



The Shepherd's Voice

APRIL 2022

We are happy to be offering both in-person and online livestreamed services, for Holy Week! No sign up necessary to attend. If you'd like to lead a service, sign up at the links provided, below. Keep an eye out, in the coming weeks, for a postcard in the mail.



Palm Sunday

April 10, 8:15am & 10:30am*

Join us in the Sanctuary, for services of Holy Communion.

8:15am volunteersignup.org/H3HB7

10:30am volunteersignup.org/AHCTJ

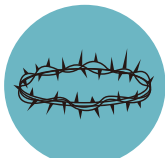
*10:30am livestream available



Maundy Thursday

April 14, 7pm

Dinner Church in Fellowship Hall



Good Friday

April 15, 2pm* & 8pm

Join us in the Sanctuary for Tenebrae, services of light and shadow.

2pm volunteersignup.org/7EPKD

8pm volunteersignup.org/BTJKB

*2pm livestream available

Can I invite you to come to worship during Holy Week?

For some, it's been awhile since you've made it. So much has gone on. So much has changed. So much good and bad stuff in the last few years. And you're so out of the habit of getting up on a Sunday morning and coming to church.

It's okay, you know. You're invited anyway. This is your home. You are always welcome here. The place is better with you here.

I've been asked by a few people lately who are finding their way back how the church is doing. I have not been sure how to answer that question. Honestly, we're struggling financially. Even down a staff person, there's less coming in than going out. That's concerning to me. It's not an impossible situation, by any stretch, and I've seen the incredible generosity of the people of Good Shepherd throughout this time in unexpected and amazing ways. But, the budget doesn't look beautiful, if such a thing is possible.

I notice attendance in worship creeping up here and there. That's lovely and exciting and it is so wonderful to see the faces of those I haven't in quite awhile. Even some new faces. Even some faces that have been there all along that I can now enjoy seeing their smiles again because they are mask free. Even as I see all of this, I see the empty places. Those I know who will not come back. Because they moved away. Because they died. Because life and other things have pulled them away so that they would rather not return. Those empty spaces make me reflective of what will be different as we recover in a post-pandemic world.

There's lots going on here again. The building is bustling with energy and activity as people come and go with the preschool, the community organizations, the activities of church life, the scouts, and more. I'm amazed and blessed by all of it. It feels so very normal for this place and so very healthy indeed. At the same time, it's not what it was before. And that would be a mistake to pretend or imagine that it could be exactly as it was before. It's new again. And it makes me imagine what could be, what new things might be.

So with all of this floating in my head, I'm looking forward to Holy Week. And I really hope you will come, too.

It's a chance to celebrate being together. It's a chance to feel the forgiveness of God. It's a chance to break bread and be reminded of the love of God for this hurting world and our love for each other. It's a chance to think about how we serve, reflecting a God who serves and loves passionately. It's a chance to mourn together the death of so much along with Jesus. And it's the chance to be struck by hope. Hope of life that overcomes death. Hope that leads us to new things.

Let's be an Easter people together.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Pastor Lena". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Pastor Lena



**Reaching out in inclusive love and generosity
so that all may know the love of Jesus.**

The Evangelical Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd
112 N. Main Street Pearl River, NY 10965

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

BIRTHDAYS

Werner Boecker, March 8
Rich Baumeister, March 17

Carole Ricard, March 17
Mary Olson, April 24

AT YOUR SERVICE

The Reverend J. Lena Warren, Pastor
George Boothby, 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


2022 CHURCH COUNCIL

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Kristen Hanifin	Christopher Ryan
Linda Hecker	Tom Vislocky
Carol Hoerter	Don Widmayer

CHURCH OFFICE

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 [YouTube .com/c/GoodShepherdPearlRiver](https://www.youtube.com/c/GoodShepherdPearlRiver)  [@GoodShepherdPR](https://www.facebook.com/GoodShepherdPR)

