

# *The Voice of the Good Shepherd*

**March 2015**

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*Open Minds ... Open Hearts ... Open Hands*

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**MINUTES**, Feb 9, 2015 COUNCIL MINUTES (draft)

**Council members Present:** John Crump, John Dall, Stephanie Dall, Nancy Fitch, Andy Mathisen, Lou Medici, Steve Miller, Marion Schloemer, Vice Pastor Rachel

**Excused:** Garry Westerweller (out of town)

Called to order 7PM by Lou Medici

Devotions - Pastor Rachel - led council's brainstorming on FIRST of "15 topics" (taken from Sojourners blog)  
Approved this agenda

Approved minutes of Jan 12, 2015 council meeting (Date of Synod conference was corrected)

Approved Jan 31 Treasurer's Report

WELCOMED NEW COUNCIL MEMBERS: John Crump, Nancy Fitch, Andy Mathisen, Garry Westerweller (absent)

NEW COUNCIL MEMBERS SELF-APPOINTED TO COMMITTEES, shown below

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

- Pastor's report - Pastor Rachel encourages cards to Marian Williamson, now at Manor by the Sea, Ocean Grove. Pastor Rachel is completing, and will submit the ELCA "Congregational Report for the year ending Dec 31, 2014".
- "Creation Care" Environmental Committee- Nancy Fitch discussed 2015 plans, and plans for a Feb 15 bulleting insert
- Social Ministry - COG (Nancy Fitch); Bayshore Lunch Program (Gil Vatter); Mike Carp
- Property - John Dall reported: improved snow clearing & salting for Little Chief; 9 Fire sensors will soon be replaced & all smoke detectors tested, to satisfy local and state inspections.
- Christian Education - Andy Mathisen volunteered to head (Sharon will continue work off-council)
- Spiritual Renewal and OutReach (Evangelism)- -John Crump (Karl will continue to head GS advertising; Marion Schloemer will continue cards for sick)
- Mission Support - Marion Schloemer
- Fellowship - Debbie Blackburn/Kathe DaGau/Germaine Scarborough
- Finance - Stephanie Dall (Dick Alberti, Treas; Clem Hergenhan, Asst Treas). John Dall volunteered to join Sunday Counter group
- Worship and Music -Garry Westerweller (Andy will continue as contact for "Supply Pastors")

**RECENTLY RECEIVED COMMUNICATIONS** (Lou Medici reviewed thank-you letters received recently by Good Shepherd)

## **OLD BUSINESS**

- Plans for "Ash Wednesday" Service at 11AM, Wed, Feb 18, followed by soup lunch. A group is needed to setup. The LIBRARY is proposed for soup lunch. **STEVE** will discuss with Sharon and Maureen. **ANDY ACTION:** announce at choir; **STEVE ACTION:** announce at Sunday service
- Previous Action Items; Sept8 ; Oct 13 ; Nov 10 ; Jan12
- **LOU MEDICI action items**
- Status of "Congregation Survey" **MARION SCHLOEMER/JOHN DALL ACTION:**
  - reveal survey results to congregation; what are next steps; how does this influence Good Shepherd- such as direction of advertising?
- Supply Pastors Jan-April, 2015 (Andy Mathisen)
- **GIL VATTER ACTION:** Invite Little Chief and German school to meet with Council for a periodic review.
- Memorial Committee (Pat Miller/Sue Alberti) requests council's RECOMMENDATIONS on how to spend \$3K. The memorial committee will then check with respective families, and seek agreement before a purchase. A possibility: Nancy Hergenhan (Altar Guild) is exploring altar oil candles to replace existing altar high wax candlesticks. (council carried over to March meeting)

## NEW OLD BUSINESS

- Constitutional Changes, mandated by ELCA in 2013: Gil vatter (Jan 20, 2014).
  - Define action team and reporting/implementation schedule
  - Council requests Gil Vatter to head constitution revision team of John Dall, Stephanie Dall, and Nancy Fitch

## NEW BUSINESS

- the council approved invitations to German School and Little Chief to participate in BLP food collection (Gil Vatter). It was suggested that there should be a well-defined description of foods, and sizes/quantities that are needed. For instance, very large sizes (such as sold in Costco or Chinese groceries) might be most cost-effective for hot lunch programs. Individual food pantries would need sizes suitable for individual or family.
- Steve Miller requested input on the Good Shepherd web site to improve appearance and keep the site updated
- **STEPHANIE DALL ACTION:** meet with Clem and Dick Alberti to better define the Good Shepherd Financial Process (esp reporting of social ministry).
- **STEVE MILLER ACTION:** order 8 inexpensive solar lights for driveway (4 on each side) Inexpensive/disposable are preferred; lights are mowed down in summer, and plowed down in winter.
- A Time and Talent survey was requested by Nancy Hergenhan during January Congregation meeting. The survey will be conducted in order to solicit volunteers for critically needed positions, such as Altar Guild. Steve subsequently circulated a Jan, 2012 description of positions/committees within Good Shepherd. **ACTION BY ALL:** send revised committee descriptions to Steve Miller
- The council discussed the singing of the Lord's Prayer during service. Some are moved to tears, but a minority don't like the singing. Pastor Rachel wishes to continue singing Lord's Prayer until the next church season (to be addressed by Worship & Music)
- Next council meeting: March 9 ( 2nd Monday);

**ADJOURNED at 8:52** with Lords Prayer

Respectfully Submitted, Steve Miller, Council Secretary

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**If you wish to purchase Easter Lilies, 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 March 29.**

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**AROUND THE PARISH**

by Gil Vatter

***GOOD SHEPHERD - THE FRIENDLY CHURCH***

1. What a winter we are having in east-central New Jersey. Everyone is sick and tired of the continuous snow, cold temperatures, gray skies, which require hats, scarves and heavy coats. On Sunday February 15, after another snow fall, only fourteen people made it to church and on the following Sunday, after another snow fall, just thirty four were able to cope with the weather. C'mon spring.

