

The Voice of the Good Shepherd

July 2015

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

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Council Meeting Minutes

June 8th, 2015

In attendance: Steve Miller, Garry Westerweller, Stephanie Dall, John Dall, Nancy Fitch, Pastor Rachel, John Crump, Andy Mathisen, and via phone, Marion Schloemer and Lou Medici. Also in attendance as a guest, Reverend Aaron Richter.

Steve called the meeting to order

Pastor Rachel then opened with prayer

The evening's agenda was then approved

As part of his reporting back to council on the call process, Reverend Richter asked the council to express their thoughts, concerns, and feelings regarding the status of Good Shepherd.

- Steve expressed, and many echoed similar concerns that we are a shrinking congregation.
- We have suffered the loss of members through passing and through moving away
- We are losing key people that were previously very involved in the congregation, such as the Oberkehrs
- We are losing numbers in Sunday School as well
- The congregation is, in general, getting older
- The people that do volunteer their time, are getting tired of the burden.

John Dall, then expressed the thought that if we were to get a solid leader in place, perhaps through their leadership, we could start the growth process again. Council members stated that Pastor Jack's continuity produced slow, steadily increasing membership. In addition, Pastor Jack's requests resulted in recruitment of volunteers for various committees.

Reverend Richter then shared the following, regarding the call process:

- There are a limited number of part time candidates
- Asked if there were any supply pastors that we liked, that may be possible candidates
- Next step would be to meet with the call committee
- Will set up first meeting with Marion and the call committee, sometime between 6/21-7/2

Discussion ensued regarding possibility of cross events with King of Kings Church to increase interest and attendance. In particular, Pastor Rachel has offered Micahel Antonacci the option of continuing with Sunday instruction, or join Tues eve confirmation class at King of Kings

Reverend Richter departed for the evening.

Minutes from the 5/11/15 council meeting were approved

Committee reports were reviewed with the following highlights:

- Treasurer's report showing a positive cash flow
 - Tracking much the same as 2014
 - Increase in general funds continues each year
- Suggestion was made for **Gil to add his farewell speech to the Oberkehrs into the Voice**
- **Upon consultation with Karen Rajala, Pastor Rachel will make available forms for our children to attend VBS at King of Kings.** General feeling was that we did not have enough time to set something up at Good Shepherd, however we would first check with Karen on her feelings.
- Christian Education continues under the direction of **Andy Mathisen and he will send e mails out to the parents of our children to gauge potential attendance for next year's Sunday school.**

- Property Committee, under the direction of **John Dall, will set up a property day for July 25th.**
- Nancy asked for consideration of a \$500 donation to COG, keeping in line with prior year's support of the COG "Back to School" program. This was approved by council.
- **Stephanie Dall will compile the weekly attendance numbers to be included in future reports**
- Lou mentioned the need to look for additional council members as potentially 5 are leaving at the end of the year.
- **Marion will present a time and talent survey talk on July 28th.** Nancy requested that a Book Club activity be added to the Time & Talent survey.

New Business:

Holmdel is asking Good Shepherd to fill out an annual statement of income and expenses form. **Steve will meet with Gil to compile the needed information. Stephanie will assist Steve with the expense numbers so that Steve can present these facts to the town in an effort to minimize our tax exposure.**

Steve will set up a face book page for Good Shepherd, HOWEVER.... It will be incumbent on all council members to support this page through "likes", "comments", and downloads to the page. The page must remain vibrant!

Discussion on banner for Little Chiefs and Good Shepherd. Concerns for keeping the banner non-religious. Will continue discussion at future meetings

Council voted to not meet in July and August and reconvene in September. Next council meeting to be held on 9/14/15

Nancy Hergenhan reported to Steve that Thrivent awarded a \$250 grant to Good Shepherd for the Creation Care Committee to plant a butterfly garden; however the funds expire in 4 months. Will continue discussion.

Pastor Rachel reported that Bob and Jean Horlacher are rejoining Good Shepherd after a long absence while living in Pennsylvania.

Baseball trip to Citi field was brought up. **Garry will ask Pat to put an announcement in this week's bulletin for a July 11th trip.**

Meeting adjourned with the Lord's Prayer

Respectfully submitted by Garry Westerweller

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VBS at King of Kings from Andy Mathisen

This summer we have chosen to hold VBS at King of Kings Lutheran Church, 250 Harmony Rd, Middletown, NJ 07748. The program starts on August 10th - 14th at 8:45am and ends at 12:00, noon. Attached please find 4 pages containing, Things you should know, VBS Registration form, Volunteer form, and Accident Waiver and Release of Liability form. Please fill out these forms if your child is interested in attending ASAP as classes are filling up.

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AROUND THE PARISH

by Gil Vatter

GOOD SHEPHERD - THE FRIENDLY CHURCH

1. Happy birthday to *Germaine Scarborough and Jon Kim* (Miae Park's son).
2. Happy wedding anniversary to *Anne (Rajala) and Scott Medling*, (7th) who are still living in Australia and to *Germaine Scarborough and Harold Scott*.

I've learned that as soon as I get rid of something I haven't used in years, I need it the very next week. (Bill Wehrli)

3. The congregation welcomed *Linda Frank* to Good Shepherd on Sunday May 31. Linda still lives in the Cape Cod area.
4. Can you believe it's been a year since *Bill Wehrli* had a stroke?

Pastor Lindquist - "Ole, you have to stop trying to sleep during my sermons"
Ole - "I would if you didn't talk so loud."

