

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,

Because whenever discussions about worship occur and the word *liturgy* inevitably comes up, and because people are not always sure they know what that term means, I thought I would share a few insights that may be helpful for a fuller understanding of its meaning and significance.

Like so many other words associated with the church's jargon liturgy it is derived from the Greek language, which was the everyday language of the Roman Empire at the time when Jesus was alive and as the early church was developing. Basically the root word, *leiturgia*, conveyed the idea of serving or ministering. Thus some churches use the word "service" in place of liturgy.

On another level liturgy has been referred to as "the work of the people." This implies that what takes place in worship is meant to inspire and encourage the members of the church to remember that they are commissioned to leave the worship assembly and re-enter the community and world around them as servants. All of them are citizens of the world and our nation, but they are also "citizens" of the Kingdom of God. Put it all together and Christians have an awesome responsibility to bear witness to the love and grace of God in a world that is desperately looking for good news.

In the introduction to our present hymnal, *Evangelical Lutheran Worship*, we find these words:

"The Christian assembly worships in the midst of an ever-changing world. And because the worship that constitutes the church is also the fundamental expression of the mission of God in the world, worship is regularly renewed in order to be both responsible and responsive to the world that the church is called to serve." If there is a particular work the church is called to perform, then it must be inspired to do it. Such inspiration is provided through what is the essence of the liturgy. In the Word of God proclaimed in the scriptures read and the sermon preached and in the gifts of grace offered in the bread and wine of Holy Communion there is offered the nourishment for hungry souls which for a Christian such cannot be found anywhere else.

So important are these factors of our faith that on the first day of each week there is the opportunity for the church community to gather in fellowship and celebrate their life together.

The more this is done the more the bonds of love are strengthened and the church gains strength. I hope you will keep these thoughts in mind and make 10:00 am on Sunday morning the most important hour of the week.

Grace and peace,
Pastor Jack

On Sunday, June 12, when we celebrate the Festival of Pentecost it will be the occasion when several of our young people will mark a special milestone in their lives. *Taylor Dreuer, Charles Miller, and Philip Cozzi* will affirm their Baptism in the rite of confirmation, and *Hannah Oberkehr and Michael Antonacci* will receive Holy Communion for the first time. We hope you will join us on this very important and happy day in the lives of our children.

Child care will be provided each week during the 10 a.m. service.

AROUND THE PARISH by Gil Vatter

GOOD SHEPHERD - THE FRIENDLY CHURCH

1. Congratulations to SHIRLEY and LARRY JACKSON, celebrating their wedding anniversary.
2. Happy birthday to RACHEL and DIANE MATHISEN who celebrate a wedding anniversary in June.

BRING A CAN OF FOOD TO CHURCH THIS WEEK

"I've reached the age where 'happy hours' is an afternoon nap" (Bill Theune)

3. Thanks and a tip of the Good Shepherd turban to PASTOR JACK who distributed beautiful flowers to all the mothers attending church May 8, Mother's Day.
4. Congratulations to P.J. BENSON, who will enter Montclair University in September.

Why do Americans choose from just two people running for president and fifty for Miss America? (Ernie Brinkman)

I'm getting so old I don't even buy green bananas anymore. (Bill Wehrli)

5. Thanks and a tip of the Good Shepherd shako to the SISLIAN BRASS TRIO (ROBERT SISLIAN, DAVE CARSELLO and BOB SISLIAN) for their recent offering of beautiful brass music.

6. If you missed all the excitement on May 15, after the brass postlude, you should attend church more often. The fire alarm was triggered by smoke from the candles and we were visited by some of "Holmdel's finest" and the Holmdel Volunteer Fire Department. ERNIE BRINKMAN blamed it all on another "red hot" sermon by PASTOR JACK.

Ever wonder why women can't put on mascara with their mouths closed?

7. Thanks and a tip of the Good Shepherd fedora to MIAE PARK for presenting a benefit concert on May 1 featuring three talented, young musicians (EDWARD KIM, ROBERT KIM and JON KIM). The concert raised more than \$1,500 for earthquake/tsunami victims.

8. You may contact CLEM HERGENHAN if you care to know more about JULIAN OF NORWICH, author of "Sixteen Revelations of Divine Mercy", author of the first book written in English by a woman and remembered in PASTOR JACK'S prayer on May 8.

