

The Staff

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Our Mission: To equip God's people for ministry with a vision to share God's Word



One of the things I enjoy doing at home is cooking. My favorites are meats, seafood, and marinades. I love finding new recipes to try out. Recipes are usually easy to follow and no big deal. But I was working with a new one and everything was going well – a cup of this, a teaspoon of that. Then it happened! The last instruction in the recipe was “season to taste.”

Now I was in trouble. Season what? With what? To what taste? How many tablespoons are in a taste? Do I season with salt and pepper or garlic? I could follow the recipe well enough. I could add cups and tablespoons. Those are things I can measure and count. I don't have any trouble adding oregano, butter, milk, flour, or red pepper. “Add two tablespoons of butter,” is clear and concise. But “season to taste” makes me nervous.

We all like to follow directions. They make us feel safe and confident in what we're doing. They are neat and tidy. How nice it would be if everything were like that in our lives. It would be nice to be able to go over to the book shelf and take down a book of recipes for parenting. There we could find directions on “How to raise happy, confident, honest, and respectful children.” How wonderful it would be to have a recipe for dealing with teenagers or how to make your spouse more loving and supportive.

“COOKBOOK DISCIPLESHIP”

There would also be recipes for dealing with friends and co-workers. In these magical cookbooks there would always be clear instructions. And nowhere would we be advised to “season to taste.”

Wouldn't it be nice to have a cookbook for our Christian faith, too? We could find lists of specific ingredients that would tell us how to please God and win his favor. Do this twice each day. Say a kind word to a stranger once a week. Add morning and evening prayers and mix well. We could be sure that we were pleasing God. Plus, we wouldn't have to put in more than what was called for in the recipe. We could save all the rest to use as we please. “Lord, how many times should I forgive my brother? Seven times?” Show me the recipe.

As the children of God and disciples of Christ, we must realize that we cannot measure our life of discipleship in a measuring cup. We cannot serve God with part of ourselves and keep the rest for our private use. We cannot turn our lives lived in grace into a system of rules and regulations. You see, the Christian life is not, and has never been, a matter of *doing* something. Rather, it has always been about *becoming* something. It all began in the gracious water of our baptism when our old way of being was drowned and a new life in Christ was begun.

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Faith and discipleship are not rules and recipes to follow in order to get God to love us and grace us. Faithful lives that are pleasing to God are the ones that are lived caring for others as we love the Lord God with all our hearts, minds, souls, and loving our neighbor as ourselves. As we are transformed by the renewing of our minds, we have the same mind that was also in Christ Jesus.

Recipes are good and have their place, but serving God is not following a recipe. It is following and serving a person – Jesus Christ who has joined himself to us with limitless love, forgiveness, and grace. Lives lived in Him season the lives of others.

We are to “season to taste” the lives of those around us as we live as the “salt of the earth.”

So many are living tasteless lives. So many people are starving for the “Bread of Life” Who alone can satisfy the hunger of a dying world.

I am so grateful to God for so many of you here at Good Shepherd who are eager to live those seasoned lives. Let us all pray that together we might be empowered by the Holy Spirit to carry out a discipleship that has been richly “seasoned to taste” by the real and active love of Christ our Lord.

Always in Christ,

Pastor Bill Qualman

Letter from the Chairperson

Uncover Your “Sweet Spot”



Do you ever feel like you're not living the life meant for you? If so, you're not alone. Many of us wonder if we are really doing what we should be doing. Am I in the right job? Did I select the right major in school? Should I have pursued my dancing or acting career? Should I really have gotten married and had children? Let's take a moment and talk about your gifts.

You were given gifts. You came pre-packed with uniqueness, talents, and a purpose meant to serve. God created us each as individuals with those gifts and talents. Some of those we use, and quite successfully. Some of them we let grow dormant, but they are still there. Sometimes we even call them “hidden talents.” You may think they were hidden from you and others, but they were not hidden from God. He knows what He gave you, and He encourages you to use them to their fullest potential.

