

The Voice of the Good Shepherd

April 2012

(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,

As we anticipate the celebration of our Lord's resurrection I am reminded of a profound statement Jesus made as he sought to comfort a woman named Martha, who along with her sister, Mary, was grieving the death of their brother Lazarus. What Jesus said was this: *"I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in me will live even if he has died; and everyone who lives and believes in me shall never die."* What did Jesus mean when he said that? One thing is clear – Jesus was not thinking in terms of physical life; for, speaking physically, it is not true that the person who believes in Jesus will never die. The years are not specially suspended for him and his life in this world will not go on forever. Rather Jesus was thinking of something much more profound – the death of sin. Jesus was saying: "even if a man is dead in sin, and even if through his sins, he has lost all that makes life worth calling life, even if that be so, I can make him alive again." The spiritual truth of what Jesus promises is illustrated in the following brief true story of man named Tokichi Ishii told by William Barclay in his commentary on the Gospel of John.

Ishii had an almost unparalleled criminal record. He had murdered men, women and children in the most brutal way. Anyone who had stood in his way was piteously eliminated. He was in prison awaiting death. While in prison he was visited by two Canadian women who tried to talk to him through the bars, but he only glowered at them like a caged and savage animal. In the end they gave him a Bible, hoping that it might succeed where they had failed. He began to read it, and, having started he could not stop. He read until he came to the story of the Crucifixion and there read the words, "Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do," These words broke him. "I stopped", he said. "I was stabbed to the heart, as if pierced by five-inch nail. Shall I call it the love of Christ? Shall I call it His compassion? I do not know what to call it. I only know that I believed, and my hardness of heart was changed." Later, when Ishii was taken from his cell to the scaffold those who accompanied him found, not the hardened, surly brute they had expected, but a smiling man. The murderer had been born again. Literally Christ brought Tokichi Ishii to life."

As remarkable as the story is of as an example of new life, such "resurrection" need not to be as dramatic as what happened to Ishii. Barclay continues his commentary with insights more prosaic such as the following. "A man can become so selfish that he is dead to the needs of others. A man can become so insensitive that he is dead to the feelings of others. A man can become so involved in the petty dishonesties and disloyalties of life that he is dead to honor. A man can become so hopeless that he is filled with inertia, which is spiritual death. Jesus can resurrect that man. The whole witness of history is that He has resurrected millions of people like that, and His touch has never lost its ancient power."

It is for that reason that on April 8 we will join together and celebrate the good news first heard by the women who came to the tomb where Jesus' body had been place and heard the angelic message: "Why do you seek the living among the dead?" Indeed, we worship and serve not a body sealed in a tomb, but living presence which fills a troubled and weary world with the promise of new and everlasting peace and life. That is good news. That is a promise.

Grace and peace,
Pastor Jack

HOLY WEEK AND EASTER SERVICES

April 1 – PALM SUNDAY

Breakfast – 9:00 am

Worship – 10:00 am

April 5 – Holy Thursday

Worship – 7:00 pm

Holy Communion

April 6- Good Friday

Worship – 7:00 pm

Tenebrae

Lessons and Hymns Recalling the Crucifixion

April 8 – EASTER SUNDAY

The Festival of the Resurrection

Worship – 10:00 am

Holy Communion

After the service on April 29th we will have a special 45th Anniversary Cake.

COURAGE IN AGING will not be meeting in April but will resume on Tuesday, May 15 at 1:30 in the church library. Elizabeth and Ruth look forward to seeing you then and wish you all a blessed Easter. Should you have any questions, please call Ruth at 732-864-0616.

GOOD SHEPHERD COUNCIL MEETING 03/12/12

In attendance were the following: Andy Mathisen, Garry Westerweller, Steve Miller, Clem Hergenhan, Jamie Antonacci, Sharon Oberkehr, Karl Tourjussen, Tom Tehve, and Pastor Jack

Absent: Andy Lichter

Note: Action Items in Bold Print and underlined

Pastor led a brief discussion / devotion on the two articles council was asked to read, (“Getting Creative” tough times call for clever measures and ministry, and “Wrestling with our edifice complex) ensued resulting in the questioning of Good Shepherd’s mission. **Steve will dig up the survey results from when council filled out what we thought our mission was when we were searching for a pastor.**

The meeting was then officially opened with prayer

Steve called for an approval of the agenda and February’s minutes which were both unanimously approved.

