

The butterfly measures in not months, but moments. Yet, there is time enough.

This year, my daily desk calendar is a Zen calendar. It's supposed to have a new Buddhist Zen quote every day. I thought when I got it that maybe with what we were obviously going to be facing this year, a little Zen might be a good thing. Funny though, the other day the quote was from John 3:8, "The wind blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit." And more often than I thought it would happen, the scholar, philosopher, or theologian quoted, is a Christian. Go figure. Maybe Christianity is more Zen than we tend to imagine.

Anyway, the quote above is from the desk calendar. I've been thinking about it a lot because when I start thinking about where we are, all there is to do, and how we're all doing, it's so easy to get utterly overwhelmed by it all. The quote is reminding me to live and focus on the moment. Because the moment is enough. The rest will be given in time—or not, because it is simply not meant to be.

It reminds me of a Latin phrase often attributed to Saint Augustine, *Solvitur ambulando*, which means "It will be solved by walking." A step at a time. A moment at a time our lives unfold. And all the worrying in the world doesn't make that happen any differently.

I feel like there is so much anxiety right now. As the newest strain of COVID sweeps through the population. As hurricanes hit with ferocious intensity. As we watch with horror as Afghanistan, Haiti, and other places are going through so much pain, suffering, violence, and injustice. As so many deal with unexpected turns in health, or other life transitions, and traumas. As we wonder anxiously about Good Shepherd, and if we can be the vibrant community we once were, especially as people move away, and so many don't seem to want to come back to worship, for myriad reasons. It's easy to get swept up in uncertainty and anxiety.

So how do we anchor ourselves so that we don't get swept away? I think, honestly, it is to measure as a butterfly. To take a moment and notice. To live in the moment. To move a step at a time. Because *solvitur ambulando*. It will only be solved by wandering along the winding way that refuses straight lines and clear paths. And because we know that Jesus is the way, and not just the end. God walks with us in all of our meandering and stumbling, blessing the moment as the point in which time and eternity meet.

Thinking of paths and uncertainty and living in the moment, thanks to the work of a lot of great leaders in this congregation, we have a full calendar year planned ahead of us. These events are not assigned to committees, and are going to need people to step up and help out to make them happen. Though the year is "planned," it's going to be very much a step at a time. I assure you, that it will be tiring if those steps are taken only by a few of us for the whole year. So, I encourage you to think about taking a step. A step to attend. A step to volunteer for one thing. A step to live in the moment with us at Good Shepherd.

If we do that, I think we will be just fine. Sustained by God's presence, surrounded in each other's care, and walking in faith, together.

Peace to you!

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Pastor Lena

ADULT BIBLE STUDY Thursdays, 7pm, Zoom



Bible Study returns! Pastor Lena will be leading us through a look at the Book of Hebrews. To quote NT Wright, "The letter of Hebrews is one of the most bracing and challenging writings in the New Testament. People often find it a bit difficult, because i uses ideas that are strange to us. But, like meeting a new friend, we will find as we get to know it that it is full of interest and delight, with a powerful message that comes home to today's and tomorrow's church as much as it did to yesterday's." So come and join us! No experience necessary and feel free to invite a friend!

Log on to www.zoom.us and type in the login information below.

Meeting ID: 839 8897 7895

Passcode: 204403

COFFEE & CONVERSATION Thursdays, 3pm



Meet Pastor Lena for a great cup of coffee, at **Dean's Coffee Co. (39 E Central Ave,** Pearl River, NY). All are welcome; feel free to bring a friend! Please wear a mask.



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"

Life Stations

GENERAL MEMORIAL

In memory of Michael Broedell, given by Mary Olson.
In memory of Hilda Kolb, given by Mary Olson.
In memory of Dorothy Urquhart, given by Audrey Balison.
In memory of Dorothy Urquhart, given by Rick and Jeanne Struck.

KITCHEN RENOVATION FUND

In memory of Dorothy Urquhart, given by Penni Widmayer.

