

The Voice of the Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd

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

March 2017

Message from the Pastor

So here it comes again - the Season of Lent.

It begins with Ash Wednesday and runs 40 days (excluding Sundays) until we reach the culmination and pinnacle of the whole Christian year on Easter morning.

Many people don't care for Lent due to its emphasis on recognizing and admitting our sinfulness as well as the austerity of the season (many Christians don't even observe it). It certainly is not the 'feel good' time of year that so many secular and cultural aspects of our lives seem to want to promote. Once again, the practice of the Christian faith is out of step with the world around it. So be it.

But maybe we can put a more positive and practical twist on this time of somber reflection. Since spring is also just upon us, perhaps we can liken Lent to the concept of '*spring cleaning*'. That is something we know is a good practice because we do an inventory of things and get rid of that which is no longer any use to or good for us. A time when we dust off or mend what is good and worthy to use in the year ahead. *Spring cleaning* involves thought and introspection to what is actually helpful to us and what is not. So it can be with Lent too.

It can be a time when we do some thoughtful introspection,...not on what's in the shed or the closet,... but on ourselves and what's in our hearts and souls. A time when we can inventory where we have done wrong to God and/or others by the actions we've taken as well as inaction when we should have done something. When we can take more responsibility and say we're sorry or try to mend broken relationships. When we can venture out of our comfort zones to do more to lend a hand to those who could use our help.

As we journey with Jesus and his followers through this season on the way to the cross, let us employ the concepts of Lent within ourselves as a sort of 'spring cleaning' to help us get ready for the year ahead. To right wrongs, to move us from where we are to where God wants us to be, to help bring good out of what's bad. In the end, the world will not only be better off, but so will we and we'll 'feel good' for having done it too!

Pastor

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Next month the Church of the Good Shepherd in Holmdel, New Jersey will have been bringing the good news of Jesus Christ and fostering the positive effects of our faith to the world for 50 years! So to recognize that and to honor all those who helped to make that happen and, most importantly, to give thanks to God, we will be having an **anniversary celebration on Sunday, April 30th**.

The event will coincide with our worship service that morning as NJ Synod Bishop Tracy Bartholomew will be honoring us with her presence as guest preacher.

Also, at this point we know that Pastor George Frank and Lois will be joining us for that special day as will Pastor Jack Elstad and Ruth. The congregation is encouraged to invite any past members who might want to come be with us as well as any non-member friends and neighbors who would like to be part of that special day. Immediately following worship we will be having a luncheon in Frank Hall and there will be lots of memorabilia to enjoy too. It should be quite a day!

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If you wish to purchase Easter Lilies, please sign up in the narthex, or call Nancy Hergenhan 732-224-8808 or email nancyh@comcast.net. Last day to sign up is April 9. Price is the same as last year, \$15.

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AROUND THE PARISH

by Gil Vatter

GOOD SHEPHERD - THE FRIENDLY CHURCH

1. HAPPY BIRTHDAY to *Lionel Burton* (Jo Ellen Miller Burton's son and Pat and Steve Miller's grandson) who is four years old, former member *Dick Havill* and *Garry Westerweller*. Have a wonderful birthday.

2. Year to date, the congregation has brought 475 cans of food and a lot of other badly needed items to church for the BAYSHORE LUNCH PROGRAM, food for our hungry neighbors. Thanks for caring.

I've learned that it doesn't cost anything to be nice. (Bill Wehrli)

3. The SouperBowl of Caring, which collected funds for local charities during February, will send \$230, split three ways to COG's Middletown pantry, Lunch Break in Red Bank and the Bayshore Lunch Program in Keyport.

4. Good Shepherd Church has again agreed to provide home cleaning supplies and personal items for the Calico Cat Evening Food Pantry for the month of June. The pantry supports low income families. Check the Sunday bulletin for details.

Ole - "Is this bag of insecticide good for ants?"

Salesman - "No. It'll kill 'em." (Bob Stetz)

5. Confirmation preparation classes began at Good Shepherd on Sunday February 5 as a cooperative venture with King of Kings Church.

6. MARK YOUR CALENDAR - GOOD SHEPHERD'S 50TH ANNIVERSARY IS SCHEDULED FOR SUNDAY APRIL 30.

Lena - "Waiter, what's this thing in my soup?"

Waiter - "Don't ask me, I don't know a thing about bugs."

7. The Community Outreach Group (COG) has acknowledged Good Shepherd's January gift of \$1,500.

8. *Maureen Bartlett* postponed her planned visit to see her granddaughter in San Francisco because of a bad case of the flu.

