



**CELEBRATING
CREATIVE PLAY'S
50TH YEAR**

The Shepherd's Voice

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

APRIL 2019

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

HOLY WEEK & EASTER AT GOOD SHEPHERD

Palm Sunday **8:00, 9:15 & 10:30 am** Services of Holy Communion,
Blessing/Procession with Palms



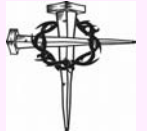
April 14

Maundy Thursday **8:00 p.m.** Service of Holy Communion, followed by stripping of the altar
April 18

Good Friday **12:00 p.m.** *"Walk With Jesus"*, a youth-oriented service dramatizing the
April 19 three days of the Passion of Jesus Christ

2:00 p.m. Tenebrae Service

8:00 p.m. Tenebrae Service



EASTER VIGIL (Fire, Death, & Resurrection) **7:00 p.m.** at Prince of Peace
April 20 Church—Old Tappan, NJ



EASTER SUNDAY **6:30 a.m.** Sunrise Festival Eucharist Service
April 21 **7:30 -11 a.m.** Easter Breakfast served in Fellowship Hall
 9:00 a.m. Festival Eucharist Service
 11:00 a.m. Festival Eucharist Service

**EASTER BREAKFAST WILL BE SERVED ON EASTER MORNING IN FELLOWSHIP HALL,
FROM 7:30 A.M. TO 11 A.M. PLEASE JOIN US!!**

COMMUNIVERSITY AT GOOD SHEPHERD

We will meet for food, worship and learning
Wednesday evenings during Lent
April 3 and April 10



This year's schedule :

6:00pm Soup Supper provided by ministry groups of the congregation

7:00pm Communiversity Classes

8:00pm Worship—Holden Evening Prayer Service

This year we have many wonderful opportunities for learning!

The Cross in Art, given by Lone Mensing (April 3, 10)

The Magnificat given by Merold Westphal (April 3, 10)

Baptism, given by Lisa Holliday (April 3, 10)

Lent is a time when we are called to reflection on our lives and faith. May our time together in Communiversity help us draw closer to the Lord, as we approach Easter.

**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: 8:00, 9:15, 10:30 a.m.
Wednesdays: 7:15 p.m.

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Voice Publication Deadline

Items to be included in *The Shepherd's Voice* must be submitted by April 12th, for the May 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.

LIFE STATIONS

Music Outreach Fund

In memory of Lew Brundage, given by Geraldine Goumas
In memory of Leland Smith given by Geraldine Goumas



Sunday April 14

**Calling all Sunday School-aged children
and younger!**

Come hop along to hunt for eggs, make
some crafts and have some fun!
Any questions, please contact Jenn Nowell
jennnowell@gmail.com

**Extended Coffee Hour for everyone, will
be held in Fellowship Hall.**

2019 CHURCH COUNCIL

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FROM THE PASTOR

"But now, in Christ Jesus, you who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ. For he is our peace; in his flesh he has made both groups into one and has broken down the dividing wall, that is, the hostility between us. He has abolished the law with its commandments and ordinances, so that he might create in himself one new humanity in place of the two, thus making peace, and might reconcile both groups to God in one body through the cross, thus putting to death that hostility through it. So he came and proclaimed peace to you who were far off and peace to those who were near; for through him both have access in one Spirit to the Father. So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are citizens with the saints and also members of the household of God, built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus himself as the cornerstone."
- Ephesians 2:13-20

No guilt. Seriously.

Every week, when I stand at communion and say, "Come to the table, all are welcome here," I'm serious. Whether you've been coming forever or haven't been in ages, you are welcome. Whether you're incredibly faithful or doubting that God even exists, you are welcome. Whether you get this is all about God's grace or are struggling with your own worthiness, you are welcome. Whether you're a Lutheran or you come from some other Christian tradition, you are welcome. You are welcome at the table of God's grace. Even if you aren't Christian at all, you are welcome. It might be wise for you to not receive the bread and wine (our deepest, historic faith is that baptism is a better thing to receive first), but you are welcome for a blessing and you are welcome in the community. This is the promise of the cross of Christ. You are welcome at the table because it is your home.

Lately, we've added name tags on Sundays. Your name tag is printed and you are encouraged to pick it up on your way in. We're doing this for a couple of reasons. First of all, it helps build community when we know each other's names and we all don't know each other's names. This makes it easier for visitors to feel welcome. This makes it easier to surreptitiously learn the name of the person who has sat near you for so long you're now embarrassed to ask their name. This makes it easier for me, your forgetful, but well-meaning pastor, to not call you Frank when your name is Mike (and, yes, I was doing that to Mike for way too long until he finally corrected me). This also makes it possible to track worship attendance.

