

Good Shepherd Lutheran Church

February 2026

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

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



Palm Sunday, Holy Week and Easter Sunday Schedule



March 29—Palm Sunday: 8:30 am and 10:30 am

April 2—Maundy Thursday: 7:00 pm Holy Communion & Stripping of the Altar

April 3—Good Friday: 12:00 pm & 7:00 pm (Tenebra Services)

April 5—Easter Sunday: 8:30 am & 10:30 a.m. Festival Communion Services

That Time of Year Again, Thank God

Dear Friends in Christ,

Yes here we are again, Lent. Here in the Northeast it corresponds to the season of cold and snow, especially this year. Lent is our forty day season (Matthew 4) of prayer and repentance to get ready for Easter.

Not long ago, we were in Advent and Christmas; now it is Lent. The seasons roll along, in nature and in the church.

It may be tempting to equate Lent with winter because we get a cold dose of reality on Ash Wednesday—that we are dust. During these forty days we soberly hear of the need for repentance and amending our lives so that the glory of Christ shows in our words and deeds.

But the word Lent means Springtime. While Lent has its sharp corners, because we have rough spots in our behaviors, ultimately our faith is built on second chances, on the light and brightness of resurrection. The Springtime of our souls is a great blessing. We have the chance to confess and convert, to turn to Christ and let him unburden us from sin and worry.

Make the most of this season. Join us for soup suppers on Wednesdays then Holden Evening Prayer. We will also have a prayer labyrinth available twice during Lent for you to walk. And naturally each Sunday we have the calling and blessing to be together in worship: to assemble, to sing, to pray, to take in the nourishment of the sacrament.

Tend to your faith in this important time of year, and feel the new life Jesus gives us at Easter.

Blessed Springtime, blessed Lent.

In Christ, Pastor Eric

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

112 North Main Street
Pearl River, New York 10965

WORSHIP

Sundays: 8:30 & 10:30 a.m.
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
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Web site: www.gspr.org
Creative Play Pre-School: (845)735-2737

AT YOUR SERVICE

Pastor Ernst Mossl
Kristen Hanifin, 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 Fararoni—Sexton

LIFE STATIONS

BAPTISM

Zachary Thomas Boecker

2/15/26

Spring Forward



**DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME STARTS
MARCH 8TH**



**PEARL RIVER ANNUAL
ST. PATRICK'S DAY PARADE
SUNDAY, MARCH 22ND**

12:45 PM

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: lone 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.

2026 CHURCH COUNCIL

Kristen Hanifin, President
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BOILER FUND UPDATE

Thank you for your generosity.
So far we have collected \$21,577 in
donations toward our boiler bill of \$31,690,
leaving \$10,113 to go!



**Bible Study - Thursdays @ 2PM
Pastor's Office**

**We are studying the Gospel of Mark
Bring a Bible you are comfortable using. All are welcome!**

BIBLE STUDY TELECOM RESUMING FEBRUARY 2ND

Pastor Mossi is holding a telephone Bible Study on Mondays at 8pm, re-
suming on the first Monday in February. Contact him at
emoss1@yahoo.com or 845-430-2025 for details. We are studying the gos-
pel 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.**

WEDNESDAYS IN LENT

LABYRINTH PRAYER WALK

March 4 AND March 25

5:00 pm in Fellowship Hall

SIMPLE SOUP SUPPER FROM 6:00-6:40PM

(supper will be held in the Youth Room)

HOLDEN EVENING PRAYER

6:45 pm

in the sanctuary



*The
Season
of
Lent*



“March comes in like a lion and goes out like a lamb”

We certainly hope to bring on the sunshine. We are all excited to welcome spring! We begin this month celebrating Dr. Seuss’s birthday. “Think left, think right and think low and think high. Oh, the thinks you can think up if only you try!” ~Dr. Seuss. We celebrate the literature he has written for children and parents to endlessly enjoy!

We hope the luck of the Irish is with our program as we help our wee leprechauns create the magic of rainbows ~ cheers to finding the gold at the end of one! Stop by the front entrance of the school and try your luck at our scratch off fundraiser!

