



The Shepherd's Voice

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

October 2019

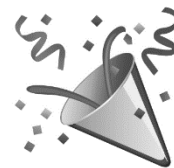
Reaching and Risking to Welcome the World in the Word that has come
among us in Jesus Christ.

Adult Forums Coming in October!

Join us each Sunday after 10:30 worship! First grab some coffee and a goodie from coffee hour, then come (mostly to Fellowship Hall) for a time of learning and discussion. Feel free to attend as many as you can, but please attend just one or two, if that's all your schedule allows!

On **October 6th**, Pastor Lena will finish sharing with us her trip to the Holy Land. She tried to squeeze it into one adult forum over the summer but her trip was so meaningful, she just couldn't do it. So come to this "part 2" as she takes us through the last half of her journey!

October 13th, 20th, Nov. 3rd, 10th (no session Oct. 27th)



On October 13th, 20th, Nov. 3rd and 10th, we'll be looking at the video program "The Advent Conspiracy." Have you ever felt that Christmas is becoming too commercialized? Does the lead up to Christmas leave you a bundle of stress? Do you ever wish you could tone it down a bit? Does December 26th feel anticlimactic? Then "The Advent Conspiracy" is for you! This is a four-part video series – but even if you can only attend once, you will still get A LOT!

PEARL RIVER DAY
Saturday, October 12th
11am to 6pm, Central Avenue

The Pearl River Chamber of Commerce will host the 13th Annual "Pearl River Day" Festival, October 2019. The purpose of this fun-filled event is to promote our downtown by showcasing the wonderful retail shops, restaurants, and other businesses in Pearl River. Enjoy live music by the Chris Brown Band and The Russo Brothers!

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.

CONTACT US

Church Office: (845)735-2243
9am—1pm Mon.-Fri.

Fax: (845)735-0819

E-mail: office@gspr.org

Web site: www.gspr.org

Creative Play Pre-School: (845)735-2737

AT YOUR SERVICE

The Reverend J. Lena Warren - Pastor
Anthony Armenio - President
Robert Bergman - Treasurer
Brian Burns - Director of Music
Elaina Burns - Organist
Maureen Connolly - Creative Play Director
Dale Damon - Church Secretary
Lisa Filatov - Bookkeeper
Lisa Holliday - Coordinator of Faith Formation
Laura Metallo-Bidon - Volunteer Coordinator

Voice Publication Deadline

Items to be included in *The Shepherd's Voice* must be submitted by October 11th for the November issue.

Electronic submission (e-mail) is preferred. Articles submitted after the deadline may not be published, due to space and time restrictions. Please e-mail articles to:

LIFE STATIONS

Deaths

Catherine Cranstoun

9/7/19

General Memorial Fund

In memory of Helen Cooper, given by Geraldine Goumas
In memory of Rev. John R. Taylor, given by Geraldine Goumas
In memory of Guido von Autenried, given by Robert Adamski
In memory of Cathy Cranstoun, given by Gloria Murphy
In memory of Cathy Cranstoun, given by Wilma & Harold Almquist
In memory of Cathy Cranstoun, given by The Cranstoun Family
In memory of Cathy Cranstoun, given by The Schulz Family
In memory of Cathy Cranstoun, given by The Husband Family
In memory of Cathy Cranstoun, given by The Errante Family

Elevator Fund

In memory of Rev. John R. Taylor, given by the McGarvey Family

**RITE OF CONFIRMATION
WILL BE HELD ON
REFORMATION SUNDAY,
OCT. 27th
AT THE 10:30 WORSHIP SERVICE**



**DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME
ENDS
November 3rd**

2019 CHURCH COUNCIL

J. Lena Warren, Pastor
Anthony Armenio, President
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Robert Bergman, Treasurer *
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Carole Meehan
Mark Olson
Christopher Ryan
Debra Thaler
(*non-voting)

MAINTAINING YOUR MEMBERSHIP

The congregational constitution states that membership is maintained by annually receiving the sacrament and making a contribution of record. Every January, the congregation updates its membership records by noting those who have maintained membership or removed themselves from the rolls.