We want to track worship attendance for one reason and only one reason. Because we don't want to miss you. There is enough joyous chaos (and sometimes just chaos) on Sunday morning that sometimes we don't notice who is missing and who has been missing awhile. And we don't want to miss you. You are a part of this community and we care. We care if you are sick, if something awful is going on, if you are swamped and overwhelmed with life, or if you just need a break. We care if something at church is driving you nuts so that you don't want to come. And so we want to make sure that we don't miss you. If you haven't been in awhile, expect us to reach out. We want to know how we can be there for you. We want to know how we can pray and how we can help. We want to know how we can help you feel connected. This is part of being a community of welcome and grace.

None of this, though, is to make you feel guilty. Sometimes, when I reach out to people, I get the sense that I make them feel guilty for missing church. That is never my intent. My intent is only to remind you that this is your home, that there is a community that cares about you, that you are missed, and that you are welcome — always welcome to the table. No guilt. Seriously.

Pastor Lena Warren



STEWARDSHIP THOUGHT...

“Giving is not an option, a ‘thank you’ to God, an insurance policy for divine blessing, or an easy investment plan. Neither is it an addendum to time and talents. Giving is worship! Healthy, liberated, obedient, joyful, selfless, honest worship!”



GOOD FRIDAY APRIL 19TH – NOON **WALK WITH JESUS**

Join us for our annual “Walk With Jesus” – a Good Friday service that’s specially planned for younger children. We will journey with Jesus through his last days: will walk and sing in the Palm Sunday procession, eat at the Last Supper, pray in the Garden of Gethsemane, be part of the crowd at Jesus’ trial, at the cross and at the tomb. Our youth will be taking part in leading this special service, and there will be a craft for children to make and take home to help them remember this important day. Come, walk with Jesus – and bring a friend!

Good Shepherd Creative Play

Full-time Position Available
Office Assistant

We are looking for an individual to join our office who has the ability and desire to learn and grow with our program, and approach the educational environment with enthusiasm. Must embrace our team-oriented work style and possess sufficient office skills.

For more information, contact:

Maureen Connolly, Director (845)735-2737

APRIL FOOD COLLECTION FOR PASTOR LARRY’S CHURCH

On Sunday, April 14th, we will be collecting:

**APPLE SAUCE AND
CHOCOLATE EASTER BUNNIES**

**There will be a box at the back of the
Church for donations.**

Thank you!!



Help us grow



Electronic Giving

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Consider scheduling a recurring contribution today. It’s very convenient. You will no longer need to write out checks and prepare envelopes every week. Even when travel, illness or other circumstances prevent you from attending services, your electronic contributions will continue to be received on an uninterrupted basis.



Troesters in Zambia

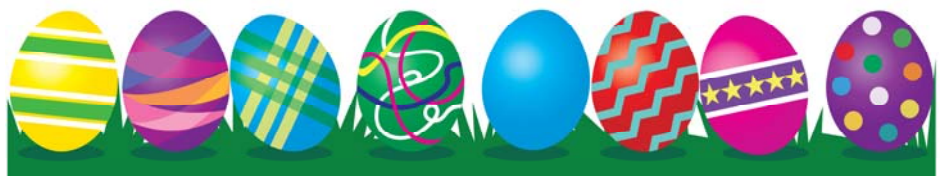


The Rev. Deborah and her husband, Joe Troester, our missionaries who visited our church August 2017. They recently accepted an invitation from and have arrived in Lusaka, a beautiful city not far from the iconic Victoria Falls. Lusaka is also the headquarters of the ELCZa. This small church, established in 1983, has endured many struggles throughout its history, but now is on firmer footing, having just elected a new lead pastor (similar to a presiding bishop) and leadership team. The Troesters bring twelve years of experience living and serving in Africa to this position, and the ELCZa has welcomed them with open arms. Their knowledge and experience will assist this church as they seek to strengthen their impact in Zambia.

If everyone remembers the Troesters lived in Tanzania when they visited us, a wonderful presentation was given around the water project they coordinated for a village, to provide a natural, clean water source to thousands who were suffering at great lengths.

