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



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

Life Stations

GOOD SHEPHERD FUND

In memory of Marge Vatter, given by Kait Vatter

DEATHS

Kelsey J. Walsh December 4, 2021

AT YOUR SERVICE

The Reverend J. Lena Warren, Pastor
George Boothby, President
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Elaina Burns, Organist
Renee Bucci, Creative Play Director
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Katy Wong, Communications Coordinator
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Gisele Saldana, Sexton

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Rev. J. Lena Warren, Pastor
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*Non-voting

Anne Baumann	Carole Meehan
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Kristen Hanifin	Christopher Ryan
Linda Hecker	Tom Vislocky
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CHURCH OFFICE

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Hours of Operation M 2:30-4:30, T&Th 12-4:30pm, W&F 12-4pm

We recommend calling prior to your arrival.

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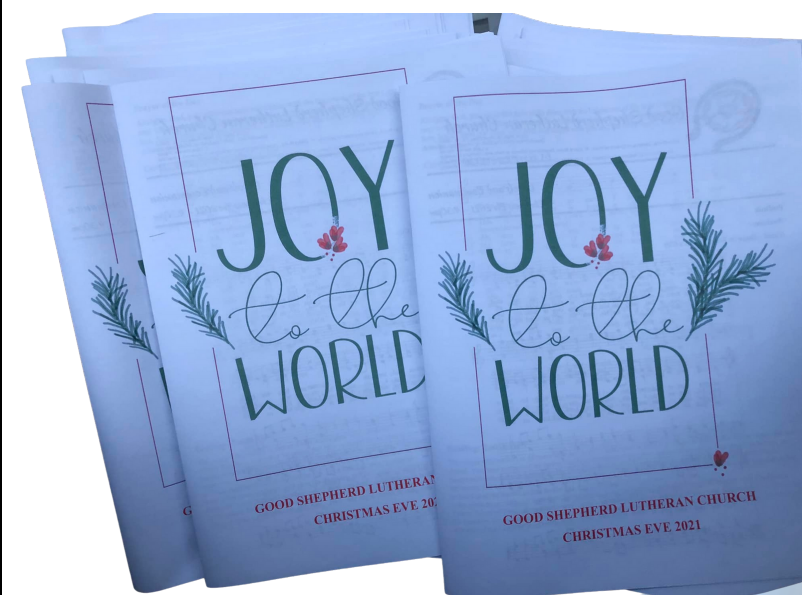
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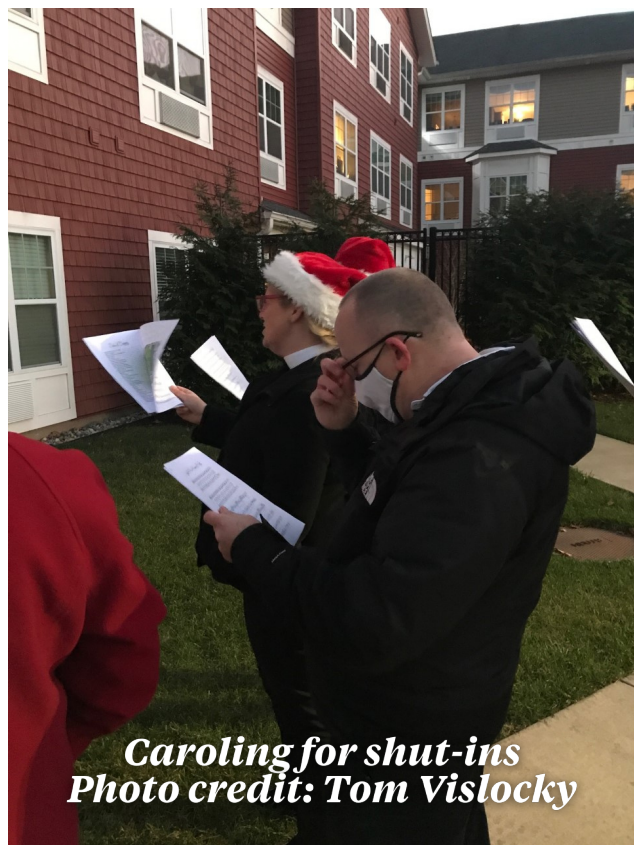
Please wear a mask when entering the church building!

