

The Shepherd's Voice

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

IUNE 2019

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

Dear All,

Rachel Held Evans died at the beginning of May. As did Jean Vanier. I know, for many of you, these names are not particularly familiar, and given the deaths of many in our own community at the beginning of May, it might seem odd to you that I would mention them. But I believe that both of these are saints and prophets of our age, calling the Christian Church into the future, and I'd hate to have their deaths pass us without mention.

I strongly doubt they thought of themselves that way. In fact, Jean Vanier was only interested in creating community that intentionally included people with developmental disabilities. He founded L'Arche, an international network of communities for adults with learning disabilities living alongside those without them. It also has become a community of pilgrimage for many. This, he did not start with any intention of it becoming more than a community for a few men from an asylum when, in 1964, he welcomed two mentally disabled men into his home and stepped off a prestigious career path.

People whose lives have been transformed by L'Arche are many. The most significant thing in my mind about L'Arche and Jean Vanier, though, was what it and he has taught the community of faith about weakness, the need for community, and the nature of welcome. I found one of Vanier's comments on people's discomfort around people with disabilities in an interview with Krista Tippet on *On Being* to be particularly telling. He said, "We don't know what to do with our own weakness except hide it and pretend it doesn't exist. So, how can we welcome fully the weakness of another if we haven't welcomed our own weakness?" Vanier's call to our lives is to embrace fully whom God made us to be, to live grace and to find God's strength in our weakness. And in so doing, our community and welcome become so much more expansive and free of fear. I hope his witness lives on and the community of L'Arche continues to transform the Church and the world.

Rachel Held Evans may seem to be totally different than Jean Vanier. She was an author and blogger. She was only 37 when she died, leaving behind a very young family. But, I think her struggles with faith and so much of what she wrote was attempting something similar to Jean Vanier. Or at least the spirit of community is similar. In her own growth in faith and work, she made room for people who also struggled with faith and welcome. She exposed her own weaknesses and in so doing came to love others' weaknesses as well. And as she did that, it seems she wanted the Church to become the kind of community where all are genuinely welcome and all find a place at the table. I love this quote of hers from a book called *Searching for Sunday: Loving, Leaving, and Finding the Church.* She writes: "Imagine if every church became a place where everyone is safe, but no one is comfortable. Imagine if every church became a place where we told one another the truth. We might just create sanctuary."

It's interesting to consider that true welcome and community isn't really about feeling comfortable, but about growing in truth-telling and weakness together. True sanctuary is a safe place to approach the holy with our whole selves, not just our prettied up, hidden-behind-the-mask-of-societal-and-self-expectation selves. I think this is a true challenge for the Church. We have so often been worried about societal impressions and expectations. We also have often been a space where people can come on Sundays to feel comfortable, to experience things the way they've always been and we have a way of getting upset with people who disrupt our comfortableness. And though, I think that we certainly strive to be the communities that Evans and Vanier envision (and there are even glimmers and glimpses of it in our midst), I think we always have a way to go. But, I think this is an important challenge left to us by Evans and Vanier; that we become a true community. A community where we aren't necessarily always comfortable, but we are truly known; and being known, truly loved, welcomed, and safe.

Pastor Lena

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.

SUMMER WORSHIP (June 16-Sept. 1)

Sundays: 9:15 and 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 June 14 for the July/August 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.

LIFE STATIONS

General Memorial

In memory of Grace Roos, given by Robert Glynn
In memory of Michael Tiepolt, given by Marion & Milton Fuld

Elevator Fund

In memory of Lewis Brundage, given by Dorothy D. Urquhart In memory of Grace Roos, given by Dorothy D. Uuquhart In memory of Jane Woodward, given by Dorothy D. Urquhart

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UPDATE ON SALE OF VOIGT HOUSE

As you all know, we received a wonderful bequest of a house from Fred Voigt.

After a long wait, the spirit moved us into contact with the Association for Retarded Citizens (ARC). They will be converting the house into a group home for about 6 handicapped adults.

