG WAY THIS SUMMER!

Sanctuary Choir - For extending your normal commitment to include June's First Holy Communion Service and Pastor's last Sunday with us, June 22 - the beautiful Worship service and his elegant send-off in Old Tappan, singing Rosemary Deering's whimsical and creative "**Dear Pastor John...**"

Also, your musical leadership for Ray Woodward's lovely Memorial Service, planned as a full worship celebration of the resurrection of Jane's husband.

Cantors - New to our worship services this summer (and during May) are a select core of five Cantors, musicians who serve to lead our Worship hymns and liturgy. These choral leaders work very hard in our Sanctuary Choir, and come for extra practice as cantors to learn the words, hymns, and liturgy, giving our congregation much-needed confidence to sing our best in Worship.

Rob Bayer, bass
Barbara Bow, alto
Robert Callan, tenor

Elizabeth Dowling, alto
Robert Klein, tenor
Rick Struck, bass

Soloists - These musicians lift our hearts to God with their individual talents, offered as **anthems** during the giving of our gifts in preparation for Communion with God. They are willing to work in extra rehearsals, prepare their solos, undergo the stress associated with this effort - and the joy! We thank them for their professional talent, given without pay, to the glory of God alone.

Dylan Martini, tenor
David Martini, trumpet
Katie Martini, clarinet
Daniel Brooker, trumpet
Katherine Filatov, clarinet - given in love during the funeral of her father, Peter Filatov. *Clarinet Sonata*, Francis Poulenc
Jonathan Filatov, percussion
Chris Filatov, trumpet
Rob Bayer, bass
Rick Struck, bass
Carol Brundage, soprano
Barbara Bow, alto
Robert Callan, tenor
Dr. Merold Westphal, tenor
Michael Callan, pipe organ
Matthew Lauer, pipe organ
Andy Ellison, tenor
Geraldine Goumas, soprano

**** and any other soloists who volunteer after this article was submitted (August 4)**



NAMI (National Alliance on Mental Illness) of Rockland will be offering their **FREE** twelve week course on mental illness for families with loved ones who have a psychiatric illness.

The course will begin on Saturday, Sept. 20th Saturday and run for 12 consecutive Saturdays, from 9:30 am to 12noon. Registration is beginning now. All materials and binder will be supplied by NAMI. It is being held at Rockland Psychiatric Center in the Admin. Building. Pre-Registration is **REQUIRED**. **NO** walk-ins will be allowed. For further information, please call the NAMI office at :845-359-8787 or email Chris Vanasse at: Chris@namirockland.org.

MORE MUSIC NEWS FOR 2014.....

This is a **NEW YEAR - 2014-15**, dedicated to God - glorifying Him with music in our worship services and sacred concerts.

We would love to have **you**, and your gift of talent, energy, and effort. We are volunteers, and we need all the help you can offer, whether "full time" or "part time." Check out the choirs, vocal and instrumental, and volunteer!

Call Brenda Ferguson - 845-634-2729

SANCTUARY CHOIR - 10:30 Worship Leaders
Evening Bells
Renaissance Camerata High School SATB Choir
CANZONA Youth Orchestra
Sacristy Singers & God's Holy Bells
The Organ School

Cherub Choir (Sunday School)
John Lampkin, Composer-in-residence; Jazz pianist @ 9:30 Worship

**** You can also support our Music Ministry by attending our **Music @ Noon Sacred Concert Series**. More information to follow. Please mark your calendars now for this wonderful musical offering:

Christmas Pageant - under the direction of Michelle Zaro
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 21, @ NOON

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION HIGHLIGHTS

Bible Study Save the Date:

Bible Study returns Wednesday, October 1st, 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+) Save the Date:

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

For all Christian Education 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/mqzFn>).

 Thanks to the generous contribution from Ed and Laura Bouton, Good Shepherd was able to pay for the much needed replacement of the sanctuary roof, the Education Building roof, and the roof on the garage.

Some really nice items have been left here at Good Shepherd. Please stop by the area right outside the parlor door to see if you recognize anything. There are coats hanging up, and various other things in a box. **Anything remaining at the end of September will be given to *People to People*.**



MNYS Women of the ELCA—2014 Annual Gathering Registration Form

“Woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish.” (Matthew 15:28)

WHEN: Saturday, September 20, 2014 (Registration begins at 8:30 am)

WHERE: The Wartburg, Mount Vernon, New York

Cost is \$40 per participant. (Free for girls 10 – 18 yrs old.)