Hours of Operation M CLOSED, T&Th 12-4:30pm, W&F 12-4pm

**We recommend calling prior to your arrival*

CREATIVE PLAY

845-735-2737 | renee@gspr.org | www.goodshepherdcreativeplay.com

 [@GoodShepherdCreativePlay](https://www.facebook.com/GoodShepherdCreativePlay)

Hours of Operation M-F 8am-4pm

Easter Sunday

April 17, 2022

SUNRISE SERVICE

Outdoors, 6:30am

(weather-permitting)

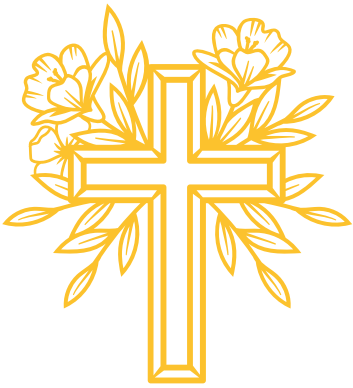
We will gather by the playground to watch the sunrise and hear the angels' message, "He is risen!"

SANCTUARY SERVICES

9am & 11am

**YouTube livestream time TBD*

Join us for Easter services with Holy Communion. Come as you are!

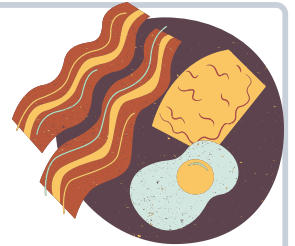


I AM THE Resurrection
AND THE LIFE. -John 11:25

Easter Breakfast

Sunday, April 17, 7:30-11am, Fellowship Hall

Join us for breakfast on Easter Sunday, hosted by the Men's Group!



We will need help with the purchase of food, set-up, and clean-up. **If you'd like to volunteer, donate an item, or partial item, from the list below, please contact Sue Baumeister (richbaum@verizon.net).** There will also be a sign-up sheet in the back of the Sanctuary. Donation drop-off will be the Friday and Saturday before Easter, in Fellowship Hall (time TBD). Thank you for your help!

- Bread (2 loaves, Rockland Bakery)
- Eggs (10 dozen)
- Sausage (100, pre-cooked/frozen)
- Donuts (3 dozen)
- Fruit Salad (2 large bowls, Costco)
- Jam/Jelly (3 jars: strawberry, grape, raspberry)
- Cups (hot, 150)

• *Stay Connected* •



Subscribe to our weekly E-newsletter, "By The Way," sent out on Thursday evenings. 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!



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.

SUNDAY WORSHIP

JOIN US, IN-PERSON!

SERVICES AT
8:15am & 10:30am

No advance sign-up
necessary to attend!



*Watch the 10:30am service livestream on  YouTube



Subscribe to our YouTube channel and receive alerts when new videos are posted! Go to www.youtube.com/c/GoodShepherdPearlRiver.

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 you will join us! If you have any questions, or would like to volunteer, please contact Gina@gspr.org.

April 3, 8:15am: Chris Ryan

10:30am: Carol Hoerter

April 10, 8:15am: Werner Boecker

10:30am: Carole Meehan

April 17, 8:15am: Kim Arcidiacono

10:30am: Jeff Bergman

April 24, 8:15am: George Boothby

10:30am: Tom Vislocky

May 1, 8:15am: Anne Baumann

10:30am: Lulu Paolini

May 8, 8:15am: Don Widmayer

10:30am: Kristen Hanifin



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.

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*.

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.



We are looking for volunteers every third Saturday of the month, at 9:30am. If you're interested in helping out, sign up online at volunteersignup.org/XRRJQ. Thank you!

Telephone Reassurance Program

The Telephone Reassurance Program, an initiative launched by *Meals on Wheels*, provides older adults who live alone, or who have limited ability to leave their homes, with regularly scheduled telephone calls. The goal is to alleviate feelings of isolation among our seniors. We are looking for volunteers to regularly call and check in on the health and well-being of our seniors. You will be assigned contacts to make calls once a week, or once every other week, depending on the client. The last step is to complete a response form. You will have an opportunity to hear their stories, and the conversation will be a gift to you both. If you'd like to help out, contact **Marie Louis** at mlouis@mowrockland.org or call 845-624-6325.