ARE YOU INTERESTED IN BECOMING A MEMBER OF GOOD SHEPHERD CHURCH?

**We will be holding a class for new members on
Sunday, Oct. 20, at 12:30 p.m.**

**New Members will be welcomed on
Sunday, Nov. 10th, during the 10:30
worship service.**



**If you are interested, please call the Church
Office at 845-735-2243**

LCA Youth Gathering 2021 Event



We all love Carousel Cakes and always order our favorites.
Ever wonder what other cakes and pies taste like?
If so, come to our Carousel Cake tasting event
Sunday, November 3, 12:00 - 1:30 in Fellowship Hall.

We will offer tastings from 6 different pies and 4 different cakes.

Cost is \$10 per person. Complimentary coffee/tea and water.

Tickets will be on sale after services on October 20 & 27th.

Orders will be taken until November 17, with pick-up on November 25th.

Stewardship Fall Drive

October is upon us and that indicates it's time, once again, for us to reassess where we are in our lives of Christian service. You probably recently received a letter referencing that reassessment.

Good Shepherd is fortunate in having so many members who have responded to God's call in using their resources—of time, ability and finances—in furthering Good Shepherd's call to reach out, to others and to ourselves, in keeping with God's plan and desire for us. Thank you for your faithfulness.



**GOOD SHEPHERD CHURCH
WILL HOLD ITS
ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL
MEETING ON SUNDAY,
NOVEMBER 17th
FOLLOWING THE 10:30 SERVICE**

**2019 ANNUAL REPORTS ARE DUE
INTO THE CHURCH OFFICE BY
OCTOBER 14th
secretary@gspr.org**

Make Giving as Simple as Sending a Text Message

Introducing Give+ Text

You can now make a contribution with text! Simply send a text message to Good Shepherd Church, 10-Digit Give Plus Text Number: 845-613-9886, and the amount you would like to contribute. Within a few minutes, you'll be sent a text with a link to register. Click on the link and enter your cardholder name, and credit or debit card information. Once your registration is complete, you will receive a text verification and a receipt of your donation via email. For future giving, send a text with the amount you wish to give, and it will process automatically! You can even text "repeat" to make it a recurring donation. Give+ Text is one of the fastest, easiest ways to give. We hope you enjoy this new way to share your generosity, and we thank you for supporting Good Shepherd Church.



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.



CREATIVE PLAY NEWS

Our classes are all settling in nicely with their classmates and teachers. Everyone is happy to be back at school and learning new routines and meeting new friends.

We will have a visit from the firemen at the beginning of October, always a fun day for the children. They will be learning about stop, drop and roll from Sparky, the pretend Dalmatian dog. Soon after, the Creative Play children will be visiting with Pastor Lena, for chapel services. Pastor will also be visiting each month with a different classroom to read a story to the children.

Our October fun continues with the parents on the Puppet Committee. They will be sharing their talents and putting on puppet shows with a Halloween theme. That will put everyone in the mood for some spooktacular Halloween fun, when the children come to school in their costumes to celebrate Halloween festivities.

We are looking forward to all our fun, fall days!

WELCA

The next meeting of WELCA will be on Tuesday, October 1st at 1:30 PM.

We meet in Fellowship Hall. Ladies, if you are a member of Good Shepherd, you are a member of WELCA. We meet the first Tuesday of every month. There are no dues, but we do have a "free will" offering. We have a short meeting, a program and some delicious refreshments and social time.

At our first meeting in September, we held our auction. This is our only fundraiser and it was very entertaining, besides adding nicely to our treasury. With these funds we donate to various organizations within Good Shepherd, and our community. We are all needed to continue to help. Please join us. If you have any questions or would like more information, please call Barbara Bow at 845-215-5866 or Mary Iseman at 845-623-7638.





