



Good Shepherd Lutheran Church

October 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

A LITTLE ABOUT PASTOR MOSSL

Baptized Ernst August Mossel at St. Catherine Church (Roman Catholic), Kingston, NY in 1964 (yes, I just turned 60 years old). I go by either Pastor Mossel or Pastor Ernie.

Married to Theresa J. Ruth, we live near New Paltz in Ulster County.

Two children: Audrey J. Mossel, Kingston, NY
Conrad E. Mossel, Boston, MA

Previous careers in police work and IBM. Left IBM in 2002 to attend the Lutheran Theological Seminary in Philadelphia. Graduated in 2005, ordained 2006. Pastor of Christ Lutheran Church, Newburgh, NY since 2005.

Hobbies: hiking (Theresa and I have hiked the Catskill peaks, over 3,500 feet in the summer and winter), canoeing/kayaking.

**ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING WILL BE HELD, SUNDAY
NOVEMBER 24TH FOLLOWING THE 10:30 SERVICE.**

LOOKING FOREARD....After this issue, *The Shepherd's Voice* newsletter will be emailed . Paper copies will be available at the back of the church. Please contact the church office if you have concerns with this new policy. If we don't already have your email address, please add it to the list at the back of the church or call the church office with this information. (845)735-2243. Thank you.

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.



LIFE STATIONS

DEATHS

Thomas Vislocky	9/21/24 (council member)
Warren Johnson	9/21/24 (former member)]

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

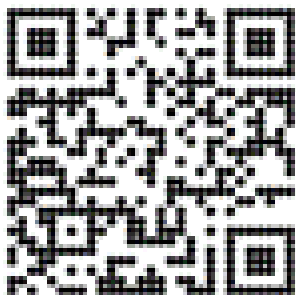
2024 CHURCH COUNCIL

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
(*non-voting)

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

WE NEED YOUR HELP
DURING OUR
WORSHIP SERVICES!!

Go to our website: www.gspr.org.
 Or scan here:



We are always looking for help during the services to ensure things run smoothly.

Your help is GREATLY appreciated!!

BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS
 October 12th, 12-2pm

*All things bright and beautiful,
 All creatures great and small,
 All things wise and wonderful,
 The Lord God made them all...*

We will be offering special blessings for all our furry (and not so furry!) friends on October 12th from 12-2pm. Bring your "companion critters" to church for them to receive a blessing. This will take place in the Meditation Garden (next to the playground). All animals - feathered, scaly, furry, four, eight, two-or-zero legged, and otherwise, are welcome.



BAGS! BAGS! BAGS!

We need reusable bags!

Nearly **100 families** come to
People to People
 every day for food assistance.
That takes a lot of bags!

We encourage those that utilize our Food Pantry to bring their own reusable bags but it takes a lot of bags to package enough food for 30 meals per person per month.

So swing by PtoP and drop off reusable bags!

People to People
 121 West Nyack Road
 Nanuet, NY 10956
 Monday and Wednesday from 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.
 Tuesday and Thursday from 9:30 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.
 Friday from 9:30 a.m. to 12 p.m.



People to People October Collection

We are collecting Oatmeal; Cereal and shelf stable or powdered milk

Please drop off your donations in the bin located at the entrance of education building.

People to People is also requesting reusable bags. Those can also be dropped off in the collection bin.



Council Capsule

Your Church Council met on September 17th. Among the topics discussed were the following:

Deacon Gina: Deacon George Guinan, the chair of the Synod Diaconate Council came to meet with us and explain the necessary covenantal letter of agreement for Gina to continue to serve at Good Shepherd. We reviewed the document and Council and Gina agreed with the boundaries and responsibilities set forth by the document.

August – September Financial Notes: Total receipts through August 2024 were \$221 thousand.

Total expenses through August 2024 were \$254 thousand, resulting in net expense for the first nine months of the fiscal year of approximately \$32 thousand.

The largest expenses year to date, outside personnel related expenses, were for gas and electric services, grounds maintenance, and insurance. Total expenses are generally in-line with budget.

Octoberfest – It was decided to postpone this until next year. We will instead focus on continuing with the International Luncheon in January.

Building and Grounds –The town is fixing the pipe that runs from our drain across the street, so we are hoping there will be no more flooding in Fellowship Hall.

Solar panels – The company we use filed chapter 11 bankruptcy so that is who no one is getting back to us about fixing the broken inverters.

Boilers - *Jimco* is coming to look at the furnaces to see what works needs to be done before we have to turn them on.

Communion – We will keep it every week at both services.

Red Hymnals – The idea of going back to the hymnals was discussed. It was decided to leave it as is with the paper copies for now and revisit this idea in the new year.

Fall Clean up – This will be done on November 23rd along with the *Turkey Run* and hope that there is some volunteer overlap.

Weeding & Trimming – Council voted to incorporate weeding and trimming into the annual landscape contract, with the cost of weeding being \$200 per time and trimming \$475 per time. Weeding will be as requested and the trimming will be 3 times a year. The question of who should be in charge of caring for the columbarium was brought up.