BAPTISM

Jesse Hudson Eidman August 21, 2021

DEATH

Dorothy Urquhart August 4, 2021

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Please send your articles for the October 2021 Voice issue to <u>Katy@gspr.org</u> by **Thursday, September 16**. If you have any articles or photos you'd like to see, or share, on our social media pages, or weekly Enewsletter, feel free to email Katy. As always, you can call the Church Office if you have any questions.



WELCOME BACK!

JOIN US FOR IN-PERSON WORSHIP

SUNDAY WORSHIP 8am & 10:30am No sign-up necessary. Please wear a mask!

*Watch the 10:30am service livestream YouTube

The 10:30 service will continue to be livestreamed on our YouTube channel. The social distancing marks have been removed from the pews, and hand sanitizer will be available throughout the church building. We look forward to seeing you! If you'd like to volunteer to be a worship leader, contact the Church Office. There will also be a signup sheet in the back of the Sanctuary, during each worship service.

SUNDAY HOST SCHEDULE

Below is the schedule of council members who will be hosting our Sunday worship services, for the next two months. We hope that you will join us! If you have any questions, or would like to volunteer, please contact Gina@gspr.org.

September 19th, 8am: Kim Arcidiacono | 10:30am: Jeff Bergman

September 26th, 8am: George Boothby | 10:30am: Tom Vislocky

October 3rd, 8am: Mike McCambridge | 10:30am: Jake Daniels

October 10th, 8am: Don Widmayer | 10:30am: Kristen Hanifin

October 17th, 8am: Linda Hecker | 10:30am: Mark Olson

October 24th, 8am: Lucy Pinedo | 10:30am: Chris Ryan

October 31st, 8am: Werner Boecker | 10:30am: Wendy Gates

UPCOMING EVENTS



Saturday, September 18, 10am-1pm

Save the date for Good Shepherd's Annual Church Clean-up. We need all hands on deck. If you are able, please stop by. Thanks for your help!

WELCA Annual Auction

Tuesday, September 7, 1:30pm

After a short business meeting, we will have our Annual Auction Fundraiser. This has always been enjoyed by all. Please bring a new, or gently-used, wrapped item to be auctioned. Ladies, if you are a member of Good Shepherd, you are a member of WELCA. We are all needed to continue our outreach programs within our church and community. Join us for refreshments and social time. If you need any further information, or need a ride, please call **Barbara Bow at 845-521-2611 or Mary Iseman at 845-623-7638**. God's peace and blessings to all.

Men's Breakfast Group

Saturday, September 18, 9am

All men of Good Shepherd are welcome to join us for a great breakfast, fellowship, and opportunities for service, in Fellowship Hall. Contact Herman Mensing (himensing@gmail.com) if you wish more information.

Hot Dog Sunday

Sunday, September 19, 11:30am

You are invited to our back-to-worship grill out! We will meet outdoors, in the parking lot, after 10:30 worship. Join us for a BBQ and social time. All are welcome!



Creative Play News

Summer is winding down and the new school year is revving up!

Creative Play ran a summer camp for 4 weeks in July, and serviced 70 children. Teachers, counselors, and students all laughed in the sunshine, as we celebrated the Olympics, had fun in the water, experienced games with Disney characters, and learned about the science of gardening. The camp was a success, as registration had filled up within 1.5 hours. Our campers left asking to stay for another week!

Creative Play will start the school year on September 13, navigating on another reimagined path. We are well-prepared for the changes that may be mandated, and happy to be able to open our doors, once again, to welcome some of the youngest members of our community. Although uncertainty remains with the threat of COVID-19, we are certain that we will provide a successful and happy school year.

I am so appreciative for our staff who continue to smile through it all! I wish everyone well, as they say so long to summer, and hope everyone is able to hold onto their sunny dispositions, as the days shorten.