The stories of “The Little old Lady and the Leprechaun” and “Corduroy” will be shared through the storytelling of puppets and our parent volunteers wrapping up the puppet program for this school year. The creativity and simplicity guarantee a captive audience.

We will be wrapping up the month as we hippity, hop into many Easter activities, including our annual Spring Hat parade that takes place on the 24 th of the month. View our Facebook page to see the many creative creations the children wear; I am sure they will make you smile. This month will be eggs-tra busy as we enjoy all the goodness that comes with the season!

The very end of the month begins Creative Play’s spring break. Our program will be closed beginning March 30 th through April 6th .

Save the Date: Creative Play will host their second annual Musical Bingo Fundraiser on Friday, September 25, 2026. Fun is not only meant for preschoolers, so join us for a night of smiles, laughs, and music.

Hoping for some lamb days,
Renee Bucci ~ Director of Creative Play



Personal Care Kits for Lutheran World Relief

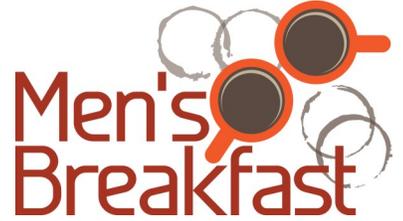


Once again, we will be collecting the items for the personal care kits during Lent.

- March 1st **Towels** (light-weight bath-sized towel between 20"x40" and 52 x27") **dark color preferred**
- March 8th **Bath-sized bars of soap** in original wrapping
- March 15th **Toothbrush** in original packaging
- March 22nd **Metal nail clippers** (attached file optional)
- March 29th **Sturdy combs**
- **If you don't want to shop, you can make a cash or check (earmarked for Personal Care Kits) contribution, and we will do the shopping for you.**

We will continue collecting through Easter and invite the congregation to assemble the kits shortly thereafter. Thank you, as always, for your generosity.

Men's Group Monthly Breakfast



We typically meet on the third Saturday of the month, at 9am, in Fellowship Hall. Next meeting will be March 21st. At 9:00 am.

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)

**ORDER FORM
EASTER LILIES & FLOWERS
Deadline for order: March 22, 2026**



In Memory of:

In Honor of:

Given by: _____

Enclosed: \$ _____ (suggested donation – \$15)



Blood Drive

SUNDAY MARCH 8, 2026

9:00am - 3:00pm

**Good Shepherd Lutheran Church
Fellowship Hall - Lower Level
112 North Main Street
Pearl River, NY 10954**

**To Make Your
Appointment:
Scan QR Code or Visit
NYBC.ORG/DONATE or
Call 1-800-933-2566**



Prepare to donate



Eat well
and hydrate



Bring a
photo ID



Feel good and
symptom free



Must be 17+ or
16 with parental
consent form

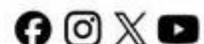


Meet minimum
weight requirements

For full eligibility requirements
and COVID-19 information, visit
nybc.org/eligibility.

**Appointments Preferred, Walk-Ins Always Welcome
For Medical Questions, Please Call 1-800-688-0900**

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Save the Date

125th 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

INVITATIONS HAVE BEEN MAILED.
GET YOUR RESERVATIONS IN!
QUESTIONS? CALL THE CHURCH OFFICE 845-735-2243,

Dear Good Shepherd Congregants,

We hope you will join us as in song during the season of Lent. We thank our Children's Choir for their beautiful singing on Transfiguration Sunday! Our adult choir has some truly beautiful anthems to sing in the coming weeks, and we hope you will consider joining us in singing. We will send you a recording to help you practice each week, so even if you don't have much time on Thursday nights for our regular Thursday rehearsals, you are still welcome to sing with us on Sunday mornings!

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, Spanish Music and Dance, Resonance Piano Recital, the Burns Family Band, and our Chamber Music Recital! 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 Hymn Sing on Sunday, March 1st at 2pm. We would love to fill the sanctuary with our favorite hymns and pull out all the stops on the organ on March 1st, so if there is any way you can make it on that date, we would love to have you there! Bring your family and friends and let's sing! Suggested donation of \$20 to help fund our 125th Anniversary Grand Piano Goal. We thank our Good Shepherd community and the music communities all over Rockland County for their generous support of this project!

Thank you,
Elaina and Brian Burns