

# The Staff

*The newsletter of the Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd*

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



## How Much Is All?

Have you ever had one of those family vacations where the memories you hoped for never turned out the way you thought? You take the kids to the Grand Canyon and what they remember the most is the great hamburgers they had at the hotel. You drive with your husband to New York

City to see a great Broadway show, but what he tells everyone when he gets home is seeing Derek Jeter on 57<sup>th</sup> Street.

In chapter twelve of St. Mark's Gospel, we read that Jesus took his disciples into the big city of Jerusalem. On the way there the disciples argue about which of them was the greatest without knowing what true greatness really is and when they arrive in Jerusalem they are impressed with all the wrong things.

Inside the temple the disciples are amazed by the glamorous people in glamorous clothes, those wrapped in celebrity and public acclaim. Again, Jesus is not impressed. In fact he warns the disciples, "Beware of the scribes, who like to walk around in their long robes, and to be greeted with respect in the marketplace."

Mark tells us that Jesus sits down in the temple "opposite the treasury," to "watch the crowd putting money into the treasury." Jesus sits and watches people making their offering in the house of God. Now Jesus calls his disciples over to his side and invites them to sit and do the same.

"Many rich people put in large sums." Mark tells us that the disciples were impressed.

I am both touched and impressed by these people as well. They give a tenth of the first fruits, the very best for God. If everyone were to do even half as much—just 5%—no congregation in the country would ever have a budget problem. Most churches settle for what they can get.

But Jesus points his disciples' attention away from those big donors to the small form of a woman. She is almost lost in the spaciousness of the temple. She does not walk as the wealthy ones walk. She has learned to move invisibly, as widows of her day were supposed to do. "There!" Jesus says, "Now that impresses me!"

All her living ... Remember what Jesus had said to the scribe in the temple a little earlier? "You shall love the Lord you God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind, and with all your strength." All, all, all.

All, not 10%. All. Not just the first fruits, but also the second fruits and the third and the last fruits. All. Not just the best; but also the second best and even your very last. To give a tenth obeys the Law. But to give "all her living" exceeds any conceivable law. It recognized and celebrated the true meaning of our existence. "The earth is the Lord's and all that is in it.—(Ps. 100:3) Here is but a simple reckoning of who we are and whose we are.

We are to think of God not only when we write a check to the church, but also when we write a check at the grocery store. We are to hear the call of Christ not only when we make our offering in the temple, but also when we pull out the Visa card at the restaurant. We are to consider the kingdom of God not only when we look at the church budget, but also when we survey our family budgets.

Many of you have already made summer vacation plans. Others will soon. The needs of our church and its ministry will not be on hiatus this summer. God still needs us all to not forget his kingdom's talk. Our faithfulness has never been more necessary to the well-being of our ministry. Already, we find ourselves struggling in this new year even though our ministries have greatly increased in activity and participation. Let's not forget to continue to live and give to the One who has called us together by His great grace to be the people of God!

# Stewardship Report



## The Motives for Stewardship

Jesus was more concerned with the motive for Christian

stewardship than He was with what was done or the amount that was given. This is illustrated in the story of the poor widow in Luke 21. As Jesus observed the people giving in the Temple, he knew their motives as He said to them, *“This poor widow has put in more than all the others. All these people gave their gifts out of their wealth, but she out of her poverty put in all she had to live on.”* Because the rich gave gifts only from their wealth, their offerings were not pleasing to Jesus. The poor widow gave all that she had which revealed a heart filled with faith, love, and trust.

As our chief steward, Jesus provides us with proper motives. One of the earlier motives expressed by Jesus is that of obedience to the Father. *“For I have come done from Heaven not to do My will but to do the will of Him Who sent*

*Me”* (John 6:38). Foremost in the mind of Jesus was to be obedient to the father.

Another motive of Jesus was that of service. Jesus said, *“The Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve”* (Matthew 20:28). His ministry was filled with service to those who were hungry, thirsty, sick, lonely, or outcast.

It was Jesus’ motive of love that made Him obedient and a servant. He loved His Father and willingly obeyed Him. He also loved people so He served them. The life of Jesus was motivated by love.

As God’s stewards, we need to emulate Jesus’ motives. Our primary motive is to do God’s will. We should be asking God, “Lord, what do You want me to do?” Our motive should be to please Him. In order to please God, we need to do all things through faith. *“And without faith it is impossible to please God”* (Hebrews 11:6). Through our faith, we are empowered to be loving, obedient people who live as servants. May God grant us all faithful hearts eager to be stewards who do God’s will.

Pat Pryor  
Stewardship Committee



Here is the schedule for June for Market Day. We usually take off for the summer months, and then reconvene in September.

