



The Shepherd's Voice

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

September 2019

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

From the Pastor's Pen...



Beloved of God,

It's already September! How did that happen? It's been a very full and very busy summer here at Good Shepherd and I'm sure it won't slow down at all this fall. I hope to see all those back, on September 8th, who have been away from worship all summer, when we return to three services from two, and Sunday Church School starts back up.

We'll be doing Confirmation orientation on Sept 9, 10, and 11th. WELCA is having their first meeting on September 3rd. The Men's Group has moved their breakfast to the second Saturday in September (September 14th) to avoid conflicting with our Confirmation retreat on Sept 20-22nd at Camp Ma-He-Tu. Speaking of Ma-He-Tu, volunteers are needed to help with that and there is a wine and cheese gathering planned for the adult chaperones who are going, and a games/fun night orientation for the junior chaperones. Our prayer shawl ministry has been meeting all summer and they continue in the fall on September 9th. There is Hot Dog Sunday, a Junior Recital by Robert Callan (see his letter for more information), the choir is starting up again on Sept 12th, and I'm probably forgetting things like committee meetings, the Boy Scouts, Bible Study, Adult Forums, Book Groups and more.

Good Shepherd is a busy place. It's the kind of place that needs you to be involved by finding something that happens here that you love and plug into. It's the kind of place that works only because everyone who is a part of our church community does what they can. I'm so grateful for everyone who lends a hand and heart here. People here are amazing! And I hope you will find a way to be a part of the ministry and mission of Good Shepherd—with a little bit of your time, your passion, your finances and your prayers (we need lots of these!).

However, let me clarify something. Good Shepherd's busy-ness has a way of adding to the busy-ness of our lives. I mean, even typing the list of all that is going on was enough to make me feel a little stressed. And that shouldn't be. When I ask you to find a way to plug in, I ask you to find a place where the needs of this community and your passion meet, so that what you do, what you participate in here at Good Shepherd, can feed your soul. The people who sing in the choir find that ministry to be life-giving. The people who connect with the Ma-He-Tu retreat find that weekend exhilarating (and exhausting, but a good exhausting). The people in the prayer shawl group love their opportunity to gather so often, they met all summer (their choice). This is what ministry should be about: a place not to just be busy, but a place to feed your soul and make the world better at the meantime.

This month, we will be hiring a Volunteer Coordinator. Actually, we might well have someone hired by the time you receive this! She (we haven't hired the person yet, but we didn't have any men apply) will be getting to know as many people as she can. She will be listening to your passions and finding ways for you to plug into the ministries of Good Shepherd (and maybe helping us to start new ministries based on what you are passionate about)—not to make you busier, but so you can connect at Good Shepherd and find ways to feed your soul. I hope you will take the time to get to know her and will be willing to take the risk to say yes when she asks.

I look forward to seeing you soon.

Grace and peace,
Pastor J. Lena Warren

**The Evangelical Lutheran
Church of the Good Shepherd**

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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.

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Lisa Holliday - Coordinator of Faith Formation
Janet Maleski - Council Secretary

LIFE STATIONS

Baptism

Riley Elizabeth Howarth 7/7/19

Deaths

The Reverend John R. Taylor, Pastor Emeritus 7/19/19
Karen J. Dodson 8/20/19

Music Fund

In memory of Jane Woodward, given by Don & Penni Widmayer

General Memorial Fund

In memory of Helen Cooper, given by Judy & Peter Suhmann
In memory of Helen Cooper, given by Steven & Barbara Hopper
In memory of Jane Woodward, given by Diane & Ralph Meyer
In memory of Jane Woodward, given by Helene Rhodes
In memory of Guido von Autenried, given by Bill & Dee Puntasecca
In memory of Guido von Autenried, given by Mr. & Mrs. Anthony Pastore
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In memory of Jane Woodward, given by Christopher & Laura Sneath

Missionary Support

In memory of Helen Cooper, given by Bill & Irene Ryan

Flower Fund

In memory of Helen Cooper, given by Audrey Balison

Solar Panel Fund

In memory of Helen Cooper, given by Wendy Gates

Prayer Shawl Ministry Fund

In memory of Helen Cooper, given by Gloria Murphy

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Voice Publication Deadline

Items to be included in *The Shepherd's Voice* must be submitted by September 13th 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:

FALL WORSHIP RESUMES

Starting September 8th, we will have three services each Sunday at: 8:00, 9:15 & 10:30 a.m., with Sunday Church School at 10:30 a.m.