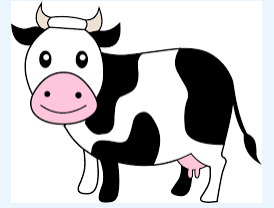
We, as a congregation, help support their work. Each of us can be part of this ministry by contributing to our “Missionary for a Day” program. Pick a day on the calendar in the coat room to celebrate a birthday, anniversary, or some special occasion, and make a donation of \$5, \$10 or whatever to this fund. In that way, the person celebrated, is a “missionary for a day” and helps spread the good news of Christ throughout the world.

Their e-mail addresses have not changed, so feel free to contact them at Deborah.Troester@elca.org or Joe.Troester@elca.org.



IT'S THAT TIME OF YEAR GOD'S GLOBAL BARNYARD

Once again this Lent, we are taking on the challenge of filling God's Global Barnyard. You can take part in several ways: Make a donation toward a particular animal, make a general donation, take a gift card for someone (birthday, anniversary, etc and make a donation; take a bank at the back of church and fill it with your loose change, and more.



All we collect will be sent to the ELCA, which will send the animals around the world, along with the training necessary to raise and market them. Though it's difficult for us to understand, having these animals changes these families' lives...giving them nourishing food and the ability to sell anything extra for additional financial independence.

So please join us in this effort and fill the barn with moos, baas, cheeps, buzzes, oinks that will bring hope and joy to many.

SPRING HAPPENINGS AT CREATIVE PLAY

We are ready for our Easter festivities this month. Our Spring Hat Parades will take place with our 3-year-old children wearing school-crafted "bunny ears" and our 4-year-old children wearing student-created Spring Hats. We can't wait to show off our amazing creations as we parade in Fellowship Hall for our families!!



The three-and four-year-old classes will gather with the director in the Church to read a story about Easter and new life. The UPK children will meet in the Church Parlor with the assistant director, to read a funny story about the Easter bunny. While they are away, a special visitor will hide one goodie-filled Easter egg for the children to hunt around the room to find.

Due to the snow closings this past winter, April 17th and 18th will now be made up. Notices were sent home to the classes affected by these closings.

Our Spring break will be April 19-April 26th; classes resume April 29th. We wish everyone a most joyous Easter, with the promise of spring ahead of us, and the hope to enjoy the blessings around us.

****Please note that Summer Camp applications will be available April 1st in the office. These spots fill up quickly, so make sure you stop by and pick up an application. It runs the month of July for children 3-6 years old.**



Maureen Connolly, Director

MORNING MUSIC CLUB PRESENTS

Ani Kalayjian, cello and Robert Farruggia, tenor
Sunday, April 7th at 3pm
Good Shepherd Lutheran Church

FREE/OPEN TO THE PUBLIC (donations gratefully accepted)
For more information, visit www.morningmusicofrockland.org



High School YOUTH

Date	Day	Activity	Location	Time
4/28	Sunday	Keep Rockland Beautiful	Meet Education Building	12:00pm

Lee Warren
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Middle School YOUTH

Grade 6-8



4/7	Sunday	Making Easter chocolates	Fellowship Hall	10:30-11:30am
4/14	Palm Sunday	Make palm crosses;	Youth Room	10:30-11:30am
4/21	Easter Sunday	no Upper Room		
4/28	Sunday	Upper Room-	Youth Room	10:30-11:30am
4/28	Sunday	Keep Rockland Beautiful	Meet Education Building	12:00pm

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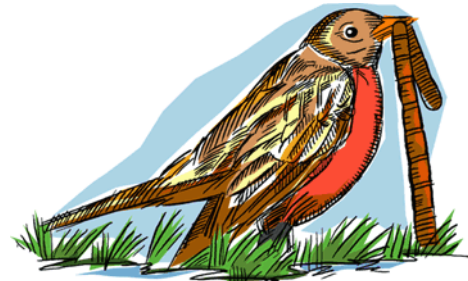
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WELCA Looks like spring is here and the year has flown by. Only a couple more meetings until we take the summer off. We have had some interesting programs and have continued our outreach to the community and to our church. Our Personal Care Kit project has been successful once again, and thank you to all.

Ladies, if you are a member of Good Shepherd, you are a member of WELCA. We meet on the first Tuesday of each month. Conduct a short business meeting, Enjoy a program, have some social time and share delicious refreshments. There are no dues, but have a free-will offering. We are all needed to continue to reach our goals. If you have any questions, or need a ride, please call Barbara Bow at 845-215-5866 or Mary Iseman at 845-623-7638.

