

The Voice of the Good Shepherd

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(our website good-shepherd.us)

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

Message from the Pastor

Buongiorno amici

That's Italian for 'hello my friends'. Just practicing for when Debbie and I go to Italy for two weeks. We will be leaving on Sept. 7 and returning home on Sept. 22. Our old friend, Pastor Jack Elstad, will be here on the first Sunday I'm away and Pastor Rachel is covering the second. I know you will welcome them both warmly. (I also have arranged for Pastor Dean Brown from Holy Trinity, Red Bank to be on call the first week and Pastor Rachel will do so the second. Their phone numbers will be in the bulletin and on the phone message while I'm away.)

Going to Italy, starting with Rome, will be exciting and we're looking forward to the beauty, the artwork and the sites, the history, the people and, of course, the food! We've never been there so this all will be a new experience. Traveling to any new place brings all those kinds of exciting things into play as one experiences the uniqueness of an area of the country or the world.

But going there will inevitably give me pause to also think about God and the bigger picture, so to speak. There is history there, not only of the Roman empire, but also of Christianity in its youth when the apostle Paul helped start a church in that city and it was where early Christians were martyred, sometimes just for entertainment. The history of the growth of the church made the city of Rome its capital until the Reformation diffused that, although many still consider it the hub of the western church.

And there will be more places to see besides Rome. Sorrento, Florence, Venice, and more are on our busy schedule.

Traveling to other lands and meeting other people reminds one of the fact that our Creator made a great big world, with many gifts throughout and many different people whom God cares for and who care for him in return. It is, however, ironic and a bit sad that, in the land where the church rose to power and prevalence, people seldom go to church any more for worship.

So will be lots to think about and then share with you all when we get back.

Until then,...arrivederci, and peace be with you.

Pastor

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Our annual Fall Picnic this year is on September 25th immediately following church services. There is a signup sheet in the church entrance to let us know how many people will be attending. Our grill master John Dall will be cooking up the burgers and dogs. Germaine's stuffed shells are also on the menu. If you are able to donate anything that would be wonderful. We are looking for volunteers to help set up on Friday September 24th after 1pm. If you are available to help set up or have any questions, please email or call Germaine.

Gmscarborough@optonline.net (732) 233-7904

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HOLD THAT DATE – Just hear those sleigh bells jing-a-ling, ring-ting-ting-a-ling too.....yes it's early but our annual Christmas Party will be on Sunday December 11 at 5PM at Good Shepherd!!!!

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OTHER CONGREGATION NEWS – from Pastor Pete

On Saturday, Sept. 17 Faith Lutheran Church in New Providence will be hosting a program titled 'Getting Prepared for 500 Years of Reformation Then and Now. This program is for lay persons as well as clergy and NJ Bishop, Tracy Bartholomew will be leading morning worship. The guest speaker will be Dr. Timothy Wengert from the Lutheran Theological Seminary in Philadelphia (Pastor

had him in school and he is very good!) The program will be approximately from 9 - 3 pm and the \$20 fee includes lunch with a musical presentation from that church's Minister of Music during the lunch hour.

Individual registration forms (in blue) will be in the Narthex hallway at Good Shepherd

Faith Lutheran Church in New Providence is also hosting Holocaust Symposium on two successive Saturdays - Oct 8 & 15.

Each gathering will run from 9am - noon with Rev. Dr. Mac MacPherson, Pastor of Faith, presenting. Cost is \$20 for both days

Faith will also be sponsoring an overnight trip to Wash. D.C. to visit the Holocaust Museum. Cost is \$220 and will include visit to the museum, dinner, a tour of Washington by night and overnight accommodations at the Holiday Inn Rosslyn at Key Bridge. Those going to the Saturday events will be given priority for this trip should it fill up.

Registration forms (tan colored) will also be in Good Shepherd Narthex hallway.

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At the Council meeting on Aug. 29, the resignation from Council of Bob Horlacher was accepted with regrets. Bob has served faithfully on Council since the start of this year. We thank Bob for his service and count on his continued contribution to Good Shepherd in the many other ways he is involved.

Thanks, Bob!

PS; if anyone would like to jump on board and get involved to take his place, it's really only one meeting a month.

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AROUND THE PARISH

by Gil Vatter

GOOD SHEPHERD - THE FRIENDLY CHURCH

1. Happy birthday to *Debbie Blackburn* and former Pastor *Jack Elstad*.

2. Happy wedding anniversary to *Ellen and Tom Tehve, and Gayle and Bud McKnight* (53rd).

I've learned that optimists live longer than pessimists. That's why I'm an optimist. (Bill Wehrli)

3. You brought more than 260 cans of food to church during the month of July and Patty and I have delivered over 1,120 cans of food to the **Bayshore Lunch Program** in Keyport through July. Thanks also for all the "extras you also donated. The trunk of the old Buick was jammed. In fact, for the first time, we made two trips.

