

# *The Voice of the Good Shepherd*

**April 2014**

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*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,

For some reason the writing of this month's article has been a real challenge. The realization that something insightful and helpful needs to be said regarding the subject of Resurrection (notice I did not use the word Easter) is extremely difficult. Resurrection requires us to think very deeply about an important aspect of our faith and whatever can be offered to awaken us to that dimension needs to be considered.

During the period time since the beginning of the year we have marked the life of Jesus as revealed in the important events pertaining to his life: Incarnation, Baptism, Transfiguration, and finally Crucifixion. All along that way we were presented with the words he spoke and the things he did as he endeavored to demonstrate to his disciples, the people among whom he lived, and to us what his vision of what a weary, stressful, and often times violent world could be transformed into: The Kingdom of God. For that purpose he was willing to challenge the assumptions of the worldly powers of his day, and those of any other time, by speaking about and acting with justice, love and peace. He did so to the extent of offering himself as a martyr for that cause. One result of all this having taken place was to give Julia Ward Howe inspiration to write these words in a hymn which is familiar to all of us. *"In the beauty of the lilies Christ was born across the sea, with a glory in his bosom that transfigures you and me. As he died to make men holy, let us live to make me free."*

Celebrating Resurrection is a celebration of life looking forward. The scenario of that early morning long ago when the women and disciples came to the garden where the body of Jesus had been brought for burial and they found the darkness of an empty tomb. But suddenly there was light, when as one of the gospels tells us, a young man dressed in a dazzling white robe astonished them with the amazing announcement: "He has risen, he is not here". With those six words there was the realization that forever all things had been changed. It was as if one beheld the early glow of a new day. What has been is over. Hope is renewed. Joy is restored. One is to be born again. And **that** is exactly what we sang about on cold winter night in December when in the last verse of "Hark! The Herald Angels Sing" we came to these prophetic words: *"Mild he lays his glory by, born that we no more may die, born to raise each child of earth, born to give us second birth."*

To my reflections I offer these words authored by N.T. Wright in his book, [Surprised by Hope: Rethinking Heaven, the Resurrection, and the Mission of the Church](#):

*"The point of the resurrection is that our present bodily life is not valueless just because it will die. What you do with your body in the present matters because God has a great future in store for it. What you do in the present—by painting, preaching, singing, sewing, praying, teaching, building hospitals, digging wells, campaigning for justice, writing poems, caring for the needy, loving your neighbor as yourself—will last into God's future. These activities are not simply ways to make the present life a little less beastly, a little more bearable, until the day when we leave it behind altogether. They are part of what we may call building for God's kingdom."*

I look forward to greeting all of you as we worship together on April 20 and celebrate the Festival of Our Lord's Resurrection, and that I may personally wish you all a "Happy Easter."

Grace and Peace,  
Pastor Jack

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If you wish to purchase **Easter Lillies**, please sign up in the narthex, or call the church office or email [nancyh@comcast.net](mailto:nancyh@comcast.net). Last day to sign up is April 13.  
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## Holy Week and Easter Services

Palm Sunday, April 13 - 10:00 am Holy Communion & Blessing of the Palms

At 9:00 am join us for a pancake breakfast before service

Maundy Thursday, April 17 - 7:00 pm Holy Communion

Good Friday, April 18 - 7:00 pm Tenebrae Service

Easter Sunday, April 20 10:00 am Holy Communion

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**MINUTES, Mar 10, 2014 Council meeting,**

PRESENT: Lou Medici; Marion Schloemer, John Dall, & Stephanie Dall, Steve Miller; Tom Tehve; Karl Torjussen, Mike Carp

ABSENT: Jamie Antonacci; Sharon Oberkehr

Devotions were led by Pastor Jack. Topics: developing closer ties with local worship centers; why are we here?; tie-in to mission creation; April 6 visit by Prof Grafton.

The agenda was approved

The Feb 10, 2014 council minutes were approved

The Feb 28 Treasurer's Report was approved. **Steve action item: ask Clem Hergenhan to add a column to**

**Treas Report: actual 2013 "todate"**

### COMMITTEE REPORTS

**PASTOR'S REPORT** - Pastor Jack: See table, Church Attendance 2008-present. Peak attendance was 1st quarter, 2013; Subsequently, Good Shepherd has new members, but an increasing number of homebound, including Groh, Howson, Brinkman families, plus other individuals (see "prayer list" each Sunday bulletin).

