

# *The Voice of the Good Shepherd*

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

## **Message from the Pastor**

Good things are happening at Good Shepherd!

We have had a wonderful Easter season that began with a good turnout and full house on Easter Sunday morning. That was right on the heels of a Holy Week where there was good attendance for the Palm Sunday, Maundy Thursday and Good Friday services.

Offerings continue to be regular and good and participation among worshippers for Sunday morning tasks, like Ushering and Greeters, etc. has increased. We also are doing good with Children's Church, which families seem to appreciate. Many of our youth have subsequently joined in to help Sunday mornings at worship, which is good too!. Many upgrades have or are being made, to keep the church building itself in good shape and our annual property day realized a good turnout with lots getting done to spruce things up.

Meanwhile, Good Shepherd continues to do good work to help those in need with support to the Community Outreach Group (C.O.G.) and the Bayshore Food Pantry. And our Creation Care Committee is actively seeking ways to encourage all to be good to the earth and its inhabitants.

In case you didn't notice, there are (unless I counted wrong) twelve times in which the word 'good' is used in the above paragraph. That is not a mistake but done to remind us of two things. One, obviously, is that there *are* many good things happening at the church. But secondly, and maybe more importantly, is to remind us all that God is at work doing good in the world and in our lives, as well as in our church. There is much that is good that we tend to overlook or take for granted. Or, the bad news we tend to dwell on can overshadow or drown out the good.

So in the days or weeks ahead, pause now and then to look for the good and give thanks to the God who brought good out of bad when he gave Jesus to forgive our sins and bring us to new life, just as when he raised Jesus from the dead.

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Minutes for Council Meeting, APR 11, 2016 - 7:00PM

- Members attending: John Crump (Treas), John Dall (Sec), Stephanie Dall (Vice Pres), Andy Mathisen (Pres), Pastor Pete, Bob Horlacher & Germaine Scarborough.
- Congregation Members are invited to participate, or simply observe

Andy Mathisen opened the meeting

Devotions - Pastor Pete – Recalled a quote about the church being a “member of the body of Christ” and in truth the church “is the body of Christ”. We should try to focus on this in our actions.

Approve April 11 Agenda, John D moved to approve and Bob H seconded

Approve March 14 Minutes, John D moved to approve and Bob H seconded

Approve March 31, 2016 Treas report (Stephanie Dall) Approved Feb 29, 2016 Treas report – Overall positive, the church is doing good financially thus far this year. One edit required was to name Karen Rajala as the contact for the Youth fund.

## COMMITTEE REPORTS

Pastor's report - Pastor Pete – all attendance is very good, candles are a real blessing, had bayshore tour with Gil & Patty Vatter, has been trying to help out the wellness group. Reaching out to the parents of confirmation candidates to seek participation and determine when would work best to meet.

Creation Care Environmental Committee (Nancy Fitch) – Members Diane Mathisen & Nancy Fitch gathered the

styrofoam recycled collected and delivered two car loads to the Holmdel Styrofoam collection on April 9. The committee is working with the Sunday school to explore certain insects having significant impact on the environment, such as the praying mantis, ladybugs and butterflies.

Social Ministry - COG (Nancy Fitch); Bayshore Lunch Program (Gil Vatter); Mike Carp – nothing reported.

Property - John Dall – A property day has been planned for April 30<sup>th</sup>. Fire system upgrade is progressing according to schedule.

Christian Education - Andy Mathisen – the new plan of having children attend part of service with parents has been received well.

Spiritual Renewal, OutReach, Evangelism (Evangelism-head is needed) - Germaine expressed interest in the and will look at the committee descriptions prior to accepting the post.

Publicity/Advertising- Karl Torjussen – nothing reported.

Mission Support (Stewardship)- Bob Horlacher - stressed the need to continue the growth of both giving and time commitment.

Fellowship - Ellen Tehve, fellowship Head, (replaced Debbie Blackburn). Committee members Kathe DaGaiu, Germaine Scarborough, Pattie Vatter - nothing reported.

Finance - Stephanie Dall; John Crump, Treas; Clem Hergenhan, Asst Treas – nothing noted outside of the report.

Worship and Music - Andy Mathisen – service attendance has been good.

