



The Shepherd's Voice

OCTOBER 2021

SERVING ROCKLAND COUNTY, NY & NORTHERN
BERGEN COUNTY, NJ



Pastor Lena

ADULT BIBLE STUDY

Thursdays, 7pm, Zoom



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 it 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

MEMORIAL FUND

In loving memory of David Cranstoun, given by the Men's Group.
In memory of Dave Cranstoun, given by Kyle Caldwell.
In memory of Dave Cranstoun, given by The Adam Family.
In memory of Dave Cranstoun, given by Gloria Murphy.
In memory of Dave Cranstoun, given by BrightView Lake Tappan.
In memory of Dave Cranstoun, given by Arine Heim, Order of Eastern Star.
In memory of Dave Cranstoun, given by Stony Point Chapter O.E.S. 540.
In memory of Dave Cranstoun, given by Wilma & Harold Almquist.

PRAYER SHAWL FUND

In memory of Dave Cranstoun, given by Gloria Murphy.

ELEVATOR FUND

In loving memory of Dorothy Urquhart, given by Norman Neus.

MEMORIAL SERVICE

Anna Catherine Burfeind September 18, 2021

DEATH

David Cranstoun September 3, 2021

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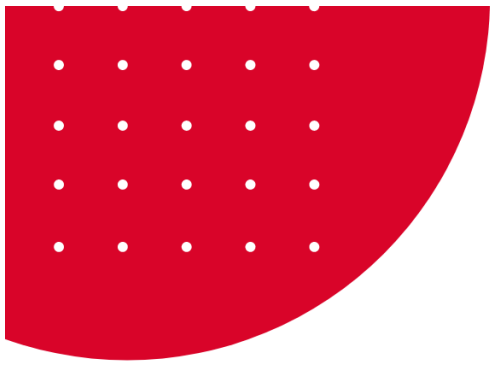
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WELCOME BACK!

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.

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

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

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

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

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

November 7, 8am: Ann Baumann | **10:30am:** Sue Baumeister

November 14, 8am: Kim Arcidiacono | **10:30am:** Jeff Bergman

November 21, 8am: George Boothby | **10:30am:** Tom Vislocky

November 28, 8am: Mike McCambridge | **10:30am:** Jake Daniels

UPCOMING EVENTS

Blessing of the Animals

Saturday, October 2, 2-4pm

You and your furry friends are invited to Good Shepherd's annual Blessing of the Animals. Come by and get your pet blessed, then grab a goodie bag to go. All creatures big and small are welcome! Meet us at the top of the ramp to the Sanctuary.

WELCA

Tuesday, October 5, 1:30pm

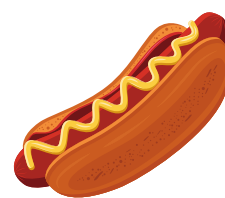
After a short business meeting, we will have our Annual Auction Fundraiser. This has always been enjoyed by all. Please bring a new, or gently-used, wrapped item to be auctioned. Ladies, if you are a member of Good Shepherd, you are a member of WELCA. We are all needed to continue our outreach programs 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, October 16, 9am

We are hoping to have an in-person breakfast on Saturday, October 16. 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 HIGHLIGHTS!



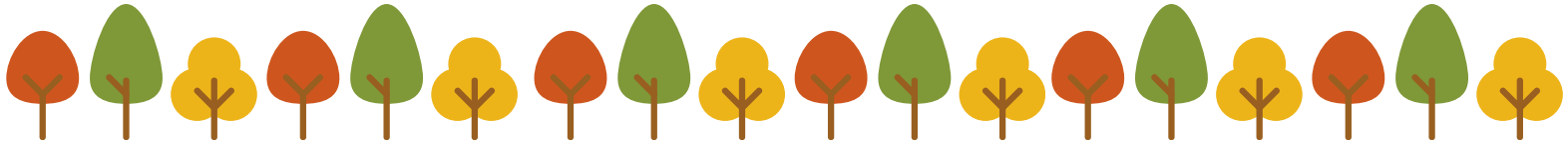
We couldn't have asked for better weather at our Hot Dog Sunday event! Thanks to all who helped to make this event happen. It was great to see everyone!



Creative Play News



“Life starts all over again when it gets crisp in the fall.”



Life starts over again, as does the school year. Creative Play is off to a busy start! We began the school year with 172 students enrolled in our various programs. This is an increase of 53 students from the previous year. The teachers and aides are meeting the challenges the new school year brings with grace and a fantastic skill set.

Our visitation days that preceded the first day of school were fun and very helpful in creating a positive transition for the students into their new classrooms. The education building was lively inside and out!

The enthusiasm continues in the month of October! This month is met with lessons in the changing of seasons, all about me, friendship, our senses, fire safety, and of course, a fan favorite – HALLOWEEN! The ghosts and goblins of Creative Play will be trick-or-treating to the office for some spooktacular treats! We are looking forward to the surprise costumes everyone will show up to school with those days.

Creative Play has been running a fundraiser through Charleston Wrap, until October 10th. Last year, we were able to raise enough funds to have the playground cleaned multiple times, as well as re-mulch the entire area. If you have participated in supporting our program through this fundraiser (or any other means) we thank you! If you would like to participate this year, there is still time. **Log on to www.CharlestonWrapStore.com with the code 11665.** Thank you for your support!

We hope everyone “falls” in love with the season and enjoys all the smells, tastes, and views it provides!

Happy fall y’all,

Renee Bucci

Renee Bucci, Creative Play Director
Renee@gspr.org



...a fun place to
play and learn!