Pastor distributed background for Dr. Grafton who will preach and lead an afternoon discussion on April 6. "CREATION CARE" Environmental Committee - Nancy Fitch. On Mar 9, Nancy gave an environment talk to Sunday School children; the children will repeat and personalize a talk at beginning of the Mar 23 church service.

**SOCIAL MINISTRY** - Mike Carp: Gil/Mike/Nancy set \$1K goal for donations to ELCA World Hunger - to benefit Haiti, where 33% die by age 5

**PROPERTY** - Jamie Antonacci; John Dall & Steve Miller: repaired roof leak, filled parking lot holes, fixed heat, replaced fluor tubes, completed 1/3 of Frank Hall HVAC maintenance; replaced maintenance parts in office xerox; installed narthex base cove; touched up narthex paint; and other work during Feb 8 and subsequent property work days

**CHRISTIAN EDUCATION** - Sharon Oberkehr: Children will present an environmental talk at beginning of the March 23 service (see "Creation Care", above).

**SPIRITUAL RENEWAL & OUTREACH (EVANGELISM)** -Karl Torjussen: planning congregation-only advertising for April 6 light lunch; issued several press releases, including the \$1K donation to COG; and April 27 concert to benefit Bayshore Lunch Program; **Steve to help identify and circulate April 27 announcement to local classical groups (NJSYO, MCC, ...)**

**EVANGELISM** - Lillian Nemcik is leaving. Marion Schloemer volunteered to replace Lil Nemcik to work with Pastor Jack to identify sick and deliver cards

**MISSION SUPPORT (Stewardship)** - Karl Torjussen: no report

**FELLOWSHIP** - Debbie Blackburn/Kathe DaBiau. The March 2, 2014 brunch was very enjoyable. Pastor

requested a light lunch for Apr 6 visit/discussion by Dr. Grafton

FINANCE - Clem Hergenhan/Tom Tehve (reported as above)

WORSHIP & MUSIC; Andy Mathisen. committee meeting scheduled Mar 30 -. Students of Miae Park will present their annual classical concert on April 27, 3PM, to benefit Bayshore Lunch Program.

## OLD BUSINESS

- (Miller/Antonacci/Dall action item on treasurer and Financial Secretary term limits). Council approved a proposal to ask the congregation (at the next annual congregation meeting in Jan, 2015) to amend the Good Shepherd Bylaws,. The proposed change to ByLaws, Article III, Section 9: "Normally the treasurer and financial secretary shall hold office no more than three years in a row. However, the Council shall have the discretion to extend the time in office"
- In connection with the above "term limit" ByLaw change, Doreen Hoffman is willing to continue as Financial Secretary to year-end, but desires a 2015 replacement (**2015 nomination committee action item**); Clem Hergenhan and Lou Medici (Treasurer) are agreeable to continue their positions into 2015. The council decided to title Clem Hergenhan's position as "Assistant to the Treasurer". This position will be a non-voting contributor to Council
- Committees and Positions/photos (to be updated by Steve Miller by next council meeting) **John & Stephanie Dall & Marion Schloemer will email portrait photos to Steve**
- Good Shepherd Mission committee meeting is planned March 30 (Andy M)
- Narthex wall reconstruction with columns. Phase 2 (2014) modifies the base, and then duplicates the columns on the 2nd wall (work to be done this summer by congregation volunteers)
- Revise Good Shepherd Constitution with ELCA-mandated changes (Gil Vatter)
- Audit Committee has completed their annual audit. The council is awaiting their report
- Reminder - each committee head should email reports, and encourage/motivate congregation members to volunteer as needed for their respective committees.

## NEW BUSINESS

- **Kathe DeGiau is planning a May flea market** (Good Shepherd will purchase a table at the flea market; **Stephanie Dall volunteered to assist the flea market**)
- **John Dall will identify and convene a team to plan parking lot paving.** Pastor Jack proposed a lower cost option: pave parking lot (concrete or asphalt) immediately adjacent to church building; work would include railroad tie replacement, and replacement of broken concrete at foot of stairs.
- **UPDATE CHURCH DIRECTORY. John Dall will attempt to get extra copies,** and/or update the 2012 church directory
- Pastor discussed Interfaith activities with Islamic Society of Monmouth County. We discussed loss of Bill & Lil Nemcik; Professor Grafton will visit April 6
- Lou Medici signed a facilities letter to Little Chief
- Holmdel Daisy scouts found an alternate meeting location at a mother's house.
- Alternative plans if Pat Dunn is not available to produce Sunday bulletin, etc. **Pastor Jack will ask Pat Dunn to write a description that could be followed by a substitute, to be used in the event that Pat is unavailable**
- Lou observed there are sometimes insufficient Sunday bulletins. **Pastor to ask Pat Dunn to make 60 or 65 copies of bulletins in order to ensure adequate number.**
- Highlight community impact of the charitable works/social ministry/environmental activities of Good Shepherd: Create posters and/or short talk (educational tools). Stephanie Dall felt that a person-to-person greeting "on the fly" with Little Chief parents would not work; however, posters would probably be read. The council felt that a large wall-mounted display, with a repeating message on news of the day, would be well received. Topics could be ELCA news; Creation Care/environmental topics; social ministry events with slides/video; photos & video of congregation members at various activities and/or

