



NOVEMBER 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

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

COMMITMENT SUNDAY--NOVEMBER 10TH

During this coming week, please be on the alert for a mailing containing materials regarding how you intend to support the mission of Good Shepherd in 2025. Review the information, and on the 10th, kindly return your commitment card to the church

Please give prayerful consideration as to the role you will play, going forward, as we embark together on our New Beginning.

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

Jeff Bergman - President

Brian Burns - Director of Music

Elaina Burns - Organist

Renee Bucci - Creative Play Director

Dale Damon - Church Secretary

Gina Danialinia—Synodical Deacon

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

SPECIAL BIRTHDAYS

Ellie Bertha	11/11	96 years young!
Geraldine Goumas	11/13	101 years young!
Aino Wiik	11/16	

WEDDINGS

Mauricio & Gisele Fararoni	10/19/24
Grace Duffy and Brendan Woodworth	10/31/24

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

(*non-voting)



**WE NEED YOUR HELP
DURING OUR
WORSHIP SERVICES!!**

Go to our website: www.gspr.org.
to sign up.

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

Your help is GREATLY appreciated!!

**INTERFAITH THANKSGIVING SERVICE
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 25th, 7:15pm**

Temple Beth Am
20 Madison Ave.
Pearl River, NY

FALL CLEAN-UP

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

Let's spruce up the church, inside and out, before Advent and Christmas season!



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.



SOCIAL MINISTRY TO ASSEMBLE ADVENT WREATHS FOR OUR HOMEBOUND

This holiday season, GSPR's Social Ministry committee is assembling Advent Wreaths for the homebound!

In order to do this, we must gather a few items from our Amazon Wish List. Below is the link. Please take a look. Our goal is to assemble 20 Advent Wreaths, with a deadline for the items to be sent in by November 13th (at the latest). You can send the items directly to GSPR at 112 N. Main St., Pearl River, NY 10965.

Another great option is to simply donate the funds through our main website under the tab "Give", then click on "Social Ministry". Thank you for your efforts and help!

Here is the link: https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/3IXO9Y2AG9UFU?ref_=wl_share



Dear Good Shepherd Congregants,

Our children's choir will sing "Lord, We Give Thanks" on Sunday, November 24th. We love hearing them practice, and we hope you enjoy reading and reflecting on the words they will sing!

Lord, We Give Thanks, by Mark Patterson

Lord, we give thanks to you this day;
 Thanks for the blessings you give us.
 Lord, we give thanks to you this day,
 Alleluia, Alleluia!
 Lord, we give thanks.

Lord, we sing praise to you this day,
 Praise for the gifts of creation.
 Lord, we sing praise to you this day,
 Alleluia, Alleluia!
 Lord, we sing praise.

Lord, we lift up our voices
 To sing a grateful song of praise.
 Lord, we come now before you
 That we may glorify your name.

Lord, we give thanks to you this day;
 Thanks for the blessings you give us.
 Lord, we give thanks to you this day,
 Alleluia, Alleluia!
 Lord, we give thanks.
 Lord, we give thanks.
 We give thanks.



The Christmas Pageant is coming!

**ALL children are invited to participate
 December 22nd, during 10:30 worship**

Our Christmas Pageant will be a time of lessons and carols held during the 10:30am worship service on Sunday, December 22nd. Elaina will be practicing music with the children during music time at 10:05am each Sunday morning on December 1st, 8th, 15th, and 22nd. Again, ALL children are invited to participate!

Thank you,
 Elaina

As we approach Thanksgiving, we give thanks for all of you! Thank you for your faithful, dedicated singing each week as we share God's love with one another.

- ◆ Adult Choir rehearsals (grade 9 and up!):
 Thursdays, 7pm and Sundays at 9:55am
- ◆ Children's Choir rehearsals (up to and including grade 8):
 Sundays, 10:05am
- ◆ Band rehearsals (all ages):
 Sundays, 11:45am

We look forward to having the band lead us in worship on Sunday, November 10th! Our children's choir will sing in church on November 24th, December 8th, and December 22nd (Christmas Pageant). Please join us if you are able!

Thank you, and see you soon!
 Elaina and Brian Burns

**Stenland Lodge No. 727
Vasa Order of America
an Educational, Cultural and Fraternal Organization**

Invites you to their



**Annual Lucia Celebration
and
Christmas Party**

At Good Shepherd Lutheran Church
Fellowship Hall

Saturday December 14, 2024 at 2:00 p.m.

Doors open at 1:30 p.m.
Refreshments will be served

Requested Donation \$15.00 Children 12 and under are free.

ORDER FORM

**CHRISTMAS GREENS, WREATHS & POINSETTIAS FOR THE ALTAR
ON CHRISTMAS EVE**

Deadline for order: December 12, 2024

In Memory of:

In Honor of:

Given by:

Enclosed: \$ _____ (suggested donation \$15 per memorial)



AUTUMN

DREAMS

FROM BRAHMS TO BERLIN



NOVEMBER 16TH, 2024
2PM

TICKET INFORMATION

- \$20 Adults
- \$15 Students & Seniors

Tickets are available at the Door - Cash or Check only

CHURCH OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD
112 N. MAIN STREET
PEARL RIVER, NY 10065

ALSO LAS ALEGRISAS FLAMENCO
DANCERS

OFFICIAL WEBSITE

[HTTP://HUDSONLYRICOPERA.ORG](http://HUDSONLYRICOPERA.ORG)



FOR MORE INFORMATION CALL: (845) 709-2273

Creative Play Happenings For November

"I can't cook a Thanksgiving dinner. All I can make is cold cereal and maybe toast" –Charlie Brown

And that is more than enough! This time of year, many of us get lost in all the have to's and keep ups with. It is important for us to model for our students that what they have and what they can do is enough. The importance is not what their friend is eating, or wearing or playing with, it is about what brings them individual joy, as well as learning to be happy with ourselves.

