

The Voice of the Good Shepherd

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(our website good-shepherd.us)

The Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd is a Christian community empowered by the Holy Spirit to witness to the good news of Jesus Christ through worship and service, in faith and with love, to all people.

From The Pastor

To all the saints at Good Shepherd,

The start of the Lenten season was the occasion of providing worshippers with a new format of the weekly bulletin in which all the parts of the liturgy are included so that any additional inserts are eliminated and the need to search in the service book is not necessary except for the singing of the hymns. We have chosen to do this so as to make participation in the service as simple as possible for everyone, especially visitors who may be entirely unfamiliar with the way Lutherans do things on Sunday mornings. A survey of other Lutheran congregations, and other denominations, undoubtedly would reveal the same practice.

In addition to the ease in participation in the dialog of the service, there is another factor which is even more important to consider. Lutherans are a liturgical Church and thus follow the calendar of the liturgical year. And just like the secular calendar with its four seasons of summer, fall, winter, and spring, so the liturgical calendar has its seasons: Advent, Christmas, Epiphany, Lent, Easter, and Pentecost. Each of these seasons is meant to emphasize a particular aspect of the Christian faith. That is why it is helpful in worship to appreciate this fact and thus alter the Sunday morning “menu” of the service occasionally so as to be in synch with these major themes. One standard format of the liturgy cannot do that effectively. Moving through the year and “going with the season” can be a means of enriching our worship experience. I trust you will find that to be true.

Because there is so much to learn about the liturgy I plan to use this monthly message to discuss it more fully. My reason to do this is because worship is the most important thing we do as a congregation and we should do it well and intelligently. If we can do that it will affect not only our appreciation of the liturgy itself but everything else we do in ministry. Liturgy and life go together.

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Please know that at present the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America has already responded to the crisis in Japan with financial help totaling \$240,000. As has been the case when other crises have arisen the ELCA has been among the first to do what was necessary. At present there are 22 ELCA missionaries in Japan all of whom are safe. The bonds between the Lutheran Church of Japan and the Lutherans church in the United States extend back almost 200 years. So our solidarity with that nation can be expressed with our prayers but also our gifts. As I stated in a recent sermon our financial gifts become incarnated in many ways where we cannot personally go. Food, clothing, medicine and many other items are made available to people who are in dire need. In the pew racks there are envelopes you may use at any time, and when they are used Good Shepherd is credited. Please prayerful consider using them faithfully and as often as possible. It may seem a small thing to do, but spiritually it is enormous.

Grace and peace,
Pastor Jack

Lilies for the Altar

A signup sheet is in the narthex to purchase lilies for the altar for Easter. The price is \$15 and the last day to sign up is April 17 (Palm Sunday).

Council Meeting Minutes - March 14

Meeting opened with prayer Andy Mathisen at 7:06pm

Devotions - Pastor Jack presented study of some 700+ members that joined Good Shepherd from 1980 thru 2010. Most members stayed a few months, even years, then left the church, only a fraction of members remained active.

Pastor report -

- February 15 - Reviewed membership list. Sent out letters to families or individuals who have become lapsed. Met with the Bayshore clergy Association.
- February 17 - Study group - Meeting Jesus Again for the First Time Confirmation Class
- February 20 - Sunday Worship
- February 22 - Meeting with Nancy Hergenhan to discuss Altar Guild matters.
- February 24 - Evangelism (Planning) Committee. Karl Torjussen, Steve Miller, Lillian Nemcik.
Study group - Meeting Jesus Again for the First Time, Confirmation class
- March 1 - Called Synod office in reference to LBWs. They are not being used even in mission congregations. They must have covers removed before being recycled.
Spoke to Barbara Benson about files pertaining to Little Lambs. They must be kept for seven years. Hymn selections for Lent
- March 3 - Worked with Pat Dunne to set up new style bulletins. Brought Holy Communion to Alvira Gille. Study group - meeting Jesus Again for the First Time, confirmation class
- March 6 - Sunday Worship
- March 8 - Visited Caroline Wehrli at Care One, met with 2 representatives from Family Promise. They will make a presentation on Sunday, May 15th,
Met with Cynthia Markus, Thrivent representative
- March 9 - Ash Wednesday service
- March 10 - Met with Evangelism (Planning Committee) Lillian Nemcik, Karl Torjussen and Steve Miller.
Study Group - Meeting Jesus Again for the First Time Confirmation Class
- March 13 - Sunday Worship

