

The Voice of the Good Shepherd

October 2015

(our website good-shepherd.us)

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

Council Meeting Minutes September 14, 2015

In attendance: Garry Westerweller, Stephanie Dall, John Dall, Nancy Fitch, Pastor Rachel, Marion Schloemer and Lou Medicci.

Lou called the meeting to order
Garry Volunteered to act as scribe

The following corrections were made to the agenda:

- Marion was here in person
- Supply pastors are set through 1/3/16
- Facebook page is now complete

The agenda was than approved with corrections made.

Pastor Rachel led us in devotions focusing on Jesus being the ultimate guide for all of us.

June minutes were approved as written

Three months of treasurer's reports were approved, June, July, and August.

Pastor Rachel presented her report

- Checking in with shut-ins
- Marion now at Bright View Gardens
- Larry still in the same location
- will provide 3 services for us in November

Creation Care Committee report presented by Nancy Fitch

- special "shout out" to Nancy Hergenhan for doing such a great job with the pollinating garden

Social Ministry report also present by Nancy Fitch

- \$500.00 was sent to COG for Back to School
- People can continue to donate in the name of Good Shepherd

Property Committee report was presented by John Dall

- Two property days were held
- One was very successful, however the second day had only (3) people attend
- Lawn care person has been replaced with new
- Cleaning service has been replaced by Maid Pro
- Most of the punch lists for the two schools were handled on the property days

Christian Education filed no report

Spiritual Renewal and Outreach filed no report

Evangelism – Marion requested an updated list of the ill

Publicity and Advertising were discussed in consideration of how to attract new members.

- Idea of sign welcoming new residents and saying Good Shepherd would love to meet you
- Sign was voted on and a “Banner type” sign was approved to be ordered

Review of Christmas Party Date

- Correction for next meeting. **The Christmas Party is Scheduled for December 13th**, NOT DEC. 6th

Mission Support offered no report

Fellowship Committee offered no report

Finance Committee reported on Attendance

- Lou shared with Council that Dick Alberti has tendered his resignation as treasurer effective year end.

Worship and Music reported on an e mail suggestion from Nancy Hergenhan to consider eliminating Lay assistants as attendance does not really merit two chalices of wine and it is difficult to get volunteers. Pastor will outline this new approach when she preaches on 9/27/15

Communications:

- Mission support dollars were made available for the council to review from all Synod participants.
- Crop Walk correspondence will be given to Mike Carp

Old Business:

- Time and talent will be reviewed by John and Marion

New Business:

- Steve will be re-visiting with the Holmdel Tax assessor
- Members for the 2016 Council need to be canvased as several current members will not be returning next year

Close with Special prayer to ask for God’s assistance in finding Council Volunteers

Final close with the Lord’s Prayer

Minutes respectfully submitted by:

Garry Westerweller

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AROUND THE PARISH

by Gil Vatter

GOOD SHEPHERD - THE FRIENDLY CHURCH

1. Happy Birthday to *Debbie Blackburn, Kirsten and Kurt Mathisen, John Haher, Dick Alberti, Bunny Kuhl* and last, but not least, ME.

2. *Maureen Bartlett* made a sentimental journey back to the Seattle, Washington area in early September to retrace the steps of a climb up Mount Rainier, which she made with Richard 44 years ago. This time, however, she took a more modest approach to scaling the mountain.

There are three ways a man can wear his hair - parted - unparted and departed.

3. Please add *Lil and Mike DiPiazza* to your prayer list. Mike's mother died in early September - And God will wipe away all tears.

4. Guest Pastors for September - Rev. John Hansen, August 30, September 5 - Rev. Rachel Semovoski September 13 and 27 - Rev. Jim Jacob September 20.

I've learned that I love being a senior; it's the graduation I'm worried about. (Bill Wherli)

5. SUNDAY SCHOOL began a new season on Sunday September 20.

6. Your support for the **BAYSHORE LUNCH PROGRAM** continues to be strong. In August you contributed over 160 cans of food for the soup kitchen with a year to date total of more than 1,300 cans. Remember, a carton of corn costs only \$7.89 at Costco. That's just 66 cents a can. Remember your hungry neighbors when you shop for groceries each week.

England has no kidney bank, but it does have a Liverpool.

7. The Bayshore Lunch Program Sponsors Group has already provided more than \$2,600 through October to help feed hungry families in Monmouth County.

8. Spring is just now arriving for *Anne and Scott Medling* who are still in residence in Australia.

Ole and Sven found a mirror on the sidewalk. Ole picked it up and said, "I think I know this guy." Sven took it from Ole, looked at it and replied, "It's me, you idiot."

9. The sermon topic on Sunday September 6 was, "Our House is on Fire". The day was dedicated by the ELCA to confession, repentance and commitment to end racism.

10. Here's your October Mitzvah - Send a card to Joan and Bob Horlacher
39 Firethorn Circle
Red Bank, NJ 07701

Only in America - can a pizza get to your house faster than an ambulance.(Bill Wherli)

11. Everyone is cordially invited to attend choir rehearsal each Thursday evening at 7:30 in the Sanctuary. Try it - You'll like it.

12. *Pat and Brian Dunn* spent a week in Louisville, Kentucky in the middle of September.

How can a slim chance and a fat chance be the same, while a wise man and a wise guy are opposite?

13. The Creation Care Committee met on Sunday September 13 to discuss and implement the ELCA's statement on "Caring For Creation".

If teachers taught - why don't preachers praught?

14. The church has contributed \$500 to the COG "Back to School" outreach. If you wish to send a contribution to support this program, put it into the offering or send it to COG, PO Box 4041, Middleton, NJ 07748.