Christmas at Good Shepherd



This year, we were able to gather in-person for Christmas Eve and Christmas Day services! We offered indoor, outdoor, and online options. Our livestreams are available to watch on our YouTube channel, at anytime. More photos on our Facebook page!





*Caroling for shut-ins
Photo credit: Tom Vislocky*



*Caroling at The Pearl River Saloon
Photo credit: Sue Baumeister*



***Our Sunday School students
enjoyed a very special visit from
Saint Nicholas (James Cleary)!***

***Thank you to our volunteers,
and Boy Scout Troop 36, for
getting our church ready for
Christmas.***



Ash Wednesday was all ashes to go in the church parking lot. I was moved by how many people stopped by to get ashes — neighbors, people who have come to be regulars at the train station, members of the congregation (some I hadn't seen in ages). It was a very cold day 🥶 but it was really meaningful to see so many and to contemplate in this milieu of people the incredible nearness of mortality and the sacred beauty of life.

Pastor Lane

SUNDAY WORSHIP

JOIN US, IN-PERSON!



SERVICES AT
8:15am & 10:30am

No sign-up necessary.
Please wear a mask!

*Watch the 10:30am service livestream on  [YouTube.com/c/GoodShepherdPearlRiver](https://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.

January 2, 8:15am: Kim Arcidiacono | **10:30am:** Jeff Bergman

January 9, 8:15am: George Boothby | **10:30am:** Tom Vislocky

January 16, 8:15am: Anne Baumann | **10:30am:** Lulu Paolini

January 23, 8:15am: Don Widmayer | **10:30am:** Kristen Hanifin

January 30, 8:15am: Linda Hecker | **10:30am:** Mark Olson

February 6, 8:15am: Sue Baumeister | **10:30am:** Chris Ryan

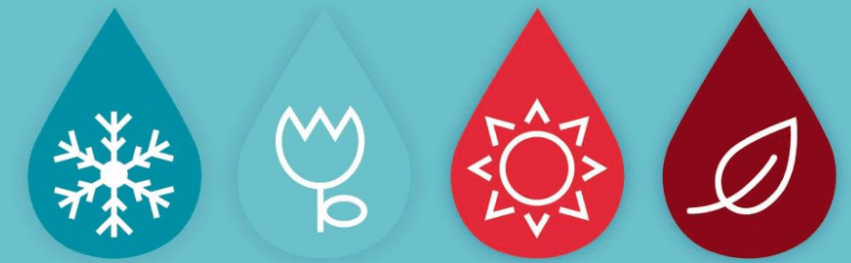
February 13, 8:15am: Sue Baumeister | **10:30am:** Werner Boecker

February 20, 8:15am: Carole Meehan | **10:30am:** Kristen Hanifin

February 27, 8:15am: Jeff Bergman | **10:30am:** George Boothby

March 6, 8:15am: Tom Vislocky | **10:30am:** Anne Baumann

Your new year habit: give blood.



Celebrate National Blood Donor Month!

BLOOD DRIVE

Sunday, January 9, 2022 9:00 am – 3:00 pm

****Each presenting donor will be given a pair of winter socks while supplies last****

Pearl River Interfaith

Good Shepherd Lutheran Church – Pearl River
112 North Main Street Pearl River, NY
Fellowship Hall

To make an appointment call 800-933-2566 or scan QR code below



Appointments are preferred however walk-ins will be welcomed if space permits. Please remember to eat, drink, and bring your ID with your name and photo. Masks are required for all donors regardless of vaccination status. Visit nybc.org/coronavirus for complete COVID-19 safety protocols.