"If you don't read the newspaper, you are uninformed. If you do read the newspaper, you may be misinformed. - Mark Twain (reported by Bill Wehrli)

9. The WOMEN'S LUNCHEON GROUP met at the Crown Palace Restaurant in Middletown on Friday May 20. To attend future luncheons, contact BARBARA HAHER for details.

10. Congratulations to the MATHISEN twins, who will graduate from Monmouth Regional High School in June. Kirsten will attend the University of Delaware in the fall and Kurt is enrolled at Gettysburg College.

SPONSORS ARE NEEDED FOR ALTAR FLOWERS - AVAILABLE SUNDAYS ARE LISTED IN THE NARTHEX

11. Congratulations to PASTOR ED AND PAT SCHMIDT who celebrate their wedding anniversary in mid-June.

12. RANDI STETZ traveled to Norway in May to visit relatives and to help celebrate her brother's birthday.

Why is it that you are IN a movie, but you're ON television? (Dick Havill)

13. PAT and STEVE MILLER traveled south to visit their son in May.

14. PATTY VATTER attended a reunion of the women from her high school class in Lancaster, PA on May 14.

15. Nice to see SUE and DICK ALBERT'S grandson in church on May 15.

16. Former member, MARYANNE KLEMMER reports that the granddaughter of ANN and PAUL PINTHER is improving from a stroke, but still faces open heart surgery. Please remember DYLAN KIRK and the Kirk and Pinther families in your prayers.

17. BRIAN DUNN'S surgery has been postponed until the end of May.

18. If you noticed Warrant Officer PAT NICHOLS absence, blame it on education. The coast guard has assigned Pat to a special school in Virginia for a few weeks.

19. BUNNY and HERB KUHL will travel to Indiana to attend the Indianapolis 500 Memorial Day race again this year.

You know you're living in 2011 when you enter your ATM PIN on your microwave oven. (John Haher)

QUESTION: What kind of autos are in the Bible?

ANSWER: Jehova drove Adam and Eve out of the garden in a FURY. Davis's TRIUMPH was heard throughout the land. Also, probably a HONDA, because the apostles were all in one ACCORD.

20. Thanks and a tip of MY panama to everyone involved in the wonderful dinner on Sunday May 22. It was a blast and a great excuse to get together with so many old friends.

SEE YOU IN CHURCH NEXT SUNDAY

HELP MAINTAIN YOUR WORSHIP FACILITIES

A property work day is scheduled 9-4, Saturday, June 11 at Good Shepherd (rain or shine). Volunteers are needed for both inside and outside maintenance. Work details and signup are posted in the Narthex.

CAROLINE O. WEHRLI DIES AT AGE 75

Caroline O. Wehrli, wife of Wilbert "Bill" Wehrli, died at home on Sunday May 1. A long time member of the Lutheran Church of the Good shepherd, she is survived by her husband, two daughters, Kimberly Wehrli and Diane Mathisen, wife of Andrew Mathisen, three grandchildren, Kirsten, Kurt and Rachel Mathisen and her brother, Richard Luders of Poughquag, New York.

She was born on December 18, 1935 in the Westerleigh section of Staten Island, New York and was a graduate of Port Richmond High School. The Wehrli family has resided in Holmdel for more than 41 years. Caroline was a homemaker and enjoyed bowling and tennis, was an avid fan of sacred music and had accumulated a large collection of tapes and CD's by her favorite performers. She was a former member of the Bible Study Fellowship and the Colts Neck Tennis Club.

A service of Christian burial was offered for Caroline on Thursday May 5 at Good Shepherd Church with Pastor John Elstad officiating and Minister of Music, Miae Park providing the music. Among her favorite hymns, the gathered congregation sang, "Amazing Grace", "Blessed Assurance" and "It is Well with My soul". Committal took place at Fairview Cemetery in Middletown.

AND GOD WILL WIPE AWAY ALL TEARS

LYNDEN U. KIBLER DIES AT AGE 82

Former member, Lynden U. Kibler died on Thursday May 12 at Seabrook Village in Tinton Falls, New Jersey, where he lived with his wife, Edith, a charter member of Good Shepherd Church. He was 82 years old. Lynden Kibler was born in Baltimore, Maryland and was was a long time resident of Middletown, New Jersey, where he was active in the Conservation Commission of New Jersey, serving as chairman for 23 years, on the board of the College of New Jersey for almost twenty years and on the board of directors of the National Alliance for Excellence, a private scholarship fund.