As the children create their classic Creative Play Thanksgiving placemats, we will discuss what it means to be thankful. The children will gather with other classes and have a "Charlie Brown" Thanksgiving Feast in Fellowship Hall. Listening to and seeing pure joy in our students is something for which I am truly thankful. I am grateful our children are in a classroom, learning what it means to be a part of a community, that they are learning how to be kind to one another and appreciate their surroundings. I am proud of the work Creative Play has done on a continuous basis in sustaining our values and enriching our community.

The children and staff are comfortable in their classrooms and routines as they settle into the month of November. Creative Creations has begun. The one day a week Toddler classes will begin separating from their parents; we are hoping for a smooth transition. The school picture fundraiser is completed; lots of smiles were shared. Our *Charleston Wrap* fundraiser also wrapped up and we are grateful we raised \$1,500.00.

May you all feel gratitude and blessings this month of Thanksgiving!

~Renee Bucci, Director



CREATIVE PLAY'S GIVING TREE

Every year at this time, parents express an interest in teaching their children how to give to those less fortunate. This year we will be participating in a giving tree.

Creative Play will be decorating our tree, in the entrance of the school, with *new* gloves, mittens, scarves, and hats for children and woman. These items will be shared with families from the Center for Safety and Change here in Rockland County. We hope these items bring some comfort through the winter. Please, if you are able, have your child find a place on our tree to leave their "GIFT".

All hats, gloves, etc. can be dropped off beginning Tuesday, December 3rd. The last day for gifts to be dropped off is Friday, December 20th.

What a wonderful opportunity to show your children the true meaning of the season!

Renee Bucci

Director





Good Shepherd Creative Play Presents:

PHOTOS WITH SANTA

Holiday Fundraiser



Date: Saturday, December 7th, 2024

Time: 10am–2pm. By appointment only.

(Times will be filled on a first come, first serve basis)

Location: Good Shepherd Church steps

Tis the season! We will set the stage and you bring your camera to take a photo with Santa. Sign up for a time slot in the office. Santa's spots fill quickly so we suggest signing up by 11/22!



Hot chocolate and candy canes for the kids.



\$20 per family. 1 camera per group!

Any questions contact Lindsey Coskey (845-406-0198)

*5 minutes per group. Missed times will not be made up. You *will not* receive a printed photo. This is a photo opportunity for you to capture on your own device.

HAPPY THANKSGIVING

Collection for West Haverstraw
Elementary

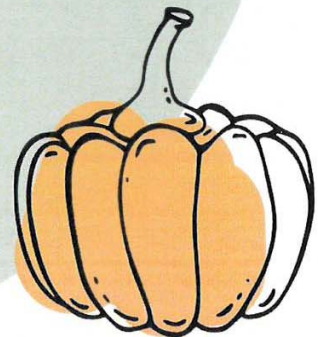
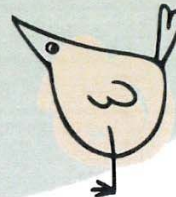
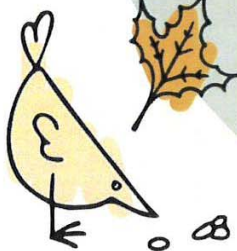
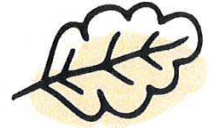
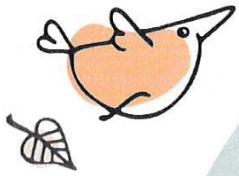
*And Turkeys
less than 15lbs*

Canned Goods

Black Beans/Gandules
Corn
Yams or Sweet Potatoes
String Beans or Green Beans
Carrots
Can of Peas
Jellied Cranberries
Can of Fruit

Other

Pasta
Mac N Cheese
Boxed Stuffing Mix
Box of Instant Potatoes
Jell-O / Pudding Mix
Package of Cookies or cookie mix
Box of Cake Mix
Box of Muffin Mix
Box/Bag of Rice
Package/Jar of Gravy Mix
Pasta sauce
Juice bottles



Order your fresh Christmas Wreaths and Memorial Blankets from Boy Scouts Troop 36

Christmas Wreaths - \$25

12" traditional balsam wreath
decorated with 3 picks, pinecones,
& an elegant bow



Memorial Blankets - \$35

20" frame greened with balsam
decorated with berries, pinecones,
& an elegant bow



Place orders by **BY NOV. 10TH!** with name, email & cell phone, and
number of wreaths and/or memorial blankets to
prtroop36@gmail.com

Payments can be made via cash, check (to BSA Troop 36), or
Zelle to prtroop36@gmail.com.

Wreaths and memorial blankets will be available for distribution by
December 1st.