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THANK YOU

The generosity of this congregation is amazing, and the Social Ministry Committee would like to thank all of you for your continued support of our outreach programs. For those who took part in the Blood Drive, we are grateful. There were many tables filled with turkey and all the trimmings this Thanksgiving, thanks to you. There will be Comfort and Joy this Christmas, for children in Rockland, thanks to your donations of blankets and Target gift cards. Our generous monthly food donations, for People to People, have fed so many of those in need. Even the clothing drive for Afghan refugees, which does not come under Social Ministries, is such a wonderful outreach.

Realizing how blessed we are, and helping those who are less fortunate, is a calling that gives us much joy...to the giver, as well as the recipient.

Thank you, to each and every one of you!

Ione Mensing, Social Ministry Committee

Together Our Unity Can Heal, Inc.



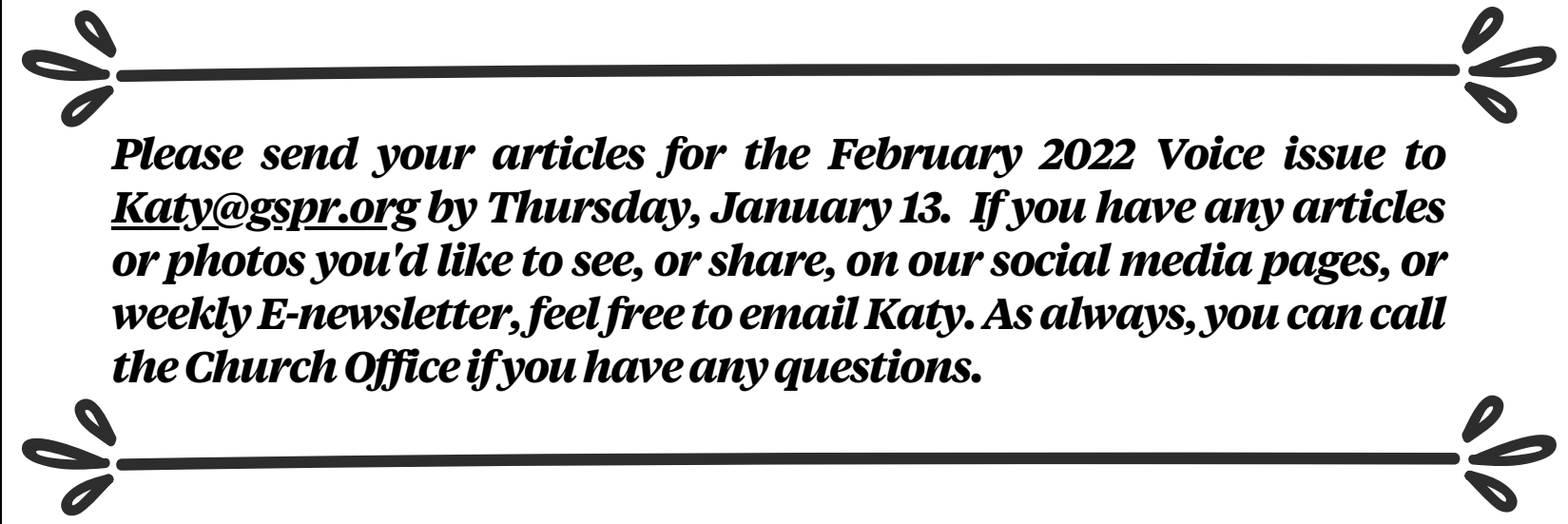
On behalf of the team at TOUCH, Thank You so much for donating the grocery bags and Turkeys! Your generosity provided meals for chronically ill individuals and their families in both Rockland County and Orange County. We even provided emergency food bags for the general public. We've heard so many great remarks about the beautiful and creative Thanksgiving cards in each bag!

Wishing the entire congregation a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

*God Bless,
Tiffany Loyd
Pantry Manager
TOUCH*

MARTIN
LUTHER KING JR.
★ ★ ★ DAY ★ ★ ★

THE CHURCH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED ON MONDAY, JANUARY 17, IN OBSERVANCE OF MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. DAY.