In 1950, he graduated first in his class from the United States Coast Guard Academy and served with the Coast Guard in the North Atlantic and the Gulf of Mexico as a commissioned officer. He received his Master of Science degree from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology and his PHD in Electro-Physics from Polytechnic University. He was employed for many years by Bell Labs and A T & T and was awarded 19 patents for his work in laser constructions during that time.

In addition to his wife Edith, he is survived by two sons, Lyndon Kibler of Ocean Grove and David Kibler of Tinton Falls, a daughter, Barbara Kibler of Yardley, Pennsylvania and four grandchildren.

A memorial service for Lynden was held at Good Shepherd Church on Saturday May 21 at 2:00 PM, with Pastor John Elstad officiating.

A THANK YOU

May 23, 2011

Dear Friends,

Thank you so much for the wonderful dinner we shared on Sunday May 22. It was such a lot of fun for Patty and me to be with you and to reminisce about old times. It brought back lots of memories, which I will always cherish. Thanks also for the gifts which you gave to me. I will enjoy them all as well.

But, best of all, I enjoyed just being with so many of my long time friends from Good Shepherd. What could be better than an afternoon of fun and laughter with folks like you. Thanks to Pastor Ed Schmidt for his kind words and thanks to Andy Mathisen and Pastor Jack for all thier kindness in what they did and said. I appreciate it all so very much.

Please allow me to repeat what I said to you on Sunday afternoon; I thank every one of you who worked and prayed beside me as, together, we "did our best" to preserve this congregation and I thank God for giving us the courage, strength and determination to sustain his church in this place.

Thank you all again and God bless you.
Sincerely,
Gil Vatter

ELCA RESPONDING TO U.S. SEVERE STORMS

An outbreak of tornados tore across the Mid-west on Sunday May 22, leaving a path of destruction from Texas to Minnesota. Especiall hard-hit is Joplin, Missouri, where a powerful tornado leveled a large part of the community, killing over 100 people. Residents of Joplin describe thier town as "unrecognizable".

The tornado was part of several destructive storms that destroyed parts of other communities in the "tornado belt". Many other towns throughout the Midwest and South have also faced widespread damage due to spring floods.

ELCA Disaster Response is supporting communities overwhelmed by tornados, rising water and leveled by destructive winds. The church is reaching out to the survivors of these devastating storms and assessing their needs--working together for as long as it takes.

Your help is needed now to bring immediate relief and ongoing support to towns affected by these disasters. Gifts given through ELCA will be used in ful--100 percent--to help disaster survivors clean-up, rebuild and recover.

Make your check out to "the Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd" and mark it "Storm Relief". Your gift will allow ELCA to walk beside disaster survivors on their long road to recovery.

A FEW NOTES FROM THE CHOIR by Gil Vatter

Sing for the Lord a new song;
play your instrument skillfully
with joyful sounds. - Psalm 33

Miae Park - Minister of Music

May 1 - "Celebrate! He is Risen!" - P. M. Liebergen

May 1 - Spring Concert for the benefit of Japanese earthquake and tsunami victims.
Edward Kim, piano; Robert Kim, violin; Jonathan Kim, cello

May 8 - "I Will Sing Praise" - Joseph M. Martin

May 15 - "Brother James' Air" - Gordon Jacob

May 15 - Sislian Brass Trio
Robert Sislian, trombone; Dave Carsello, baritone horn; Bob Sislian, trombone
Prelude - "How Great Thou Art"
Postlude - "Let My People Go"

May 22 - "Peace Be With You" - Mary McDonald

The choir thanks Kirsten (alto) and Kurt (tenor) Mathisen for singing with us for the last month of the season and we wish them the very best as they enter college in the fall.

Community Outreach Group COG

The Calico Cat Cupboard and Pantry offers food, clothing and household items, free of charge, to individuals and families referred by agencies and shelter programs. Good Shepherd is collecting 30 sets of the needed personal care items listed below to support the June Evening Food Pantry. Please put all contributions in the "old kitchen" by June 15.