The Town of Orangetown will hold a memorial observance on Wednesday, September 11th at 6:00pm, on the lawn of the town hall. All are welcome.

HOT DOG SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 15TH.

Join us following the 10:30 service, in Fellowship Hall, for some fellowship and a HOT DOG...with all the fixins! It's a wonderful opportunity to reconnect after the summer.

SPECIAL FOOD COLLECTION...September 8th, we will be collecting CEREAL for Pastor Larry's Food Pantry in the Bronx. Boxes are available for donations in the church and at the entrance of the Education Bdg.



The Reverend John R. Taylor, Pastor Emeritus

Sometimes, it's the little things that take up the most room in your heart.



THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO CHARLIE BROWN...if you were a member of Good Shepherd during the years The Reverend John R. Taylor was our pastor, you will remember the reference to "The Gospel According to Charlie Brown." You will remember Pastor's wonderful smile and infectious laugh.

Pastor Taylor served our congregation from 1967 to 1984. He retired to Florida and remained active in the ministry. He later relocated to Pennsylvania, to be near family.

Pastor Taylor returned to Good Shepherd on several occasions, most recently for Pastor Havrilla's retirement in 2014.

We recently received word that Pastor Taylor passed peacefully on Wednesday, July 17th, 2019.

May God be with all who mourn and may light perpetually shine upon him.

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.

"Never measure your generosity by what you give, but rather by what you have left."

Bishop Fulton J. Sheen

A MESSAGE FROM OUR TREASURER...

The last thing we want to think about as summer draws to a close is our church budget, but think we must.

Happily, after eight months of the church year behind us, our budget is close to balanced. This has been, and continues to be, a challenging financial year. A generational transition is happening before our eyes as we say goodbye to so many long-time members.

They leave, to us who remain, the responsibility to lead and support this wonderful ministry we call Good Shepherd. Please give prayerful consideration to your place in this ministry and the lives we touch every day.

**Bob Bergman
Treasurer**

The new Pearl River Farmers' Market runs from 10am-3pm, Sundays, on North William Street, in downtown Pearl River! Visit their Facebook page:
<https://www.facebook.com/Pearl-River-Farmers-Market-428259987751129/>



We are so excited to start our new school year! We hope everyone enjoyed their summer and is looking forward to a fun year of learning and playing.

Our summer camp was a huge success! The children were busy every week, with different themes to enjoy. They used their creativity and thinking skills to have fun with themes like fairy tales, construction and under the sea. The children enjoyed the outside play with their teachers and counselors...there were many smiling faces. A special thank you to Renee Bucci, director of our summer camp. Her dedication and planning made this camp experience a fun one for the children and their families. A big thank you to Jen Zaro for her assistance.



Our teachers are busy getting their classrooms ready for September. They are decorated and organized for the new school year. Now all we need is the laughter of our students to fill our building.

Our school year begins with our back-to-school meetings and visitations for our three-and-four-year-old children in the beginning of September. Our UPK children will start school on Wednesday, September 4th, and our Creative Play classes start on Monday, September 9th, and Tuesday, September 10th.

Creative Play has openings in both the morning and afternoon sessions for our 3-&4-year-olds, as well as our Time for Two and Toddler classes. Please call the school to gather more information about these wonderful programs.

Maureen Connolly, Director

WELCA News



The next meeting of WELCA will be on Tuesday September 2nd at 1:30 PM, in Fellowship Hall. This meeting will be our Auction fundraiser. Please bring a wrapped or unwrapped item, new or used, serious or funny, for the ladies to bid on. This is our only fundraiser and is enjoyed by all.