When you live in a way that exposes your uniqueness and uses your talents in that purpose, you're living in your “sweet spot” – that zone where everything goes just right. Have you ever experienced a day, or month, or even a year, when you felt everything goes just right? Did you ever

reflect on that time and ask yourself *why* it went right? If you did, you would see that you were using the gifts and talents God presented to you to their fullest potential.

If you are like 87% of workers, however, you haven't found the “sweet spot,” or maybe you're one of the 80% of people who feel their talents are unused. You are confused, maybe unhappy. You feel your days are routine and there is no longer a passion for what you do. Maybe there has never been a passion.

I invite you – God invites you – to live in your sweet spot and have the life you've always wanted. Come on a journey to discover your “sweet spot.” Look at the strengths you possess, topics you enjoy, optimal conditions you thrive in, and relationships you share with others. When you combine them in the right fashion, you arrive at the moment when you realize “this is what I'm meant to do.” If you have not walked through the Spiritual Gifts workshop, maybe you can do so the next time it's offered. If you have not participated in a Bible study recently, maybe you need to do so. Let God help you unwrap your gifts. Listen to Him and let Him help you find *your* “sweet spot.”

Beth Meyer

Don's Doodles



Don's Doodles *New Addition*

No it is not a baby!! However it is almost as important. Marie Bergfeldt has joined the Good Shepherd Staff as our new Administrative Assistant. At this writing she is starting her third week and already she has begun to get the office organized. In just two weeks Marie has clearly shown that she is going to be a blessing to the operation of the office as well as making life easier for Pastor and myself. She has many ideas that I find exciting, and I look forward to her developing and then implementing them. I would ask each of you to welcome her and encourage her as she takes on this extremely important and sometimes difficult undertaking. Please keep her in your prayers. In addition to all her daily responsibilities, she will have to keep Pastor and myself in line. No small undertaking. Welcome Marie and may God Bless you and your ministry at Good Shepherd.

Your Assistance Needed

A letter has been sent to the members of Good Shepherd. In the letter is an information form. The purpose of this form is to update our database. So much of what we do here at Good Shepherd is influenced or even dependant on good, up-to-date information about our families and individuals. Over the years, that database has suffered and is currently not as complete as it should be. Marie and I hope and pray that each member, regardless if you have been a long time member or have just joined us, will assist us by filling this form out and returning it to the office. If you are not a member, we would still like to have your information so that we can keep you as involved as you would like to be. If anyone has any questions, please contact Marie or myself and we will be glad to assist you.

Your Co-worker for Christ,
Don Cousens
Coordinator of Lay Ministry



New Sexton

Meet Our New Sexton, Frank!

If you're here during the week between the hours of 8 am and noon, be sure to stop by and say "Hi" to our new sexton, Frank Lylo. A welder by trade, Frank joins us after recently retiring from 30 years at General Motors. A native New Jerseyian with his wife Adrian of 37 years, he has 2 daughters, and 2 grandsons

here in NJ. Frank likes to hunt, fish, ride bikes, and has been a member of the Elks for 25 years. They are members of St. Gabriel's church in Marlboro.



From the Alleys

Do you enjoy a challenge?
Do you like knocking things down? Are you lifted up and encouraged by fun and fellowship

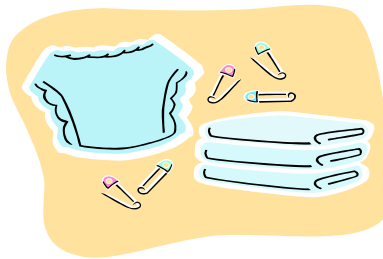
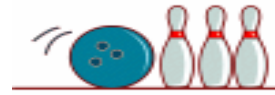
(with others who enjoy challenges and knocking things down?) Well have I got a group for you! The Good Shepherd Bowling League. We meet on Monday nights, at 8:50 p.m. at Strathmore Lanes, found on Route 34 in Aberdeen/Matawan, NJ. We also enjoy having more people join us, sharing our ups and downs, and fun.

We are looking for more bowlers for the 2006/07 season.

If you'd like to find out more, please contact one of the League officers - Carol Hahl-(732-536-9427), Bob or Sandy Shipley (732-446-1121), or Laurie Burke (732-613-4929). Our first night is Monday, September 11th.