They have signed a contract with us for the asking price of \$315,000. Much remains to be done in Surrogate's Court on the ARC side but the process is moving along nicely. We expect the sale to be complete in the fall. More later.

GOOD SHEPHERD....the church of friendly, warm and welcoming people!

Good Shepherd's Evangelism Committee would like to start a GREETER PROGRAM. Greeters would stand at the main entrance door before regular worship services. connecting with people and welcoming members, guests and friends.

If you would be interested in being a greeter, contact the church office or a member of the Evangelism Committee.

SO, GET OUT OF YOUR COMFORT ZONE—GET INVOLVED IN YOUR CHURCH AND FEEL THE CONNECTION—THE PURPOSE AND THE JOY THAT BEING A CREETER CAN GIVE YOU!!

ROCKLAND CHILDREN'S PSYCHIATRIC CENTER LOOKING FOR ART SUPPLIES...

Rockland Psych was so pleased and happy with the response from Good Shepherd at Christmas and they wanted us to know how thankful they were to receive the many gifts for the children and teens.

They are now looking for art supplies (pads of art paper, coloring books, both for young teens and adult type for older teens, crayons, puzzles, etc.). One restriction is no pads of paper with metal spiral binding with which people could get hurt. A box will be available for donations in the coatroom at the back of the sanctuary.





A convenient, consistent way to help our church grow

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.

Rescheduled Spirituals Concert

Please join us on Saturday, June 8, at 2pm for an Afternoon of Spirituals, featuring countertenor Augustine Mercante, with Elaina Burns, piano.





We rejoice with the following young people and their families who received their First Holy Communion on May 19th.

Carly Armenio Jerilyn Bow Michael Diffley Chase Matthys

Cara Reddington Thomas Ryan

Aaron Spero

Katie Bergman Matthew Comito Emma Gallet Natalie Lai Liam Murray James Ryan Melanie Saldana



Good Shepherd Sundays in the Summer!

Join us throughout the summer as we enjoy fellowship, learn more about our faith, and ways we can serve our neighbors!

Adult Forums will take place after our 10:30 worship service.

On July 14th and August 11th, the Fellowship Committee will be hosting "Lemonade on the Lawn" between 10:15-12:00pm, so we will not have forums on those Sundays.

June 16 - Brian Burns: Why We Sing What We Sing

June 23 - Pastor Lena: A Trip to the Holy Land

June 30 – Wendy Gates: Knitting as Ministry – Prayer Shawls and More!

July 7 - Pastor Lena: The Bible & Homosexuality

July 14 - NO FORUM - Lemonade on the Lawn between 10:15-12:00pm July 21 - Dianna Diffley: Meals on Wheels - Feeding our Neighbors!

July 28 - Lisa Holliday: The Liturgy - Why We Do What We Do

August 4 - Merold Westphal: The Magnificat, Mary's Song

August 11 – NO FORUM - Lemonade on the Lawn between 10:15-12:00pm August 18 – Elaina Burns: Pedals, Pipes & Pizza! (appropriate for children too!)

August 25 – Lisa Holliday: Baptism, The Holy Bath

WELCA meetings are over for the season. We had a good season and look forward to next September.

Women of the **ELCA**

We had some interesting programs, some of which were presented by members of our congregation. We would like to mention them and thank them very much for sharing some of their time with us:

- Sue Baumeister spoke on their trip to Africa, with slides and a talk. We took a trip to the Serengeti.
- Charles Bonheur worked for many years for the Metropolitan Opera and shared many very interesting "behind the scenes" adventures. He made the *Met* come alive for all of us.
- Frank Getchell shared time he donated going to Haiti, helping and teaching them how to provide clean water. He spoke of their devastation and their desire to rebuild.
- Irene Ryan talked about "Keeping Rockland Clean." Irene shared how we can all help with this very important endeavor.
- Ione Mensing demonstrated how to work with stained glass. She showed many items she has made. Her work sparkled in her demonstration.

We have some very talented members of Good Shepherd and will continue searching you out to entertain and educate us next season.