Stenland Lodge No. 727
Vasa Order of America
an Educational, Cultural and Fraternal Organization

Invites you to their

Annual Lucia Celebration and Christmas Party
At Good Shepherd Lutheran Church--Fellowship Hall

Saturday December 7, 2019, at 2:00 p.m.

Doors open at 1:30, refreshments will be served

Requested Donation \$10.00 Children under 16 are free.

For Information contact Ingrid Allison at ingridallison@optonline.net or 845-425-1574



Confirmation news!

Confirmation classes resume in October!

6th & 7th grade meets on Monday, October 7th at 6:45pm

8th grade meets on Monday, October 21st at 6:45pm

We also have a family night scheduled for Monday October 28th, at 7:00pm – ALL classes and their families are expected to attend family nights

MEN'S BREAKFAST GROUP

Good Shepherd's Men's Group meets the third Saturday of every month, at 9:00 am in Fellowship Hall.

All men of Good Shepherd are invited to join in for fellowship and a great breakfast! Mark your calendars for October 19th.



Youth Music Activities for pre-school through Confirmation age began on Sunday, September 22nd. We will meet from 11:45am to 12:15pm each Sunday, in the choir room.

Singers, bring your voices! Instrumentalists, bring your instruments.

Elaina Burns



BIBLE STUDY TWICE A DAY?!

You now have a choice to attend Bible study in the morning or the evening – whichever time works better for you!

Morning session: 10am/Evening session: 7pm
beginning Wednesday October 2nd

The book of Acts by Tom Wright

The mysterious presence of Jesus haunts the entire story of Acts. Jesus is announced as King and Lord, not as an increasingly distant memory but as a living and powerful reality, a person who can be known and loved, obeyed and followed, a person who continues to act within the real world. We call the book "The Acts of the Apostles," but we should think of it as "The Acts of Jesus (II)." These studies from Tom Wright help us to do so, and to see how Jesus' acts through the apostles inform our acts today

OCTOBER FOOD COLLECTION FOR PASTOR LARRY'S BRONX CHURCH

DRIED MILK PACKETS



(please donate boxes of dry milk that have separate packages of milk enclosed; these are easier to distribute)

Dear Good Shepherd Families,

I am looking forward to another wonderful year of music at Good Shepherd! We are so grateful for all your kind comments after worship each week. So many of you have come up to Brian and me, and some have even written beautiful letters to tell us how much you have enjoyed the music – whether a prelude, an offertory piece, a favorite hymn, a postlude, or simply the overall feel of the music during the service. We want you to know we are honored to be a part of such a kind and welcoming community.

We have many opportunities for you to participate in the musical life of the church. All are welcome to join us! Please email elaina@gspr.org to learn more about how you can participate. You can also speak to Brian or me before or after a service – we can even talk while playing, so don't hesitate to let us know you are interested at any time!

Students from preschool through Confirmation age are invited to join us in the choir room, from 11:45am-12:15pm each Sunday beginning Sunday, September 22nd. We will have fun making music together – singing, playing instruments, laughing, and enjoying our time together in all our musical endeavors!

Those in 9th grade through adult can join us in adult choir, in bell choir, or in a jam session. 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! We are so grateful for all the singers and instrumentalists who have contributed to our worship services in this way – thank you!!

The Music at Good Shepherd Concert Series is open to all, and we encourage you to bring your friends and family to these special events! Please save the dates!

- 1-) BridgeMusik, Sunday, October 27th at 3pm
- 2-) Winter's Grace, Adult Choir Cantata, Wednesday, December 18th at 7:15pm
- 3-) New York Classical Players, Sunday, February 2nd at 3pm
- 4-) Pearl River School of Irish Music, Sunday, March 1st at 3pm
- 5-) Ramapo College Choirs, Sunday, April 26th at 3pm



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

Hope to see you soon!
Elaina



SAVE THE DATE!!
Sunday, October 27th @ 3pm
Bridgemusik

Krystof Witek-violin, & Tanya Witek-flute
Concert Series at Good Shepherd
112 N. Main St.
Pearl River, NY
(845)735-2243
\$10 Student
\$20 Adult



Sun

Mon

Tue

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Sat

OCTOBER 2019

6 Pentecost 17

8:00 Worship Service
9:15 Contemporary Worship
10:30 Holy Communion Service
11:45 Youth Music Rehearsal
12:00 Adult Forum—The Advent Conspiracy
6:00 AA/Fellowship Hall



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9:00/1:00 Creative Play/UPK
6:45 Confirmation 6th & 7th gr.
7:00 Prayer Shawl Min.