See you at the Alleys.

Laurie Burke



Diaper Derby Is Back!

For our new members, the Diaper Derby is an annual contest among various Lutheran Churches to see who can bring in the most diapers. The benefactors are: *Open Solutions* in Red Bank, the *Open Door Pregnancy Center* in Toms River, and the *Gateway Pregnancy Center* in Elizabeth. They give the diapers to any mother in need – thus allowing them to use their limited funds on other necessities.

This year, the drive will run from August 6 through September 24th. You may purchase diapers in any size, or if you prefer, you may make a cash donation or write a check payable to "Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd." Any donation will be greatly appreciated.

The centers work with mothers in the area who are in need of help and understanding. Many of these mothers would abort their pregnancies if not for the love and support of these wonderful women. So PLEASE help us

win the Diaper Derby Trophy (the award given to the church donating the most diapers). Bring in as many as you can, and ask your friends to help! We can also use diapers whose packages have been opened, as long as the diapers are not exposed.

DONT FORGET THE BABIES!!!

Submitted by:
Paulette Hacker, Missions Committee



Good Shepherd Children's Center



During these hot summer months, the school is busily preparing for the new school year beginning on Tuesday September 5, 2006. The children who are enrolled in our summer camp program seem to be enjoying themselves

immensely with all the great activities and splash days.

We will be welcoming some new staff members in September, and their names will be announced in a later newsletter.

I would like to take the time to thank Mr. and

WHAT'S NEW AT SCHOOL

Mrs. Lowe for the wonderful Lego table they bought and had delivered as a donation to the All Purpose Room at GSCC. It was their way of saying thank you for giving their son Christopher, who was in Mrs. Troutman's 4-year-old class, a little extra TLC and understanding as he was going through a tough time and bit of a transition at home with the arrival of his new baby brother. Happily, Chris is joining us for kindergarten starting in the fall.

Remember if you are looking for a new pet, think **adoption** first. Check local shelters, they have plenty of animals looking for a second chance with a loving family.

Lorraine Campo

What Would Jesus Do? (WWJD)

(Taken from lcms website)

Q. Please discuss the use of the term, "What Would Jesus Do? (WWJD)." My children are exposed to it daily--even from their LCMS teachers. It seems to me that we need to be careful with the use of this term so that we don't forget something even more important--What Has Jesus Done (WHJD)?

A. You raise a valid concern in your e-mail when you say that "we need to be careful with the use of this term so that we don't forget something even more important--What has Jesus done?" If the question "WWJD" obscures or undermines the primacy and centrality of the Gospel (the Good News of what Christ has done for us by his life, death and resurrection), then this question can actually be detrimental to the Christian faith and life. On the other hand, if the Gospel is kept clearly and centrally in view, then this question can be used in an appropriate and helpful way to remind us that

we are called to be (in Paul's words) "imitators of God" (Eph. 4:32) and followers of Christ. Jesus is first and foremost our Savior from sin, but he has also left us "an example, that you should follow in his steps" (1 Peter 2:21).

Although we (obviously) do not know "what Jesus would do" in any and every situation in life, his acts of love, mercy and forgiveness can and should serve as a model for us of the life God calls and empowers us (through his Spirit) to live in response to the love he first showed us in Christ (1 John 4:11).

As Cheryl-Ann Lewis says in her article on "W.W.J.D.?" in the October 1998 issue of *The Lutheran Witness*: "It is, in fact, because we are God's forgiven children through God-given faith in Christ that we even care to ask, W.W.J.D.?"

Even as we ask this question, however, we must take care that our "doing" does not overshadow what Christ has done for us, but rather flows out of and is motivated by the all-sufficient, all-important work of our Savior on our behalf.

For Your Information



Happy Birthday to...