God's peace and blessings to all.



APRIL

6th Annual Iron Chef Event

Saturday, May 4th, at 6:00 pm

Please join us in Fellowship Hall and enjoy a gourmet presentation of appetizers, entrees, and desserts, all prepared by creative culinary members of our congregation and their friends.



Seating is limited to 50 guests. Reservations are required!

- Attendance is on a first come, first served basis
- Reservations must be made before April 29th
- Cost: \$15.00 per adult, \$7 for children under 12
- Wine and beer: \$4 each – limit of 2

You will participate in judging the best of the best and will have the opportunity to take home the chefs' "secret recipes."

Please fill out the form below and send to the church office with your payment, with "Iron Chef" indicated on the check. No tickets will be sold at the door and confirmations will be by e-mail or telephone.

Only 50 tickets will be sold! Deadline is April 16th!

"Iron Chef Event" – May 4th, 6:00 p.m.—Fellowship Hall

NAME: _____

E-mail or telephone # for confirmation: _____

Persons attending: _____ Amount enclosed: _____

Wine:_____ Beer:_____ (Limit of 2 per person)

MUSIC MINISTRY AT GOOD SHEPHERD



Dear Good Shepherd Families,

Children's Activities

We will have a special Kids' "Coffee" Hour in Upper Room on Sunday, March 10th, after the 10:30 service. Special thanks to Jenn Nowell and Robin Riemenschneider for running this! This is a great opportunity for our music mentors and mentees to get to know each other. Students who are confirmation age and younger can enjoy punch and cookies and then play a few "getting to know you" games. We will match "little kids" with "big kids" so that the younger children can have a mentor to look up to while learning their music for Palm Sunday.

Rehearsals will be held after the 10:30 service on 3/24, 3/31, and 4/7 in the Choir Room, and then the Music Mentors and younger children will sing in church on Palm Sunday – April 14th – at the 10:30 service. Students who are confirmation age and younger – please join us for rehearsal as often as you can – it's ok if you can't make it to every rehearsal! There might even be punch and cookies before those rehearsals – so keep an eye out!

Adult Choir Cantata

Please join us on Wednesday, April 10th at 7:15pm, for our Choir Cantata. The Choir will sing the St. John Passion by John Ferguson. Thank you to the choir for all of their hard work on this piece!

Rescheduled Spirituals Concert

Please join us on Saturday, June 8th at 2pm, for an *Afternoon of Spirituals*, featuring countertenor Augustine Mercante, with Elaina Burns, piano. We were sad to have recently postponed this event, but we felt it was the safest choice for everyone involved!

Opportunities to join us in making music at Good Shepherd

If you play an instrument and you'd like to play a prelude, postlude, or other special music during a service, please let us know! We would love to have you share your love of music with the church! You are welcome to join us throughout the year, so please find one of us before or after a church service or email elaina@gspr.org to learn more about how you can participate!

Please feel free to contact us to learn about dates for all ages to get involved!

Hope to see you soon!
Elaina and Brian

CALLING ALL IRON CHEFS!!!

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



The Good Shepherd Men's Group is hosting its **SIXTH ANNUAL IRON CHEF NIGHT** in Fellowship Hall on the evening of May 4th. This event will provide you with the perfect venue to share your joy and interest with our church community. We are looking for enthusiastic participants who will bring their favorite prepared appetizer, entrée, or dessert for all to taste and enjoy. All ages are invited to participate in this fun-filled and delicious evening. Entries will be judged and prizes will be awarded.



Good Shepherd Lutheran Church 2019 Great American Clean-up



*Invite your freinds, neighbors to join us
Great family acitivity
Earn community service hours*

Sunday April 28, 2019
Meet in Fellowship Hall 12:00 am
Back at Fellowship Hall at 1:30pm
Contact Sharon Martini for more information: sharonfmartini@gmail.com

6th through 8th Grade Confirmation Classes

The remaining Wednesday evening dates for the Soup Supper and Holden service are below. Your child must do two pre-scripted interviews with an adult member of the congregation during the soup suppers.

Please note the change in the Wednesday schedule: The supper will begin at 6pm in FH, followed by Communiversity at 7pm and worship in the Sanctuary at 8pm.