Committee reports were discussed and approved by council. What follows is the highlights and/or comments on the various reports.

During the review of the Treasurer’s report, Pastor noted that there was around a \$5K difference in general giving from last year this time. **Steve will ask Pat if she can shed some light on this difference. Steve will also request that Dick provide footnotes on the report to explain such anomalies.** Dick also mailed our commitment to the Synod. (2 months worth)

Karl discussed the upcoming concert for the “Singing Boys of PA” and our plans to promote it. (Press release in Asbury Park Press and the local papers, a mailing to 20 local churches, and additionally to the kids in both the German School and the Little Chiefs.) **Karl will get copies of Press release to distribute to both Little Chief’s and the German School.**

Sharon discussed the emptying of the Pink House contents. Sharon and Andy volunteered to take stuff out of the house each week and put it into the dumpster. **Steve will determine what Wednesday is the next and subsequent Pick up dates for the dumpster.** (next P/U 3/21 and every 2 wks after that –SM)

Sharon and Andy will assess the contents of the Pink House to determine how much of it, if any, is salvageable for sale. Should we decide on dumpster, Clem will assist in loading.

Steve asked if anything needed to be added or questioned on the submitted reports. Nothing was added or questioned.

Old Business: Temple Talks were discussed with the suggestion that we continue to try to bring in some of the groups we contribute to, to come in and hold a talk. Nancy Fitch is asking COG to talk in May in connection with a new COG initiative.

JCP&L is planning on restoring the parking lot lights.

Holmdel Zoning Board denied Good Shepherd’s request to mount a cross on the Middletown road side of the mansard roof.

Sign committee of Karl, Andy, Tom, Jamie, and Pastor to discuss how better to present our signage with regard to current zoning issues. **Jamie will take on the action item of cutting back the trees and Brush so that our current sign is more visible. Also will schedule upcoming work day.**

All old action items were presented by Steve and reviewed.

New Business: Memorial and Thanksgiving fund committee presented the council with guidelines for the administration of funds and Potential purposes for the memorial funds. **Council will review these guidelines for the next meeting for approval.**

ELCA has said that we need a safety policy for our Youth Ministry. **Sharon and Garry will discuss the merits of posting such a policy somewhere for existing and prospective members to review.**

Andy will be our sole representative at the upcoming vote for the North Shore Cluster to approve its reorganization of districts.

Kathe Dagiau will be contacting former members about upcoming events and dates that they might wish to attend.

Jamie Antonacci will be Holmdel’s “Code Red” contact, per their request that Good Shepherd supply one, as he is already on the list as a resident.

Meeting was adjourned with the Lord’s Prayer.

Respectfully submitted by

Garry Westerweller

A Thank You to Thrivent Financial

Our Souper Bowl of Caring raised \$468 and Thrivent matched 1:3 to add another \$156. This is just one example of the many projects in our church and other churches in the Monmouth and Middlesex counties , that Thrivent Financial supports. Thank you Thrivent!!!!

AROUND THE PARISH

by Gil Vatter

GOOD SHEPHERD - THE FRIENDLY CHURCH

1. *BILL WEHRLI* is wearing a path between Newark Airport and Boynton Beach this winter/spring.
2. *PASTOR JACK'S* children's sermon on March 4 was about "HAPPINESS".

I asked my granddaughter, "What is the first commandment?" After explaining to her that commandments were rules God set down, she replied, "Fasten your seat belts." (Grace Brinkman)

Why do toasters always have a setting that burns the toast to a crisp, which no human being would eat? (Dick Havill)

3. *JOANNA BROWN*, daughter of *MARY and MIKE BROWN* was recently born in New Brunswick, where Mike is a resident physician. Grandma' *PAM BROWN* visits whenever possible.