Personal Care Kits

Thank you for all of your donations! **Please join us on Packing Day on Palm Sunday, April 10, in which we will assemble the Personal Care Kits, after 10:30 worship, in Fellowship Hall.** This will also be the last day for all Personal Care Kit donations; if you have any last minute items to give, please bring them!

If you'd like to make a monetary contribution instead, please contact Lone Mensing (himensing@gmail.com).

Personal Care Kits



Lutheran World Relief

Dear Good Shepherd Families,

We are grateful for the opportunity to share meaningful music with you, during this introspective season of Lent. Thank you to our sanctuary choir, children's choir, and band, for sharing their musical gifts with our congregation.

Our children's choir with bells have resumed rehearsals, and they will sing during worship on Sunday, April 3rd. All are welcome! Please join us every Sunday from 10:00-10:20am in the choir room, as we prepare special music for the spring.

The band will continue to rehearse two Sundays a month, immediately following the 10:30am worship service. They will lead Sunday worship once in March, and again in May. Join us in the sanctuary to make some music together, as we prepare the ,and to lead a worship service!

If you would like to join us as we prepare music for the Easter season, please let us know, or simply drop by the choir room! All are welcome!

Sundays

- Choir Rehearsal in the choir room - 9:30am-10:00am
- Children's Choir in the choir room - 10:00am-10:20am

Thursdays

- Bell Choir Rehearsal in the choir room at 6:15pm
- Choir Rehearsal in the choir room at 7:00pm

Thank you!

Elaina and Brian Burns
elainaburnsmusic@gmail.com



Good Shepherd Prayer Chain

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

Creative Play News



April showers bring May flowers!

Here comes Peter Cottontail, hopping down the bunny trail, hippity-hoppity Easter's on its way...

The week of April 11th, we will be "hopping" into our Easter Parades with our 4-year-old students. They will be creating their own spring hats to show off at our parking lot parade! All of our students will go on and Easter Egg Hunt, color their own Easter egg, and have a special snack in celebration of the holiday!

Creative Play will be closed from April 15th through April 22nd for spring recess.

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

Our registration is still ongoing, with approximately 145 applications already processed for the 2022-2023 school year.

Be well, be safe, and be HAPPY,

Renee Bucci

Renee Bucci
Director of Creative Play
renee@gspr.org



Please send your articles for the May 2022 Voice issue to Katy@gspr.org by April 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.

Creative Play Spring Fundraiser

Dear Good Shepherd Creative Play Families,

Our Spring Fundraising Campaign has begun and your help is essential! Our playground mulch took quite a beating this winter, so we are hoping to raise enough money to help with re-mulching. Any additional donations are welcome!

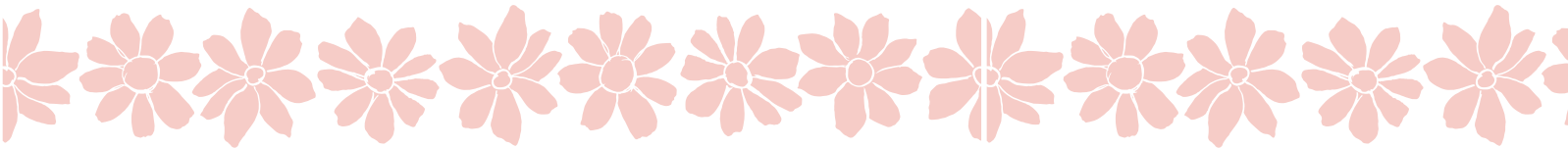
Simply put, we're asking you to reach out to your friends and family and encourage them to shop for products in our fundraising catalog or online. The proceeds of every purchase will make a BIG difference in our fundraising efforts this year. There's a lot of great stuff in this year's catalog; with over 2,500 great products you can be confident that everyone you know will find something they like. (Mother's Day is right around the corner!)