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| Katerina Pate | 08/01 |
| Paulette Hacker | 08/02 |
| Amber Brown | 08/03 |
| Timothy Arnold | 08/05 |
| Jessica Norberg | 08/05 |
| Theodore III Mottola | 08/06 |
| Ian Hoehl | 08/06 |
| Barbara Wittig | 08/07 |
| Shari Turk | 08/07 |
| Georgeann Johnson | 08/09 |
| Joseph Guy Kotora Sr | 08/09 |
| Matthew Steenweg | 08/09 |
| Alexus Medina | 08/09 |
| Douglas Raba | 08/10 |
| Robert Shipley | 08/10 |
| Joseph Galaro | 08/11 |
| Connor Hullings | 08/11 |
| Ryan Kuzma | 08/11 |
| Parker T McKenna | 08/12 |
| Matthew Donaghue | 08/13 |
| Linda Galaro | 08/13 |
| Millie Junco | 08/13 |
| David Petersen | 08/13 |
| Shane Palmer | 08/14 |
| Garrett Eaton | 08/15 |
| Michelle Carlson | 08/16 |
| Bonnie Lo | 08/16 |
| Lori Gonzalez | 08/17 |
| Faith Caban | 08/19 |
| Scott Wolven | 08/19 |
| Eugene Clapsis | 08/20 |

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| Sydney Wolven | 08/20 |
| Carolyn Meitzner | 08/21 |
| Anne Deschenes | 08/22 |
| Dorothea Link | 08/22 |
| Valerie Downing | 08/23 |
| Lisa Gergasko | 08/23 |
| Jessica Dlugosz | 08/24 |
| Jeff Campbell | 08/25 |
| Jonathan Eaton | 08/26 |
| Kellyanne Prenderville | 08/26 |
| Beth Prudente | 08/27 |
| Laurie Burke | 08/29 |
| Kelsey Butterwick | 08/29 |
| Lester Ebersole | 08/29 |
| Chris Parker | 08/29 |
| Sydney Gouamba | 08/29 |
| Terri Campbell | 08/30 |
| Sheryl Kotora | 08/30 |
| Lyman Laub | 08/30 |
| Kyle DeMarco | 08/30 |
| Jean Deschenes | 08/31 |
| AJ Porbansky | 08/31 |

Happy Anniversary to.....

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| Abby Eaton | 08/04 |
| Brian & Tara Burniston | 08/05 |
| Rose Teepe | 08/08 |
| Lester & Adelaide Ebersole | 08/10 |
| Robert & Susan Frank | 08/11 |
| Rich & Arleen Holmes | 08/15 |
| Wayne & Christine Borkowski | 08/17 |
| Jeffrey & Mary Ellen Brace | 08/17 |
| Linda Butterwick | 08/19 |
| Pat & Toni Pryor | 08/20 |
| Ebenezer & Sujata Mallepalle | 08/22 |
| Laurie Coletti | 08/25 |
| Joseph Guy & Sheryl Kotora | 08/28 |
| Tony & Sonya Hansen | 08/29 |

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GROTH REPORT JUNE 2006

*You are joined
together with peace
through the Spirit,*

*so make every effort to continue this way. Ephesians
4:3.*

Chuck always enjoys observing and pointing out to me the various different construction styles in the areas where we are traveling. I must confess that without him pointing them out they would escape me completely. Recently as we traveled he pointed out to me a particular piece of scaffolding. What was unusual about it? It was made of bamboo, something we often think of as brittle and easily breakable. Then came his question, "Look" he said, "see what makes it strong? It is the material that binds it together."

What a great observation!!! The strength wasn't in the pieces of bamboo. It was in what bound the pieces together.

Each month as I write this newsletter I think of the various activities of the month that we want to share with each of you. Sometimes I keep the list in my mind. Other times like today I write it on our office white board. As I looked at it and thought about each of you I was reminded of the scaffolding. What makes us strong is what bind us together. It is the Holy Spirit. It is the love of Jesus our Savior. It is the peace that comes from knowing heaven is our home.

Two hymn phrases come to mind: "Blest be the tie that binds" and "Bind us together, Lord, bind us together with cords that cannot be broken." May this letter serve to bind you to us and to the work here that we do together for Jesus.