4. Send a card to *ZELMIRA HOWSON*, who recently had a fall at home.

THREE RELIGIOUS TRUTHS:

1. Jews do not recognize Jesus as the Messiah.
 2. Protestants do not recognize the Pope as leader of the Christian faith.
 3. Baptists do not recognize each other in a liquor store.
5. Donations from the SUPERBOWL OF CARING are expected to total more than \$500, including a check from THRIVENT.
6. *LARRY JACKSON* received a brand-new PACEMAKER on March 14.

It used to be that \$1,200 would buy a new car. Now, it's the sales tax.

My young grandson called the other day to wish me a happy birthday. He asked me how old I was and told him I was 85. He was silent for a moment and then asked me, "Did you start counting at one?"

7. *WALTER KEYL* had cataract surgery on his right eye on March 14 and on the left eye on March 29.
8. Ask *PASTOR JACK* for his pancake recipe.

Ole - "Why do we paint Easter eggs this time of the year?" - Sven - "It's easier than trying to wallpaper them."

Why is it that a "slight tax increase" costs you \$200 and a "substantial tax cut" saves you 30 cents?

9. *KURT MATHISEN* appeared on the Gettysburg College web sight in an interview about what he does at school and why he chose Gettysburg.

10. THRIVENT MEMBERS - Don't forget to sign up for the May 11 BLUE CLAWS baseball game. See *ANDY MATHISEN*.

THREE THINGS YOU NEVER HEAR IN CHURCH:

1. Hey! It's MY turn to sit in the first row.
2. I love it when we sing hymns I never heard before.
3. Pastor, we'd like to send you to a Bible seminar in the Bahamas.

11. The *LADIES LUNCHEON GROUP* met at the Dublin House Pub in Red Bank for lunch on Friday March 16. To attend the April luncheon, see *BARBARA HAHER*.

12. Make a contribution toward beautifying the sanctuary at Easter - Sign up now for an EASTER LILY!

Sunday School was always a highlight of the week for a four year old girl. Once, though, as the teacher was telling her class about Heaven and how she knew the children would want to live there, she noticed tears in the little girls eyes. When she asked what was wrong, the girl sobbed in reply, "I can't go - - - my Mama won't let me cross the street". (Grace Brinkman)

Nine out of every ten living things dwell in the ocean. (Bill Theune)

13. Thanks and a tip of the Good Shepherd turban to the *NEW JERSEY STATE YOUTH SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA CHAMBER GROUP* for their concert on Sunday March 24. It was a wonderful musical event and it raised \$240 for the SAINT MARK'S FOOD PANTRY.

14. HAPPY BIRTHDAY to *PATTY VATTER, ANDY LICHTER, GEORGE GROH, BRIAN DUNN and JEAN TAYLOR*. (And many more!!!)

Wolf - "Two martinis, bitte."

Bar Tender - "Dry?"

Wolf - "Nein, I said TWO!"

15. HAPPY ANNIVERSARY to *RANDY and BOB STETZ, DIANE and ANDY MATHISEN and BUNNY and HERB KUHL*.

16. Good Shepherd's beautiful stand of Bradford Pear trees are in full bloom and telling the world that SPRING IS HERE!

17. *PASTOR JACK'S* sermon topic on Sunday March 25 was "Go in peace. Serve the Lord."

Can you believe how many award shows they have now? They even have an award for commercials, the Cleo Awards. I taped the show and then I fast-forwarded through the whole thing. (John Haher)

Boss - "Ole, why are you late?"

Ole - "Sorry. I overslept."

Boss - "You mean you sleep at home too?"

18. The *SOCIAL MINISTRY COMMITTEE* delivered over 120 cans of food, baby food and pasta to SAINT MARK'S PANTRY at the end of March, a total of almost 500 cans for the year. SHARE YOUR FOOD WITH OTHERS.

19. Make a donation this week to the *ELCA WORLD HUNGER PROGRAM*.

Sean got off the train with a pig under each arm. His friend Timmy was waiting for him and asked, "Why in the world do you have a pig uner each arm?" Sean replied, "I got one fer me wife and one fer me mother-in-law." To which Timmy replied, "Nice trade."

Ole - "you missed work yesterday, didn't you?"