Please send your articles for the February 2022 Voice issue to Katy@gspr.org by Thursday, January 13. 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.

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!



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.

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.

SEARCHING FOR LEADERSHIP!

We are searching for leadership and volunteers for these potential upcoming events. If you'd like to see these events take place, please contact Gina@gspr.org. Thank you for your help, as we do our best to plan in advance!

- **Botanical Gardens Trip** Saturday, January 15
- **Potluck Lunch** Sunday, January 16
- **Winter Game Night** January (date TBD)



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. Feel free to bring a friend!

Adult Forum

Sundays, 9:30am, Church Parlor



Adult Forum returns! After a short winter break, we will resume our forum on Sunday, January 9. Join us for a seven-part series exploring the Bible called *Animate: Bible*. It is for beginners! If you have questions about what the Bible is about, and how we make sense of this ancient text for today's faith, this is a great forum for you. Feel free to attend any sessions even if you can't make the others!

WELCA

Tuesday, January 4, 1:30pm, Church Parlor

All ladies of Good Shepherd are welcome to join us for our first WELCA meeting of the year! We will be meeting in the Church Parlor. One of us will be at the entrance to the Sanctuary, for anyone who is more comfortable coming up the ramp, rather than the stairs. For more information, call **Barbara Bow at 521-2612 or Mary Iseman at 845-623-7638**.

Wine Tasting

Saturday, January 29, Fellowship Hall

SAVE THE DATE! Be on the lookout for more information. If you'd like to help out at this event, contact event leader, Trish Habas (trish.habas@gmail.com).

Souperbowl Sunday

Let's fill the shelves of People to People with cans of soup, and bring warmth and smiles to homes in Rockland County!



Will we be collecting cans of soup throughout the month of January. Bring your soup donations to Sunday worship, or stop by during office hours. As we snack and feast while watching the Super Bowl, let's remember those who are hungry for the very basics, especially this year

People to People VOLUNTEERS NEEDED! Thank you, Robin Riemenschneider, for helping us this month. If you'd like to help us deliver our food donations to People to People, please sign up online at volunteersignup.org/BECRW, then call/text Gina at **845-587-0904** to schedule a pickup and delivery time.

Dear Good Shepherd Families,

Thank you so much to Robert Callan, Katherine Filatov, Leah Meyer, Brendan Meyer, Tom Vislocky, and our wonderful Children's Choir and Sanctuary Choir for sharing their gifts and music with us in recent services. We are so grateful to them for offering their time and talents!

We extend our special thanks to all of the children, parents, and participants involved in the Christmas Pageant on December 19th. It was wonderful to hear the story told by the children in word and song! It made me so happy to catch a glimpse of one of our oldest members of the congregation smiling as she watched and listened to the children. It was a beautiful moment to see the youngest and oldest members of our church connected in such a meaningful way.

We always enjoy all of the beautiful music that we have at our fingertips for our Advent and Christmas seasons. Thank you all for your continued support of Good Shepherd's music program. We are grateful to be a part of it!

Our children's choir will resume rehearsals on Sunday, January 9th. Please join us every Sunday from 10:00-10:20am in the choir room as we prepare special music for the spring. The time commitment is small, and as you might note from my story above, the children's impact is great!!

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 have been enjoying our rehearsals with the Sanctuary Choir and Children's Choir, and we would love to have you join our Bell Choir! Please drop in on a Thursday night! All are welcome!

Sundays

- Choir Rehearsal in the choir room - 9:30am-10:00am (*resumes January 9th*)
- Children's Choir in the choir room - 10:00am-10:20am (*resumes January 9th*)

Thursdays

- Bell Choir Rehearsal in the choir room at 6:15pm (*resumes January 13th*)
- Choir Rehearsal in the choir room at 7:00pm (*resumes January 13th*)

Thank you!

Elaina and Brian Burns
music@gsprr.org





SUNDAY SCHOOL

This month's teacher spotlight...

Jocelyn Witherell

Jocelyn teaches Sunday School's Pre-K and Kindergarten classes. Thank you for being a great role model to our children!