Be well, be safe and be happy,

Renee Bucci, Creative Play Director renee@gspr.org



THE CHURCH OFFICE AND CREATIVE PLAY OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED ON MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 6, IN OBSERVANCE OF LABOR DAY!

MEET OUR STAFF!





Renee Bucci, Director Renee is entering her 18th year working at Creative Play, but as a parent, has been involved with the program for 24 years, as her three children were all educated through the program. Renee has taught Mommy & Me classes, toddler classes, and 3-year-old children, before stepping in as Assistant Director in 2013. Renee has a passion for the Creative Play program, and looks forward to continuing her service to the community as director, this year. Renee also runs the Summer Camp Program.

Angela Carle, Assistant Director Angela first joined Creative Play as a parent and began doing "work-for-pay" to help families that could not fulfill their responsibilities in the classroom. In 2011, Angela became an aide in our Kindergarten Enrichment class before transitioning into the UPK classroom as an aide. In 2018, Angela joined us in the office as an office admin, and is now taking on the challenging role as Assistant Director, this year. We are happy to have her help lead our program. Angela has a beautifully relaxed manner that puts a smile on everyone's face!





Kim Arcidiacono, Office Assistant Kim has been an active participant on Creative Play's Executive Board leading programs, as well as an energetic helping parent in the classrooms. In 2020, Kim joined our team in the Creative Play office as an Assistant Office Administrator. She will be extending her hours with us this coming year, as her role grows. Kim is a constant support for both the school as well as the church; she connects the two programs beautifully.

Donna McDonagh, 4-year-old teacher Donna has been a part of Creative Play for over 20 years! She has taught in almost every classroom, from 2-year-olds to 4-year-olds, as well as spending some time working as an office assistant. Donna is well-versed in all things Creative Play. You know you are passing Donnas' class when you hear laughter; she has as much fun as the children! Donnas' dedication to Creative Play has rewarded many families that experienced time in her class.



Kristen Hanifin, 4-year-old teacher Kristen joined the Creative Play staff in 2017. This will be her fifth year teaching at Creative Play! Kristen has an ease about her that makes the staff, parents, and children feel comfortable. Kristen creates a classroom so welcoming, that we have a hard time getting the parents to separate!

Bridget Quinn, 4-year-old teacher's aide & Creative Creations Teacher Bridget has a passion for early education and is always ready to lend a helping hand! Bridget began as a "work-for-pay" parent, and has worked as an aide since 2016. She has also been a substitute teacher for multiple classes. Bridget developed curriculum and led our Creative Creation classes, which we hope to run again this year.



Laura McEvoy, 3-year-old teacher Laura is as excited as we are to join our team this year and share time with your children! Laura comes to us with teaching experience in a pre-school setting and a great amount of mom experience, too! Laura is the mother of four children who keep her busy, grounded and loved! Laura will bring all her knowledge, care and support that she shares at home to your children. Laura decided to join us during the challenging times last year as an aide in a 5 day 4 year old class, this expresses how much she truly cares and we thank her!

Maureen Fitzgerald, 3-year-old teacher Maureen started off at Creative Play as a parent, in a Mommy & Me Class, and like so many of us, when her children graduated the program she was not ready to leave! Maureen began working in the classrooms on an asneeded basis, and in 2014, became a 3-year-old teacher. Maureen's loving and sweet manner is a benefit to all the children that have come through her classroom.



Donna Scanlon, 3-year-old teacher & teacher's aide Donna has a laugh that is contagious and welcomed each day. Donna has been at Creative Play for years, taking on the role as a Toddler teacher in 2017, and teaching 3-year-old classes in 2019. She has created a warm and loving atmosphere to welcome our littlest members. Donna is imaginative and creative in what she brings to a classroom!