One of the highlights of this month is Chuck's working session with a pastor from Open Gate Christian Fellowship. In this session they study the Word of God that is selected for the upcoming Sunday and work to pull together sermon ideas and helps. One Sunday when we were out, Chuck's phone signaled a text message." I've just finished preaching. I feel so good about approaching God's altar because I was prepared,"

said Pastor. What a joy it is to be bound together in studying God's Word. What joys have you had in such study recently?

Just this past week a Sunday School workshop was held. About 40 young teachers came in from several provinces to plan for the upcoming Sundays. It was so exciting to work with them. We worked on the Sunday texts and discussed how the texts were bound together by a common theme. We discovered that the theme for July 30 was "God has chosen you as His messenger." We sang songs, and practiced sharing the message of Jesus we are to carry to others. Our partner Peg and several Open Gate leaders carried the theme onward with activities and more Bible study. Have you had a recent experience teaching someone about Jesus?

One of the great things about Asia is the real spirit of teamwork here. The Church of All Nations (CAN) from Hong Kong is embarking on a project to build wells here in Cambodia. The project will be quite extensive, so it is important that the plan is well thought out and the wells do just what the church wants - bring water to needy village people. How wonderful that the Asia coordinator for Human Care ministries, Michelle, found time to come to Cambodia to help think through this important project. Chuck will be the director for the first part of the project and with the local church, Michelle's expertise, and working together, we feel assured that God will bless the efforts to use caring for others is an opportunity to witness to the caring of Christ. What actions have you done recently that people might ask, "Why would you do that for me?" so you can answer, "Because of what Jesus has done for me."

We are also planning ways to be bound together with a guest, Rudy Schaser, and his projects of love. It was great having his smile and encouraging visit. It was wonderful to hear more about projects and people who are excited about doing things for Jesus and ways we may connect with this group. His excitement and love of Jesus was contagious. "Who have you encouraged with God's message lately?"

Finally, although miles separate us we are bound to a fellow Cambodian/American Christian family through their leadership and love for their home area of Battambang. It was wonderful to meet Pastor Peter Sok, his wife and family. It was great to vision about the future and the great things we

are asking God to do in this community. While people in the United States support this ministry with dollars we are also bound together by their prayers and interest in God's work in Battambang. Who are you supporting with dollars and prayers so that the message of Jesus can go out to the entire world?

Another big togetherness is the new team of missionaries that are coming to Vietnam, Cambodia and Thailand. As coordinator of these workers I am anxious to meet them and to introduce them to the wonderful opportunities they will have to serve Jesus here. We thank God for them and ask you to pray for Greg, Kimberly, Bob and Diana, Shannon, and Bethany, who will be partnering in ministry through English teaching, relationship building, pastoral mentoring, and Christian outreach. Have you ever prayed about volunteering some of your time to witness some place in God's world?

Last, a fun U.S. partner, Messiah, Indianapolis. Do you SKYPE? If you aren't familiar with this term, it is a wonderful way to send voice and pictures via your computer. Our partners in Indianapolis with the help of the Prahlow family set up a computer with SKYPE at their church. We had the fun of visiting, answering questions and teaching a song to three of their Sunday School classes via SKYPE. God can use technology to tie us together!! Want to SKYPE for Jesus?

Thank God that we are bound together in mission and ministry. Pray that the Fire of the Holy Spirit will truly bind us together in the Ablaze mission of sharing Jesus with the world.

Prayers Answered

Good opportunities to work here in Cambodia with our partners in Christ
Good health
Great Visitors
Time to really settle into Phnom Penh and evaluate our ministry and mission here

Prayer Requests

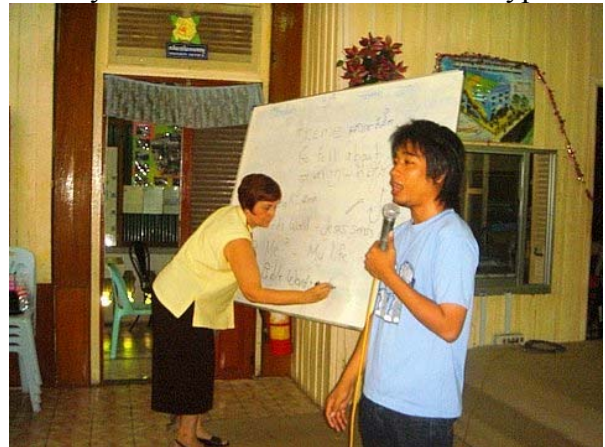
Continued good health
Safe travels
Good plans for our furlough home at the end of August
continued progress on Jeanette's doctoral work