13 Pentecost 18

8:00 Holy Communion
9:00 Contemporary Worship
10:30 Worship Service
11:45 Youth Music Rehearsal
12:00 Adult Forum—The Advent Conspiracy
5:00 Book Group—Parlor
6:00 AA/Fellowship Hall

14 Columbus Day

Church Office Closed
No Creative Play



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9:00/1:00 UPK/Creative Play
7:00 Church Council—Parlor

20 Pentecost 19

8:00 Worship Service
9:00 Contemporary Worship
9:30-10:15 Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal
10:30 Holy Communion Service
11:45 Youth Music Rehearsal
12:00 Adult Forum—The Advent Conspiracy
12:00 New Member Class
5:00 Book Group—Prior
6:00 AA/Fellowship Hall

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9:00/1:00 UPK /Creative Play
6:45 Confirmation 8th Grade—FH

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SUNDAY

8:00 Holy Communion
9:00 Contemporary Worship
9:30-10:15 Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal
10:30 Communion/Rite of Confirmation/SCS
11:45 Youth Music Rehearsal
12:00 Adult Forum—The Advent Conspiracy
3:00 Concert Series—Bridgemusik
6:00 AA/Fellowship Hall

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9:00/1:00 UPK/Creative Play
7:00 Confirmation Family Nite

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10:00 Bible Study—Parlor
11:15 Staff Meeting
4:00-6:00 Blessing of the Animals
7:00 Bible Study—Parlor

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7:30 Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

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7:45 AA—Fellowship Hall

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6:00 Oktoberfest —FH

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Creative Play/UPK CLOSED
10:00 Bible Study—Parlor
4:30 Executive Committee Mtg.
7:00 Bible Study—Parlor

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9:00/1:00 Creative Play/UPK
7:30 Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

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9:00/1:00 Creative Play/UPK
**VOICE ARTICLE DEADLINE
NOVEMBER Voice**

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PEARL RIVER DAY
CENTRAL AVE.
11:00-6:00

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9:00/1:00 UPK/Creative Play
10:00 Bible Study—Parlor
11:15 Staff Mtg.
7:00 Bible Study—Parlor

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9:00/1:00 UPK /Creative Play
8:00 Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

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9:00/1:00 UPK/Creative Play
7:45 AA—Fellowship Hall

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9:00 Men's Breakfast—FH

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9:00/1:00 UPK/Creative Play
10:00 Bible Study—Parlor
7:00 Bible Study—Parlor

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9:00/1:00 UPK /Creative Play
7:30 Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

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9:00/1:00 UPK/Creative Play
MA-HE-TU RETREAT
7:45 AA/Fellowship Hall

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9:00/1:00 UPK/Creative Play
10:00 Bible Study—Parlor
11:15 Staff Mtg.
7:00 Bible Study

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Reformation Day
9:00/1:00 UPK/Creative Play
7:30 Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal





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BUY A GIFT CARD and Good Shepherd receives 5% from each gift card purchase. The cards can be purchased in the church office. Cards can be used at any ShopRite location. We have \$25, \$50, or \$100 cards. cash and checks will be accepted.

The profit from the sale of the cards will help support our youth, who will be attending the 2021 Youth Gathering in Minneapolis. The youth will be selling cards in the coat room on 9/22, after all services.

Any questions, please contact the church office at 845-735-2243 or Cindy Sealander for the Youth: csealander@optonline.net



HELP NEEDED.... The Altar Guild is looking for ladies who would be interested in preparing the altar for worship each Sunday. If interested, please contact the church office at 845-735-2243.