The remaining Wednesday evening dates are as follows:

Wednesday, April 3rd
Wednesday, April 10th



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Wednesday, April 3rd
Wednesday, April 10th

April Confirmation Classes

6th/7th Grade – Monday, April 1st – 6:30 to 8:15 pm
Preparation for Easter Vigil & Walk with Jesus

8th Grade – Monday, April 8th – 6:30 to 8:15 pm
Preparation for Easter Vigil & Walk with Jesus

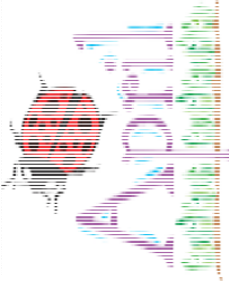
Additionally, confirmation students are encouraged to attend the following special gatherings:

Good Friday Walk with Jesus – Friday, April 19th at 12 noon

Once again, we will be having our "Walk with Jesus" on Good Friday, April 19th, at 12:00 noon. This is an excellent way for children to experience the story of Jesus' last days. They, along with their families, are invited to walk and sing in the Palm Sunday procession, eat at the Last Supper, pray in the Garden of Gethsemane, and be part of the crowd at the trial, at Calvary, and the tomb. Our youth will play the parts of Jesus, his disciples and those who participated in these events. Come, walk with Jesus, and bring a friend!

Easter Vigil Service – Saturday, April 20th at 7:00pm – Prince of Peace, Old Tappan, NJ

There will be an Easter Vigil service at Prince of Peace, Old Tappan, NJ.

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
 7 Lent V 8:00 Holy Communion 9:15 Contemporary Communion Service 9:30-10:15 Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal 10:30 Holy Communion/SCS/Baptism/ New Members received/Upper Room 11:30 Kid's Coffee Hr. 11:30 Coffee Hr.—Parlor 3:00 Morning Music Club Concert 6:00 AA—Fellowship Hall	1 9:00/12:30 Creative Play/UPK 6:30 Confirmation 6th & 7th Gr. 7:00 Prayer Shawl Ministry	2 9:00/12:30 Creative Play/UPK 1:30 WELCA—Parlor 7:00 Book Group—Parlor 7:00 Boy Scouts—FH 7:15 Evangelism Mtg.—Yth. Room	3 9:00/12:30 Creative Play/UPK 6:00 Soup Supper 7:00 Communion/SCS 8:00 Holden Evening Prayer Serv.	4 9:00/12:30 Creative Play/UPK 10:00 Bible Study—Parlor 6:00-7:00 Evening Bells 7:00 Finance Mtg.—Parlor 7:30 Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal	5 9:00/12:30 Creative Play/UPK 7:45 AA—Fellowship Hall	6
14 Passion/Palm Sunday 8:00 Holy Communion Service 9:15 Contemporary Communion Service 9:30-10:15 Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal 10:30 Holy Communion/SCS 11:30 Family Life Event/Easter Egg Hunt with Coffee Hour—Fellowship Hall 1:30 Rockland Conservatory Concert 6:00 AA/Fellowship Hall	15 9:00/12:30 Creative Play/UPK	16 9:00/12:30 Creative Play/UPK 7:00 Boy Scouts—FH 7:00 Church Council—Parlor	17 7:00 Food, Faith & Friends—Parlor	18 Maundy Thursday 8:00 Communion Service with Stripping of the Altar	19 Good Friday 12:00 Walk With Jesus Children's Good Friday Service 2:00 Tendra Service 8:00 Tendra Service NO AA	20 6:00-9:00 AA Special Event 7:00 Easter Vigil at Prince of Peace Church, Old Tappan
21 EASTER 6:30 Festival Communion Service 7:30-11:00 Easter Breakfast in Fellowship Hall 9:00 Festival Communion Service 11:00 Festival Communion Service 6:00 AA/Fellowship Hall	22	23 7:00 Book Group—Parlor	24	25 10:00 Bible Study—Parlor 7:30 Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal	26 7:45 AA—Fellowship Hall	27 7:00-9:00 Pinecrest special Event—FH
28 Holy Humor Sunday 8:00 Holy Communion Service 9:15 Contemporary Communion Service 9:30-10:15 Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal 10:30 Holy Communion/SCS/Upper Room 11:30 Coffee Hr.—Parlor 10:15-10:45 SCS Service Project with Temple Beth Am 11:45 Keep Rockland Beautiful 6:00 AA/Fellowship Hall	29 9:00/12:30 Creative Play/UPK	30 9:00-1:00 Creative Play/UPK 7:00 Boy Scout Troop 36—Yth. Rm. 7:00 Book Group—Parlor				2019



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