Brooque Moolick, 3-year-old teacher Brooque is another individual that refused to graduate from Creative Play; she barely let her 3 children leave the program! Brooque joined our staff in 2018, as a Toddler teacher, and the following year became a three-year-old teacher. As we all know, patience and understanding is much needed in a 3-year-old classroom, and with Brooque leading the way, the children receive just that! She is amazing at following their wants and needs. and is known for "changing it up!" If you need a laugh, take a peek into her classroom and you are sure to smile!



Jennifer Farrell, Toddler teacher Jen's oldest daughter was graduating Creative Play and we quickly asked for her to join our program, as her youngest started in our 3-year-old classes. She has a background in teaching early education, as well as a fabulous sense of humor that is needed to run a successful classroom! In 2019, Jen began teaching the 1-day-a-week toddlers. We are excited for the her return, knowing how lucky the children will be to enjoy all the experience Mrs. Farrell brings to her students.

Alice Tom, Toddler teacher Alice joined Creative Play in 2020. While so many were leaving schools, Alice came charging into her classroom, greeting our youngest members with great care, compassion, and lots of energy! You certainly need a good sense of humor while teaching 2-year-olds, and Alice's laughter can be heard from down the hallway! She has 5 children who enjoyed the Creative Play experience, so we feel as though Alice has been a staff member for the past 14 years.



Kristen Scott, UPK Teacher Creative Play is very fortunate to have had Kristen join our program, in 2015. With three little ones at home, Kristen is wonderful in understanding familes' needs. Kristen teaches both morning and afternoon UPK classes, so it is a full day of smiles for our four-year-olds! When she opens her classroom door, you will always hear "we had a great day!" Kristen also teaches our Summer Camp program.

Karen Sack, UPK Teacher Karen will begin her fifth year teaching a morning UPK class at Creative Play, but has many years of UPK experience, prior to joining us. With Karen on our team, she shares all of her knowledge with the children and their families, and with the staff as well. Karen finds a balance of leadership and child-like wonder in her classroom that makes us all smile!





Cathryn Rosas, UPK Aide Cathy has been working for Creative play, as an aide, since 2008. Prior to taking on the aide position, she was a helping parent in the classroom. Cathy has been involved with our UPK classes from the inception. She helps to keep a classroom organized, while bringing a fun, enthusiastic approach to learning with her! Cathy also assists in running our summer camp program.

Samantha Delgardio, Teacher's Aide Samantha's children came through Creative Play's program, and we watched how this mom caringly gravitated to all the children in the classroom. Samantha began doing "work-for-pay" in other classrooms and enjoyed the experience so much, she decided to become a part of our staff this year! Samantha happily engages with the children that may be having a more difficult time in and outside the classroom; she is always supportive with an extra hug, tissue, kind word, and laugh!



Annmarie Moffatt, Teacher's Aide Annmarie joined the Creative Play staff in 2019, with a background in business and lots of mommy experience. She has been an asset to the children, her lead teacher, and to the administration of our program. Annmarie has a gentle way of navigating the children with their tasks by sparking their interests in the most engaging manner.

Dawn Ferrara, Teacher's Aide Dawn has remained committed to Creative Play, long after her two children graduated the program. She has helped numerous families with their work responsibilities. Dawn has shown an ease in multi-tasking and adapting to different teaching styles. After being a long-term substitute aide in our UPK class amount many different roles, we welcome Dawn as a staff member this year!



Children are born musicians, dancers, artists, and storytellers, and the opportunities for healthy development are endless. We just have to provide the canvas, the paper, the paints, the materials and the welcoming environment, setting the stage for creativity, learning and fun.

















Dear Good Shepherd Families,

Thank you so much to Alison Meyer, Inese Cederbaums, and David Rothenberg for sharing their music with us in recent services. We are so grateful for their time and talents!

The band will continue to rehearse two Sundays a month. immediately following the 10:30am worship service. Join us in the Sanctuary to make some music together, as we prepare the band to lead a worship service!

We are excited to resume our rehearsals for our Sanctuary Choir, Children's Choir, and Bell Choir this fall. Please save the dates and join us! All are welcome!