FOOD BANK

We are donating to *People to People* throughout the year. **For the month of October, we will be collecting cereal and oatmeal! There will be a box in front of the Education Building for your non-perishable 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.

CARD DRIVE



Meals On Wheels

Meals are just our first course!

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 October volunteer, Carol Hoerter, and our November volunteer, Abby Hanifin. If you're interested in helping out, sign up online at volunteersignup.org/XRRJQ.

Be a Volunteer!

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

Youth who are currently in Grades 8 through 12 are eligible to attend the 2022 ELCA Youth Gathering in Minneapolis, Minnesota. Good Shepherd will be sending all youth and adult leaders to the gathering from Saturday, July 23, to Thursday, July 28, 2022. This gathering meets every 3 years, and provides our youth with opportunities to participate in community service, study, worship, fun, and meaningful faith-based life experiences. This year's theme is BOUNDLESS; celebrating God's boundless love, creation, forgiveness, invitation, and promise!

On Sunday, October 24, immediately following the 10:30am worship service, we will be holding a parent/youth meeting to provide additional information, and to answer any questions you may have. We encourage our youth to participate in this amazing, life-changing event. If you are interested in having your youth attend, please let us know as soon as possible, by contacting Pastor Lena (pastorjena@gmail.com), the Church Office (845-735-2243), or by contacting the Youth Gathering adult leaders, Rich Bowman (rpbp@yahoo.com) or Greg & Cindy Sealander (csealander@optonline.net).

ELCA Youth Gathering Volunteer Team

Rich Bowman, Greg & Cindy Sealander

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Please send your articles for the November 2021 Voice issue to Katy@gspr.org by **Thursday, October 14**. 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.

Happy
Halloween

Three black bat silhouettes are scattered around the "Happy Halloween" text, with one above the 'y' in "Happy", one to the left of the 'H' in "Halloween", and one to the right of the 'e' in "Halloween".



ANNUAL REPORTS

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

CHURCH OFFICE Hours of Operation

MONDAY	2:30 PM - 4:30 PM
TUESDAY	12 PM - 4:30 PM
WEDNESDAY	12 PM - 4 PM
THURSDAY	12 PM - 4:30 PM
FRIDAY	12 PM - 4 PM

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

MASKS REQUIRED WHEN CREATIVE PLAY PRE- SCHOOL IS IN SESSION, REGARDLESS OF VACCINATION STATUS. STRONGLY RECOMMENDED AT ALL OTHER TIMES!

Stay Connected YouTube

- 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](https://www.instagram.com/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 **Ione 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.



Dear Good Shepherd Families,

Thank you so much to Robert Callan, Danny Burns, and our wonderful Sanctuary Choir for sharing their music with us in recent services. We are so grateful to them for offering 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, on Sunday, October 24!

We have been enjoying our rehearsals with the Sanctuary Choir and Children's Choir, and we look forward to Bell Choir this fall. Please join us! All are welcome!

- **Thursdays - Choir Rehearsals in the choir room at 7pm**
- **Sundays - Choir Rehearsals in the choir room from 9:30am-10am**
- **Sundays - Children's Choir Rehearsals in the choir room from 10am-10:20am**
- **Thursdays (beginning October 7) - Bell Choir Rehearsals from 6:15pm-7pm**

Thank you!

Elaina and Brian Burns
music@gspr.org

Oktoberfest

Saturday, October 23rd, 6-9pm

(Doors open at 5:45pm)

ENTERTAINMENT: Larry Zaidan's Tuba Quartet

MENU: Roast pork and homemade gravy, potato sides, sauerkraut, red cabbage, applesauce, green salad, rye bread, and dessert

KIDS MENU: Hot dogs

DRINKS: Beer, wine, pumpkin hard cider, apple juice, soda

ADULTS: \$15 **CHILDREN (12 & under):** \$9 **FAMILY:** \$50

WINE & BEER (limit of 2 per adult): \$5 per glass

Please contact **Cindy Sealander** if you can help us with set-up, decorating, cooking/working in the kitchen, serving, and clean-up. If you are interested in donating a tricky tray, email CSealander@optonline.net.

Only 125 tickets will be sold. The deadline to order is Monday, October 18th. Please fill out the form below and send to the Church Office with payment.

- OKTOBERFEST 2021 -

NAME: _____

Email/phone # for confirmation: _____

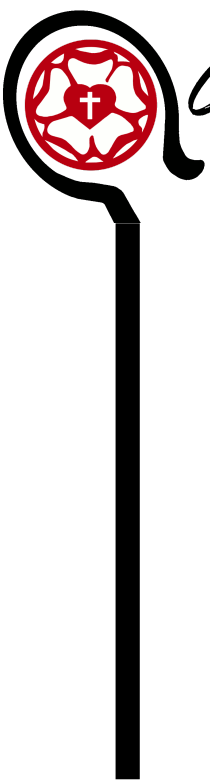
RED WINE: _____ **WHITE WINE:** _____ **BEER:** _____ *(\$5 each, limit 2 per person)*

ADULTS: _____ **CHILDREN:** _____ **FAMILIES:** _____

TABLES: _____ *(12 ppl/table) Please list names of people who will be sitting together:*

TOTAL ENCLOSED: \$ _____

(Please make checks payable to Good Shepherd with the memo "Oktoberfest")



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Ways to Give

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 supporting the work of Good Shepherd!

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.**

IN PERSON: Bring your offering to a worship service.

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.