Sven - "Not very much."

SEE YOU IN CHURCH NEXT SUNDAY !

COG (Community Outreach Group)
EVENING PANTRY COLLECTION

The Calico Cat Food Pantry and Cupboard sponsors an Evening Food Pantry for working low income families on the 4th Tuesday evening of each month. Cleaning items and personal care items, Items NOT covered by foodstamps, are given to each family.

Good Shepherd as one of the 10 local churches that participate in COG has been asked to donate 30 orders of these items for the month of June.

- 6 rolls toilet paper
- 1 container of dish detergent
- 1 container laundry detergent
- 2 boxes tissues
- 1 box of plastic sandwich bags
- 1 container of kitchen/bathroom cleaner
- 1 shampoo
- 1 tube of toothpaste
- 3 bars of bath soap

Good shepherd will begin our collection April 15th. Please place your contributions on the large table in the old kitchen.

COG REPORT
Nancy Fitch

I attended the first quarter COG Board meeting on March 7th as Good Shepherd's representative. At this meeting Beverly Bova Scarano of Middletown Reformed church was elected COG President and Sue Liedel of Holmdel Community United Church of Christ was elected treasurer.

The new Calico Cat Thrift Shop coordinator, Kay Chen, reported that thrift shop sales for Jan. and Feb. brought in \$16,604, exceeding expectations! She encouraged us all to remember the shop when doing our spring cleaning.

The Calico Cat Thrift Shop welcomes seasonal clothes and is always in need of small household items, bric-a-brac and jewelry.

Jane Chou the Emergency Assistance Fund Coordinator reported that in 2011 \$52,144 was paid to 228 family units. Emergency needs include gas, oil, electric, rent, water and sewer.

In summarizing the 2011 year Janice Liebenow reported the Calico Cat Cupboard and Food Pantry served 1874 children and 2416 adults an increase of 2.09% from 2010. Good Shepherd's contribution of \$887 for Calico Cupboard Christmas families helped to provide \$25 gift certificates to 156 children and 144 adults, representing 95 family units. Thank you all for your support!!

The Calico Cupboard is always in need of men's jeans sizes 30-36 waists, lengths 29-32 and young boys jeans.

One item of interest to me was that the manager of The Soul Kitchen in Red Bank provided some certificates for Cupboard clients. The Soul Kitchen is a Community Restaurant, a non-profit community program run by the Jon Bon Jovi Soul Foundation. For more information about this interesting venture see

www.jbjsoulkitchen.org/

Baseball Game at the Blueclaws for Thrivent Members

Event: Blue Claws Minor League Baseball Club

Date: May 11, 2012

Time: 7:05pm

Contact: Andy Mathisen, e-mail: amathisen@njtransit.com, cell# 973-766-4145

All tickets are free to Thrivent members. Food and drink vouchers provided free to Thrivent members at game.

FirstEnergy Park is located at 2 Stadium Way in Lakewood, NJ 08701, at the intersection of Cedar Bridge and New Hampshire Avenues.

A FEW NOTES FROM THE CHOIR

by Gil Vatter

Lord use our voices, Lord use our hands, Lord use our lives, they are yours; we are an offering.

Miae Park - Minister of Music

March 4 - "Walk With Me, Lord" - Mark Weston

March 11 - "Sing, My Tongue" - Arr. R. Kalbfleisch

Accompanied by Jon Kim - cello

Postlude - "Cross Medley" - Jon Kim

March 18 - "God So Loved the World" - J. Stainer

March 25 - "My Song is Love Unknown" - D. Busarow

Singing Boys of Pennsylvania Choir Concert April 28 7 PM Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, Holmdel



Concert part of 45th Anniversary of Good Shepherd Lutheran Church

The Singing Boys of PA are of international renown. The group was founded in 1970 as the Pocono Boy Singers. They have won great acclaim throughout the United States Canada, Mexico, England and Japan. The company consists of young artists - aged 10 to 14 - selected from the ranks from the organization's training choir who have been rigorously prepared for two or more years. They have appeared with the Pittsburgh Symphony Orchestra, the National Orchestra, Rochester, Northeastern, Corning Philharmonics and many regional orchestras as well as Musica Sacra of New York.