Our next meeting will be on Tuesday, September 3rd, at 1:30 PM. We will meet in Fellowship Hall. Our meeting in Sept will be our auction fund raiser. Bring a wrapped gift/item that we auction off. Can be new or used.

Ladies, if you are a member of Good Shepherd, you are a WELCA member. So please join us. We are all needed to continue our outreach programs.

Have a wonderful summer.

God's peace to all.

Good Shepherd Recognizes Our 2019 Graduates Congratulations To All!



William Besold, grandson of Dorothy Urquhart, will graduate from Washingtonville High School in June.

Nick Bowman will graduate from Nanuet High School on June 27th. Nick will attend Drexel University in Philadelphia, beginning in September, where he will study business, with a focus on marketing.

Christopher P. Filatov is graduating from Nanuet Senior High School in June. He will study Mechatronics at SUNY Delhi in the fall.

Katherine Lauer graduated from the Poole College of Management at North Carolina State University. Katie received her Bachelor of Science degree in Business Administration, with a concentration in Marketing. She will be staying in Raleigh, NC, working for Insight Global - a technology recruiting firm.

Jordan W. **Pinedo** will graduate from Clarkstown North Senior High School in June and will attend Rockland Community College in the Fall.

Jakob Schofer, grandson of Dorothy Urquhart, will graduate from SUNY ESF (Environmental Science, Forestry).

Liam Traynor, grandson of Martha Traynor, will be graduating from Tappan Zee High School in June and plans to attend St. Thomas Aquinas College, majoring in Sports Management.

Lauren Urquhart, granddaughter of Dorothy Urquhart, will graduate from CUNY, with an MBA.

Sandra Wilson, graduated Magna Cum Laude from Boston University, with a B.A. in Neuroscience and Philosophy. She will be attending medical school in the Fall.



ATTENTION GROWN-UPS!

We're going to "Mars & Beyond" and need YOUR help for Vacation Bible School!

August 5th - 9th, 9:00am - 12:00pm

We're looking for:

- 1) group leaders (in charge of the children's groups)
- 2) station leaders (for crafts, games, science, someone to help Brian & Elaina with music, and someone to help with snack)
- someone who can be present in the morning for check-in time

We could really use your help. We can't have a successful VBS without wonderful adults to help!

Contact Lisa Holliday in the church office (845) 735-2243 or at lisa@gspr.org if you want to know more.



An extra special thank you to all our youth who helped lead worship for our Good Friday "Walk With Jesus!"

Jon Bow Cassidy Armenio Madeline Riker

Mason Tramm Bridget Coyle Addison Moss

Caitlin Cooke Ryan Worms Chloe Gallet

Jordan Sealander Rianna Spero Mark Padilla

Colin Stemmerman Patrick Coyle Jayme Metz

CREATIVE PLAY CELEBRATES ANOTHER GREAT YEAR!

What a wonderful school year we have had. It has been our pleasure watching your children learn and grow into confident and enthusiastic preschoolers.

There are so many people who have helped make our school the successful program that it is, and I would like to recognize all:

We thank all our parents who have helped out during the school year. Thank you for working on your committees, being a teacher helper, and volunteering for our special events. We can't do this without your help and we love that you are involved in our school.

A big thank you to our entire staff for their dedication in making Creative Play a fun school in which to learn and play. We appreciate all the love and patience they show to the children.

Thank you to Pastor Lena and the Church staff for their support of our school and always promoting our mission.

This year, we send a big hug and thank you to Camille Hockett, our office administrator, who will be retiring this June. Camille has worked with Creative Play for 21 years, and has given many hugs and smiles to the children and families of Creative Play. We wish her much happiness in all that she does. Our friend has finally "graduated!"

Our 4-year-old Creative Play graduation will be on Monday, June 17th and our UPK 4-year- old graduation will be on Monday, June 24th. There will be over 90 children graduating!

Our Summer Camp will begin on July 8 – August 2, we are excited for some summer fun. There are still some limited 4-year-old openings.

