



# The Shepherd's Voice

## HOLY WEEK

We Believe



APRIL 2021

SERVING ROCKLAND COUNTY, NY &  
NORTHERN BERGEN COUNTY, NJ

Below, you'll find the schedule for Holy Week 2021! All services, except for Maundy Thursday, will be recorded and available to watch on YouTube. For all in-person services, please sign up at the links provided on the next page, as attendance will be limited. You can also register as a volunteer to help set-up, or in leading worship. We hope to see you there!

## + Holy Week Schedule +

### PALM SUNDAY, MARCH 28TH

We will be having drive-in style services at 8:30am, and again at 10:30am. These will be weather-permitting; in case of inclement weather, tune into our livestream on YouTube.

### MAUNDY THURSDAY, APRIL 1ST

Join us on Zoom for Dinner Church, at 6:30pm! Bring your own meal with bread and wine. We will guide each other through the holy meal, right from each others' dinner tables!

### GOOD FRIDAY, APRIL 2ND

Meet us in the Sanctuary! There will be two services, at 2pm and 8pm.

### EASTER SUNDAY, APRIL 4TH

This year's Sunrise Service will be outdoors! We will gather out in the parking lot to watch the sunrise and hear the angels' message "He is Risen!" (There will be no radio or amplified sound for this service.)

There will also be two drive-in services, at 9am and 11am. These will be livestreamed on YouTube, as well.



**THE EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD**  
112 N. Main Street Pearl River, NY 10965

### **OUR MISSION**

*"To reach out in inclusive love and generosity so that all may know the love of Jesus"*

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### **AT YOUR SERVICE**

The Reverend J. Lena Warren, Pastor  
Jake Daniels, President  
Michael McCambridge, Treasurer  
Brian Burns, Director of Music  
Elaina Burns, Organist  
Renee Bucci, Creative Play Director  
Dale Damon, Church Secretary  
Lisa Filatov, Bookkeeper  
Katy Wong, Communications Coordinator  
Gina Danialinia, Volunteer Coordinator  
Gisele Saldana, Sexton

### **2021 CHURCH COUNCIL**

Rev. J. Lena Warren, Pastor  
Jake Daniels, President  
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Please send your articles for the May 2021 Voice issue to **Katy@gspr.org** by **Thursday, April 15**. Be sure to follow our Facebook and Instagram pages, for the latest, up-to-date info. If you have any articles or photos you'd like to see, or share, on our social media pages, or weekly E-newsletter, feel free to email Katy. As always, you can call the Church Office if you have any questions.

We are excited to be meeting in person again! A friendly reminder that all COVID guidelines will be followed; social distancing and masks required. If you have any questions, contact the Church Office at 845-735-2243. We hope to see you there!

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## + Holy Week Sign-up +

### PALM SUNDAY, MARCH 28TH: DRIVE-IN SERVICES

8:30am [www.volunteersignup.org/HLKPB](http://www.volunteersignup.org/HLKPB)

10:30am [www.volunteersignup.org/BWY9R](http://www.volunteersignup.org/BWY9R)



*\*Weather-permitting. In case of inclement weather, we will livestream these services on YouTube, instead.*

### MAUNDY THURSDAY, APRIL 1ST: ZOOM DINNER CHURCH

6:30pm Meeting ID: 823 6546 2997 Passcode: 237524

*\*Bring your own meal with bread and wine. we will guide each other through the holy meal, from each other's dinner tables.*



### GOOD FRIDAY, APRIL 2ND: SANCTUARY SERVICES

2pm [www.volunteersignup.org/7EPKD](http://www.volunteersignup.org/7EPKD)

8pm [www.volunteersignup.org/BTJKB](http://www.volunteersignup.org/BTJKB)



### EASTER SUNDAY, APRIL 4TH

#### OUTDOOR SUNRISE SERVICE

6:30am [www.volunteersignup.org/9RA7J](http://www.volunteersignup.org/9RA7J)

*\*No radio or amplified sound - we will gather outside to watch the sunrise and hear the angels' message "He is Risen!"*

#### DRIVE-IN SERVICES

9am [www.volunteersignup.org/4PWX8](http://www.volunteersignup.org/4PWX8)

11am [www.volunteersignup.org/AWY4M](http://www.volunteersignup.org/AWY4M)



## Private Prayer



**The Sanctuary will be open, Tuesdays 4-6:30pm & Thursdays 10am-2pm, for private prayer.** Masks are required to enter and hand sanitizer will be available. Please sign in upon your arrival! If the doors to the Sanctuary are not open, call the Church Office and we will have someone let you in.