RECENTLY RECEIVED COMMUNICATIONS: Andy Mathisen, President – nothing of note received.

## OLD BUSINESS

- The synod provided us with a report on our attendance and giving. They suggested an increase from 6% to 7% contribution to them. John Dall will look at our relative general contributions year over year to recommend if an increase, a decrease or a continuation of the current level should be made.
- Steve created a Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/goodshepherdus> to attract a younger population. Council and Congregation members must now visit, “like”, and populate with relevant stories, photos and video. Steve stressed that the council should at least “like” the page and all future church initiatives should be included on the page.
- Selection of committee heads - names of people who report to Council - see <http://www.good-shepherd.us/congregation.html>. The full list of committee’s and descriptions will be reviewed and those that require a council member to head will be identified and assigned a council member. Additionally, any possible consolidation of committees for council reporting purposes will be considered.
- Update the members of church committees.<http://www.good-shepherd.us/congregation.html> Committees are defined in ByLaws <http://www.good-shepherd.us/Documents-Processes/By-Laws/GS%20BYLAWS.pdf> , IV-section 1, pages 4-8. A few are ALSO defined in the new Constitution, <http://www.good-shepherd.us/Documents-Processes/constitution/constitution-final-copy-121215.pdf> page 18. (Executive; Property; Evangelism; Fellowship; Finance ; Audit (C13.03); Social Ministry; Stewardship; Worship & Music; Nominating (C13.02); Youth Ministries; Endowment; Staff Support; Mutual Ministry (C13.04); Memorial & Thanksgiving Fund; Steve Miller will check on the status of the Audit. The review of committees and members will include a listing of all the committee leads and discuss the relevance in light of reduced congregation membership over the years.
- Future church closing procedures and implementation (request at Congregation Meeting; placed on agenda by Pastor Pete) John Dall will formalize the procedure and agree at next meeting.

- Team (or persons) to work on update of By-Laws <http://www.good-shepherd.us/Documents-Processes/By-Laws/GS%20BYLAWS.pdf> (placed on agenda by Pastor Pete) The team will consist of all those in attendance at this meeting. Will begin this work by meeting after services on April 24<sup>th</sup>.
- Description of volunteer positions, to be provided with new member "welcome" material (request at Congregation Meeting; placed on agenda by Pastor Pete). Sources of committee descriptions::
  - 2012 Time&Talent (draft)
  - 2012 Visitors Booklet Insert doc ; pdf <http://www.good-shepherd.us/congregation-surveys-characteristics/2012-visitors-booklet-insert.doc>
  - 2013 Time & Talent Stewardship survey <http://www.good-shepherd.us/congregation-surveys-characteristics/2013-time-and-talent-survey.pdf>
  - ByLaws (committee descriptions on pages 4-8) <http://www.good-shepherd.us/Documents-Processes/By-Laws/GS%20BYLAWS.pdf>

NEW BUSINESS

- Bob Horlacher seeks council approval for the following: one ATT c184102 corded/cordless answering system & one ATT c180111 cordless telephone, to be ordered from Amazon.com with a total cost of \$85.00. - Bob agreed to make the purchase online and inquired as to how to receive the tax free treatment. John D motioned to approve purchase and Germaine seconded.
- Germaine Scarborough brought a few ideas to the council which were given consideration. While a couple of the suggestions were deemed problematic to pursue for one reason or another, one was decided to be worthy of further consideration. This suggestion consisted of holding a Sunday service at one of the care facilities where a member or member resides. The Pastor will look into this further on one of his upcoming scheduled visits and discuss if a partial representation of the congregation will be able to attend.

MEETING ADJOURNED with Lord's Prayer

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**AROUND THE PARISH**

by Gil Vatter

**GOOD SHEPHERD - THE FRIENDLY CHURCH**

1. March came in like a lion and the first Sunday in April had winds of 40 - 50 miles per hour, so where was the lamb? C'mon spring !!!

2. Happy birthday to *Anthony and Cole Alberti, Jeff Millwer, Hannah Oberkehr and Miae Park*

I don't know why some people change churches -----What difference does it make which one you stay home from ! (Bill Theune)

3. Happy anniversary to *Sue and Dick Alberti, Pat and Brian Dunn, Lou and Elaine Medici* and it'll be 63 years at the end of May for Patty and yours truly.