Ladies, if you are a member of Good Shepherd, you are a member of WELCA. We have no dues but do collect a "free will" offering. We start with a short business meeting, followed by a program, and enjoy great refreshments and fellowship. Please join us. If you have any questions or need a ride, please call Barbara Bow at 845-215-5866 or Mary Iseman at 845-623-7638.

Hope you are all having a great summer, and God's peace to you.

Blessing of the Backpacks



During the children's sermon on Sept. 8th, there will be

a blessing of backpacks, so children of ALL ages are invited to bring their backpacks (and/or briefcases etc...) to worship and receive a blessing.

Confirmation Retreat at Camp Ma-He-Tu September 20-22nd

Confirmation students are expected to attend at least once during their confirmation program!

Junior and adult chaperones will arrive on Friday night for team building and program orientation. Confirmands will arrive Saturday morning and stay through Sunday morning.

Contact the church office for registration information!

We need:

Junior Chaperones (high school students) and Adult Chaperones for the retreat to be a success! Please consider volunteering for this important ministry!

If interested – adults contact Lisa Holliday at lisa@gspr.org and youth contact Lee Warran at glwarren@gmail.com.



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

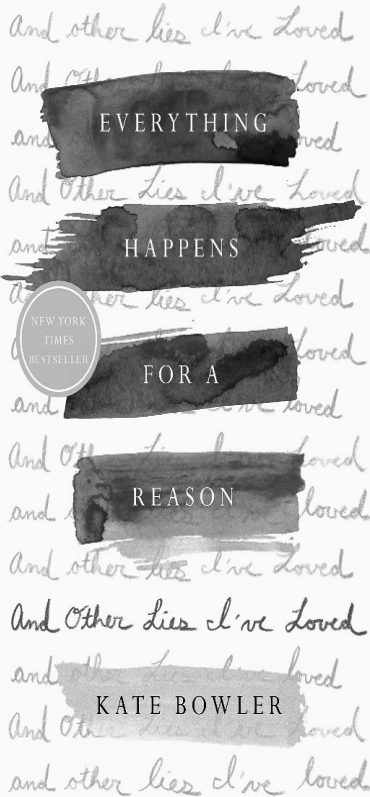
Tuesday Night Book Group beginning in October.
 “Everything Happens for a Reason: And Other Lies I’ve Loved”
 by Kate Bowler
 Order Now - \$16

Kate Bowler is a professor at Duke Divinity School. At thirty-five, everything in her life seems to point toward “blessing.” She is thriving in her job, married to her high school sweetheart, and loves life with her newborn son.

Then she is diagnosed with stage IV colon cancer.

Kate is very sick, and no amount of positive thinking will shrink her tumors. What does it mean to die, she wonders, in a society that insists everything happens for a reason? Kate is stripped of this certainty only to discover that without it, life is hard, but also beautiful in a way it never has been before.

“A meditation on sense-making when there’s no sense to be made, on letting go when we can’t hold on, and on being unafraid even when we’re terrified. And it happens to be hilarious. This is a love letter to life, and it’s gorgeous.” Lucy Kalanithi, MD, FACP, clinical assistant professor of medicine, Stanford University School of Medicine



Sunday School Starts on September 8th!

Sunday School registration will be in Fellowship Hall at 10am. Children will meet their teachers, then go to worship with their families at 10:30am. After the children’s sermon, the children will go to their classes. It’s going to be a great year of learning, faith and fun!



Good Shepherd's Confirmation Orientation for parents of children in 6th-8th grade will take place on three

different dates. This is a meeting for PARENTS and their Confirmation children. Classes will begin in October.

Please attend ONE of the following meetings:

Monday, September 9th at 7pm

Tuesday, September 10th at 7pm

Wednesday, September 11th at 7pm

MEN'S BREAKFAST GROUP

Our next breakfast is scheduled for **Saturday, September 14th, @ 9am**, in Fellowship Hall. A date conflict arose regarding the originally scheduled 21st. We will resume monthly third Saturday breakfasts, going forward.