worship, etc. **Steve Miller to research and create an electronic show.** Opportunities for display of poster and electronic media:

1. Displays for Good Shepherd congregation
2. Displays (perhaps with coffee) for Little Chief parents, 9AM for several days.
3. Exhibit at a table during Holmdel "Earth Day"

**ADJOURN** with Lords Prayer

submitted by Steve Miller, Good Shepherd secretary

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**Save the date of May 17** for a flea market at the church. We will be charging for spaces and tables. Please call Kathe DaGiau at 732-600-8022 for more info.

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**AROUND THE PARISH**

by Gil Vatter

**GOOD SHEPHERD - THE FRIENDLY CHURCH**

1. A very happy birthday to *Patty Vatter, Andy Lichter, George Groh, Brian Dunn, Jean Taylor* and last but not least, Good Shepherd Church which will be 47 years old on Wednesday April 30.

2. Happy anniversary to *Diane and Andy Mathisen, Randi and Bob Stetz, Bunny and Herb Kuhl, Pat and Steve Miller and Jo Ellen and John Burton.*

3. Thanks to *Steve Miller* for a great job as Council President over the past two years and congratulations to the newly elected officers of the Congregation Council :

- Lou Medici - President
- Marion Schloemer - Vice President
- Steve Miller - Secretary
- Dick Alberti - Treasurer
- Doreen Hoffman - Financial Secretary

A policeman stopped Ole while he was driving and was surprised to see a dog on his lap.

"Does your dog have a license?" the cop inquired.

"No, why should he" replied Ole, "I do all the driving myself." (Grace Brinkman)

4. The Social Ministry Committee has delivered over 550 cans of food donated by YOU to the Bayshore Lunch Program through March. Keep up the good work!!!!

5. The Ladies Luncheon Group met at the Colts Neck Inn on Friday March 21 at 12:30 for lunch. For information about April's plans, see *Barbara Haher*. All the women of the church are invited.

6. *Ines Sulak* and *Bob Sislian* are both recuperating at home. Remember them in your prayers.

I've learned that life is too short to do it right the first time. (Bill Wehrli)

7. Please don't forget the COG collection of household goods for the Calico Cat Evening Pantry. In April we will be collecting dish detergents and liquid kitchen/bathroom cleaners.

8. Congratulations to *Fred Oberkehr* who has added Adjunct Professor of Education at Keane University to his resume.

9. Did you miss *Pastor Jack's* March 2 children's sermon - "Do Something for Others".

Confucius may have said, "Old age is when it takes longer to rest than to get tired."

10. Thanks to *Debbie Blackburn* and the Fellowship Committee for the March 2 Brunch in Frank Hall. Invited guests were a group of young people from the nearby mosque who returned our visit to the mosque at their recent open house.

11. *Nancy Fitch* and the Environmental Committee reminded us all to "Minimize and Manage Our Trash" with a flyer distributed on Sunday March 2 and with a short film on the use of methane gas from a local land fill which is being used to provide power.

12. *Becky Bartlett* worshiped with us on Sunday March 16.

What should one do if one sees a spaceman?  
Park in it, man.

13. *Ryan Blackburn* has relocated to Florida. He will begin a new job there soon.

14. The church has been notified of the death of *Charles Myers*. A memorial service was held for him on Saturday March 29 at the church. He was 80 years old. And God will wipe away all tears.

15. The church will have Rev. Dr. David Grafton, Director of Graduate Studies and Associate Professor of Islamic Studies at the Lutheran Theological Seminary at Philadelphia as guest preacher on Sunday April 6. An adult forum will follow in Frank Hall.