We wish everyone a happy and safe summer! Maureen Connelly, Director



HUNGER DOES NOT TAKE A SUMMER VACATION...help support *People to People*

...items always needed:

Cold/Hot cereals

Peanut butter and jelly

Cold drinks, like juices and iced tea/lemonade

Cans of tuna or chicken

Flour, sugar

Juice boxes

Canned soups/vegetables

Pasta/rice

Canned fruit

Diapers

Tea, coffee

Boxed macaroni & cheese



Our food bin is located at the entrance to the Education Building. Thank you for your support.

ear Good Shepherd Families,

We would like to thank Inese Cederbaums and Rianna Spero for making music with us during the month of May! We loved hearing the works of Bach and Vivaldi played so musically by our guest musicians! Thank you!!

Reminder: 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.

Interested in learning more about Gus Mercante? Please read his bio below!

"Described by The New York Times as a "glowing countertenor", **Augustine Mercante** enjoys an active career performing repertoire from the Baroque to the newly-created. This season he has enjoyed performances with the Serafin String Quartet, Kent Chamber Choir, The Arts at Trinity, Delaware Choral Arts, and Brandywine Baroque, as well as recitals in Washington, DC, New York, and throughout Pennsylvania and Delaware.

Gus is a frequent soloist with the American Spiritual Ensemble, with which he has toured Ireland, Spain, France and the United States, including his debut in New York's Lincoln Center. He works regularly with instrument maker and composer Aaron Grad and premiered Grad's *Old-Fashioned Love Songs* for countertenor and electric theorbo, a performance praised by the Washington Post for "full-bodied sweetness, exemplary pitch, and a reliably musical imagination." As a 2013 Vocal Fellow of the Tanglewood Music Center, his performance in the American premiere of George Benjamin's *Written on Skin* was described by the Wall Street Journal as "riveting" with a voice that "soared above the texture, lining the text with the haloed elegance of gold-leaf inscription". He is also a fellow of the Delaware Division of the Arts, most recently being awarded an Individual Artist Fellowship in 2013.

Augustine Mercante completed his Artist Diploma in Germany as a Fulbright Scholar studying with soprano Edith Wiens and performing at the Prinzregententheater in Munich and for the International Gluck Festival for the Nurnberg Opera. He holds degrees from the University of North Texas and the University of Delaware, where he was honored to be the inaugural recipient of the Robert King Memorial Scholarship.

Gus and his husband, Justin, live in Wilmington, Delaware where Gus maintains a private teaching studio and is on the voice faculty at both The Music School of Delaware and Wesley College."

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





2019 Vacation Bible School Registration Form Good Shepherd Lutheran Church

To Mars and Beyond! Aug. 5 - 9, 2019 9:00 to Noon daily

Child's Name:		
Parent or Guardian:		
Address:		
City:	State: Zip:	
Parent/Guardian Email Address:		
Telephone:	Home Church:	
Child's D.O.B. (must be 4 by the fall):	Grade child will be entering in the fall:	
Allergies/Medications/Medical Needs (list all):		
Health Insurance Policy Number:		
Family Doctor:	Phone No.:	
Emergency Contact (name):		
Emergency Contact (phone):		
To whom shall your child be dismissed after VBS (each day?:	
	e made to contact the parent or guardian at the abov	
(Parent or Guardian):		

REGISTRATION: Fee for the program is \$35 per child (\$85 maximum per family). A separate form is needed for each child. Make checks payable to *Good Shepherd Lutheran Church*. Payment must accompany form in order to process registration. Church members are urged to register as early as possible, as registration is on a "first-in" basis. Registration deadline is June 17th.

Forms can be mailed to the church (112 North Main St. Pearl River, NY 10965) or left in Lisa Holliday's mailbox in the counting room. Questions? E-mail lisa@gspr.org. BE SURE TO FILL OUT PHOTO RELEASE FORM AS WELL. Registration will be confirmed by end of June.

Picture Release Form Good Shepherd Lutheran Church

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Thank you for your support!

Boy Scout Troop #36 would like to thank Good Shepherd for your ongoing support of our troop.

Our first annual Pasta Dinner Fundraiser was held on Saturday, May 11, 2019 with great success!