The remarkable proficiency which the choir brings to performances has been demonstrated in hundreds of recitals for colleges and universities from Oxford to Stanford. The concert at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church in Holmdel will be held at 7:00 PM on Saturday, April 28. Admission is free but contributions can be made to support local food pantries. Reception with refreshments to follow.

Comments and reviews about the choir include:

"One of the great choirs of America", Stanford University, CA

"They opened with "AveMaria" a lovely crystal clear rendition that explained quite solidly what they were: A superb buys choir" Record Searchlight, Redding, CA

"Delightful performance...we would be interested in another performance by this fine group" Julia Bagwell, Fine Arts Series, Halifax, VA

The performance was absolutely superb". Keystone Junior College, LaPlume, PA

"From beginning to end, the young performers captured their audience with charm, unquestionable talent, and a repertoire of surprising variety. The joy and warmth radiating from the stage created a feeling of good cheer among the large crowd, and one could see smiles in the audience that equaled those of the Singing Boys from the opening number to the final encores. It was the kind of evening that lets you feel- for a while, anyway- that all's right with the world" Redding Living, Redding, PA

NEW JERSEY STATE YOUTH SYMPHONY CONCERT KICKS OFF MUSIC SERIES

by Gil Vatter



A small but enthusiastic crowd, made up of members of the congregation and parents of the musicians, met in the sanctuary of Good Shepherd Church on Saturday March 24 at 2:00 PM to hear the Spring Concert presented by the Chamber Group of the New Jersey State Youth Symphony Orchestra. The Orchestra with its various components has been meeting for rehearsal each Saturday at Good Shepherd for a number of years and has presented annual concerts to thank the church for this privilege. The NJSYO Chamber Group is made up of approximately fifteen young people from grades six to eleven from a wide variety of schools who are selected from the larger orchestra to play chamber music. Mr. Leo Soeda is the Coach for the Chamber Group but the young musicians, surprisingly, play without a director, something like the famous Orpheus Chamber Orchestra. Members of the orchestra made remarks before each piece on the program to explain the music and how it was to be presented. They also introduced each member of the Chamber Group and Mr. Soeda.

The audience was greeted by Steve Miller, President of the Congregation Council, who welcomed everyone to an afternoon of music and advised that there would be a goodwill offering, received after the concert, to benefit the Food Pantry at Saint Marks in Keansburg. He also advised that today's musical event was the first of a series of concerts to be presented by Good Shepherd Church as part of the celebration of the 45th anniversary of the Holmdel congregation.

The first number on the program was the Jig from the "Saint Paul Suite" by Gustav Holst (1874-1934), the English composer so well known for his music for military, marching bands, and the chamber group took the audience by surprise with a melancholy air with strong bass lines and more than a hint of the Celtic folk music, so typical of Holst. The opening strains were one of the highlights of the concert and helped set the tone for what was to be heard during the rest of the afternoon.

The presentation of "Sing, Sing, Sing" that followed was a complete change of mood. This arrangement is a new version of an old favorite, from the Big Band Era, generally ascribed to Benny Goodman and His Orchestra. The Goodman recording of "Sing, Sing, Sing" famously featured Harry James on trumpet, Gene Krupa on drums and, of course, Benny Goodman on clarinet. The NJSYO version was limited to strings, of course, and it was obvious that the youngsters were enjoying the old jazz classic as much as the audience.

Again, there was a decided change of pace in the "Toy Symphony" by Franz Joseph Haydn (1732-1809), a fun work with several of the musicians doubling on drum, glockenspiel, and triangle as well as some well-orchestrated extra sound effects by the group's flutist as a "cuckoo". It was traditional Haydn with a pleasant, joyful tune.

One of my personal favorites of the afternoon was the well-loved "Air on the G String" by J. S. Bach (1685-1750) which was offered by Erika Bara, first chair violinist and Mr. Leo Soeda, the group's coach, who played the cello. The blending of the well managed violin with Mr. Soeda's deeper, resonant cello evoked a rich, harmonious song, which was all the better because of its familiarity. The "Air" was presented to Good shepherd in thanks from the Chamber Group for allowing them to use the church's facilities for such a long time.