4. *The Social Ministry Committee* (accompanied by Pastor Pete) delivered 195 cans of food to the **BAYSHORE LUNCH PROGRAM** at the end of March. Also included was pasta, pasta sauce, rice, coffee and even another frozen turkey (thanks to the Mathisen family).

Ole - "Doctor Swensen, my foot hurts. Vat should I do?"  
Doctor Swenson - "Yust Limp".

5. Through the month of April, the Bayshore Lunch Program Sponsors donated over \$700 to the soup kitchen.

6. The Creation Care Committee provided us with "Six Things You Can Do About Climate Change" on Sunday April 3.

My friend's first job took him to China.  
During the Chinese New Year, I asked him why it was called the Year of the Pig.  
"I'm not sure", he wrote back. "A few months ago it was the Year of the Dog  
and I'm still writing Dog on all my checks."

7. *Debbie and John Blackburn and Deb and Pastor Pete* are expecting new grandchildren later this year. Congrats.

8. *The extended Tehve family* spent the week after Easter in Belize.

Ole - "Do you enjoy Kipling?"  
Sven - "I don't know. I've never kiplled."

9. In a post-Easter sermon, *Pastor Pete* mentioned that "Doubting Thomas" may have been from Missouri where the motto is : "Show me".

10. *Bill Wehrli* made his final flight home from Florida for this season on April 7. Before leaving, poor Bill was caught by a red light monitor camera in Boynton Beach and it cost him a bundle.

A man was telling his friend, "I just bought a new hearing aid."  
"It cost me a fortune but it's state of the art. It's perfect."  
"Really", replied his friend, "What kind is it?"  
"Twelve thirty." (Bill Wehrli)

11. Take note of the brand new Paschal candle on the altar.

12. Thanks and a tip of the Good Shepherd derby to *Nancy Hergenhan* and her Altar Guild colleagues who selected and obtained two new candles to enhance the altar.

You know you're going to have a bad day when you see a "60 Minutes" crew waiting in your office. (Bob Stetz)

13. Good news for *Janice Kraus*. Her cast was replaced with a "boot". She is still travelling around on her "skooter" but expects to see a change in about two more weeks.

14. I hope you take the opportunity to visit the Monmouth and Ocean County Food Bank with the Social Ministry Committee on May 5. If you want to go, be at the church parking lot before 9:30am.

Don't let your worries upset you;  
Remember, Moses started out as a basket case. (Bill Theune)

15. *Miae Park's* Spring Musical is scheduled for Sunday May 15 for the benefit of the Monmouth and Ocean County Food Bank. Check the bulletin for details.

16. *Germaine Scott* was in church on Sunday April 15 for the first time after a serious bout with pneumonia. Welcome back Germaine.

Advanced mathematics - 365.25 days of drinking low-calorie beer = 1 Lite year.

17. Congratulations to *Summer Howard* who made her debut as a Lay Reader on Sunday April 17. Great job, Summer.

18. *Bob Stetz* fell at a local bowling alley on Saturday April 23 and got a hairline fracture to his hip. He had surgery on Sunday April 24 and will begin rehab at once.

Please explain to me why women are OK with the fact that J. C. Penney has a line of clothes for older women called "Sag Harbor".

19. I don't know who began the custom of remaining seated in the sanctuary after the Sunday service to listen to Miae Park play her Postlude. It's like a wonderful mini-organ concert every Sunday.

20. Here's a late bulletin - - *Becky Bartlett* expects a baby girl in late May in San Francisco. Mom, *Maureen*, will be joining her for the happy occasion.

**SEE YOU IN CHURCH NEXT SUNDAY**

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**Lost and *Not* Found**

Over the past 6 months a few of us have unable to find these items.

- The 2x4 foot folding table from the narthex that is used to display the ceramic crèche during Adv3nt
- The iron kept in the sacristy
- The heavy weighted tape dispenser on Pat Dunn's desk

Does anyone know where they are??