Ole says, "You know you're getting old when your knees buckle but your belt won't."

9. *Andy Mathisen* celebrated his recent birthday with his daughter Kirsten (and, of course, wife Diane) in Baltimore, Maryland, where Kirsten now lives and works.

10. The Ladies Luncheon Group meets monthly for fun and fellowship. Check the Sunday bulletin for details.

I changed my password to "INCORRECT" so whenever I forget it, the computer will say, "Your password is incorrect." (Bill Wehrli)

11. On Sunday February 12, *Pastor Pete* challenged us with an "equation" in "new math", Religion = Following God's Rules, with a new equation, Religion = Following God

12. *Bill Wehrli* was home from Florida for a week in February but returned again, ironically, the day before our latest snow storm. What a lucky duck.

If you jumped off a bridge in Paris, would you be in Seine?

13. *Pastor Pete* led a worship service at the Willows on Sunday February 12 and will lead a service there every month. All are invited to attend.

14. The annual AUDIT of the church's financial records was done on Wednesday February 22. Happy to announce that everything is in good order.

A recent study has found that women who carry a little extra weight live longer than the men who mention it.

15. NEWS BULLETIN - *Miae Park* will present her eighth annual spring concert on Sunday afternoon, May 21 - Save the date!!!!

16. ASH WEDNESDAY falls on March 1 this year - Good Shepherd will offer two services - 11 am and 7 pm.

Two hydrogen atoms met and one said, "I've lost my electron."
The other said, "Are you sure?"
The first said, "Yes, I'm positive."

ANOTHER LATE NEWS FLASH - LOIS AND GEORGE FRANK WILL ATTEND GOOD SHEPHERD'S 50TH ANNIVERSARY. RUTH AND PASTOR JACK ALSO EXPECT TO BE THERE.

SEE YOU IN CHURCH NEXT SUNDAY



Charter Members -

Below is a list of the original Charter Members of Good Shepherd from 50 years ago. As part of our effort to include as many people from that era as possible, I am sending you their names in hopes that some of you may know the whereabouts of a few of these folks so we can invite them to our anniversary celebration. I have been in touch with 'Polly Everett', but otherwise I will have to depend on all of you to help us contact anyone who might possibly be willing and/or able to come. I know not all of them are still with us here on earth, but for those who are, please take it upon yourself to invite them to that special day for worship and the luncheon to follow.

If you'd rather I make the contact, please let me know an address or phone number or email to do that.

Thanks! Pastor

Mr. Carl F. Ahlers
Mrs. Arlene M. Ahlers
Mr. Edwin B. Anderson
Mrs. Loretta Anderson
Mr. Austin G. Christiansen
Mrs. Gertrude Christiansen
Mr. Frank Csulak
Mrs. Ines Csulak
Mr. George H. Durar, Jr
Mrs. Jean Adele Durar
Mr. George H. Durar, III
Mr. Morris Everett
Mrs. Polly M. Everett
Mr. George Eyrish
Mrs. Edna Eyrich
Mr. George W. Eyrich
Miss Medora Eyrich
Mr. William D. Feathers
Mrs. Marian Feathers
Miss Leslie Feathers
The Rev. George J. Frank Jr.
Mrs. Lois Frank
Mr. Robert J. Fulmer
Mrs. Judith A. Fulmer
Mr. Webber H. Glidden
Mrs. Patricia A. Glidden
Mrs. Erika Hammett

Mr. Gustave Herman
Mrs. Anna R. Herman
Miss Arlene Herman
Mr. Alan Herman
Mr. Charles Hofreiter
Mrs. Edna Hofreiter
Miss Judith Hofreiter
Miss Linda Hofreiter
Mr. Robert L. Horlacher
Mrs. Joan Horlacher
Mr. Rudolph Huben
Mrs. Rose M. Huben
Mr. Walter A. Keyl
Mrs. Gloria Keyl
Mrs. Edith B. Kibler
Dr. Edmund T. Klemmer
Mrs. Ruth R. Klemmer
Mr. Albert H. Kooistra
Mrs. Marvelene Kooistra
Mr. Herbert L. Kukasch
Mrs. Ellen R. Kukasch
Mr. Harold G. Lenz
Mrs. Trudi Lenz
Mr. Thomas E. Lindsay
Mr. Russell M. Logan
Mrs. Ardeth B. Logan
Mr. Lars Lonquist