We will be fundraising through Thursday, April 14, and all you have to do is follow these 3 easy steps:

1. Go to www.registercw.com and enter our Organization ID 11665
2. Invite friends and family to shop and support! Send emails, share on social media, and text the fundraising link to your friends & family to quickly spread the word!
3. Look out for the Charleston Wrap fundraising information coming soon!

Thank you for your support!

~Good Shepherd Creative Play



Our total donations: \$277.54



We are so very grateful to those who participate! 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, in support of our Youth. 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.

POTLUCK BIRTHDAY LUNCH

WE ARE 121 YEARS OLD!



THANKS TO ALL!

Our 121st Birthday Pot Luck Lunch was a huge success! Just a note of thanks to all those that helped decorate, set up tables, make coffee, buy cake and clean up. Of course, the thanks goes to all of you that provided the DELICIOUS food we all enjoyed. We are so very blessed to have such a warm and generous church family. ~Sue Baumeister

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 with the \$ amount**, then follow the instructions given. For further assistance, you can also message **ASSIST, FUNDS, or EDIT**.

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

IN PERSON: Bring your offering to a worship service.



ShopRite

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.**



Community Gardens



Have you ever thought about wanting to have a small garden but live in an apartment where there is no place for one? Good Shepherd has **10 garden spots (4 x 8)**, next to the playground, available for anyone in the community who doesn't have a yard of their own to grow a garden. We even have expert gardeners who are happy to lend words of wisdom and advice if you need a little help! If you are interested, please contact the **Church Office at 845-735-2243**. Gardens will be assigned on a first come, first serve basis, and to maintain a fair and safe community for everyone, there is a garden agreement to be signed.



Friday, April 22

"He who plants trees loves others besides himself." - Thomas Fuller

Join Us!

Coffee & Conversation

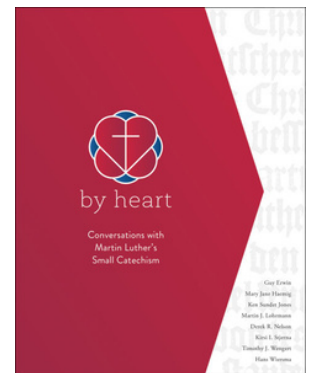
Thursdays, 3pm, 39 E Central Ave.

Warm up with a great cup of coffee at Dean's Coffee Co. in Pearl River. Meet Pastor Lena on Thursday afternoons and support our local coffee shop.

Adult Forum

Sundays, 9:30am, Church Parlor

By Heart is a richly illustrated, in-depth exploration of the Small Catechism. The authors of each chapter bridge the historical context of the Small Catechism with life today, by addressing the reader in the second person. It is in keeping with the everyday language that Luther used in the explanations and embodies the declarative nature of the gospel that he strove to encode in that language.