Social ministry Update – The Turkey run will be taking place on 11/23/24, 8am to 11am, and the turkeys will be going to West Haverstraw Elementary again. The Personal Care kits were delivered and we are going to continue doing this and also with the backpacks and lunch bags. The Warming Center is in need of volunteers from November to April. Claudia Belgean will organize this. The Victims of gun violence vigil will be done at Dominican Sisters in Sparkill this year.

Sunday School – Everyone is back from last year.

Respectfully submitted on behalf of your church Council.

ALL SAINTS SUNDAY—NOVEMBER 3, 2024

On Sunday, November 3, All Saints Sunday, we will remember with thanksgiving the blessed saints whom God has received into eternal life.

We will especially remember, by name, those who have died during the past year, and those whom we remember now in our hearts, by lighting a candle in their memory.

All, will be invited to come forward and light a candle, if they wish, to remember a loved one whom they have lost.

You are invited to attend one of our services on November 5th at 9:00 a.m. or 10:30 a.m.

Dear Good Shepherd Congregants,

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

Adult Choir rehearsals:

Every Thursday at 7:00pm

The adult choir will also meet on **Sunday mornings immediately following the first service**

Children's Choir rehearsals:

Every Sunday at 10:05am

Band rehearsals:

Every Sunday at 11:45am

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

We hope you will join us! Reformation Sunday is October 27th, and All Saints is November 3rd. Please join us in singing!

Thank you,
Elaina and Brian Burns



Here are the steps your Council is taking...

- ◆ We continue to arrange for Supply Pastors for Sunday worship, while the Bishop's office works toward finding us an Interim Pastor.
- ◆ We have arranged for Pastor Lauri Craig to lead worship with us on: October 6th, 13th, and 20th. Pastor Rich Bowman will lead worship with us on October 27th, November 3rd and November 10th.
- ◆ Pastor Ernie Mossel continues to assist 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 will continue to keep you informed as things transpire.

Your Church Council

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 of learning, and we look forward to our growth throughout the school year. Change allows people to learn new things, explore new experiences, and fail, which can help us grow as individuals. Within change there is self-discovery that can lead to finding passions, interests, and true calling. This holds true for the children of Creative Play as well as our staff members and our relationship with our community. We are excited to see what this year holds.

We began the school year with 154 students enrolled in our various programs. The teachers and aides are meeting the challenges the new school year brings with grace and a fantastic skill set. We are all “falling” in love with our new students.

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 spook-tacular treats! We are looking forward to the surprise costumes the children and staff wear as they parade through the education building.

The students will come dressed to impress for their class and individual photos. Sunflower Studios once again will be photographing the students, they bring out the brightest smiles, quack, quack! Please be mindful of the parking lot accommodations on the 16th and 17th of this month. Our cooperative mindset continues with support from our families as we welcome puppeteers in the later part of this month. The puppet committee is headed up by a Creative Play board member. This fun and interactive tradition delights the 3- and 4-year-old students, especially when their parent is the one surprising them backstage.

Creative Play has been running a fundraiser through Charleston Wrap through October 31st. Last year we were able to raise enough funds to have the hallways and classroom floors cleaned and waxed. If you have participated in supporting our program through this fundraiser (or any other means) we thank you ☐ if you would like to participate there is still time: Charlestonwrapstore.com Code:11665

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

Happy fall y’all,

Renee Bucci
Director

The Pearl River Chamber of Commerce invites you to

Pearl River Day

Saturday, October 19th
11:00 - 6:00

Rain or shine on East Central Ave, between John & Main St
Hosted by the Pearl River Chamber of Commerce.

Now in its 17th year, Pearl River Day hosts over 200 exhibits of talented craftspeople, gourmet foods, live music, kids activities, and many other fun attractions to over 25,000 visitors.

LOOKING AHEAD... MARK YOUR CALENDARS

This year's Turkey Run will be held on Saturday, November 23rd from 8am - 11am



If you would like to volunteer with this event, please contact the church office at 845-735-2243

FALL CLEAN-UP

We have scheduled a Fall Clean-up for November 23rd, along with the *Turkey Run* and hope that we get some volunteer overlap.

Lets spruce up the church, inside and out before Advent and Christmas season!

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



**RIBBONS OF
REMEMBRANCE**

**PRAYER
VIGIL**

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 1, 6:30 PM

Let us come together to remember the victims of mass shootings in our country since October 31, 2023. Each one has a name.

**END
GUN
VIOLENCE**

COME. COME WITH A FRIEND. COME WITH AN ORGANIZATION. COME WITH YOUR FAITH COMMUNITY. WE ARE ONE. 

DOMINICAN CONVENT, 175 ROUTE 340, SPARKILL, NY



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Stewardship Season is Here

Yes, this is a challenging time in the life of Good Shepherd, and it is also time for our annual stewardship program, as we look ahead to the coming year. We will be asking ourselves as to where we are in our faith lives, and determine how we can best serve God, stepping forward in lives of service. Our theme this year is: "A New Beginning." As these days and weeks go by, prior to Commitment Sunday, November 10th, I would urge all of us to think about, and pray about, how we intend to serve, with our time and abilities and financial resources, as we give back in response to what we've been given. Let's all come together, and make that "New Beginning" a reality. Thank you.