# STAY CONNECTED

We have made it easier to stay connected online! Subscribe to our weekly e-newsletter, "By The Way," sent on Thursday evenings. Email [communications@gspr.org](mailto:communications@gspr.org) to be added to our list. You can also find us on Facebook and Instagram.



[www.facebook.com/GoodShepherdPR](https://www.facebook.com/GoodShepherdPR)  
[www.instagram.com/GoodShepherdPR](https://www.instagram.com/GoodShepherdPR)



Both apps can be downloaded on Android and iPhone operating systems. As always, you can visit our website at [www.gspr.org](http://www.gspr.org).



We are livestreaming on YouTube! Once the video is uploaded, it will be available to watch anytime after! Pastor Lena also uploads regular reflections throughout the week. Subscribe to our channel and receive alerts when new videos are posted: [www.youtube.com/c/GoodShepherdPearlRiver](https://www.youtube.com/c/GoodShepherdPearlRiver)

**Sundays at 10:30am** So you can follow along, the bulletin for the service is available via a link below the YouTube video. A digital copy of Cross Connections will be sent in our weekly email, "By The Way."

**Mondays at 9:30am** Start your week with morning prayer. Pray wherever you are!

**Thursdays at 9pm** We will be streaming Compline - an evening prayer with beautiful, ancient roots, and a wonderful way to calm your soul before bed.

## CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

**MONDAY 2:30-4:30**

**TUESDAY 10-4:30**

**WEDNESDAY 12-4**

**THURSDAY 10-4**

**FRIDAY 12-4**

Call us before your  
arrival! 845-735-2243

## COVID CONSERATIONS:

- Only one staff member present at a time
- Masks required
- Hand sanitizer available at all entryways
- Mandatory temperature checks
- Sign-in sheet



# Ways to Give

This time of uncertainty has been, and continues to be very hard not just for our community life, but also for the financial health of the congregation. If you are able, please consider signing up for online giving. Even a one-time special gift would be helpful. Thank you for your generosity in giving to Good Shepherd!

**ONLINE:** Go to our webpage, [www.gspr.org/give](http://www.gspr.org/give) and click the "give" button.

**GIVE+ TEXT:** Text 877-771-4850, then follow the instructions.

**MAIL:** Send your offerings to 112 N. Main St. Pearl River, NY 10965.

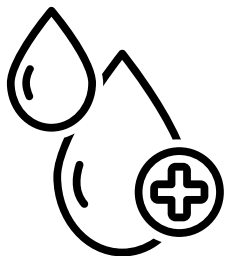


**AMAZONSMILE:** Use AmazonSmile to buy your personal gifts, while also giving to Good Shepherd! Agree to support us at <https://smile.amazon.com> and 0.05% of the profits will automatically be donated to us. Remember to use AmazonSmile, instead of Amazon in order for Good Shepherd to receive the donation. Any questions, contact Cindy Sealander at [csealander@optonline.net](mailto:csealander@optonline.net).

**SHOPRITE GIFT CARDS:** Buy a ShopRite gift card and Good Shepherd receives 5% from each gift card purchase, in support of our Youth. Cards can be purchased in the church office and used at any ShopRite location. \$25, \$50, \$100 card amounts available - cash & checks accepted.

## Masks for a cause!

Good Shepherd masks are available for purchase, at \$20 each. All proceeds will go to the Lutheran Disaster Response for Hurricane Relief, a ministry of the ELCA. Contact the Church Office to pick yours up, while supplies last!