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**THOSE WERE THE DAYS**

by Gil Vatter

December 15, 1968 - Groundbreaking for the new church began at Thompson School in Middletown and then moved to the new building site in Holmdel, where more than seventy people took part in a dedication ceremony during a blizzard-like snowstorm.

April 9, 1979 - A building Committee, chaired by Tom Powers and Pam Everett was appointed to move ahead with expansion of the church facilities.

October 3, 1982 - Anna Clock, a junior at the Princeton Theological Seminary began her fieldwork assignment at Good Shepherd.

September 10, 1986 - The Church Council voted to invite The Lincroft Center for Children to use our facilities while the Lincroft Unitarian Meeting House was being restored after a serious fire.

September 1, 1994 - Good Shepherd began a third Sunday morning service, a contemporary service at 9:30am on an experimental basis.

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## Good Shepherd Youth Recognition Scholarship

The Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd Memorial Fund will provide a \$500 one-time award toward tuition for qualified students who will be enrolled as an undergraduate in an accredited 2- or 4-year educational institution in the coming year. Candidates must have been actively involved previously in the worship, fellowship, or service life of Good Shepherd. It is recommended that the candidate demonstrate that he or she has performed at least 20 hours of volunteer activity, either at Good Shepherd or at another charitable institution. Exceptions will be considered with the recommendation of the Pastor.

The deadline for applying will be May 15 of each year.

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address \_\_\_\_\_ City/State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

School you are now attending \_\_\_\_\_

High School attended, if different \_\_\_\_\_ Date of HS graduation \_\_\_\_\_

School you plan to attend in the coming fall \_\_\_\_\_

Field of study, if decided \_\_\_\_\_

Describe affiliation with Good Shepherd and any volunteer activity \_\_\_\_\_

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Candidate must verify that he or she will pursue higher education in the coming fall. The award will be made to the educational institution on behalf of the student.

Please mail or deliver application to

Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd  
Memorial Scholarship  
PO Box 452 OR 112 Middletown Rd  
Holmdel, NJ 07733

I certify that the information given above is correct.

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Signature of Applicant

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Signature of Parent

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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.*

Choir Anthems

April 3 - "Hallelujah, Amen." - George F. Handel

April 10 - "Alleluia" - Wolfgang A. Mozart

April 17 - "The Lord is My Shepherd" - Alan Pote

April 24 - "Rejoice in the Lord" - Stan Pethel

Organ Postludes

April 3 - "March" - M. L. Williams

April 10 - "March" - H. Smart

April 17 - "Allegro" - Henry Purcell

April 24 - "Sing and Rejoice" - L. Smith

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**Free Sunday Afternoon Classical Music Concert  
at Holmdel Church, May 15**

Three teenage talented musicians, under the direction of Miae Park, will perform several classical compositions on Sunday, May 15 at The Lutheran Church of The Good Shepherd at 3:00.

Tommy Choi, age 18, on piano, of Holmdel High School, Kaylee Wang, age 16, on Flute, of High Technology High School/Julliard Pre-College and Jessica Hong, age 18, on Cello, of Holmdel High School/Julliard Pre-College will play selections from Weber, Chopin, Dvorak and Mozart.

The selections will include:

Weber's Piano Trio, Opus 63

Chopin's Ballade, Opus 23

Dvorak's Cello Concerto Op 104

Mozart's Flute Concerto, No. 2, K, 314

The director of the concert, Miae Park, is the organist and choir director at The Lutheran Church of The Good Shepherd.

The concert, which will last for about an hour, is free and open to the public. Attendees will be encouraged to make a free will offering which will be donated to The Food Bank of Monmouth and Ocean Counties. The Food Bank's mission is to alleviate hunger and build food security in Monmouth & Ocean County. The Food Bank began in 1984. They now have a 40,000 sq. ft. facility in Neptune, New Jersey. They envision Monmouth and Ocean Counties as a food source community where all people at all times have access to enough nutritious food to maintain an active and healthy life.

This is the 7th annual benefit concert at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church. In the previous concerts the free will offerings have been contributed to various relief funds such as Family Promise of Monmouth County, the Japanese Tsunami relief fund, the fund to build wells in Africa, and to local food pantries here in the Monmouth County area.

Refreshments will be served after the concert. 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





# May 2016

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