Pray that the Holy Spirit would fill your heart anew today with His compassion and zeal for reaching the lost! Join LCMS World Mission and a worldwide

movement of Lutherans to share the Good News of Jesus Christ with 100 million people by the 500th anniversary of the Reformation in 2017. Don't keep the greatest gift ever given to you to yourself! Let God use the passion that burns in your heart for Jesus to set someone else's heart Ablaze! Visit www.lcmsworldmission.org/ablaze to learn more.



Skyping Sunday School – Chuck talking to a Sunday School Class in Indiana via Skype

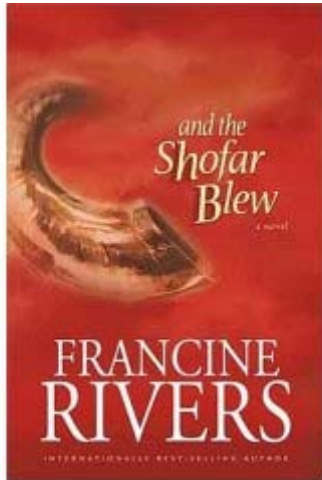


SS Workshop – Jeanette working with Sunday School Teachers at Open Gate Workshop



One of Trinity's teachers at Jeanette's training session

BOOK CLUB & DISCUSSION GROUP



Calling all Women who enjoy reading and talking !!!!!

It is that time again !!!

Please join our Book Discussion Group. This year we will meet in the church library on the second Tuesday of every OTHER month, beginning in September from 7:30 – 9:00 pm. (unless otherwise noted). We will discuss a different Christian fiction or non-fiction book each time we get together.

Our first book this year is a novel by Francine Rivers entitled “and the Shofar Blew”. We will meet on Tuesday, September 12th from 7:30 – 9:00 p.m. to discuss it.

Editorial Reviews From [Booklist](#)

Rivers' *And the Shofar Blew* is about a young minister, Paul Hudson, who takes on a small, perhaps even a dying, church in central California. Paul is hardworking and ambitious, but his ambition soon overcomes the real purpose of his work, so that questionable means begin to seem justified for his laudable aims. In the mix also are Eunice, his wife, and a newly converted, reformed alcoholic named Stephen Decker, who designs Paul's brand-new church. Rivers seems to grow more moralistic with each book but as usual turns in a strong narrative, posing issues that ring loud and clear if only within church circles. *John Mort*
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Last year we had a great time discussing six different Christian books and met a number of good friends in the process. This year we decided to meet every other month to make sure everyone had time to finish each book. The dates for this year are as follows: September 12, 2006, November 14th, 2006, January 9, 2007, March 13, 2007, and May 8, 2007.

Would you like to join us??? It's very easy to get involved:

1. Get the book and read it. Some of the books are in the church or public library, or you can purchase them at Lemstone, Barnes & Noble, Borders or online.
2. Take one of the bookmarks for that book from the display in the church library to help guide you while you read.
3. Take some notes when you are reading – things you found interesting or items that might spark conversation. This is a very important step to enhance the experience.
4. Come to the church library on the night that book will be discussed and share your thoughts and insights with the group.
5. Remember, you can come for one book or all of them – it's up to you !!

If you have any questions or comments, please do not hesitate to e-mail me at: Junedh1@aol.com or call me: (732) 840-6894. This is an excellent way to get to know people in a very relaxed setting. We have a lot of fun each time we meet. Please join us!!

June Hullings



I am the Church Office

I feel neglected! When you are planning to move, you notify every magazine, the paper carrier, the power company and all your friends, but you fail to notify me.