Review and approved minutes of February 14th meeting

Review and approved Treasurer's report for February - Pat Miller/Tom Tehve

- Christian Education - Sharon Oberkehr working on Nursery Care person to hire.
- Evangelism Committee - Karl and Steve, presented report on advertising in Asbury Park Press, decided to place 2 - 2box size ads advertising Good Shepherd on 2 separate Fridays in the Press before Palm Sunday / Easter Season to attract new people to attend Good Shepherd. Discussed signage outside church, banners, cross to make Good Shepherd more visible to public.
- Audit for 2010 - Clem Hergenhan to perform
- Property - Steve Miller
Continue to employ Phil Petrone for maintenance as needed (\$20/hour/person)
Planning to continue lawn mowing by Phil Petrone as needed
Expecting quote from Holmdel Garden for graveling parking lot (\$1,500?)
Glenn Hoffman suggested adding a concrete walkway, starting from front steps and continuing across the parking lot toward St. Catherine's
Proposing to cut lower branches of trees bordering Everett-Crawford Rd. Goal: make church visible to traffic on Everett-Crawford Rd. Requires "sprucing up" Pink House exterior
Proposing to display long banner signs for church events. These might be positioned at corner of Everett-Crawford and Middletown Road.
- Press Releases (sponsors need to provide write-ups & photos to meet paper deadlines):
May 1, 3pm benefit concert - miae Park (March 15 deadline for monthly papers)

May 3 - Blue Claws baseball - Garry Westerweller (April 15 deadline)

May 22 Appreciation Luncheon - Debbie Blackburn to firm up location (April 15 deadline)

May 29 - Kurt Mathisen - Eagle Scout Court of Honor at Good Shepherd at 1pm (April 15 deadline)

Website: <http://www.good-shepherd.us/>

Updated various pages. Church activity leaders must provide updates (to stevemiller@comcast.net) for their respective pages of <http://www.good-shepherd.us/>

Planning a video collage of church activities. Steve Miller is taking photos/video for the next few weeks - key people should expect to be asked for a short interview. For a musical collage that might inspire the younger generation, imagine a Good Shepherd version of: http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nFg87F_tgtU (substitute a shorter version, fast hymn, Good Shepherd activities)

Thanks to Tam Tammaru for video clips of the Feb. 20th Potluck Dinner

Discussed updating of website "Meet our Congregation" section, church council & committees. Debbie to update Fellowship section on website

- Social Ministry - Mike Carp, designated giving by the congregation:
Lunch Break \$607.33
St. Mark's \$607.33
COG \$607.34
Family Promise \$291.00
ELCA NJ Synod \$600.00

Meeting adjourned at 8:35pm

Andy Mathisen

We will be having our first Youth Group Outing on Tuesday evening, May 3rd

THIS EVENT IS OPEN TO EVERYONE IN THE CONGREGATION!!!

EVENT: Lakewood Blueclaws Game

GAME TIME: 6:35PM (MEET OUTSIDE STADIUM AT 6:00 PM)

OPPONENT: Savannah Sand Gnats (NY METS minor league affiliate)

ADMISSION: \$10.00 per adult KIDS ARE FREE!

Tickets will include a food voucher for all

Added attraction: Amanda Westerweller and her dance studio will be performing that evening!!!

Please sign up as soon as possible so that we can guarantee our seats!!!