Registration fee includes: Continental breakfast, lunch, Gathering booklet and workshops.

Please make checks payable to “Metro-NY Synod Women of the ELCA.” **Registration deadline**

is September 1, 2014. Registrations are strongly encouraged to help ensure adequate materials and refreshments.

Registration forms are located in the entrance to the church or coat room.



Reformation 500th Anniversary Events

NJ District - Lutheran Church Missouri Synod

www.reverendluther.org



L – Learning about Reformation culture

U – Understanding church history

T – Teaching religious perspectives

H – Hearing God's Word

E – Educating about Reformation history

R – Renewing spiritual growth

Art Contests - Deadline: October 19

Capturing the Spirit of the Reformation

Essay/Media Contests – Deadline: November 30

MS – How was religion a motivating factor in the settlement of the New World?

HS – What are the most important contributions of the Protestant Reformation to world history?

HS (AP) – Did Luther do enough to reform the Catholic Church or did he create barriers dividing it?

College – Why did the Protestant Reformation result in conflict and division among the reformers?

Traveling Exhibit - 1517 – Reformation! **The Continuing Impact**

Reserve the exhibit for your organization: reformationessay@reverendluther.org

Available January 2015

Seminars – Nov. 11 (Tuesday) 6:30 p.m.

Perspectives on the Reformation

King of Kings Lutheran Church, Mountain Lakes, NJ

Event is free but tickets required: reformationseminar.brownpapertickets.com

Concerts – Oct. 18 (Saturday) 3:00 p.m.

The Songs of God's Word

Princeton University Chapel - Event is free but tickets required for seating: reformationconcert.brownpapertickets.com

Blog – *Faith Matters* faithmatters@bethlehemchurch.com

CREATIVE PLAY BEGINS ANOTHER EXCITING YEAR

Where has the summer gone? It seems like it was only a few short weeks ago that we had our graduations! Our summer camp ran for four weeks and was a huge success. The children went on an island adventure, played carnival games, went on a safari and participated in a western week. There was much fun and laughter from not only the children but the teachers and counselors, as well. A special thanks to Renee Bucci and Fran Taibi for their dedication and for their hard work that goes into running this successful program.

Creative Play has been very busy this summer getting ready for all our little friends. A new playground has been installed, and it's just waiting for the children to explore. Our cleanup committee was busy getting our classrooms ready for our teachers to decorate.

Everyone is excited to meet our new "crop" of children.

Classes for Kindergarten Enrichment and UPK will begin on Wednesday, September 3rd. Our Creative Play MWF classes start on Monday, September 8th, and our T/TH classes start on Tuesday, September 9th. Time for Two classes will begin shortly after.

We still have some openings in all our classes, so give a call to the office for information.

Don't forget to visit us on Facebook, to see all the fun learning taking place at Creative Play.



Maureen Connolly, Director

Youth Happenings

Hello Good Shepherd Families! Welcome back, from a fast summer. We have an exciting year in store for you and your family. You don't want to miss a thing because the best is yet to come and the journey has just begun!

Sunday Church School (PK-5th grade):

We kick off our redesigned Sunday School ministry on **Sunday, September 7th!**

Check in starts at 10:15 am in Fellowship Hall.

For registration questions, contact Timothy Kellogg, Youth, Family, and Education Director (tim@gspr.org).

Sunday School Teacher Installation to be held on Sunday, September 14th (during 10:30 am worship).

SCS Christmas Pageant Rehearsals begin on Sunday, September 14th, at 11:30 am, in the Sanctuary. See Michelle Zaro, Cherub Choir Director, for details.

Cherub Choir sings, during 10:30 worship, on Sunday, September 21st.

SCS Fire Safety Instruction to take place on Sunday, September 28th (during Sunday Church School).

First Holy Communion (5th grade):

First Holy Communion's twofold ministry program begins on **Sunday, September 7th!**

Sunday School check-in starts at 10:15 am in Fellowship Hall.*

Formal Communion Instruction sessions*:

Wednesday, March 4th, 11th, and 18th, 2015, at 7 pm.

