



Good Shepherd Lutheran Church

September 2024

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

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

SEPTEMBER 8TH HOT DOG SUNDAY



Hot Dog Sunday is September 8th and we've got a number of events planned for that morning and afternoon. Below is the schedule of events.

HOT DOG SUNDAY SCHEDULE

9:30 AM - Coffee hour with Pastor Chris and Pastor Ernie in the Church Parlor
(Carole Meehan, host)

Pastor Chris Mietlowski is the Assistant to the Bishop and will be helping Good Shepherd through the pastoral transition process.

10:00 AM - Sunday School registration begins - Fellowship Hall

10:30 AM - Worship service led by Pastor Chris - Sanctuary

12:00 PM - Hot dogs are served (The Bergman's, host)

There will be games for the children and adults and the playground will be open.

It's a wonderful opportunity to reconnect after the summer

New Fall Church Schedule!

Beginning Sunday September 15, we will have two services weekly, 9 AM and 10:30 AM with Sunday Church School at the 10:30 hour.

Sunday September 8th

Coffee Hour at 9:30 AM before service
One Service at 10:30am



**The Evangelical Lutheran
Church of the Good Shepherd**

112 North Main Street
Pearl River, New York 10965

WORSHIP

Sundays: 9:00 & 10:30 am
Sunday Church School: 10:30 hour

CONTACT US

Church Office: (845)735-2243
Office closed on Mondays
Tues.-Fri.: 1:30-4:30pm
Fax: (845)735-0819
E-mail: office@gspr.org
Web site: www.gspr.org
Creative Play Pre-School: (845)735-2737

AT YOUR SERVICE

Gina Danialinia—Synodical Deacon
Jeff Bergman - President
Brian Burns - Director of Music
Elaina Burns - Organist
Renee Bucci - Creative Play Director
Dale Damon - Church Secretary
Lisa Filatov - Bookkeeper
Gisele Saldana - Sexton

PRAYER CHAIN

If you, a loved one, or a friend experience difficulty and you desire prayer support, the Good Shepherd Prayer Chain may be helpful.

When you have a request or a thanksgiving to share, please call: Ione Mensing at 201-664-1235; email: himensing@gmail.com or Carol Westphal at 845-624-5732; email: carolwestphal9@gmail.com

The Prayer Chain will then be activated, and many will be praying with and for you.

**2024 ANNUAL REPORTS ARE DUE
INTO THE CHURCH OFFICE BY
OCTOBER 13th
dalegspr@gmail.com**

LIFE STATIONS

DEATHS

Aileen Assenheimer 7/02/24

NEW MEMBERS

Eileen Vatter 8/18/24

BAPTISMS

Jennifer Ann Burns 6/02/24

Mia Marie Munroe 6/09/24

Noah Michael Richard Massa 6/30/24

SHOPRITE GIFT CARDS

BUY A GIFT CARD

and Good Shepherd

receives 5% from each gift card purchase. The cards can be purchased in the Church Office. Cards can be used at any ShopRite location. We have \$25, \$50, or \$100 cards. CASH and checks will be accepted.



Any questions, please contact the church office: 845-735-2243

2024 CHURCH COUNCIL

Jeff Bergman, President
Kristen Hanifin, Vice President
Kim Arcidiacono, Secretary
Michael McCambridge, Treasurer *
Werner Boecker, Financial Secretary*
Anne Baumann
Sue Baumeister
Linda Hecker
Carol Hoerter
Carole Meehan
Lulu Paolini
Christopher Ryan
Becky Tom
Tom Vislocky
(*non-voting)

9/11
PATRIOT DAY
WE WILL NEVER FORGET

FROM YOUR CHURCH COUNCIL

WHAT'S NEXT?

Here are the next steps we are taking...

- * We will arrange for Supply Pastors for Sunday worship, while the Bishop's office works toward finding an interim pastor.
- * We have arranged for Pastor Lauri Craig to lead worship with us on September 1st, 15th, and 29th.
- * The Bishop's office has provided us with a coverage pastor who will assist the congregation in the administration of the basic operations of the congregation, meet with the Congregational Council and provide for basic pastoral care and services.
- * Once we have an Interim Pastor, we will create a Transition Team and eventually establish a Call Committee to pursue calling a new Pastor
- * Council is working closely with the Bishop's office to navigate our next steps. We have met with the Bishop's assistant, Pastor Christopher Mietlowski, and he is providing excellent support, answering our questions and providing us with direction. He is coming to preach on Sunday, September 8th, (Hot Dog Sunday) and will be available if anyone would like to talk after the service. We would encourage you to come that day, in order for you to be part of the process. We will continue to keep you informed as things transpire.

Hi Sunday Church School Families!

We are changing things up this year for Sunday School. We are going to have parents drop their children off in Fellowship Hall at 10:30am, where their Sunday School teachers will meet them. Sunday School is for children Pre-K thru 4th grade, with First Communion classes for 5th grade students. Pick up from Sunday School will be at 11:30am in Fellowship Hall.

Registration is Sunday September 8th beginning at 10:00am. If anyone is willing to volunteer to help out, please let us know by calling the church office at (845)735-2243 We are looking forward to a great year! --Your Sunday Church School



CREATIVE PLAY NEWS....