**New York Blood Center**

**SAVE THE DATE!**

We are hosting a Blood Drive on Tuesday, June 29.  
More details TBA.

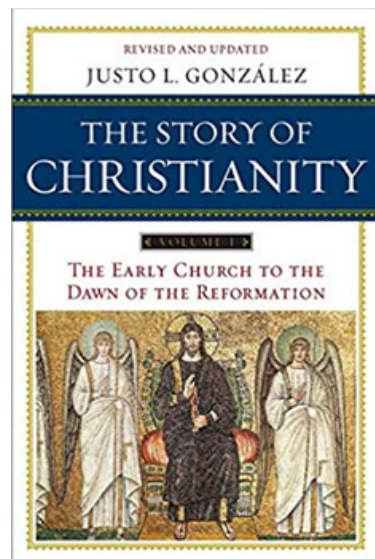




# ZOOM into our Virtual Weekly Events!

## Afternoon Book Group Wednesdays at 4pm

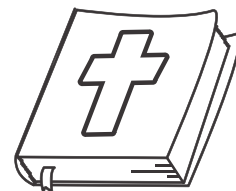
Gina will be leading book group via Zoom, at 4pm. Join us for an engaging book study, exploring the *Story of Christianity* by Justo L. González, a narrative history of Christianity, from the Early Church to the dawn of the Protestant Reformation. From Jesus' faithful apostles to the early reformist, John Wycliffe, González skillfully traces core theological issues and developments within the various traditions of the Church, including major events outside Europe, such as the Spanish and Portuguese conquest of the New World. This updated and expanded edition incorporates recent archaeological discoveries about the life of Early Christian communities, as well as important contemporary research revealing the significant role of women throughout the history of the church. If you're interested in reading with us, email [Gina@gspr.org](mailto:Gina@gspr.org).



## Adult Bible Study Thursdays at 6:30pm

**Meeting ID: 839 8897 7895 Passcode: 204403**

Pastor Lena will be leading us as we take a look at the Book of Proverbs. Proverbs is collection of sayings that are meant to guide a person in living a faithful, fulfilling "good" life and will give us lots of opportunity to reflect on how we are called to live with proper relations to self, others, society, and God. There are also quite a few funny quips that will help us laugh along the way. No experience necessary; feel free to invite a friend!



## Coffee Hour Sundays after worship

**Meeting ID: 848 6653 2800 Passcode: 972240**

Join us after **Sunday worship, at 11:30am**, for a virtual coffee hour. It'll be a nice chance to see one another, and catch up. Log on to [www.zoom.us](http://www.zoom.us) with your cup of coffee and type in the meeting ID and passcode. The information to join will be the same every week, so feel free to stop in any week that works for you!



## Go paper-less!

Are you having trouble getting your mail on time? Feeling out of the loop? Opt to receive our E-Voice, instead! To get *The Shepherd's Voice* emailed to you, please email [Katy@gspr.org](mailto:Katy@gspr.org).





# Mother's Day Plant Sale

**May 8-9 (Saturday & Sunday)**

**SAVE THE DATE!** The Youth Gathering will be hosting a Mother's Day Plant Sale! We will be selling flats, 4" pots & hanging baskets. Order forms will be available soon. Keep an eye out in Cross Connections and "By The Way!" If you have any questions, contact [Csealand@optonline.net](mailto:Csealand@optonline.net).

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## Sundays in the Sanctuary

**We will be resuming in-person worship in the Sanctuary, Sundays at 8am, beginning April 11th!** Please sign up online, at the links below, if you plan on joining us, as attendance will be limited. You can also volunteer to participate in leading worship. All COVID social distancing guidelines will be followed. Masks are required! Any questions, email [Gina@gspr.org](mailto:Gina@gspr.org).