Mrs. Vivian C. Lonquist
Mrs. Judith McConnell
Mr. Steven M. Moodie
Mrs. Audrey Moodie
Miss Sheila Moodie
Mr. William D. Moore
Mrs. G. Ann Moore
Mr. Samuel M. Price
Mrs. Doris R. Price
Dr. Douglas O. Reudnick
Mrs. Jamie K. Reudnick
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Mrs. Sonja Romeiser
Mr. George A. Scharg
Mrs. Doris Scharg
Mr. Jerry W. Shrimpton
Mrs. Nancy W. Shrimpton
Mr. Robert Stava
Mrs. Elke P. Stava
Mrs. Marlene H. Sullivan
Mr. Tarmo Tammaru
Mr. Walter Tetschner
Mrs. Carolyn Tetschner
Mr. Philip Upchurch, Jr.
Mrs. Ann Upchurch
Mr. Theadore Zitzmann
Mrs. May Zitzmann



Minutes for Council Meeting, Monday February 13, 2017 - 6:30PM

- Member attending: John Crump (Treas), John Dall (Sec), Stephanie Dall (Vice Pres), Clem Hergenhan, Andy Mathisen(Pres), Steve Miller, & Pastor Pete.
- Congregation Members are invited to participate, or simply observe –Nancy Fitch and Diane Mathisen attended.

Andy Mathisen opened the meeting.

Devotions - Pastor Pete – a handout was provided which was read responsively by Pastor and all.

Approved February 13th Agenda – SD moved, JD seconded.

Approved Jan 9 Minutes - JC moved, SD seconded.

Approved January 31, 2017 Treas report (Stephanie Dall) - JD moved, CH seconded.

Pastor's report – Confirmation classes are going well with The Good Shepherd hosting for the next 4 months. The service at the Willows has resumed and attendance is good. He continues to stay in touch with those that are ill and cannot come to church.

Outreach reports – April 1st Holmdel will hold their polystyrene collection. Nancy Fitch – will be providing handouts on organic sources of food.

Property - John Dall – Pink House demolition plans are progressing. The large tree in front has been removed. Regular maintenance is being handled by Steve and John.

Christian Education - Andy Mathisen – The children have been involved with the “souper bowl of caring” drive.

Finance & Stewardship – John Crump, Stephanie Dall – All is good.

Worship and Music – Andy Mathisen – Choir now consists of a core group of 9. They are still exploring a possible bell choir if there is interest. Several new helpers have been added to worship.

OLD BUSINESS

- Clem has agreed to work on updating the By-Laws <http://www.good-shepherd.us/Documents-Processes/By-Laws/GS%20BYLAWS.pdf>

NEW BUSINESS

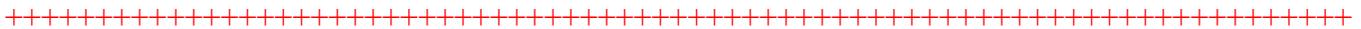
- Andy Mathisen – Review plans for 50th Anniversary. Diane Mathisen recounted the 45th Anniversary celebration as a start for some ideas. Steve showed a short video of some of the speakers at that event. A potential theme could be “The Church Past/Present & Future”. The committee is currently Andy, Diane, Stephanie & Pastor. They will meet after service on Feb 19th to begin planning. Anyone interested in helping should reach out to one of them.
- Pastor Pete – Discuss potential Landscape improvements. He wished to revisit earlier talks of cleaning up the appearance by removing some shrubs, fixing entrance walkway and railroad ties as a start. Clem mentioned that he would like a portion of Nancy and his previous donation following the sale of his business, which is not yet earmarked to be used for this work and also some funds for the 45th Anniversary.
- Stephanie Dall – Confirm council positions for the upcoming year. Steve will assume the Secretary role from John D starting with the next council meeting. All other positions will remain the same.
- John Dall – Discuss handover of Germaine Scarboroughs Outreach responsibilities. Steve Miller will head Creation Care, Clem Hergenhan will head Social Ministry and Sue Alberti has agreed to assume the responsibilities of Evangelism by sending cards to the sick.
- Nancy Fitch – Discuss planning of a creation care “organic source” luncheon (timing, date etc.). Nancy explained that the committee would like to plan a date for showing an instructional movie and also serving something light to eat. Possibly in late summer or early fall where some organic vegetables would be available to serve. The council will see what date would work best and get back to her.