Items needed per set	total needed	total received
6 rolls toilet paper	180	100
1 container of dish detergent	30	8
1 container of laundry detergent	30	11
2 boxes of tissues	56	12
1 bag of plastic sandwich bags	30	5
1 container of kitchen/bathroom cleaner	30	9
1 shampoo	30	12
1 tube of toothpaste	30	13
3 bars of bath soap	90	13

WHO DOES WHAT AT GOOD SHEPHERD

by Gil Vatter

This series is provided in order to help the Good Shepherd congregation learn about the people who have taken the responsibility for some of the activities inside the church.

Nancy Hergenhan
Gayle McKnight

ALTAR GUILD
Marian Williamson
Shirley Jackson

Barbara Haher

MIAE PARK PRESENTS SPRING CONCERT TO AID EARTHQUAKE VICTIMS IN JAPAN

by Gil Vatter

On Sunday May 1, at 3:00 PM, a large crowd gathered in the sanctuary of Good Shepherd Church to enjoy a concert of piano and string music by both classical and modern composers. The concert was presented by Good Shepherd Minister of Music, Miae Park, so that those in attendance could join with much of the rest of the world in helping to provide assistance to the Japanese victims of both the terrible March 11, 2011 earthquake as well as the appalling tsunami which followed. More than 11,000 people died in the disaster, over 17,000 are listed as missing and some 190,000 people are still housed in temporary shelters as rebuilding begins.

The musicians who performed for the event included: Edward Kim - Piano

Richard Kim - violin

Jonathan Kim - cello

Miae Park - piano accompanist

The music for the afternoon was introduced with the happy and familiar strains of the "Salut d'Amour" by Edward Elgar, played by all three of the young musicians. This brief but well received trio seemed to set the tone for the music that was to follow.

Edward Kim's version of Sergei Rachmaninoff's "Polichinelle", opus 3, number 4, indicated that the 16 year old pianist continues to grow in his interpretation of the genre. His offering of this challenging work was done with conviction and with feeling.

Robert Kim underscored his understanding of the violin with the difficult and unaccompanied, "Adagio from Violin Sonata Number 1 in G minor" by J. S. Bach, which showed off the 14 year old violinist's grasp of the double stop technique which is displayed in this famous work. One of my personal favorites, the allegro, molto appassionato movement from the "Violin Concerto, opus 64 in E minor by Felix Mendelssohn followed and provided a well done, solid contrast to the Bach.

Following a brief intermission, Jonathan Park, Miae's son, played the bright and sometimes flashy moderato from the "Cello Concerto in C Major" by Joseph Haydn. Those of us who have followed Jonathan's progress over several years appreciated his maturing presentation of the Haydn. It is obvious that he feels more at home behind the cello and this command can be heard in his music. The daunting "Elegie", opus 24 of Gabriel Faure was handled with aplomb by the 14 year old cellist, who captured the slow and melancholy mood of this haunting refrain.

The lilting "Fantasiestucke", opus 12: aufschwung, by Robert Schumann was Edward Kim's final solo of the day and the afternoon of music was concluded with all three young men offering two movements from the "Piano Trio in G Minor", opus 17, by Clara Schuman; the allegro moderato movement, which blended the sedate sounds of the strings with the more solid beat of the piano and the andante movement, with a more vigorous sound by all and a melodious pattern, reflecting multiple facets of the composer's musical emotions.

The audience showed their appreciation for an entertaining afternoon of beautiful music from three fine young, local musicians with a standing ovation and the trio responded with a more modern composition, "Be Still" by David Evans. The work begins with a lovely passage set by the piano and echoed by the cello and then the violin and is repeated throughout the beautiful, contemporary melody.

A reception followed the concert in the narthex of the church, presented by the women of Good Shepherd and many friends of Miae Park. A total of more than \$1,500 was raised for the victims of the Japanese disaster.

June 2011

<i>Sun</i>	<i>Mon</i>	<i>Tue</i>	<i>Wed</i>	<i>Thu</i>	<i>Fri</i>	<i>Sat</i>
			1	2	3	4
				7:30-9:00 Choir Rehearsal		1pm – 4 NJ Youth Orchestra
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
10 – Service				7:30-9:00 Choir Rehearsal		9am – 3pm Church Property Work Day
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
10 – Service & Confirmation	7pm – Council Meeting			7:30-9:00 Choir Rehearsal	12:30 – Ladies Lunch Grp,	
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
10 – Service		7:30pm – 9:00 Compassionate Friends		7:30-9:00 Choir Rehearsal		
26	27	28	29	30		
10 – Service				7:30-9:00 Choir Rehearsal		