2. Happy birthday to *Garry Westerweller, Dick Havill (82 years old) and Lionel Burton* (Pat and Steve Miller's grandson, who will be 2).

I've tried all the machines at the gym, but the one I keep going back to is the vending machine. (Bunny Kuhl)

3. The congregation has supplied more than \$450 to the ***Bayshore Lunch Program*** and over 350 cans of food.

4. To celebrate both their birthdays, *Ellen and Tom Tehve* spent the early part of February on the Carribean island of Saint Lucia. Bet it was warmer than Monmouth County.

I've learned that although I didn't understand the principles of gravity in College physics, I do now that I look at my eighty-year-old body. (Bull Wherli)

5. Thanks and a tip of my baseball cap to *Kim and Bill Wherli* who supplied **TWENTY TWO CASES OF CANNED FOOD FOR BLP** in February. They also helped yours truly to deliver the food to Keyport. We filled up two car trunks, one of the bigger deliveries we have ever made to BLP.

6. Substitute pastors for February - Rev. John Hansen and Rev. Rachel Semovoski.

Lena - "I married an Irishman on St. Patrick's Day."

Sven - "Oh, really?"

Lena - "No, O'Reilly."

7. Thanks and a tip of the Good Shepherd beret to departing Council members, *Sharon Oberkehr, Jaimie Antonacci, Karl Torjussen and Tom Tehve*.

8. Congratulations to new Council members, *Nancy Fitch, Garry Westerweller, John Crump and Andy Mathisen*.

**DRINK GREEN BEER ON ST. PATRICK'S DAY - IT COUNTS AS A VEGETABLE!!!**

9. *Andy Mathisen* has been elected president of the local Sons of Norway chapter. I guess that makes him the #1 Viking around here.

10. Thanks and a tip of the Good Shepherd sombrero to the **CREATION CARE** folks for collecting all the polystyrene in the narthex, to the folks who bothered to bring it to church and to *Diane Mathisen* for transporting the big collection to the re-cycling center. An important job, well done.

Ole was shocked to read his name in the obituary column. He quickly called his friend Sven.

"Sven, did yew see the paper", asked Ole. "It says I died."

"Yes, I saw it", replied Sven. "Where are yew callin' from?"

11. Don't forget - Daylight Saving Time starts on Sunday March 8. Spring forward and then come to church.

12. *Nancy and Clem Hergenhan* spent the end of February and the beginning of March in Maine. (I think I would have gone south).

Lena went with Ole to the neighborhood bar. "How can yew come here so often", she said, taking a sip of his beer, "and drink this awful stuff?"

"See", he replied, "and yew thought that I was havin' a good time."

13. *The Ladies Luncheon Group* dined at the Lincroft Inn on Friday February 20. In March they plan to meet at Sono Japanese Restaurant in Middletown. For details, see *Barbara Haher*.

14. *Pastor Rachel's* childrens sermon on Sunday February 22 was "*What is a Promise?*" Hope you didn't miss it.

I have kleptomania, but when it gets real bad, I take something for it.

15. Former member *Andy Lichter* who lives in North Carolina, worshiped with us on Sunday February 22.

16. Please remember the COG Calico Cat Evening Food Pantry project. Good Shepherd is responsible for the month of June, but we are already collecting items in the church kitchen. See the Sunday bulletin for details.

They say that change is inevitable (except from vending machines)(Bunny Kuhl)

**SEE YOU IN CHURCH NEXT SUNDAY**

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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.

February Anthems

February 1 - "O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing" - Mary McDonald

February 8 - "On Eagles Wings" - Mark Hayes

February 15 - "You are My Light" - Dave and Jean Perry

February 22 - "A Clean Heart" - Benjamin Harlan

February Postludes

February 1 - "Postlude" - E. Heyer

February 8 - "Bourree in F Major" - G. P. Telemann

February 15 - "Rigaudon" - Henry Purcell

February 22 - "Allegro" - G. F. Burton

The Choir rehearses every Thursday at 7:30 PM in the sanctuary. Everyone is welcome to sing.

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# March 2015

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 9- Sunday School 10 - Service	2	3	4	5 7:30 - Choir Practice	6	7
8 9- Sunday School 10 - Service	9 7pm Council Mtg	10	11	12 7:30 - Choir Practice	13	14
15 9- Sunday School 10 - Service	16	17 7:30- Compassionate Friends	18	19 7:30 - Choir Practice	20 12:30 - Ladies Luncheon @ Sono Middletown	21
22 9- Sunday School 10 - Service	23	24	25	26 7:30 - Choir Practice	27	28
29 PALM SUNDAY 9- Sunday School 10 - Service	30	31	1	2	3	4