



# Good Shepherd Lutheran Church

November 2025

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 16TH FOLLOWING THE 10:30 SERVICE.**

Dear Friends in Christ,

A brief update regarding the status of our transition. This past Sunday we heard from Ephesians 1 that Christ is the head of the church. As such, we are a living faith organism and we are responsible for the ensuring its health. The transition phase strives to make the body of Christ effective in its mission to continue to bring the hope of the gospel to the world.

A total of 87 members completed the Congregational Assessment Tool, the online survey that asked many questions about how we see ourselves as disciples and where we wish to go. Thank you to everyone who took the survey, we appreciate your time.

The next steps involve receiving a report and analysis back from the consultant. The Transition Team is in the process of scheduling a review of the data with a trained interpreter. That meeting will be for the Church Council and Transition team. Once we get a clear view of what the survey results are telling us, we will provide feedback to congregation. We hope the meeting with the analyst will be at the end of November, and have a general report to the congregation in December.

As we prepare for Thanksgiving, I give thanks for all of you. We have much work to do, but Christ has blessed us with many good leaders who are dedicated to our church.

Thank you, everyone, for your prayers for Theresa. She and I thank Jesus for all of you. It is a true blessing to have a community, and you are ours.

Blessed Thanksgiving.

In Christ, Pastor Moss



## **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](mailto:office@gspr.org)  
Web site: [www.gspr.org](http://www.gspr.org)  
Creative Play Pre-School: (845)735-2737

### **AT YOUR SERVICE**

Pastor Ernst Moss  
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

## **LIFE STATIONS**

### **125TH Ann. Music Fund**

In memory of Mary Olson, given by The Drumm Family  
In memory of Mary Olson, given by Edward Kolb  
In memory of Mary Olson, given by Harold O'Brien  
In memory of Mary Olson, given by Denise & John Guadagnino  
In memory of Mary Olson, given by Wayne & Jeanette Kunow  
In memory of Mary Olson, given by Werner & Maria Boecker  
In memory of Mary Olson, given by Wendy Gates  
In memory of Mary Olson, given by Jan McSorley  
In memory of Mary Olson, given by Cheryl Outwater  
In memory of Mary Olson, given by Daniella Ng  
In memory of Mary Olson, given by Doug & Joanie Kruzel  
In memory of Mary Olson, given by Audrey Balison  
In memory of Mary Olson, given by Rob & Eileen Vatter  
In memory of Mary Olson, given by Karen Asch  
In memory of Mary Olson, given by Marirose Berberich  
In memory of Mary Olson, given by Gay & Roy Watkinson

### **General Memorial Fund**

In memory of Jack Meehan, given by Denise & John Guadagnino

### **Good Shepherd Fund**

In memory of Carl Iseman, given by Luanne & Roger Shafer

## **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**

## **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](mailto:himensing@gmail.com) or Carol Westphal at 845-624-5732; email: [carolwestphal9@gmail.com](mailto:carolwestphal9@gmail.com)

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

## **2025 CHURCH COUNCIL**

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

## **ANNUAL INTERFAITH THANKSGIVING OBSERVANCE**

**MONDAY, NOVEMBER 24TH, 7:15 pm**

**Temple Beth Am  
60 East Madison Avenue  
Pearl River, NY**

**All are invited!**



## **BOILER FUND UPDATE**

Thank you for your generosity.  
So far we have collected approximately \$19,507 in  
donations toward our boiler bill of \$31,690, leaving  
approximately \$12,049 to go!



## **Bible Study - Thursdays @ 2pm**

We meet weekly in Pastor's office. Bring any version of the Bible you are comfortable with. Comments and questions can be directed to Pastor Mossi at [emossi@yahoo.com](mailto:emossi@yahoo.com).

## **BIBLE STUDY TELECOM**

Pastor Mossi is holding a telephone Bible Study on Mondays at 8pm. Contact him at [emossi@yahoo.com](mailto:emossi@yahoo.com) or 845-430-2025 for details. We are studying the gospel of Mark. Please use this info to dial into Bible Study:

**(605)313-9633, Access Code: 3572754**

## **SANCTUARY OPEN FOR PRAYER**

Our Sanctuary will be open for prayer on Thursdays, from 12:30 pm to 1:30 pm. Pastor Mossi will be there to welcome you.

**Stenland Lodge #727**  
**Vasa Order of America**  
an Educational, Cultural and Fraternal organization  
invites you to our annual  
**Lucia Program and Christmas Party**

**Saturday December 6, 2025 at 2 pm**  
**Good Shepherd Lutheran Church**  
**112 N. Main Street**  
**Pearl River, New York 10965**  
**Doors open at 1:30 p.m.**

**Enter through Fellowship Hall**

**Donation \$15.00**  
**Children 12 and under are free**  
**Come for good-fellowship, refreshments, and a fantastic raffle!**

**For information call the church office. 845-735-2243**





Save the Date  
**125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration**

April 19, 2026

12:00pm-4:00pm

Pearl River Saloon



*Good Shepherd  
 Lutheran Church*

**125 Years with  
 Good Shepherd:  
 Honoring Our Past,  
 Embracing Our Future**

Watch for  
 upcoming details

Dear Good Shepherd Congregants,

We hope you will consider joining us in the music ministry during the beautiful seasons of Advent and Christmas! We just had someone tell us she would be returning to sing with us, and we look forward to welcoming her!