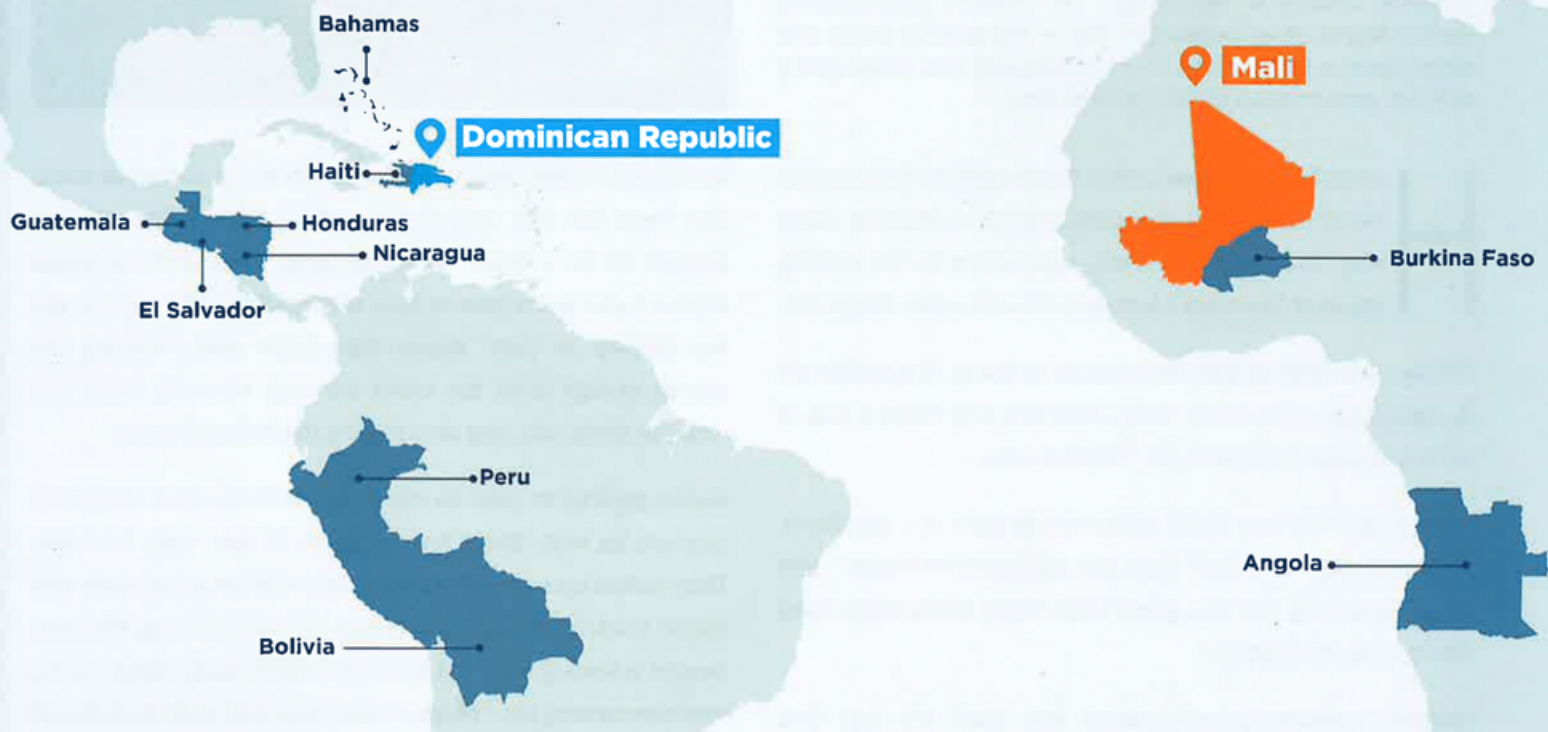
WELCA

Tuesday, April 5, 1:30pm, Church Parlor



All women of Good Shepherd are invited to our next WELCA meeting! We will be meeting in the Church Parlor. One of us will be waiting by the entrance to the Sanctuary, for anyone who is more comfortable coming up the ramp, rather than the stairs. **If you have any questions or need a ride, please call Barbara Bow at 845-521-2611 or Mary Iseman at 845-623-7638.**

In 2021, Your Love Reached Neighbors Around the World



Dominican Republic

In Dominican Republic, the economic strain on parents in poor communities to provide necessary school supplies for their children is often insurmountable. Parents are sometimes forced to sell a cow or goat to cover the costs of their children's education. A distribution of **85,000 School Kits** — tangible symbols of God's love for struggling families — by LWR partner Food for the Hungry meant parents didn't need to make extreme sacrifices to keep their kids in school.