First Holy Communion Service: Sunday, May 17, 2015*

*Parent/Student meeting, to address First Holy Communion participation commitments, will be held on

Sunday, September 14th, at 10 am in classroom B2 (next to apartment).

*First Holy Communion registration is due by Sunday, September 28th.

The Upper Room (6th-8th grade):

The Upper Room middle school ministry kicks off on **Sunday, September 7th!**

All 6th-8th grade youth are invited to participate in The Upper Room.

Sunday morning class sessions meet at 10:30 am in the Upper Room/Youth Room (B10).

Guests welcome!

Confirmation Ministry of Faith Affirmation:

We kick off the *H2O Odyssey: Journey to the Center of Hope* on **Thursday, September 11th!**

All 6th-8th grade students and parents planning to enroll in Good Shepherd's Confirmation Ministry are asked to attend the first session on Thursday, September 11th, from 7-8 pm, in Fellowship Hall. **Or**, Thursday, September 18th, from 7-8 pm, in Fellowship Hall.

The Commitments Contract for Confirmation Ministry is unlike anything we've done before at Good Shepherd. If you haven't seen it via email, don't miss it on **Thursday, September 11th!**

Be a part of the CIA: Covenant in Action and take faith on your odyssey to the center of hope! The CIA will be established at Ma-He-Tu.

Service Electives sign-up begins Thursday, September 11th. Confirmands have the following options for service:

Acolytes, J-Crew Jr. Leaders, Mini Service Leaders, Stewardship Leaders, Sunday School Jr. Leaders, Upper Room Shut-In Ministries, Walk with Jesus, and/or Youth and Education Board members. Sign-up is first come, first served.

Acolyte Instruction: Thursday, September, 11th, from 8-8:30 pm, in the Sanctuary.

Registration due by Thursday, September 11th.

Ma-He-Tu Confirmation Retreat (6th-8th grade):

Friday, September 19th, at 5:30 pm-Sunday, September 21st, at noon.

H2O Odyssey: Journey to the Center of Hope begins!

Jr. Chaperone Team Building (9th-12th grade): Sunday, September 14th, from 5-6 pm, in the Youth Room.

Ma-He-Tu Registration is available now. Contact Tim Kellogg for details (tim@gspr.org). Volunteer support requested.



ELCA Youth Gathering (incoming 8th-11th graders):

Informational Meeting: Monday, September 8th, from 7-8 pm, in Fellowship Hall.

Registration Paperwork Due: Monday, September 15th.

Registration Fee (\$325) Due: Wednesday, October 15th.

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/mqzFn>).



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, sauerkraut & 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, and the deadline is September 28th.

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

NAME: _____

E-mail or telephone # for confirmation: _____

Adults: _____ **# Children** _____ **Family** _____

Wine: ____ **Beer:** ____ (limit of two per person)