- Thursday, September 9th Thursday Choir Rehearsals resume at an earlier start time of 7pm
- Sunday, September 12th Sunday Choir Rehearsals resume from 9:30-10am
- Sunday, September 19th Children's Choir Rehearsals resume at an earlier start time of 10-10:20am.
- Thursday, October 7th Bell Choir Rehearsals resume from 6:15pm-7pm.

We hope to see you soon!

Elaina and Brian Burns music@gspr.org



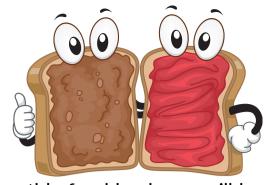


This year marks the 20th Anniversary Commemoration of September 11th. In memory of our fallen heroes; forever in our hearts.



FOOD BANK

We are donating to People to People throughout the year. For the month of September, we will be collecting peanut butter and jelly! There will be a box in front of the Education Building for your nonperishable donations.



As we are receiving an abundance of donations for our monthly food bank, we will be delivering food to *People to People*, every two weeks. Food pick-up can be after church on Sunday, or during church office hours. Call Gina at 845-587-0904 to arrange a time. If you'd like to volunteer, sign up at volunteersignup.org/BECRW.



Be a bright moment in someone's day! Join our card drive for Meals on Wheels. All you have to do is write a quick note of encouragement to a meal recipient. Get your own greeting card, or pick up blank cards at the church office. We will also have some available after service on Sundays! Drop them back off to us at anytime and we will deliver them to Meals on Wheels.

"Therefore encourage one another and build up each other, as indeed you are doing." -1 Thessalonians 5:11

MAGNOLIA MEALS

Magnolia Meals at Home is a meal delivery program that provides nourishing meals to households affected by cancer, so that loved ones can spend quality time together. We have partnered with St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Teaneck, and Trinity Lutheran in Bogota, to transport Magnolia Meals from Meals on Wheels in Nanuet, and bring them to St. Paul's. From there, they will be delivered to those undergoing cancer treatment.



Thank you to our August volunteer, Vicky Guarnier, and September volunteer, Abby Hanifin. If you're interested in helping out, sign up online at volunteersignup.org/XRRJQ.

Be a Volunteen!

Looking for ways to get involved? Whether it's delivering meals, running errands 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. Check out our community events, below, or contact Volunteer Coordinator, **Gina@gspr.org**, to find out how you can lend a helping hand.

GOOD SHEPHERD YOUTH

Good Shepherd youth of all ages, and their families, are invited to these upcoming events. We are hoping these events will serve to reinvigorate the youth program, and renew efforts for our youth to fundraise and attend the ELCA Youth Gathering Minneapolis event, now scheduled to take place July 24-28, 2022. Visit www.elca.org/youthgathering for updates. Thank you for supporting our youth!

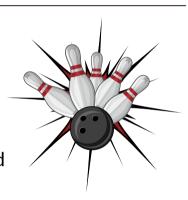
ELCA Youth Gathering Volunteer TeamRich Bowman, Lee Warren, Greg & Cindy Sealander rbpb@yahoo.com, csealander@optonline.net



YOUTH BOWLING EVENT

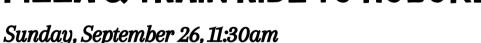
Sunday, September 12, 12-2pm, 14 W Grand Ave, Montvale, NJ

Looking for an afternoon out of the house, with fun and competition? All youth of Good Shepherd, grades 8-12, are invited to our bowling event at Montvale Lanes! The total cost is \$12, which includes the \$4 shoe rental and \$8 for two games. Drinks and snacks are available at the concession stand.



Those wishing to attend, please RSVP to <u>Csealander@optonlinenet</u> by **Monday, September 6th**, as we need to reserve the lanes ahead of time. Children under 12 must be accompanied by an adult. Hope to see you there!