4. The *BLP Sponsors Project* has provided over \$2,100 to the food kitchen so far this year. Are you a "SPONSOR"?

Lena - "Look at these old clothes I have to wear. If anyone came to our house they'd think I was your cook."
Ole - "Not if they stayed for dinner."

5. *Pat and Steve Miller* recently enjoyed a cruise to the Montreal, Canada area.

6. We were happy to see *Kirsten Mathisen* who worshiped with us on Sunday August 7. Come back soon, Kirsten.

Sven - "Ole, why did you leave your last Yob?"
Ole - "It was someting da boss said."
Sven - "What did he say?"
Ole - **Yer fired.**"

7. *Dick Alberti* has recovered from his fall and seems to be mending well. He was in church on Sunday August 7.

8. *Trudy Miller* continues physical therapy for her fractured right wrist, so her career with the Philadelphia Eagles is still on hold.

The first five days after the weekend are the hardest.

9. *Anne and Scott Medling* have returned from several years working in Australia and are now back in California. Anne is doing research at Cal Tech and Scott is teaching Physics.

10. *Joan and Bob Horlacher* are looking forward to the coming Penn State football season. Go Lions.

Last year I joined a support group for procrastinators. We haven't met yet. (Bill Theune)

11. Can't cope with hot weather? - Every Sunday this summer it has been hot outside but cool and comfortable inside our church on Sunday mornings. - Join us and cool off.

12. *Diane and Andy Mathisen* attended the International Sons of Norway Conference in Tacoma, Washington, August 24 to 28.

Ole - "Hey, Sven. Good news! Lena got 8 out of 10 on her driver's test.....the other 2 guys managed to yump out of da way."

13. ***Choir practice begins on Thursday September 8 at 7:30 pm. Everyone is invited to sing.***

14. The annual Good Shepherd congregation picnic is scheduled for Sunday September 25 after the regular service. Mark your calendar.

BAN PRE-SHREDDED CHEESE....MAKE AMERICA GRATE AGAIN !

15. *Amanda Westerweller* will be teaching Biology at Holmdel High School come September. Sister *Liz Westerweller* is still teaching in South River, New Jersey.

16. Thanks and a tip of the Good Shepherd fez to ***the Church Council*** who provided \$500 to the COG "Back - to - School Outreach Program".

I hate it when some people use big words just to make themselves sound perspicacious.

17. *Trudy and Charlie Miller* had a "Gathering of the Clan" at Good Shepherd for the Sunday service of August 21. There were seven Millers in attendance.

18. On Sunday August *Pastor Pete* used a list of "Seven Reasons it's a Bad Time" as the basis of his homily.

1. I don't have time.
2. I can't afford it.
3. I can't be bothered.
4. It's their own fault.
5. I don't know them.
6. I'd be a fool/sucker.
7. God wouldn't want that.

Always hold the door open for a clown.....It's a nice jester.

19. Look at the tans on *Doreen and Glen Hoffman* who spent time in August on the beach.

20. *Pastor Pete* outdid himself to begin his sermon on Sunday August 28. He moved four chairs in front of the altar and laid down on them to illustrate his homily, "It's All About Me." I hope you didn't miss it.

SEE YOU IN CHURCH NEXT SUNDAY

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THOSE WERE THE DAYS

by Gil Vatter

September 14, 1969 - Four hundred and twenty nine people, including officials from both Holmdel Township and Middletown Township, were present for the two services of dedication of the new Good Shepherd Church building.

June 1977 - Pastor George Frank attended a ten day "Word and Witness" seminar at Wagner College, which was later developed into a two year course of study for eight members of the congregation, taught by Pastor Frank.

June 1983 - Robert Murphy became organist and choir master and Susan Nagel became the first seminarian/intern at Good Shepherd.

September 1988 - Good Shepherd Church joined with other area churches in a Community Outreach Group, which supported a Thrift Shop and various other ministries in the area as well as Lunch Break, a food kitchen in Red Bank.

August 1, 2000 - Miae Park became Minister of Music, replacing Carol Henderson, who relocated to Virginia.

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**Calico Cat Food Pantry & Cupboard
Back To School Outreach
Sept 2016
By Nancy Fitch**

For the past 20 years the Calico Cat Food Pantry and Cupboard has provided help to their families who have school age children by providing a *Payless Shoe* certificate for new shoes, an *Old Navy/Target* certificate for a new outfit and giving them new underwear, socks and school supplies. This is a much appreciated gift by the families.

Good Shepherd is one of ten church members of the Community Outreach Group (COG) that sponsors the Calico Cat Thrift Shop, Food Pantry, Cupboard and Emergency Assistance Fund. This year our council has voted to provide a \$500 contribution to this School Outreach Program.

If you would like to help with an individual contribution see details below. Please note that COG receives special discounts through *Payless Shoe Store* and *Old Navy* when COG purchases gift certificates through their corporate headquarters.

Please make checks payable to:
C.O.G., Inc., P.O. Box 4041, Middletown 07748
Please mark your check as: "Back To School"
and include your church affiliation so COG can
include donations by church name and donor.

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