April 11 at 8am [www.volunteersignup.org/4A8E7](http://www.volunteersignup.org/4A8E7)  
April 18 at 8am [www.volunteersignup.org/PBQP7](http://www.volunteersignup.org/PBQP7)  
April 25 at 8am [www.volunteersignup.org/7LAYA](http://www.volunteersignup.org/7LAYA)

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**UPCOMING DATES: April 11th at 10:30am & May 9th at 10:30am**

Drive-up Church continues, on the second Sunday of every month. Just drive up and stay in your car as we broadcast worship right to you over the radio! The services will also be livestreamed on our YouTube channel and available to watch anytime after. If you're interested in helping with set-up, or in leading worship, contact [Gina@gspr.org](mailto:Gina@gspr.org). We hope to see you there!

# Stewardship



God's work continues at Good Shepherd. Even in the midst of a pandemic, His work goes on. And how does that take place? It comes about because of you, living out the stewardship of faith-filled lives, in doing God's work and being His hands. You confirm that faithfulness in daily lives of SERVICE and GENEROSITY.

Thank you to all who attest boldly to your faith, both in Christian witness in your day-to-day lives, and also through your ongoing financial support of God's work at Good Shepherd. Please continue to mail your offerings to the church (112 N. Main St. Pearl River, NY 10965). Rather than doing that weekly, some households prefer to put their offerings aside, and then, mail them every other week or so. Although we may be physically absent from church, God's work continues.

Your gifts enable Good Shepherd to continue to be, even in these unprecedented times, a witness to our faith, reaching out to both those within our Good Shepherd family, and those apart, feeding the hungry and other needy, people whom God has placed on our paths. Let us seize this opportunity.

Thank you for your faithful generosity.



## Get Involved



Looking for ways to get involved? Whether it's delivering meals, shoveling snow for our neighbors, or helping out with worship services, a little help goes a long way! We are always looking for volunteers at Good Shepherd. Contact our Volunteer Coordinator, [Gina@gspr.org](mailto:Gina@gspr.org), to learn more.

## PRAYER CHAIN

If you, a loved one, or friend experience difficulty and desire prayer support, activate the Good Shepherd Prayer Chain by contacting **Ione Mensing, 201-664-1235** or **Carol Westphal, 845-624-5732**. The Prayer Chain will be activated, and many will be praying with, and for you.





# Monthly Food Bank



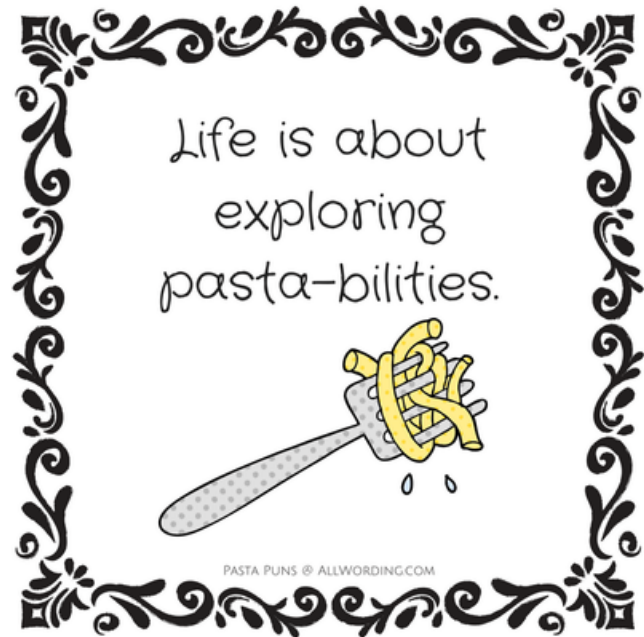
To our friends at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church,

Thank you so much for your continued commitment to *People to People* and the work we do to feed Rockland's hungry. Your donations from your Souper Bowl food drive totaled 665 pounds of food. Each pound is valued at \$2.80, so your total donation amounts to \$1,862.00. Please know that your effort and collection helps our struggling neighbors. Your contribution to *People to People* is truly a gift to your neighbors in need. So, on behalf of all the people you'll never see but who you have helped, thank you.