Middle School YOUTH

Grade 6-8 

Snacks

Games

**Upper Room
Sundays
10:30-11:30**

**Starts Sunday September 8th
4th Sunday of every month, there is no Upper Room.
Youth are encouraged to go to service.**

Community
Service

Fun!!!
Friends
Fellowship



For more information, contact
Sharon Martini
sharonfmartini@gmail.com
or snap Chat - Shareamartini



COME TO OKTOBERFEST 2019**October 5th at 6:00 p.m.****(Doors will open at 5:45 p.m.)**

Come for an evening with a German atmosphere,
great food, entertainment, music,
raffles, and fellowship

Menu: Roast pork and home-made gravy, potato pancakes or spaetzle, red cabbage, potato salad, bratwurst, applesauce, green salad, rye bread and an apple dessert (hot dogs for children). Beer, wine, apple juice, and soda.

Entertainment: Larry Zaidan's Tuba Quartet

Cost: Adults \$15.00
Children \$9.00 (12 and under)
Family: \$50.00
Children under two are free
Wine and beer: \$5 each – limit of two per adult

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.

Please fill out the form below and send to the church office with payment, with “Oktoberfest” indicated on the check. Confirmation will be by e-mail or telephone.

Only 125 tickets will be sold, and the deadline is September 29th.

OKTOBERFEST 2019– October 5th at 6:00 p.m.

NAME: _____

E-mail or telephone # for confirmation: _____

Adults: _____ Children _____ Family _____

Red Wine: ____ White Wine: ____ Beer: ____ (please indicate # of servings)
\$5 each; limit of two per person

Total enclosed: \$ _____

The Evangelism Team needs YOU!

Next Meeting

Tuesday September 3rd
7:00pm
Youth Room

The Evangelism team works on important projects throughout the year: Welcoming visitors and new members, organizing 28 days of kindness, liaison between our missionaries and the congregation, and greeting all before services on Sunday. The Evangelism teams' goal is to provide a warm welcoming church. If you love to meet new people or have ideas on how we can improve, please meet with us! We meet the first Tuesday of each month.



For more information, contact Sharon Martini
sharonmartini@gmail.com 845-642-5455

Envelope Donation Number Issue

Recently, many of you received a 2019 Six-month giving statement. To date, we have discovered four mismatched envelope numbers. We discovered that on the envelope box set address label, the number listed on the label in the upper left hand corner is your correct envelope number, but in the box, the envelopes may not have the number that is printed on your address label.

To make the 2019 year-end statement accurate, please review your six month giving statement, and or box set, and compare the envelope number with the actual address label number. If accurate, no further action is required, but if not, do the following:

Write your name, your correct envelope number and envelope number received in error on this list. Forward this information to Werner Boecker, our Financial Secretary, via the Church office, and your giving statement corrections will be made. Many thanks for your support,

Church Finance Committee

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My dear Good Shepherd Family,

With my sincerest gratitude, thank you! Your donations made it possible for me to participate in the Nyack College School of Music Global Service Learning (GS-L) Chamberfest Asia 2019 trip, January 2nd - 19th, 2019, visiting China, Hong Kong, and Taiwan.

I have been blessed to use my voice at Good Shepherd, giving praise and expressing my love of God and music through our Music Ministries activities, to the best of my abilities. With the opportunities and responsibilities participating in all areas of the music ministry including choirs, singing solos, cantoring, working with our youth, visiting community sites, and serving on our GS Church Council as the youth representative, prepared me perfectly for this adventure using all these gifts and skills.

As a group, we succeeded in blessing many people throughout Asia on our trip. We had the opportunity to share our Christian faith through words and music, and learned about different cultures. Our activities included music performances, ministries, and cross-cultural experiences. We performed at churches, schools, a place for children with struggling families, and a women's prison.

This opportunity has blessed me in being able to do what I want to do in my career, which is blessing others through music and love. My goal is sharing my passion for God's sacred music with the world. at the highest level I can.

My greatest joy continues to be contributing to Good Shepherd. I was overwhelmed by your interest in my continued development and investing in me. Words cannot express the pride and love I felt for your support. For these reasons, ALL ARE INVITED TO ATTEND THE FOLLOWING:

Saturday, September 28th @ 7pm in the Sanctuary





As a Vocal Performance Major, with a Minor in Bible studies, I am required to perform a Junior Recital, approximately 30 minutes in length. I had to request/get special approval to have my recital off-campus. With the colleges approval, Brian and Elena's approval, and most importantly, Pastor Lena's approval, I am overjoyed I am able to perform in my beloved/favorite performance location—Good Shepherd Lutheran Church. A light reception will follow in Fellowship Hall.