Any questions please see Garry Westerweller

AROUND THE PARISH by Gil Vatter

1. KIRSTEN MATHISEN recently received the GOLDEN AWARD from the Girl Scout's of America, the highest honor the GSA bestows. Congratulations to Kirsten.

2. You can purchase a 12 can case of corn or green beans for St. Mark's Food Pantry for only \$6.99 at the local Costco.

3. BRIAN DUNN, BOB STETZ and BOB HORLACHER are all planning knee surgery in April. Is this some kind of conspiracy?

4. What this country needs is more unemployed politicians. (Bill Wherli)

5. Another great children's sermon on March 6 from PASTOR JACK. If you miss these very special sermons, you miss a lot.

6. Since we recently sang Hymn #807, "Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing", I'm sure you can explain to me what an EBENEZER is. (Second verse).
7. The Social Ministry Committee has delivered almost 400 cans of food to St. Mark's Pantry this year plus baby food, pasta and peanut butter and jelly.
8. WALTER KYLE is reading "Neptune's Inferno", a book about U.S. Navy battleships and the battle for Guadalcanal during World War II.
9. The church began to sing a new Lenten liturgy on Sunday March 13, the First Sunday in Lent and will use it until Easter.
10. Happy birthday to PATTY VATTER and ANDY LICHTER, both of whom celebrate on April 3. Also many happy returns to GEORGE GROH, who turns 91 in April, BRIAN DUNN and former church secretary JEAN TAYLOR.
11. BILL WHERLI looks like he went 10 rounds with Mohammed Ali. (Actually it was his dermatologist who made that lip so fat.)

SIGN UP TO BUY AN EASTER LILY FOR THE ALTAR

12. Happy anniversary to RANDI and BOB STETZ, DIANE and ANDY MATHISEN and BUNNY and HERB KUHL all of whom celebrate in April.
13. Did you know, we Lutherans have used four different hymnals since 1900? The black cover hymnal, followed by red, green and now, again, red. What's next? Orange or fuchsia?
14. The Women's Luncheon Group met at Rosina's Restaurant on Friday March 17. They expect to go to the Wind and Sea Restaurant in April. Speak with BARBARA HAHER for details.
15. RUTH ELSTAD is recuperating at home. Remember her in your prayers.
16. A terminal illness is when you get sick at the airport. (Bill Theune)
17. Some mistakes are just too much fun to only make once. (Ernie Brinkman)

IF YOU KNOW SOMEONE WHO SHOULD BE RECEIVING THE "VOICE", PLEASE NOTIFY THE
CHURCH OFFICE

18. PASTOR JACK began his sermon series for Lent, "Our Liturgy and Our Life During Lent" on Sunday March 13.
19. Congratulations to THE LUTHERAN CHURCH OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD, which celebrates its 44th anniversary on April 30.
20. Do you know the ELCA's motto? It's "God's Work and Our Hands"
21. Congratulations to NANCY FITCH. Her son has been promoted to Colonel in the U.S. Army.
22. Do you realize that, in about 40 years, we'll have thousands of little old ladies running around with tattoos in strange places? (And rap music will be the "Golden Oldies").

23. A dog recently gave birth to puppies near the Garden State Parkway. She was cited by the police for littering. (Larry Jackson)

24. Pray for all those effected by the earthquake and tsunami in Japan on March 11. Miae Park will offer a special concert on Sunday May 1 at 3:00 PM to benefit the people of Japan. Works by Bach, Haydn, Schumann and Rachmaninoff will be performed and will feature Edward Kim, piano, Robert Kim, violin and Jonathan Kim, cello. Please mark your calendars and plan to attend this worthy event.

25. We can't finish up April's "Parish" without a word from our good friend Ole. LENA: Retirement is dat part of my life ven I have half as much money and twice as much Ole.