Total: \$ _____

September 2014

September 2014							October 2014						
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	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Aug 31 - Sep 6	Aug 31	Sep 1 Church Office Closed Labor Day	2 10:00am CP Teacher Meeting / Classrooms 1:30pm WELCA Mtg/FH	3 UPK First Day of School 7:00pm MSP Committee Mtg/Youth Rm 7:00pm Parent Meeting for 3's Sanctuary & Classrooms 7:00pm Worship & Music Meeting /Parlor	4 9:30am Visitation for 3's All classrooms 11:30am Staff 1:00pm Visitation for 3's All classrooms 7:00pm Parent Meeting for 4's Sanctuary & Classrooms 7:30pm Sanctuary Choir / Sanctuary	5 9:30am Visitation for 3-day 3's and 4's (all classrooms) 1:00pm Visitation for 3-day 3's and 4's (all classrooms) 7:45pm AA/FH	6
Sep 7 - 13	7 8:15am Worship Service 9:30am Contemporary Service 10:00am FHC (5th grade) Parents Mtg 10:30am Holy Communion Service/Interim Pastor Installation 10:30am Sunday School(PK-5th gr)/ Upper Room(6th-8th grade) 6:00pm AA/FH	8 CP 1st Day of School (4's and 3-day 3's) 7:00pm Youth Gathering Info Mtg/FH 7:30pm Shawl Ministry/Pastor's office	9 CP 1st Day of School (3's) 1:00pm Piecemakers/Upper Rm 7:00pm Boy Scouts /FH	10 9:00am Golden Stitches/FH 10:00am Funeral/Sanctuary 4:30pm Executive Committee	11 11:30am Staff 7:00pm Confirmation (6th-8th and Parents)/FH 7:30pm Sanctuary Choir / Sanctuary 8:00pm Acolyte Training (Tentative)	12 7:45pm AA/FH	13
Sep 14 - 20	14 8:15am Holy Communion Service/skit 9:15am Committee Fair/FH 9:30am Contemporary Service/Skit 10:30am Sunday School(PK-5th gr)/ Upper Room(6th-8th grade) 10:30am Worship Service/skit/SCS teacher installation 11:30am Hot Dog Sunday/FH 11:30am Pageant Rehearsal/Sanctuary 11:30am Pastoral Input Workshop/FH 6:00pm AA/FH 11:30pm 12:00am Hot Dog Sunday / FH	15 Youth Gathering Registration Paperwork Due 12:00am 12:30am Hot Dog Sunday / FH 6:00pm Evening Bells /Choir Room 7:00pm MSP Committee Mtg/Parlor 7:00pm Renaissance Camerata /Choir Room 7:00pm Youth & Education Board/FH 8:00pm Organ Lesson /Sanctuary	16 7:00pm Boy Scouts /FH 7:00pm Food, Faith, and Friends/Parlor 7:30pm CP Exec Board Meeting / A9	17 9:00am Golden Stitches/FH 7:00pm Church Council Mtg.	18 11:30am Staff 4:30pm Sacristy Singers /Choir Room 5:30pm Canzona Youth Orchestra /Choir Rm 7:00pm Confirmation (6th-8th and Parents)/FH 7:30pm Sanctuary Choir / Sanctuary	19 MaHeTu Retreat 3:00pm Music/Voice Lessons /Sanctuary 7:45pm AA/FH	20 MaHeTu Retreat 9:00am Men's Breakfast
Sep 21 - 27	21 MaHeTu Retreat 8:15am Worship Service 9:30am Contemporary Service 9:30am Pastoral Input Workshop/Parlor 10:30am Holy Communion Service/Charubs 10:30am Sunday School(PK-5th gr)/ Upper Room(6th-8th grade) 11:30am Pastoral Input Workshop/Youth Room 6:00pm AA/FH	22 6:00pm Evening Bells /Choir Room 7:00pm Renaissance Camerata /Choir Room 8:00pm Organ Lesson /Sanctuary	23 1:00pm Piecemakers/Upper Room 7:00pm Boy Scouts /FH	24 9:00am Golden Stitches/FH 8:00pm GSPR/POP Task Force/Parlor	25 Rosh Hashanah - School closed 11:30am Staff 4:30pm Sacristy Singers /Choir Room 5:30pm Canzona Youth Orchestra /Choir Rm 7:30pm Sanctuary Choir / Sanctuary	26 Rosh Hashanah - School closed 3:00pm Music/Voice Lessons /Sanctuary 7:45pm AA/FH	27 9:00am Evangelism 101/FH
Sep 28 - Oct 4	28 8:15am Holy Communion Service 8:30am Pancake Breakfast / FH 9:30am Contemporary Service 10:30am Sunday School(PK-5th gr)/ Upper Room(6th-8th grade) 10:30am Worship Service/Baptism 11:30am Pageant Rehearsal/Sanctuary 6:00pm AA/FH	29 6:00pm Evening Bells /Choir Room 7:00pm Renaissance Camerata /Choir Room 8:00pm Organ Lesson /Sanctuary	30 7:00pm Boy Scouts /FH	Oct 1	2	3	4

COMMUNICATION REQUEST

We would like to establish a new email distribution list that would enable us to notify folks of an event that is happening at Church between Sundays, such as a funeral or weather-related meeting cancellation. If you would like to be notified, please fill out your name, cell # and email address and return it to the Church Office; drop this form in the offering plate, or go to this link to sign up: <http://eepurl.com/Y5XKf> Thank you!

NAME: _____

CELL # (for text message reminder): _____

EMAIL: _____