Adult Choir rehearsals:

**Thursday evenings at 7pm and Sunday mornings at 9:30am**

Children's Choir rehearsals:

**Sunday mornings at 10am**

Band rehearsals:

**Sundays at 11:45am**

(The Band will generally lead worship on the second Sunday of every month)

**Good Shepherd's 125th Anniversary Year**

Thank you all for your support as we celebrated Bachtoberfest and Spanish Music and Dance! We invite everyone to attend concerts and to participate in the music ministry in any way that you can! Join the choir, play with the band, play the bells, invite your children or grandchildren to sing with us!

Our next 125th Anniversary concert will be our Resonance Piano Recital on Sunday, December 7th at 2pm. Suggested donation of \$20 to help fund our 125th Anniversary Grand Piano Goal.

Thank you,  
 Elaina and Brian Burns

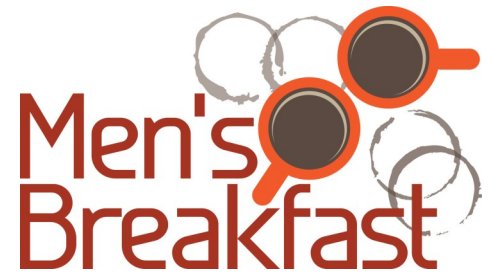
## **Men's Group Monthly Breakfast**

The Men's Group is Back!

It's been a few months, but indeed, the Men's Group, after a hiatus of close to a year, is back. We've had a couple of breakfasts, and our numbers continue to increase. This is good news for those men who enjoy a hearty breakfast, and at the same time, offers the opportunity to support the various causes the group has aided, both locally and beyond, over the last 20 years.

We typically meet on the third Saturday of the month, at 9am, in Fellowship Hall. Our next breakfast will be held on Saturday, November 15th. All men of Good Shepherd are welcome. If you have any questions, I would welcome your giving me a call (201-664-1235). Hope to see you soon.,

Best to you all, Herman (Mensing)



## **ROCKLAND INTERFAITH SOCIAL ACTION**

# **RIBBONS OF REMEMBRANCE**

Remembering the lives lost to gun violence

We invite you to join us in a solemn remembrance, as we read aloud the names of the more than 1,200 children under 18 who have died by gun violence over the past year.

Thursday November 13, 7pm  
Pearl River Methodist Church  
130 Franklin Ave, Pearl River



# Help Animals in Need! 🐾

## Cub Scout Pack 2036 is Collecting Donations

**Deadline: November 3, 2025**

### We Need:

- Kitten food (Fancy Feast & Purina ProPlan)
- Adult cat & dog food (canned & dry)
- Treats for cats & dogs
- Gerber baby food (poultry flavors)
- KMR formula & Miracle nipples
- Sardines & tuna in oil (for trapping)
- Cat litter (clumping, non-clumping, paper-based)
- Bleach, Clorox wipes, paper towels, contractor bags
- Blankets, sheets, towels



**Cub Scout Pack 2036**  
christopher.nubla@gmail.com  
craigrmccarthy@gmail.com

**Four Legs Good Inc.**  
Charity EIN - 27-0397638



**RG CARES Animal Shelter** (845) 414-9700  
65 Firemen's Memorial Drive, Pomona, NY 10970

Thank you for your support!

### INTERESTED IN BECOMING A MEMBER OF GOOD SHEPHERD...

If you are interested in becoming a member of Good Shepherd, please contact the Church Office at 845-735-2243.



### **ALTAR GUILD**

### **IS LOOKING FOR**

**LADIES WHO WOULD LIKE TO HELP  
PREPARE THE ALTAR EACH WEEK.**

**PLEASE CALL THE CHURCH OFFICE IF YOU  
WOULD BE INTERESTED IN JOINING THESE  
DEDICATED LADIES**

**( and two gentlemen)  
845-735-2243**

# **ANNUAL TURKEY RUN SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 22ND**

**8AM TO 11AM**

**Here's a list of the food items we are collecting  
for the West Haverstraw Elem. School**

**TURKEYS (up to 15 lbs. only)**

**PASTA**

**PASTA SAUCE**

**CANNED OR DRIED BEANS**

**CORN IN CANS**

**MAYONNAISE**

**CRANBERRY SAUCE**

**MASHED POTATOES (INSTANT)**

**RICE**

**PAPER TOWELS**

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

**Thank you for your donations!**





## ***Get your fresh Christmas Wreaths and Memorial Blankets from Boy Scouts Troop 36***

**Christmas wreaths \$30**

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



**Memorial Blankets \$40**

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



Place your order via email [prtroop36@gmail.com](mailto:prtroop36@gmail.com)

Payments options:

Zelle to [prtroop36@gmail.com](mailto:prtroop36@gmail.com),  
cash, or check (to BSA Troop 36)

Wreaths & blankets available for distribution by Nov. 30.