With all my heart,

**Diane Serratore**  
Chief Executive Officer

We will be donating to People to People throughout the year. Each month will be a different theme. March was Peanut Butter Jelly Time; thank you for your March PB&J donations! Imagine all the pasta-bilities in April...we will be collecting pasta and jars of tomato sauce! Drop off your donations anytime, through April 30. There will be a box in front of the Education Building. Any help is much appreciated!



## John 10:16 Project



**"I have other sheep that do not belong to this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd."**

**Want to join a Bible Study in Texas? How about Iowa? Want to welcome a Lutheran from Louisiana to an online event?**

This pandemic has provided us with the means to come together virtually as a church, crossing borders and boundaries—real and imagined. Distances are meaningless in the virtual world and we now have the opportunity to expand our knowledge and love of one another. My hope is to give everyone the opportunity to come together.

Our church sent a letter to all 183 Good Shepherd congregations in the ELCA asking if they would like to join together as one flock, sharing online events with all. So far, we have had responses from Texas, Iowa, Louisiana, Virginia and Michigan! I have created a calendar with all events, which will be updated as new events come. If you are interested, please email me at [gina@gspr.org](mailto:gina@gspr.org) and I will send you the calendar.

*Peace and Joy,*

Gina

# Creative Play News

## April showers bring May flowers!



Creative Play's staff and students all enjoyed their Spring Break.

We are excited for the arrival of our caterpillars this month. In their classrooms, the students will be observing the life cycle of a butterfly and learning one of Creative Play's all-time favorite classic songs, "If I Were a Butterfly."

If you hear a big ROAR, it could be the children, but it just may be coming from a DINOSAUR! With a few modifications due to the pandemic regulations, Creative Play will present its Dinosaur Program for all the classes. The office staff will transform Fellowship Hall into the Mesozoic period. The hands on exhibit will excite the children about the different dinosaurs that roamed the earth, as they learn about their habitats.

Our registration is still ongoing with approximately 142 applications already processed for the 2021-2022 school year. Summer Camp registration begins on April 6th at 8:00 a.m. Our camp is offered for the month of July. We anticipate a full house and are looking forward to the sunny, happy times!

Be well, be safe and be HAPPY,

**Renee Bucci**  
**Director of Creative Play**



## Good Shepherd Youth: Bridge Walk

Good Shepherd Youth will be walking the Governor Cuomo Bridge (formerly Tappan Zee) on **Saturday, April 17. Meet us at the Westchester Landing at 10:45am.** We will walk to Nyack Memorial Park, and end the day with a socially distanced picnic. Email Cindy at [\*\*Csealander@optonline.net\*\*](mailto:Csealander@optonline.net) if you are interested in participating.



# NY PROJECT HOPE @ MHA

Here to listen | Here to talk | Here to support

**WHETHER YOU NEED TO TALK TO SOMEONE OR LEARN ABOUT RESOURCES IN YOUR COMMUNITY, OUR TRAINED STAFF ARE AVAILABLE FOR YOU.**

## **New Emotional Support Helpline**

From simply getting milk at the store to navigating virtual education and remote work, COVID-19 has challenged many aspects of our lives.

**The Mental Health Association of Westchester is here for you. As part of NY Project Hope, we offer COVID-19-related emotional support in Rockland County.**

Our trained staff:

- Understand the emotions that arise from being unsettled and fatigued by COVID-19
- Discuss coping strategies and self-care guidance
- Connect you to accessible community resources

Staff are available by phone, TeleHealth and, as needed, in-person five days a week, from 9:00 am to 5:00 pm. Support is available in Creole, Spanish and Yiddish, and translation services are also available for additional languages.

If you or someone you know needs help managing the impact of stress, isolation, grief and other challenges related to COVID-19, please reach out to our team.