I feel neglected when your class plans a meeting and you send notices to all the members, but you fail to tell me. When you plan a meeting for the church and don't notify me, you often embarrass me. Sometimes I have already promised the room you wanted to another.

I feel neglected when someone new moves next door to you and you tell your friends and neighbors, but you never let me know.

I feel neglected when you are sick. You call the doctor and you let your friends know, but often I never find out.

I feel neglected. Sometimes you or a member of your family goes to the hospital and you tell everybody but me. Then I am embarrassed when people ask me about you and I didn't even know you were there.

I feel neglected when a new baby comes. You let all the relatives know, but you don't call me.

I feel neglected when something good happens to you or your family, you notify your paper, the radio stations, and send notes to all you friends, I find it out weeks later.

I feel neglected when you keep things from me that would be useful to me to be a better church office. I cannot read minds, and I don't have time to call every member every day and ask "any news today?" I feel neglected, but you can cure it. *(Rewritten from Belmont Baptist Church, Tampa, FL)*

The moral to this story is: Let me know when things are happening, or if you want to add something to the bulletin or "The Staff". We are all members of the same "church" family and we like to know what is happening to our "brothers and sisters."



Marie



Monthly Prayer Group

"Call to me and I will answer you, and show great and mighty things which you do not know" (Jeremiah 33:3). This is just one promise God makes to those active in prayer. As a congregation, as well as individually, we should make prayer a priority in our lives. On Tuesday, September 5th and every first Tuesday of the month, there will be a prayer group meeting at Good Shepherd. Everyone is invited to be part of this group. It will begin with devotion by Pastor, and then a prayer time. The prayer list from Sunday's bulletin as well as community, national and personal concerns could all be the focus of that time.

Let us follow Paul's example shown in Colossians 1:9, "For this reason we also, since the day we heard it, do not cease to pray for you, and to ask that you may be filled with the knowledge of His will in all wisdom and spiritual understanding."

I hope you will consider being part of this group, and if you have any other prayer ideas, please contact me, Laurie Burke (732-613-4929).

Love Loaf Drive Raises \$850.00!

The Mission Committee would like to thank you for your generosity in raising \$850.00 this year. We would also like to thank Stephanie McGrane, Samantha Wong, Caty Wong, and Katrina Pate for their help in opening all those Love Loafs.

A check for \$450.00 was sent to World Vision to help in their relief work in Africa.

We all remember Hurricane Katrina and the damage she did in Louisiana, so this year, we will be sending a check for \$225.00 to Rev. Don Little of the Atonement Lutheran Church in Kenner Louisiana to help the poor in his community.

We will spend the remaining \$200.00 on paint and supplies for the Sayreville Group Home. I want to thank Jill and Tim O'Connor and the Senior LYF who will be helping to paint the living room, kitchen and hallway.

Thank you again for your generosity.

Editors Note: I received a call from Rev. Little thanking us all for the donation. If you would like to check out their website, and see some of the pictures from the hurricane damage, log on to: www.alcs.org.

Market Day is "On vacation"

Market Day is a fundraiser that helps both the **church** and the **child care center** (proceeds helped fund the new wing). They will start taking orders again in **September**.

For Market Day info contact
Kaitlin Jordan at 732-521-5559.



The Shepherds Place Coffeehouse Presents: "Oracle"

Saturday, September 16th. Kitchen opens at 6:30 p.m. Come have some great food, and hear live music. Bring a friend or two. Admission is \$5.00 for adults, kids 12 and under are free.

♪♪♪♪♪ SUMMER MUSIC OPPORTUNITY:

Would members of your family enjoy creating your own family choir to sing during one of our summer services? Is there a soloist or duet that could offer a choral offering of music as a part of our worship? Is a member of your family a gifted musician who could add to our worship experience during the summer? If so, contact our organist/choir director, Ed Roynesdal (732-591-2814) to arrange a time when you can meet together for his direction and assistance.

Church Picnic



September 24th

Geick Park, right after the 10:30 a.m. service to 4:00 p.m. Come have some fun and food with us! More information in the next newsletter. Mark your calendar NOW.



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