**Thank you for supporting our Scouts!**

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

Deadline for order: December 12, 2025



In Memory of

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In Honor of:

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Given by:

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

### THE GIVING TREE

Every year at this time the parents of Creative Play, express an interest in teaching their children how to give to those less fortunate. This year we will place a Giving Tree in the lobby of the education building.

We will decorate the tree with *new* gloves, mittens, scarves, and hats for children and woman. These items will be shared with families at *The Center for Safety and Change* here in Rockland County. We hope these items bring some comfort through the winter.

All **hats, gloves, etc.** can be dropped off beginning Tuesday, December 2nd. The last day for **gifts** to be dropped off is Thursday, December 25th.

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



## **Creative Play News**



*"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. Simple joys are the best joys.

As our little ghouls and goblins are coming down from their sugary trick-or-treats they are comfortable in their classrooms and routines as they settle in the month of November. Creative Creations have 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. The Pearl River Firefighters visited with the children during the month of October which is always a highlight! We have been busy celebrating, learning, and experiencing!

This month while the children create their classic Creative Play Thanksgiving placemats and traditional macaroni necklaces, 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. I would like to extend a big thank you to Pastor Ernie for sharing his time with our students during chapel service, story time or in our hallways. We at Creative Play are thankful for the relationship that continues to grow.

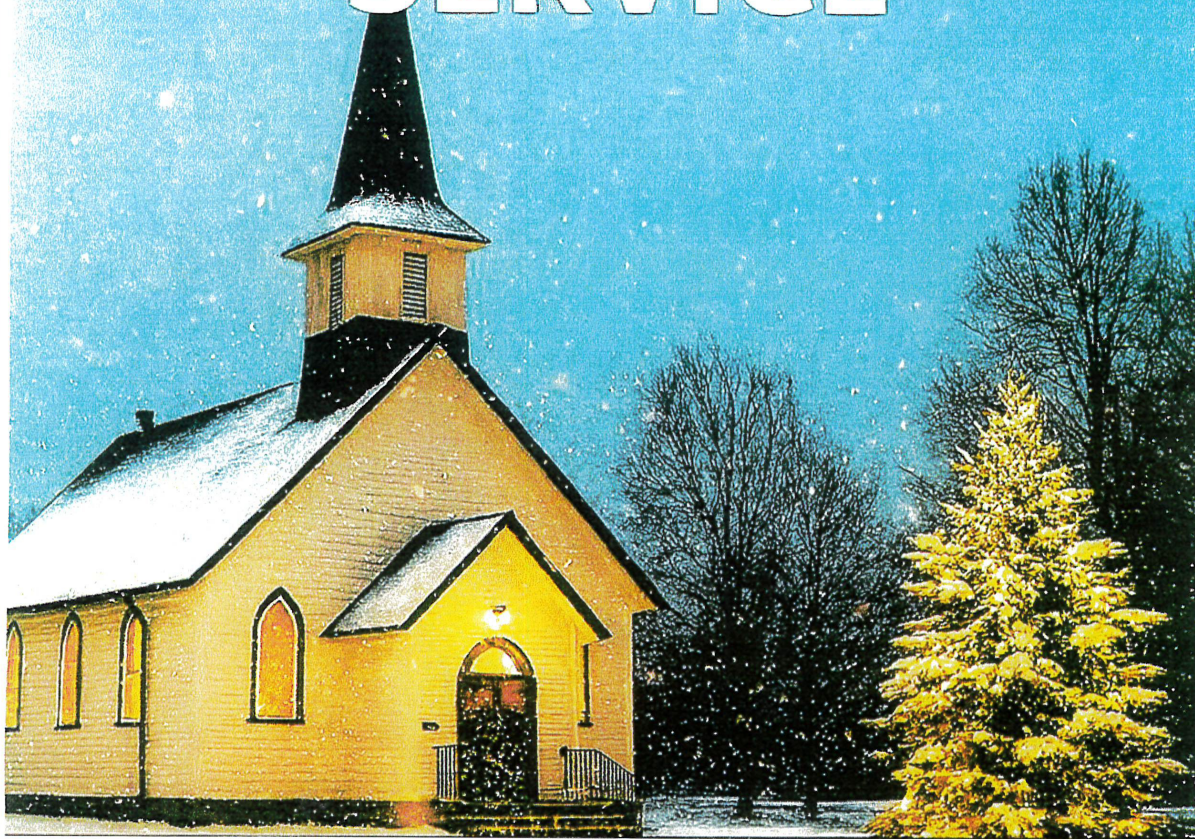
May you all feel gratitude and blessings this month of Thanksgiving!

~Renee Bucci, Director





# GERMAN CHRISTMAS SERVICE



**DECEMBER 21, 2025**

**SERVICE AT 2 PM**

**REFRESHMENTS TO FOLLOW**

**GOOD SHEPHERD LUTHERAN CHURCH**

**112 NORTH MAIN STREET**

**PEARL RIVER NY 10965**

**For information call: 845-735-2243**