**WE ARE HERE TO HELP.  
CALL US AT 845-580-2022**



**Confidential | Anonymous | Free**  
A program of the NYS Office of Mental Health  
Funded by FEMA

## **TAKING CARE OF YOUR EMOTIONAL HEALTH IS AS IMPORTANT AS TAKING CARE OF YOUR PHYSICAL HEALTH.**

In addition to connecting with people and activities that bring meaning to your life, we encourage you to take care of yourself by:

- Limiting media exposure
- Practicing relaxation techniques such as breathing slowly and deeply, progressive muscle relaxation or meditation
- Prioritizing eating well, getting a good night's sleep and fitting in physical activity such as a walk
- Reaching out to a trained professional for additional support

## **ABOUT US**

The Mental Health Association of Westchester is a community-based non-profit delivering behavioral health programs and services to more than 10,000 children, youth and adults each year. As a Certified Community Behavioral Health Clinic, we provide integrated care in Westchester and Rockland counties.

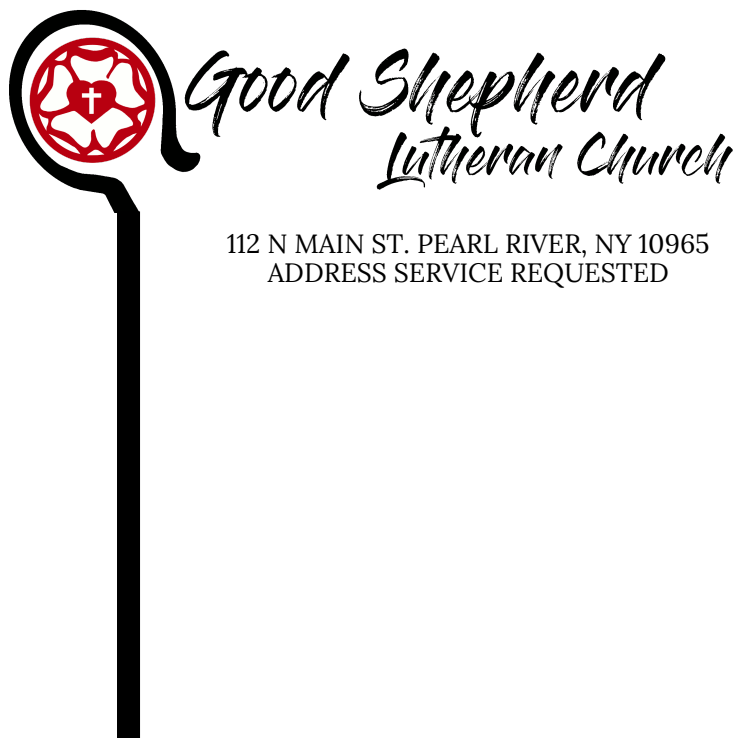
Learn more at [mhawestchester.org](http://mhawestchester.org) or 914-345-5900.

## **ADDITIONAL HELP**

The statewide NY Project Hope Emotional Support Helpline is available between 8:00 am and 10:00 pm at 1-844-863-9314.

The National Suicide Prevention Lifeline provides immediate crisis assistance 24/7 at 1-800-273-TALK (8255).





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#### **HONDURAS**

From February to November 2020, **10,075 Personal Care Kits** were distributed to pregnant women and people living in poverty — including families devastated by Hurricanes Eta and Iota. Entire towns were washed away, and your love reached vulnerable people who were without shelter and at great risk of contracting COVID-19.



#### **LEBANON**

A shipment of quilts and kits was awaiting customs clearance in Beirut on the day of the fateful explosion in August 2020. Initially thought to be lost in the blast, the items were discovered intact after weeks of sifting through rubble. Your gifts of love — needed more than ever — were distributed to **24,000 people** impacted by the explosion as well as refugees from Syria and across the region



#### **UKRAINE**

Too many families in Ukraine lack adequate shelter or heat — making frigid winters unbearable. Between December 2019 and March 2020, your warm quilts reached **16,000 people** including mothers, refugees and disaster survivors. To express their gratitude, Rashkov and her children drew pictures and wrote: "We are thanking God for your great work."

In 2020, we reached 616,210 neighbors in need, in 23 countries, with \$11.1 million worth of quilts, care kits, and masks! Good Shepherd is planning a "production assembly line" in May, for personal care kits. Be on the lookout, in the next few weeks, to find out ways to get involved!