Mr. Soeda presented an unaccompanied solo rendition of a stark, contemporary work which he dedicated to the tsunami victims of Japan. His performance used the full gamut of the cello range and showed the emotion that the music brought to him.

The final music of the afternoon featured the full group in an offering of "Kashmir", arranged by Leo Soeda, a wide-ranging piece that evoked the sounds of the Indian sub-continent and the mystery of Asia. The tempo was challenging and the interplay of melodies more difficult for the young musicians, especially without the calming direction of an experienced maestro. Still the orchestra was able to manage the unusual time of the piece and the eastern personality of the work.

It was obvious that the youngsters of the Chamber Group love playing music and playing it for an appreciative audience. It is wonderful to see fifteen young people who give so much of their time to learning, rehearsing and

playing music and it is just as gratifying that they have so much fun doing it. Good Shepherd gives its thanks and appreciation to everyone, musicians, coaches, parents and adult supervisors, involved in the preparation of the NJSYO Spring Concert.

Following the concert, refreshments were offered by the NJSYO parents in Frank Hall.

Classical Music Concert on May 6th



As part of Good Shepherd Lutheran Church's 45th Anniversary celebration, a concert of classical music will be held on Sunday May 6th at 3pm at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, 112 Middletown Road, Holmdel, NJ. Admission is free. A freewill offering will go to local food pantries and kitchens.

The concert features the Director of Music, organist Miae Park and musicians Jonathan Kim (Cello), Tommy Choi (Piano) and Euihyun Kim (Violin).

Pieces presented will be:

Prelude and Gigue from Cello Suite III - J.S. Bach

Trio Sonata Op. 1 No. 3 - Ludwig van Beethoven

Romance Op. 50 - Ludwig van Beethoven

Allegretto from Piano Sonata Op. 31 No. 2 - Ludwig van Beethoven

Arabesque No. 1 - Claude Debussy

Tarantella - Pablo de Sarasate

Tarantella - David Popper

Memorial and Thanksgiving Fund

The Memorial and Thanksgiving Fund Committee has recently been reactivated and at present consists of Sue Alberti and Pat Miller. We are in the process of updating the record of memorial gifts that have been given to

Good Shepherd over the years. Following is a compilation of what seems to have been an official record of gifts that were dedicated in an All Saints Day service at the end of the last millennium, with the addition of gifts that the two of us remember from the last dozen years. We would appreciate hearing about those items that we have forgotten or any corrections or additions any reader knows of.



The Memorial and Thanksgiving Fund is a resource which provides opportunities to enrich our life together in community by providing funding for items and programs that are not otherwise supported in our regular budget.

Gifts are made to The Fund in a variety of ways. Some gifts are offered in memory of a particular person or persons and are designated for a specified use. Other gifts are accumulated in memory of a congregation member or a member's loved one. Consultation with the family often helps determine the use of these gifts. Gifts are also offered in thanksgiving to God for special occasions, celebrations, or in response to blessings. Some are provided in response to identified needs. Certain gifts may be received without designation for a specific purpose. Utilization of these resources is coordinated through The Memorial and Thanksgiving Fund Committee in consultation with the donor or family of the deceased.

Following is a list of some of the Fund's gifts and their uses over the years. In many cases, undesignated funds were used to supplement particular designated uses.

Gifts Purchased In Memorial

Sanctuary Sound System

In memory of Ed and Dot Wright.

In memory of loved ones by The Chamberlain Family.

Green Paraments

In memory of M. Leonard Genova, M.D.

Green Stole

In memory of Johanna Wessels, Herta Chomyts' mother.

Advent Candle Holder and Advertising Resources

In memory of Louis N. Medici, Lou Medici's father.

Driveway Lighting; Eternal Flame Candle

In memory of Jimmy Larsen.

Church Management Software

In memory of Chris J. Salsbery, Beth Gebhart's father.

Senior Choir Robes and Crosses

In memory of John Diercks, and with undesignated funds.