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.

Card Drive

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 on Saturday, January 15, at 9:30am. If you're interested in helping out, sign up online at volunteersignup.org/XRRJQ. Thank you!

Telephone Reassurance Program



Meals on Wheels launched an initiative called the Telephone Reassurance Program, which 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.

Good Shepherd Prayer Chain

If you, a loved one, or friend experience difficulty and desire prayer support contact **Ione 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.

MASKS FOR A CAUSE

Good Shepherd adult masks are available for purchase, at \$20 each. These are comfortable, breathable masks with a wire nose bridge and adjustable ear loops. 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!



Creative Play News



“Write it on your heart that every day is the best day in the year.”
— ***Ralph Waldo Emerson***

Creative Play will return from the holiday break, to in-person learning, on January 3, 2022. The week of January 11th, the UPK teachers of our 4-year-old students will be conferencing with their parents, in-person. We are happy to welcome parents back into the building!

Our calendar remains light in January, as we are still not comfortable having all the classes together for specific programs, but we will be enjoying a fun pajama day on the 19th & 20th of the month. There is a possibility that our 3-year-old students will be visited by an author.

Our registration process for the 2022-2023 school year begins this month. Alumni and Church members will have the opportunity to register, starting on Tuesday, January 18th at 8am. New members will be able to register beginning on February 1st at 8am. If you wish more information, visit our website (www.goodshepherdcreativeplay.com), call the office (845-735-2737), or stop by in-person for materials.

Our program's health has become stronger this past school year. We remain committed to our families, and to the good work we always strive to do, as an outreach for Good Shepherd. With hope in our hearts, we wish you all a blessed, happy and healthy 2022.

Be well, be safe, and be happy,

Renee Bucci

Renee Bucci
Creative Play Director
Renee@gspr.org

HAPPY
2022
NEW YEAR

Good Shepherd CREATIVE PLAY

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ALL ALUMNI & CHURCH MEMBER FAMILIES

Applications for the new school year 2022-2023, will be available in the school office beginning **January 18, 2022**.

If you would like to register your child for a program for the next school year please stop by the office to pick up an application. In order to best assure placement in your preferred class, please apply by **January 28, 2022**. After this date we open up enrollment to new members.

For the 2022-2023 school year the following classes will be available to your family providing we have the minimum enrollment required to proceed with each of the classes:

- Time for Two Classes (call for available days)
- 1 day a week Toddler Classes (meets on Wednesdays & Thursdays)
- 2 day a week Toddler Class (2 hours, 9:45am – 11:45am, Tues. & Thurs.)
- 2 day 3 year old classes (2.5 hours, 9:30am – 12:00pm)
- 3 day 3 year old class (3 hours, 9:00am – 12:00pm)
- 3 day 3 year old class (2.5 hours, 1:00pm – 3:30pm)
- 3 day 4 year old class (2.5 hours, 9:30am – 12:00pm)
- 5 day 4 year old classes (3 hours, 9:00am – 12:00pm)
- UPK (Universal Pre-Kindergarten classes offered in the morning and afternoon)
 - Your placement in one of our UPK classes is dependent on your approved application from the CCRR (Child Care Resources of Rockland) office.
- Creative Creations, Enrichment afternoon classes

For the school year 2022-2023 we are again making available to all families an "opt out" choice. By selecting this "opt out" choice, you will pay a pre determined amount, to cover some or all your workdays in the classroom. The office will arrange to have your work days covered after speaking with you and determining your needs. We understand many families who would love to attend Creative Play, but due to work and other obligations cannot participate in the cooperative workdays.

We have traditionally relied on families to help share the information regarding our school, we would appreciate you continuing to help us by sharing the above information with family and friends. While our classrooms will continue to reflect our mission of play with a purpose, we are excited to incorporate some new opportunities as well!

If you have any questions regarding registration, please feel free to speak to me.

Be well, be safe, and be happy,
Renee Bucci
Renee Bucci
(Director)