5. *Pastor Rachel's* children's sermon for May 31 was "Let's Have a Party" and for June 28, "Your Five Senses"

6. Substitute pastors for June - May 31, June 14 and June 28 - Pastor Rachel Semovoski ; June 7 - Pastor Heidi Rodrick-Schnaath ; June 21 - Pastor John Hansen

Dr. Jensen - "Ole, here's your problem. Your baby needs a diaper change."
Ole - "But Doctor Jensen, the diaper package said it was good for 8 to 10 pounds." (Randi Stetz)

7. The Ladies Luncheon Group had lunch at the Sono Restaurant in Middletown on Friday June 19 at 12:30. The women meet on the third Friday of each month for lunch. All the women of the congregation are welcome.

8. The **Bayshore Lunch Program Sponsors** have sent almost \$1,650 through June to help support the Keyport soup kitchen. Are you a sponsor?

The I R S - It's got what it takes to take what you've got. (Bunny Kuhl)

9. The remaining \$280 from the annual *SouperBowl of Caring* was sent to three local charities:
Lunch Break in Red Bank - \$90
COG in Midletown - \$95
BLP in Keyport - \$95

10. The July "Mitzvah" is a card for Barbara Haher, who recently suffered a stroke and is in the ICU of Riverview Hospital. Please send your card to:

Mrs. Barbara Haher
33 Ramsey Rd.
Middletown, NJ 07748-3038

A horse went into a bar. the bartender said, "Why the long face?"

11. The congregation welcomed *Ruth Elstad*, who worshiped with us on Sunday June 7. *Pastor Jack* was preaching in another church in south Jersey.

12. The congregation provided over 115 cans of food in the month of May for the **Bayshore Lunch Program** plus coffee, rice, pasta, sauce, tea and other items. Year to date Good Shepherd has sent over 800 cans of food to BLP.

Bill Wehrli reminds us that June had Donut Day (5th), Chocolate ice cream Day (7th), Eat your vegetables Day (17th) and National Chocolate Eclair Day (22nd).

13. *Ellen and Tom Tehve* brought Ellen's sister and two of their grandchildren from North Carolina to worship with us on Sunday June 14.

14. Ask "Lucky Lou" (Medici) about his recent trip to Atlantic City.

The best cure for seasickness is to just sit under a tree for a while.

15. The congregation welcomed charter members *Joan and Bob Horlacher* back again as members of Good Shepherd.

16. *Karen and Dave Rajala* visited daughter Anne and her husband Scott (Medling) during a recent trip to Australia. They report that all is going well "down under".

I thought I wanted a career....turns out I just needed a paycheck.

17. The congregation bid a tearful farewell to the *Oberkehr family* at the June 7 service. Fred said "goodbye" for the family and I said a formal "farewell and Godspeed" for the congregation. We will miss the Oberkehr family and wish them well as they re-locate to Florida.

18. *Kelsey Kazmac* endured some very tough dental procedures in June. Hope you are feeling better Kelsey.

The evening news is where they begin with "Good evening" and then go on to tell you why it wasn't.

19. The congregation gave *Shirley and Larry Jackson* a round of applause in honor of their 67th wedding anniversary on Sunday June 14.

20. Notice that *John Dall* is wearing some fashionable footwear these days. Poor John tore his achilles tendon and will have to limp around for several months.

If the plural of tooth is teeth, why isn't the plural of booth beeth? One goose, two geese. So, one moose, two meese?

21. *Bill Wherli* lost a recent battle with a deer. His Mercury is in the shop and he is driving a Prius for a while.

22. *Miae Park* is hosting her parents-in-law for a few weeks in July

I workout religiously - at Easter and Christmas.

23. *Marian Williamson* has moved to **Brighton Gardens of Middletown**
620 Route 35
Middlton, NJ 07748

24. DON'T FORGET TO KEEP YOUR OFFERING UP TO DATE THIS SUMMER.

SEE YOU IN CHURCH NEXT SUNDAY

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HI and a Move update -- Marion Schloemer

We've officially become Tar Heels- new address is 2112 Boatswain Place, Wilmington, NC 28405 and we welcome any and all friends from GS to come visit!

We welcomed Henry Tyler Wilkinson, our little grandson, who was born on 1/2/15 in Pittsburgh. He and big sister, Brynn, are the apples of our eyes.

I am commuting back and forth between NC and Holmdel about every two weeks to visit clients and work with my team in Red Bank. Ed is going to be teaching physics at a local community college in Brunswick county and is excited about giving back to the community.

We just celebrated our 35th wedding anniversary on April 12th.

We are truly blessed and are thankful for everything! We miss our GS friends but hope everyone knows our door is always open for a visit if they're in the area.

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Contributions Update by Clem Hergenhan

Here's some info from the monthly Treasurer's Report given to Council at their meetings. The General Contributions are used for our yearly budgeted items.

| | May 2015 | YTD 2015 | YTD Budget | YTD 2014 |
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| General Contributions | 11,426 | 43,749 | 47,917 | 43,814 |

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From Diane Mathisen

27th Annual Liberty Extravaganza

Sunday, July 5, 2015

★Old-fashioned Strawberry Festival★
with live music on the patio
5:00 - 7:00 p.m.

★Patriotic Concert with the Liberty Choir★
and Brass Ensemble,
Patriotic Music, and Sing-Alongs
7:30 p.m.

★Salute to the Armed Forces★
and Raising of the Grand Flag


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| SUNDAY | MONDAY | TUESDAY | WEDNESDAY | THURSDAY | FRIDAY | SATURDAY |
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| 28 | 29 | 30 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 |
| 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 |
| 10 - Service | | | | | | |
| 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 | 16 | 17 | 18 |
| 10 - Service | 7pm Council Mtg | | | | 12:30 Ladies Lunch | |
| 19 | 20 | 21 | 22 | 23 | 24 | 25 |
| 10 - Service | | 7:30- Compassionate Friends | | | | Property Work Day |
| 26 | 27 | 28 | 29 | 30 | 31 | 1 |
| 10 - Service | | | | | | |