LEFT: *Fernanda Vicioso's grandmother struggled to get the supplies she and her brother needed for school. Being involved in the Food for the Hungry project, and receiving School Kits from LWR, Sra. Vicioso notes "I see the desire [in the children] to get ahead and succeed, plus they have learned that God is in everything we do."*

Georgia

In the Republic of Georgia, the country's most vulnerable populations — people with disabilities, orphans, and those experiencing homelessness — were hardest hit when lockdowns were initiated to stem the spread of COVID-19. LWR's partner, Union of Investments and Humanitarian Projects, worked with local social service agencies and government officials to identify **50,000 people** in the greatest need to receive Quilts, Personal Care Kits, School Kits and Baby Care Kits and feel God's love through your gifts.

LEFT: *A woman smiles in delight upon receiving Quilts for her family. In the frigid cold of a Georgian winter, these gifts provide life-saving warmth and a reminder of love and care.*



Your love reached...



361,225

NEIGHBORS IN NEED

IN 19 COUNTRIES



122,400
QUILTS



3,230
BLANKETS



60,030
PERSONAL CARE KITS



103,880
SCHOOL KITS



38,850
BABY CARE KITS



915
FABRIC KITS



31,920
FACE MASKS



Mali

LWR's longtime partner, the National Solidarity Fund, has far reaching access throughout Mali, enabling the love of Christ to be cast far and wide through distributions of your LWR quilts and kits. Some **150,000 people** in women's organizations, farmer and artisan cooperatives, schools, health centers, support groups

for people with disabilities and social service organizations in some of Mali's most remote areas received your Quilts, Personal Care Kits, School Kits, Baby Care Kits and Fabric Kits.

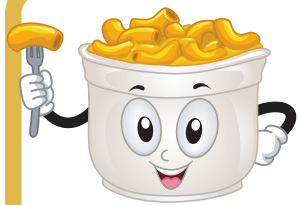
ABOVE: Two women with their new Quilts and School Kits for their families, distributed during a celebration of International Women's Day hosted by the Association for Communal Development in the District of Bamako on March 8, 2021. The day was set aside as an opportunity to celebrate women as an essential link in the family and in national systems.

The 2021 quilt and kit numbers were impacted by delayed and rescheduled Ingatherings, due to the Covid-19 pandemic. Thankfully more churches have been able to open and volunteers have graciously increased their generosity.

Sunday School



Our Sunday School children have been enjoying videos, as well as sermons from Pastor! Thank you to our awesome teachers who continue to care for our youth.



You MAC me smile...



So far this year, we have donated approximately 643 pounds of food to *People to People*! Thank you for all of your food pantry donations, and to our volunteers for delivering them.

For the month of April, we will be collecting **pasta, spaghetti sauce, and mac 'n' cheese**. There will be a box for your non-perishable donations at the entrance to the Education Building.

Thank you to our March food-runners, Connie Frawley and Elizabeth Biggar!

If you'd like to volunteer to deliver our food to *People to People*, sign up online at volunteersignup.org/BECRW, then call/text **Gina** at 845-587-0904 to set up a time.



SAVE THE DATE!

We will be having our Mother's Day Plant Sale to support our Girl Scout Silver and Gold Awards, on **Saturday, May 7 & Sunday, May 8 (time TBA)**. Order forms will be available soon, with delivery on Mother's Day weekend.



HUDSON LYRIC OPERA

The Seven Last Words of Christ

by Theodore DuBois

Saturday, April 9, 2pm & 7pm

Good Shepherd, Sanctuary

112 N Main St. Pearl River

Purchase tickets at the door (cash/check):

\$20 adults, \$15 seniors & students



For more information, visit

www.hudsonlyricopera.org

Questions? Contact 845-709-2273 or

info@hudsonlyricopera.org



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EASTER FLOWER ORDER FORM

Please submit your orders to the
Church Office by **April 10, 2022.**



In memory of: _____

In honor of: _____

Given by: _____

Enclosed: \$ _____ (Suggested donation \$10)

Please make checks payable to Good Shepherd. Thank you!