The Law of Variation - If you change lines at the store or in traffic, the one you were in will always move faster than the one you are in now.

15. Remember the Stetz family in your prayers. Randi's brother Anders recently died at the age of 94 in Norway. And God will wipe away all tears.

16. Talked with our former Pastor *Jack Elstad* last week. He reports that he and Ruth are doing OK. He sends his regards to everyone at Good Shepherd. He continues to do some supply preaching around the Toms River area.

Why doesn't Buick rhyme with quick?

17. *Diane Mathisen* celebrated her 40th high school reunion on the weekend of September 18.

18. *Colonel Dan Shrimpton* (Nancy Fitch's son), who has served in the U.S. Army for over 27 years, is still stationed at the Pentagon in Washington. He has been attending planning meetings at the War College in Carlyle, Pennsylvania, where the Army is meeting to prepare for future activities.

Old age is coming at a really bad time (Bill Theune)

19. Thanks and a tip of the Good Shepherd stetson to *Karen Rajala, Maureen Bartlett*, everyone who brought food and all who helped prepare and serve at the church picnic on Sunday September 20. As always, the food was great and the company was the same.

20. *Sue and Dick Alberti* took an October cruise to celebrate Dick's birthday.

Jack Benny said, "Age is strictly a case of mind over matter. If you don't mind, it doesn't matter." (Bill Wehrli)

21. *Andy Mathisen* was assigned to "Pope Patrol" with New Jersey Transit during the Pontiff's recent visit to New York.

22. *Randi Stetz* will host her niece from Norway during October.

The Past, the Present and the Future walked into a bar. It was tense. (Bunny Kuhl)

23. Pastor Rachel's children's sermon on Sunday September 27 was "You are the Salt of the Earth". Hope you didn't miss it.

24. *Maureen Bartlett* serves up a great cup of coffee after the service every Sunday. She calls it her "Good Shepherd blend. Thanks for your faithful service Maureen.

SEE YOU IN CHURCH NEXT SUNDAY

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HOSE WERE THE DAYS

by Gil Vatter

A continuing recap of activities at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church for almost fifty years.

October 9, 1950 - First Sunday School at newly organized Lutheran church meeting in Middletown.

December 1968 - Rockafellow Construction Company chosen as contractor for new church building on Holmdel property.

September 1973 - Parish ("pink") house garage conversion to much needed classrooms begins.

March 1976 - Communion for children in grade 5 was approved and implemented.

September 1978 - New Lutheran Book of Worship adopted - Good Shepherd choir selected as "demonstration choir" for this area.

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Love INC CELEBRATES 20 YEARS OF SERVICE

by Gil Vatter

Twenty years ago, a small group of concerned local people met around a kitchen table in Monmouth County to discuss how they could make difference in the lives of so many needy families struggling to survive. The resulting organization became Love INC (Love In the Name of Christ) and has become an important resource for those in need throughout the area. Much of the help to Love INC comes from 107 supporting churches and ministries around the county.

In 2014, for example, Love INC distributed \$523,506, a grand total of \$11,667,555 to Monmouth County citizens in the past 15 years. With 34 partnering agencies and organizations in the county. Love INC has supplied \$45,000 for shelter to individuals and families (Love INC Clearinghouse), \$6,069 in free furniture (Furnished with Love), \$4,5549 in supermarket gift cards, 44 free haircuts (Cuts for Christ), 4 cars for transportation needs (Wheels Appeal). 1086 persons received Christmas presents last year ((Christmas Connect Program), 258 elderly people were helped by "Caregiving Friends" and a total of 2,323 different adults and children were served.

The need is great and the requests for help are growing. You may help Love INC by sending a contribution to PO Box 847, Eatontown, NJ 07724 or go to loveincnj.org .

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GERMAN SCHOOL EXPANDS ACTIVITIES

by Gil Vatter

The German School of Monmouth County, based at Good Shepherd Church in Holmdel has recently expanded its activities by opening a second venue at the Rumson Country Day School in Rumson. Classes are being offered for students from Pre-K through 12 and began on September 30 from 4:00 pm to 4:55 pm. A 45 minute "music and movement" class is also being offered for babies, toddlers and their caregivers. More than 100 million people, world wide, communicate in German each day, according to officials of the school.

German School Principal Michaela Greco added, "the additional campus offers classes for very small group instruction on a weekly basis and fosters an openness to the world, which prepares our children for their role as global citizens. We are finding more families interested in exploring German as a preferred second language when applying for college and while exposing their children to another culture."

The German School of Monmouth County has been operating at Good Shepherd Church since 2007. For more information, visit www.germanschoolmc.org.

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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.

The 2015 - 2016 season for the choir began on Thursday September 10. The choir meets every Thursday evening at 7:30 in the sanctuary. Everyone is welcome to sing.

CHOIR ANTHEMS FOR SEPTEMBER

- September 13 - "Make Me A Channel of Your Peace" - M. Barnard
- September 20 - "Laudate, Praise the Lord" - M. Weston
- September 27 - "With a Voice of Singing" - Martin Shaw

ORGAN POSTLUDES

- August 30 - "Allegro Grazioso" - Robert Shuman
- September 6 - "A Joyous Alleluia" - T. Birchwood
- September 13 - "Minuet" - G. F. Handel
- September 20 - "Fanfare" - J. Lemmens
- September 27 - "Trumpet Voluntary" - W. Goodwin

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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.

	Aug 2015	YTD 2015	YTD Budget	YTD 2014
General Contributions	9,032	68,069	76,667	76,393

October 2015

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