- * 90+ guests attended from the congregation, scouts extended families and friends from Pearl River.
- 18 Scouts ran the event with a little help from the leaders.
- Scouts served the food, provide drinks as well as the ever important freshly graded parmesan cheese!
- 8 Scouts earned their cooking merit badge by working the kitchen and preparing the food/desserts.
- 20 lbs of pasta, 250 homemade meatballs (Nana's secret receipt) and 120 freshly made cannolis were some of the highlights.
- ◆ 34 Tricky Tray raffles all provided from our local Pearl River business owners and individuals. Many people were first time winners. Pastor was one of them!
- Major sponsorship of the event was provide by Wegmans of Montvale, Thrivent and our Men's Group
- Great music, food, prizes and most importantly great people made the evening a resounding success!

The Scouts wanted to thank you ALL for supporting the troop in so many ways throughout the year! Your generosity allows us to provide positive life long lessons for our boys through the tradition of Scouting!



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CONFIRMATION RETREAT!!!

SEPTEMBER 20-22 SAVE THE DATE!!!



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Wed		5 9:00/12:30 Creative Play/UPK 7:15 Communion Service—FH	12 9:00/12:30 Creative Play/UPK 11:15 Staff Mtg. 4:30 Executive Committee Mtg. 7:00 UPK Parent Mtg.—Sanctuary 7:15 Communion Service—FH	9 9:00/1:00 UPK 7:15 Communion Service—FH	26 11:15 Staff Mtg. 7:15 Communion Service—FH	
Tue		4 9:00/12:30 Creative Play/UPK 12:30 WELCA—off-site 7:00 Boy Scouts—FH	9:00/12:30 Creative Play/UPK 7:00 Boy Scouts Court of Honor	8 9:00/1:00 UPK 7:00 Church Council—Parlor	25 7:00 Boy Scouts—FH	
Mon		3 9:00/12:30 Creative Play/UPK 7:00 Prayer Shawl Ministry	1 0 9:00/12:30 Creative Play/UPK	7 9:00/1:00 UPK 10:00 Creative Play Graduation 6:30 Food, Faith & Friends (off-site)	24 10:00 UPK Graduation	
Sun	JUNE 2019	2 Easter 7 8:00 Holy Communion 9:15 Contemporary Communion Service 9:30-10:15 Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal 10:30 Holy Communion/SCS 6:00 AA—Fellowship Hall	9 Day of Pentecost 8:00 Holy Communion Service 9:15 Contemporary Communion Service 9:30-10:15 Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal 10:30 Holy Communion/SCS 12:00 Lemonade on the Lawn 6:00 AA/Fellowship Hall	16 The Holy Trinity (Summer Service Schedule Starts) 9:15 Contemporary Communion Service 10:30 Holy Communion Service 5:00 Book Group 6:00 AA/Fellowship Hall	23 Pentecost 2 9:15 Contemporary Communion Service 10:30 Holy Communion/SCS/ Upper Room 5:00 Book Group 6:00 AA/Fellowship Hall	30 Pentecost 3 9:15 Contemporary Communion Service 10:30 Holy Communion/SCS/ Upper Room 5:00 Book Group 6:00 AA/Fellowship Hall



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SOCIAL MINISTRY COLLECTION FOR CENTER FOR SAFETY AND CHANGE

Social Ministry is collecting personal care items to donate to the Rockland Family Shelter, now known as the Center for Safety and Change. So many victims of domestic violence are forced to flee their homes with literally just the clothes on their backs. Your donations of shampoo, body wash and other items listed below mean so much to these folks.

Please place your donations of **NEW**, **UNOPENED** items in the ROCKLAND FAMILY SHELTER box in the coat room, during May or June.

NEW TOWELS AND WASH CLOTHS DISPOSABLE DIAPERS (all sizes)

SHAMPOO AND CONDITIONERS UNSCENTED BABY WIPES

SOAP and/or BODY WASH DISPOSABLE RAZORS IN PACKS

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UNOPENED TOOTH BRUSHES AND VASELINE AND/OR AQUAPHOR

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