SEE YOU IN CHURCH NEXT SUNDAY

SOCIAL MINISTRY COMMITTEE PLANS FOR YEARLONG OUTREACH

The Social Ministry Committee met on Sunday March 27 to review plans for continued outreach for the year. Chairman Michael Carp announced that Good Shepherd has already begun a 2011 response to several programs which were begun in previous years. These include the monthly collection of food for St. Mark's Food Pantry, the monthly St. Mark's Sponsors Program, the March-April ELCA Disaster Response for Japan, and the January SouperBowl of Caring. The congregation has also increased its monthly gift to the New Jersey Synod for this year.

Future groups we will try to support include:

- The Annual Crop Walk
- Local Fire, Ambulance and First Aid Companies
- Lunch Break
- Project Paul
- COG household goods collection in June
- Interfaith Neighbors

Mike will consult with Sharon Oberkehr about a Sunday School Christmas project (Emanuel Cancer Fund in 2010) and will also investigate the Seaman's Project of New York to see if we can add it to our outreach schedule.

A FEW NOTES FROM THE CHOIR by Gil Vatter

"Sing thankfully in your hearts to God, with psalms and hymns and spiritual songs." Colossians 3.16

March 6 - "In the Beauty of Your Presence"
Ash Wednesday - "Create in Me a Clean Heart" - Benjamin Harlan
March 13 - "It is Well With My Soul" - Mary McDonald
March 20 - "Glory in God's Love" - J. M. Martin
March 27 - "God So Loved the World" - John Stainer

2011 Good Shepherd Senior Choir

SOPRANO
Pat Miller
Randi Stetz
Patty Vatter
Kim Wherli

ALTO
Diane Mathisen
Trudy Miller
Ellen Tehve

TENOR
Andy Mathisen
Tom Tehve

BASS
Andy Lichter
Charlie Miller
Gil Vatter
Bill Wherli

COURAGE IN AGING

Courage In Aging – Please join us for our last session of Courage in Aging on April 5 at 1:30 in the church library. Our discussion will be “Counting Our Blessings”. At that time we will also discuss continuing Courage in Aging starting in September on a once a month basis and possible future topics. It seems to be the consensus that our group of eight has benefitted from the group conversations and that a sense of community has developed. We would be very happy to have others join us in the future. Feel free to call Ruth Elstad for any questions at 732-864-0616.

WHO DOES WHAT AT GOOD SHEPHERD - #1

by Gil Vatter

This is the first in a series of articles which will list the people at Good Shepherd who have taken the responsibility for a particular activity inside the church. These articles are meant to underscore the names of the folks who make the wheels go 'round in our congregation.

PASTOR - Rev. John Elstad
MINISTER OF MUSIC - Miae Park
CHURCH SECRETARY - Pat Dunn
CO-EDITORS - THE SHEPHERD'S VOICE - Nancy and Clem Hergenhan

Next month - Lay Readers

May 1 concert to benefit Japanese Earthquake and Tsunami Relief

Come to a spring concert at 3PM (arranged by Miae Park). Admission is free

Piano: Edward Kim

Violin: Robert Kim

Cello: Jonathan Kim

Music Program:

J.S. Bach's Adagio from Violin Sonata No.1 in G minor Joseph Haydn's

Cello Concerto in C Major Clara Schumann's Piano Trio in G minor,

Op.17 Sergei Rachmaninoff: Polichinelle, op. 3, no. 4 and others



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<i>Sun</i>	<i>Mon</i>	<i>Tue</i>	<i>Wed</i>	<i>Thu</i>	<i>Fri</i>	<i>Sat</i>
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					9am - 11 German School	1pm - 4 NJ Youth Orchestra
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
9 - 9:45 Sunday School 10 - Service		5pm -7:30 German School 1:30 - 3:00 Courage in Aging Class		6pm - Confirmation Class 7:30-9:00 Choir Rehearsal 4pm - 8 German School 1pm - 2 Bible Study	9am - 11 German School	1pm - 4 NJ Youth Orchestra
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24	25	26	27	28	29	30
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