Sunday, September 29th, following the 10:30 Service: reception in Fellowship Hall

Chamberfest Thank You Brunch and Presentation

The Choir will perform my college choral composition, "Abide With Me."

Sincerely and with love,
Robert Callan

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<h1>SEPTEMBER</h1> <h2>2019</h2>						
1 Pentecost 12 9:15 Holy Communion Service 10:30 Holy Communion Service 6:00 AAFellowship Hall	 2 Labor Day Church Office Closed	3 1:30 WELCA—Fellowship Hall 7:00 Boy Scouts	 4 UPK First Day of School 11:15 Staff Mtg. 7:00 Creative Play Back-to-School Night (3s)	5 9:00/1:00 UPK 9-11 am Creative Play Visitation 7:00 Creative Play Back-to-School Night (4s)	6 9:00/1:00 UPK 9:30/1:00 Creative Play 600 Jr. Chap. Mtg.-Yth Rm. 7:45 AAFellowship Hall	7
8 Pentecost 13 8:00 Holy Communion/Blessings of Back-packs 9:00 Contemporary Worship/Blessing of Back-packs 10:00 Sunday Church School Registration—FH 10:30 Worship Service/Blessing of Back-packs 6:00 AAFellowship Hall	9 9:30 CP 1st Day of Class 7:00 Prayer Shawl Min. 7:00 Confirmation Parent Orientation	10 9:00/1:00 UPK/Creative Play 7:00 Confirmation Parent Orientation	11 PATRIOT DAY 9:00/1:00 UPK/Creative Play 4:30 Executive Com. Mtg. 7:00 Confirmation Parent Orientation	12 9:00/1:00 UPK /Creative Play 9:30/1:00 Creative Play 7:00 Confirmation Parent Orientation 8:00 Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal	13 9:00/1:00 UPK/Creative Play VOICE ARTICLE DEADLINE October Voice 7:45 AA—Fellowship Hall	14 7:00 Adult Volunteers For Ma-He-Tu Mtg.,Parlor 9:00 Men's Breakfast—FH
15 Pentecost 14 HOT DOG SUNDAY 8:00 Worship Service 9:00 Contemporary Worship 9:30-10:15 Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal 10:30 Holy Communion Service 11:30 Hot Dog Sunday—FH 6:00 AAFellowship Hall	16 9:00/1:00 UPK /Creative Play	17 9:00/1:00 UPK/Creative Play 7:00 Boy Scout Troop 36—FH 7:00 Church Council Mtg.—Parlor	18 9:00/1:00 UPK/Creative Play 11:15 Staff Mtg.	19 9:00/1:00 UPK /Creative Play 7:30 Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal	20 9:00/1:00 UPK/Creative Play MA-HE-TU RETREAT 7:45 AAFellowship Hall	21 MA-HE-TU RETREAT 
22 Pentecost 15 MA-HE-TU RETREAT 8:00 Holy Communion 9:00 Contemporary Worship 9:30-10:15 Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal 10:30 Worship Service 6:00 AAFellowship Hall	23 9:00/1:00 UPK/Creative Play	24 9:00/1:00 UPK/Creative Play 7:00 Boy Scout Troop 36—FH 7:00 Creative Play Executive Bd.	25 9:00/1:00 UPK/Creative Play	26 9:00/1:00 UPK/Creative Play 7:00 Creative Play Executive Board Meeting 7:30 Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal	27 9:00/1:00 UPK/Creative Play 7:45 AAFellowship Hall	28 7:00 Music Recital Robert Callan's Jr. Recital
29 Pentecost 16 8:00 Holy Communion Service 9:00 Contemporary Worship 9:30-10:15 Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal 10:30 Holy Communion Service 11:30 Reception—Fellowship Hall 6:00 AAFellowship Hall	30 NO UPK/CREATIVE PLAY					



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