- Steve Miller – ensure church calendar is kept up to date. It was agreed that the calendar will now only be located on the bulletin board in the hallway to Frank Hall. The calendar in the secretary office will be removed to avoid confusion.
- Clem Hergenhan – wanted to elicit a request for more ideas for the Voice. Maybe some articles that people have come across of interest. Perhaps if the technology can support some photos of church events could be included. Steve will investigate.
- Clem Hergenhan – stated that the audit of the church records needs to take place and volunteered to take Walter Keyl’s spot along with Gil Vatter. He said that the process should be looked at to see if there are any improvements that can be made. A date was set to have the audit in the next couple of weeks.

MEETING ADJOURNED with Lord’s Prayer

Next meeting will be on March 6th at 6:30pm.

Minutes were prepared by John Dall.



COG (Community Outreach Group) from Nancy Fitch
 March Collection for June 2017 Contribution

Good Shepherd has again assumed responsibility for providing cleaning and personal care items to the Calico Cat Evening Food Pantry this June. The Pantry supports working low income families and every month gives a variety of items (NOT covered by food stamps) to each family.

The complete list for June includes toilet paper, dish detergent, laundry detergent, tissues, plastic wrap, liquid kitchen/bathroom cleaner, shampoo, toothpaste and bath soap. In the coming months do watch for sales on these items.

To avoid asking for all 9 items in May and June we will be collecting 2 or 3 items each month. We start with lighter weight and smaller items to aid storage concerns. This March we are requesting the congregation to provide –

- 25 bottles shampoo
- 28 bottles dish detergent

The following items are still needed from our February collection:

- 44 tubes of toothpaste
- 55 boxes of tissues
- 26 boxes of plastic wrap

Please leave your donations in the red bucket marked COG in the narthex. Many thanks!!



How big is our *Voice*

Sorry, no, this isn’t about how loud we are. I have recently run into some problems with sending large emails through some email providers. When that happens the email may get bounced back to me or just disappear. So now I’m worried that may happen to the Voice, especially when I try to include pictures. If you don’t get the Voice (you should get it around the first week of each month) or you get some version that doesn’t look right, please send me an email and let me know what’s up. Thanks..... clemhergenhan@gmail.com



THE CHURCH CALENDAR - from Pastor

At Council meeting, the subject of the office calendar came up. Since we don't have the church office open on a regular basis anymore, Joan and I decided to post the church calendar on the bulletin board right outside the office. This way, if anyone (during the week or when the office is not open) wants to enter something, they can easily do so. This works for Little Chiefs, the German school and anyone else not here on a Sunday. So while we told those groups, we just realized that this was not conveyed to the general congregation yet. So there it is and now you know.



THOSE WERE THE DAYS

by Gil Vatter

May 23, 1967 - Good Shepherd Church officially received by the New Jersey Synod at the annual synod convention at Ocean City, N.J.

February 24, 1980 - A second service was begun at 8:15 am on a trial basis during Lent.

September 1986 - A worship enhancement program was approved by the congregation, including renovation of the choir and chancel areas, new carpeting, new seating and a new organ.

April 1994 - The Rev. Jean Vargo was called by the congregation to be Assistant Pastor for a one year period.

August 2007 - 30 children attended Vacation Bible School at Good Shepherd.

December 2007 - Final meal served by Good Shepherd volunteers at Saint Mark's Kitchen in Keansburg. Saint Mark's "Sponsors" program organized.



A FEW NOTES FROM THE CHOIR

by Gil Vatter

O sing to the Lord a new song, for He has done marvelous things.

February Anthems

February 5 - "Arise, Behold the Light" - Michael Burkhardt

February 12 - "Sing a New Song" - Natalie Sleeth

February 19 - "We Rejoice in All Your Ways" - Vicki Bedford

February 26 - "In the Beauty of Your Presence" - John Parker

February Postludes

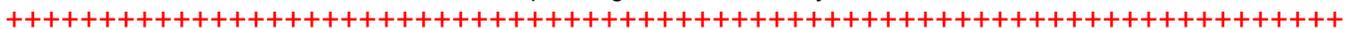
February 5 - "Mosso Moderato" - V. Engel

February 12 - "Fugue" - William Selby

February 19 - "Trumpet Voluntary" - John Travers

February 26 - "Solemn Processional" - George F. Handel

- The choir congratulates Soprano Pat Miller for participating in the February 26 concert by the Monmouth Civic Chorus.
- Bass Bill Wehrli is spending the winter in Boynton Beach, Florida.



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FURTHER INFORMATION:

Poster on Easel in Narthex

Handout on narthex table (beside the poster)

On-line: <http://good-shepherd.us/solar/2017-feb21-electric-discussion1.doc>

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(Good Shepherd Council Secretary, Property Committee and Creation Care Committee)

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March 2017

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