Even though summer feels very present the new school year is appearing quickly in our future! The month of July, Creative Play hosted Summer Camp! The month flew by with a full building of campers enjoying each themed week. The Creative Play summer camp staff was exceptional. We had some first time participants, and they went above and beyond in creating a loving, fun and unique experience for the campers.



We are always learning, growing, and adapting as individuals as well as a program, we will continue doing so this coming school year especially as we look into the future for our program. We are not filled at this point but are holding steady.

With every season comes change, we have some changes in our staffing here at Creative Play. We said goodbye to Kristen Hanifin, we wish her happiness as she leaves the classroom, it is our hope she receives all the smiles and laughter she brought to the children she taught. We said goodbye to Kristen Scott, who is growing up with her children and moving on to elementary school. We welcome Cassandra Rosas into our office as support, as she learns multiple facets in preparation for Angela Carle's retirement at the end of this school year.

As we approach the start of the school year, September 4th, Creative Play is excited and looking forward to welcoming 151 students and their families to our program. If you know of anyone in need, we have a couple of 3, as well as 4-year-old placements available, please ask them to give me a call. We are well prepared and ready...well almost (ha-ha) to open our doors once again to welcome some of the youngest members of our community.

We have been busy cleaning up the Education building over the summer: We had the floors all waxed and buff; our clean-up committee scrubbed down each classroom as well as all the materials over the course of 2 days, with close to 25 volunteers; we also had the playground area weeded and freshened up. The hallways are decorated sharing the energy that is provided to us by the students.

I wish everyone well as they say so long to summer; I hope everyone can hold onto their sunny dispositions as the days shorten.

Be well, be safe and be happy,

Renee Bucci

Creative Play Director





SCS STUDENT REGISTRATION FORM

SUNDAY SCHOOL
Make the Connection

Family Name: _____

Home phone: _____

Address: _____

E-Mail _____

Cell Phone _____

Preferred method of contact _____

Children (Grades Prek-5th)

<u>Name:</u>	<u>Grade</u>	<u>B-day</u>	<u>Envelope</u>	<u>Special Needs/Allergies:</u>	<u>Sports? Month</u>
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
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Parent/Guardian Information (Emergency info while children are in Sunday School)

<u>Name</u>	<u>Relationship:</u>	<u>Cell Phone:</u>	<u>In Church?</u>
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____

To whom may your child be dismissed to or can sign him/her out early:

Is there a restraining order or anyone who cannot pick up your child?

I give permission for my child's photo to be used in Good Shepherd publications Yes No

(Please see back)

***Our Church School teachers are volunteers not trained in special learning needs. I understand that in the case that my child is experiencing learning challenges in the classroom, I will speak with the teacher and will assist in the classroom as needed. _____ (Please initial).**

Additional comments/concerns:

Registration cost

No cost, but a donation to help cover materials is appreciated!

Amount enclosed: _____

Volunteer Name _____

A lively, engaging Sunday School program requires the support of many volunteers. We ask that parents or guardians of all children participating in Sunday School that they will contribute a minimum of 4 hours during the church year (this is only if we go back to regular weekly meetings, though we will still need help with having hall monitors and help in the classrooms). Please circle one or more ways you would be interested in helping.

Substitute teach

Hall Monitor

Assist teacher in classroom

Dear Good Shepherd Congregants,

We are thinking of you all as Good Shepherd prepares for a time of transition following Pastor Lena's years of service to the church. We would like to extend our deepest gratitude to Pastor Lena and Lee for their support of, and participation in, the music ministry at Good Shepherd. We were truly blessed to have their leadership in word and in song, and we wish them grace and peace as they prepare for their future endeavors.

We are grateful for the opportunity to provide moments of reflection and comfort through music during this time of discernment for the congregation.

This summer, we welcomed BridgeMusik and the Rockland County Concert Band for their rehearsals and concerts. Thank you all for your warm welcome of these musical organizations that have a powerful, positive impact in Rockland County. They and their audience members appreciated their time at Good Shepherd, and these gestures of welcome provided those in attendance with a sense that they could join our congregation for a service and perhaps become a member as well. Every time we open our doors with kindness, we share God's love with the community.

We hope you will consider joining us in the music ministry this fall!

Adult Choir rehearsals begin:

Thursday, September 12th, 7:00pm

The adult choir will also meet on **Sunday mornings immediately following the first service** (beginning Sunday, September 15th)

Children's Choir rehearsals begin:

Sunday, September 15th, 10:05am

Band rehearsals begin:

Sunday, September 15th, 11:45am

(The first Band Sunday will be Sunday, October 15th)

We would like to extend a special thank you to Jenny Burns for singing this summer and to Lee Warren and Alison Meyer for providing music for our services on August 11th. Thank you all!

Thank you,

Elaina and Brian Burns





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**PEARL RIVER FARMERS MARKET
EVERY SATURDAY
FROM 10AM TO 2PM
THROUGH THANKSGIVING
CENTRAL AVE. FIELD**



If you wander into the education building, you will see that the floors are all shiny and clean.

Thank you to Mike of *Majestic Maintenance* out of Oakland, NJ. for the beautiful job! If you are ever in the need to have floors cleaned, give Mike a call. He is great to work with and is just a great guy!