Two bookies were coming out of church. The one said to the other, "How many times do I have to tell you - it's hallelujah - not Hialeah." (Grace Brinkman)

16. The congregation welcomed *Pastor David Mangiante* while Pastor Jack was away. His sermon was based on John 3:16.

17. Late word is that *Bob and Joan Horlocher* will be moving back to the area and living in Shady Oaks.

18. Sunday March 16 was *Bella Miller's* first Sunday as an Acolyte. She did a great job. Way to go Bella!!!!

Sven - "Did you wake up grumpy this morning?"  
Lena - "No. I let him sleep." (Grace Brinkman)

19. Thanks to the seven Sunday School children who made a short presentation about recycling bottles, cans and paper before the service on Sunday March 23.

20. Congratulations to former member *Dick Havill* who became engaged to Ms Rachel Harter in Chapel Hill, North Carolina. They expect to be married in late summer or early fall.

21. Remember *Harold Lenz* in your prayers. He fell at home in late March and broke his femur. He is recuperating at home.

In Joseph's lovely garden, the Lord Christ's tomb was made.  
And there his broken body to rest was gently laid.  
A great rock was rolled o'er it that death might have full sway.  
But God sent down an angel and rolled the stone away.

SEE YOU IN CHURCH NEXT SUNDAY

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**WHO DOES WHAT AT GOOD SHEPHERD CHURCH** by Gil Vatter

ACOLYTES

Isabella Antonacci  
Michael Antonacci  
Katey Howard  
Bella Miller  
Hannah Oberkehr  
Leah Oberkehr  
Timothy Wilgus

CHURCH COUNCIL

Jamie Antonacci  
Stephanie Dall  
John Dall  
Lou Medici  
Steve Miller  
Sharon Oberkehr  
Marion Schloemer  
Tom Tehve  
Karl Torjussen

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**LUNCH BREAK CELEBRATES 31 YEARS OF SERVICE**  
by Gil Vatter

Lunch Break, a community service organization, is located at 121 Drs. James Parker Boulevard in Red Bank. As of this year, it has been operating for 31 years as a resource for the Red Bank area and is the oldest soup kitchen in Monmouth County. Clients to Lunch Break come from every town in the county and some even travel from as far away as Ocean and Middlesex Counties. 85% of those persons served by Lunch Break are employed but do not earn enough to make ends meet. The average cost of a hot, nutritious meal at Lunch Break is \$2.84. Hot meals are served every Monday through Friday from 11 am to 1 pm, a hot breakfast is served each Saturday from 10 am to noon and meals are delivered to homebound individuals six days a week.

In addition to food, Lunch Break also offers many social services at heir facility through other local organizations such as the Visiting Nurse Association, Veterans Affairs, Affordable Housing, Legal Aid, Meridan Health, YMCA and many more. There is also an Employment/Job Board aimed at assisting people in finding a job, a Back-to-School group which offers backpacks and school supplies for children, toy distribution at Christmas time and many other services.

In 2009, the center served 39,365 meals. This rose to 61,827 meals by 2013. Food Pantry and Clothing Pickups likewise show similar increases over the same period of time. The need is great and continues to grow. Without groups like Lunch Break, many local families who can't make ends meet, who live on a fixed income or who simply need a place to go, would be lost.

We congratulate Lunch Break on 31 years of service to the community and hope that they will continue to be a beacon in Monmouth County for those who need their help.

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**14 YEAR OLD UNDERSCORES PRIORITIES**  
by Gil Vatter

At the age of fourteen, most adolescent girls find their interests dominated by makeup, boys and clothes, with clothes usually gaining a high spot in the mix. This is especially true as a birthday rolls around, when tradition offers an opportunity to add new shoes, jeans or many other adornments to what the young ladies have already accumulated. New clothes for a girl's fourteenth birthday is almost a given in this day and age.

Kiera Croland of Belle Mead, however, is not your ordinary, run-of-the-mill teen. To begin with, she is already an accomplished cook and enjoys preparing challenging dishes for herself and her family. It's no surprise then, when February 23, her fourteenth birthday, approached and her parents asked her what kind of a present she

wanted this year, she asked for, and received the financial backing and assistance to prepare and serve a hot meal to 200 people (yes, I said 200 people). After some searching around central New Jersey, she was invited to cook and serve a meal at the Salvation Army kitchen in Trenton.

Of course, Kiera, who is the grand-niece of Ruth and Pastor Elstad, had never done such a monumental job before and couldn't possibly do everything herself, so, twelve of her friends and some of her family chipped in with the set-up, cooking, the serving and, oh yes, the clean-up, a huge job in itself.