Paschal Candle

In memory of The Rev. Dr. Samuel B. Brosius, Henrietta L. and William C. Theune.

“I am the Vine” Memorial Wood Sculpture Panel

In memory of Ganz family members, by Michael and Barbara Hemphill Ganz.

Memorial Garden with Stone Monument

In memory of Allan Brubaker; and with undesignated funds, Eagle Project by Kurt Mathisen.

Altar Candleabra

In memory of Linda Theune.

Gifts Offered In Thanksgiving

New Front and Side Entry Doors and Chancel Exit Doors

In honor of their children, Jason and Ryan, by Ed and Lynda Samuels.

Guest Instrumentalists in worship; support the Youth attending the Year 2000 ELCA Youth Assembly

In honor of the Auriana Family by Val and Bob Bartlett.

Coffee Server; Wall Brochure Racks

Ladies Luncheon Group.

Sanctuary Carpet; Communion Tray Tables; Youth Activities Fund

The Hergenhan Family.

Carpet Shampooer

Steve and Pat Miller.

Pew-back Envelope & Pencil Holders

The Alberti Family.

Choir Room Relocation and Improvements

Eagle Project by Bradley Hayes; with undesignated funds.

Pew Bibles

Larry and Carol Seip.

Gifts Purchased with Undesignated Funds

Sanctuary Piano

Hymn Boards

Ash Wednesday Vessels

Communion Glasses Tray with Base and Cover

Processional Cross

Narthex Kitchen Improvements

New ELW Hymnals (many with inscriptions)

We have submitted to Council a proposed set of guidelines for the work of the Memorial and Thanksgiving Fund Committee going forward. In next month's Voice we plan to describe how we will administer the Fund and consult with the families to determine how best to use those monetary gifts Good Shepherd has already received, as well as future gifts. Also, there are opportunities now and in the future for members to request that their loved ones' information be added either to the "I am the Vine" Wood Sculpture Panel in the Narthex or the stone monument in the Memorial Garden. For more information on this, or to update the official record above, you may either email or phone Sue (rjasja@earthlink.net) or Pat (patmiller@comcast.net).

PRESCRIPTION MEDICINE DISPOSAL DAY

Nancy Fitch

The Holmdel Township Police Department will be hosting a local collection site at Holmdel Town Hall on Saturday, April 28, 2012 between the hours of 10 AM and 2 PM. In talking with the police I was told that this is NOT restricted to Holmdel residents.

- There will be a drop off box with a member of the Police Dept. present
- You do not need to show any id
- Can drop pills directly into disposal box -- if in their container remove personal identifying information
- Liquid products should remain tightly sealed in their container

In the past, the preferred method of disposing unused or expired prescriptions or over the counter medications was to flush them down the toilet. It was considered to be a good method because it kept the drugs from being in the reach of children and animals. However, now we know it is affecting the drinking water and these compounds are not removed from wastewater using current technology.

Burying those medications in coffee grounds and putting it in the trash does not keep it out of the water, either. At the landfill, those drugs will mix with waste liquids and eventually get drained off and taken to a wastewater treatment facility. Incineration is the only way to properly dispose of them so that they won't get into the water supply.

Here is a way to protect our environment and spring clean your medicine chest!!

April 2012

<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	5	6	7
9 – Breakfast 10 – Palm Sunday Service				7pm - Holy Thursday Service	7pm - Good Friday, Tenebrae Service	1pm – 4 NJ State Youth Orch
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
10 – Easter Service	7pm – Council Meeting			7:30pm-9:00 choir practice		1pm – 4 NJ State Youth Orch
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
9 – Sunday School 10 – Service		7:30 – 9:00 Compassionate Friends		7:30pm-9:00 choir practice 6:30pm – NJ North Shore Thrivent Mtg	12:30 – Ladies Luncheon Group @ Colts Neck Inn	1pm – 4 NJSYO 9am German School Yard Sale
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
9 – Sunday School 10 – Service			1pm Bible Study	7:30pm-9:00 choir practice		7pm Singing Boys Concert
29	30					
9 – Sunday School 10 – Service 45th Anniversary of Good Shepherd						