PIZZA & TRAIN RIDE TO HOBOKEN, NJ



Join Good Shepherd Youth (grades 8-12) for a train ride to Hoboken, NJ. We'll enjoy delicious pizza at Benny Tudino's "Home of the Largest Slice!" Meet us in the church parking lot, at 11:30am, and we will walk to the Pearl River Train Station to catch the 12:13pm train. Cost is \$25 per person, which includes train tickets, pizza, and soda. We will return to Pearl River at 5:15pm.

Children 12 and younger must be accompanied by an adult. Please RSVP to Cindy Sealander (<u>CSealander@optonline.net</u>) by September 20th, if you are interested in attending!

MUM SALE FUNDRAISER

Deadline to order: Monday, September 20th Pick-up/delivery: Sunday, September 26th, 8:30-11:45am

Find the order form on page 15.



CHURCH OFFICE

Hours of Operation

MONDAY TUESDAY WEDNESDAY **THURSDAY** FRIDAY

2:30PM - 4:30PM 12PM - 4:30PM 12PM - 4PM 12PM - 4:30PM 12PM - 4PM

We recommend calling before your arrival (845.735.2243). Thank you for your cooperation!

PLEASE WEAR A MASK | HAND SANITIZER AVAILABLE



ANNUAL REPORTS

Please send your reports to secretary@gspr.org by Sunday, October 17. Thank you!



- To subscribe to our Thursday evening weekly E-newsletter, "By The Way," email communications@gspr.org.
- Visit our website at www.gspr.org, and follow us on Facebook and Instagram, @GoodShepherdPr, for the latest, up-to-date information!
- Subscribe to our YouTube channel and receive alerts when new videos are posted! We will continue to livestream the 10:30 worship service, from the sanctuary. Go to www.youtube.com/c/GoodShepherdPearlRiver

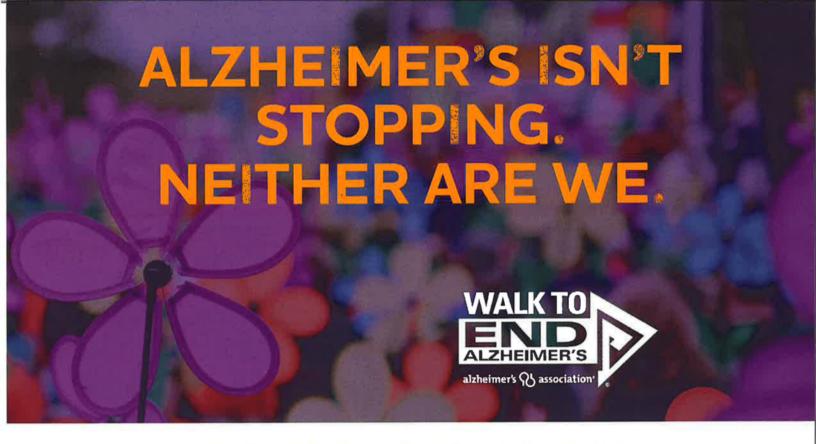
Prayer Chain



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

Go digital!

Having trouble receiving The Shepherd's Voice on time? Opt for our digital newsletter, instead. email communications@gspr.org to sign up for our E-Voice.



ROCKLAND WALK TO END ALZHEIMER'S

Sunday, Oct. 10

We're planning to walk together in person this year.

We hope you'll join us at Boulder Stadium

(or walk on your own if you prefer)!

REGISTER AT ROCKLANDWALK.ORG

Thank you to our local sponsors!









Edward Jones





Youth Gathering 2022



Fall Mum Fundraiser

9" pots

Color	Quantity	Cost	Total
Bronze		\$10.00	
Purple		\$10.00	
Red		\$10.00	
White		\$10.00	
Yellow		\$10.00	
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Deadline to Order: Monday, September 20, 2021

Name:
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Pick-up or Delivery - Sunday, September 26, 2021, 8:30am- 11:45am at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church
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ONLINE: Go to our webpage, **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.

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.