The folks at the Trenton Salvation Army were so impressed with Kiera that they presented her with a token birthday gift and everyone in the dining room sang a rousing "Happy Birthday" to the new fourteen year old. One of the Salvation Army supervisors commented that it is so very rare to have a teenager working at the kitchen on a weekend, let alone on her birthday.

Congratulations to Kiera Croland on turning fourteen and on her decision to think of others instead of herself. One thing we know for sure, it is a birthday she will never forget.

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**A FEW NOTES FROM THE CHOIR**

by Gil Vatter

*Lord use our voices, Lord use our hands, Lord use our lives. We are an offering.*

- March 2 - "You Are My Song" - C. Berry
- March 9 - "Create in Me a Clean Heart" - A. B. Sherman
- March 16 - "Canticle of Love" - Hal Hobson
- March 23 - "Jesus, I Live to Thee" - C. F. Scharck

Don't forget the concert by the students of Minister of Music Miae Parl on Sunday April 27 at 3 PM for the benefit of the Bayshore Lunch Program

Choir rehearsal is every Thursday evening at 7:30 PM in the sanctuary - All are welcome

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Sunday, April 6

Dr. David Grafton  
 Associate Professor of IslamicStudies  
 And  
 Christian-Muslim Relations  
 At  
 Philadelphia Lutheran Seminary

Will be our guest preacher and will also conduct a seminar which will include the opportunity for him to answer questions you may wish to discuss.

Coffee and light luncheon will be provided between the service and the seminar.

On Sunday, **APRIL 6**, we will have as our guest, The Rev. Dr. David Grafton, who is Associate Professor of Islamic Studies and Christian-Muslim Relations and also the Director for the Graduate Studies of the Lutheran Theological Seminary. He will preach at the morning service. Following the service there will be a coffee hour and light luncheon preceding Dr. Grafton's leading an adult forum. Following his presentation there will be an opportunity for questions

and answers regarding matters important to those attending. This simplified program replaces the one announced in last Sunday's bulletin and the Voice. Please be sure to take advantage of this important educational opportunity.

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VOLUNTEERS NEEDED - A project committee needs to be put together to manage the project to **pave the parking lot**. The committee will decide if a phased approach should be take starting with the area from the street to the entrance first. A budget will be established and estimate will be gathered. Finally, funds will need to be raised. If anyone is interested please contact Steve Miller, Jaime Antonacci or John Dall.

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**Free Sunday Afternoon Classical Music Concert at Holmdel Church April 27th**

Four teenage talented musicians, under the direction of organist Miae Park, will perform several classical compositions on Sunday, April 27th at The Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd at 3:00 PM. Eui Hyun Kim, on Violin, Tommy Choi on Piano, Jessica Hong, on cello, and Hyun Jee Min, on viola, will play selections from Mozart, and other classical composers.

The selections will include:

- Piano Quartet in G Minor - W.A. Mozart
- Ziguerenerweisen - P. de Sarasate
- La Campanella - F. Liszt
- Concerto in D Major - F.A.Hoffmeister
- Concerto in D Minor - E. Lalo

The young musicians are students of Miae Park who is the organist and choir director at The Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd in Holmdel.

The concert will last about an hour and is free and open to the public. Attendees will be encouraged to make a free will offering which will be donated to the Bayshore Lunch Program, an organization that serves a hot lunch every Monday, Wednesday and Friday at 11:30 AM to those in need of food and fellowship. They serve about 50 people a day and also feed volunteer workers who are still building homes destroyed by hurricane Sandy, They are located in the beautiful fellowship hall of the Community Church of Keport located on Warren Street between Division and Osborn.

After the concert refreshments will be served. The Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd is located at 112 Middletown Rd. Holmdel NJ (between Crawford Road and St Catherine's Catholic Church). Phone: 732-842-4596



# April 2014

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
30	31	1	2	3	4	5
			1pm - Lenten Study	7:30 - Choir Practice		
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
9- Sunday School 10 - Service Speaker Dr.Grafton			1pm - Lenten Study	7:30 - Choir Practice	Ladies Luncheon at McLoones, Shrewsbury Ave Red Bank	
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
PALM SUNDAY 9- Sunday School 10 - Service	7pm Council Mtg	7:30- Compassionate Friends		MAUNDAY THURSDAY 7pm Communion Svc	GOOD FRIDAY 7pm Tenebrae Svc	
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
EASTER 9- Sunday School 10 - Service				7:30 - Choir Practice		
27	28	29	30	1	2	3
9- Sunday School 10 - Service 3pm Music Concert						
4	5	NOTES				