Month	Pick up Date	Pick up Time	Paper Orders Due	Internet Orders Due
June	6/16/2007	8:30-9:30:00 AM	6/5/2007	6/9/2007



## ***Women's Ministry Schedule of Events***

By Amber Brown, Coordinator of Christian Education

**June 16: "Fit Him In"** – Christian Aerobics – join our small and happily uncoordinated group of women for some low-high impact aerobics and get in shape for summer. Join us after for a freshly juiced health drink! Class meets at 9:15 AM in the Education Wing (right after Market Day pick up). We will continue to meet in the summer as well!

**June 29 "Crafter's for Christ"** – Bring your current craft projects and join us for an evening of creativity and friendly chit-chat. Do you have an idea for a class? Would you like to teach the ladies a new craft or help us make something for charity? See Amber Brown for more information. Class meets at 7:00 in the Education Wing.

**June 30 "Stop and Crop"** – Join us in a scrapbook day at the church with a local group of scrapbookers. Cropping begins at 12:00. You may see Amber Brown for more information.

**"Women of Faith" – September 14–15** – We have been working diligently on coordinating a group to go to the conference in September. We have 18 women signed up to attend and money is due

immediately so that we may purchase tickets before the event is sold out. If you are still undecided about the event, go to [www.womenoffaith.com](http://www.womenoffaith.com) and check out the video clips. The conference is all day Friday and all day Saturday with lunch included both days for \$109.00. Hotel accommodations and dinner for Friday and Saturday are extra moola. Sign up today and don't miss this incredible opportunity!

**"REVOLVE TOUR" November 2–3** – Were you one of the 15 teen girls that joined us for this amazing event last November? Well the REVOLVE TOUR is back again and it's better than ever! With speakers, music and an all star line-up (yes, that includes Chad Eastham) this is a trip you don't want to miss! The REVOLVE TOUR is a weekend event for teen girls—a fun, fast-paced, action-packed time when thousands of teens pile into an arena to hear about how much God loves them. We will need some adults to guide us through the city of Philly, so if you feel you can take on a group of teen girls in the city, see Amber Brown for more information. Sign ups for the REVOLVE TOUR will start soon so watch for details!

**Women's Bible Study** – a warm, welcoming and diverse group of women that meet every Wednesday evening for discussion, prayer, laughter and tears. Join us at 8:00 PM in the Resource Room or see Jill O'Connor for more information.





# FROM THE ALLEYS

Submitted by Laurie Burke

As promised, here are the answers to your bowling questions (i.e., who is the 2006/07 Champ?): the team taking third place is Pretty Lucky Bowlers—Bill and Laurie Burke and Rob Magazzu (who is recovering from a car accident), second place—UnStopaBowl—Beth Krawiec, Vin Stefanelli and Wayne Krawiec and tenth place—Ugly Ducks—Beth Meyer and Doreen and Ron Humiston. Oh, by the way, first place was won by (drum roll.....) Shanghai Rollers—congratulations Tara Lange, Tony Onorato and Jonathan Artache.

The present slate of officers was voted in to be the 2007/08 team officers also. They are Laurie Burke, President, Bob Shipley, Vice President, Sandy Shipley, Treasurer and Carol Hahl, Secretary. If you would like any information about or are interested in bowling with us come September, please see one of us.

Next month—more awards and fun at the banquet.

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## *Good Shepherd Children's Center*

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### **WHAT'S NEW AT SCHOOL**



Here we are again almost at the close of another great school year. The children are preparing for graduation with daily practices and they look forward to all the end of the year festivities that go along with it, splash days, parties and finally the ceremonies. There are still spots available for kindergarten and preschool, so if you know anyone who needs them for September, feel free to pass GSCC's number along to them and have them contact me directly. Show your support for

Good Shepherd by coming to the big yard sale planned for Saturday, June 9<sup>th</sup> ... there will be many different items up for sale and part of the proceeds go directly to the church.

Also, Spring is the time when people usually consider adding to their families in the form of a pet. Think adoption first, Old Bridge Animal Shelter and Sayreville Pet Adoption Center are two centers in the area that are crowded with animals just waiting for their forever homes.

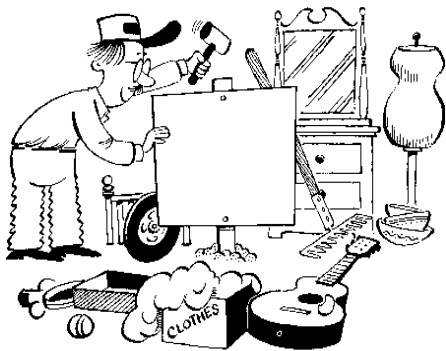
**Lorraine Campo, Director, GSCC**

# **SPRING CLEANING? DON'T THROW THAT OUT!!**

Don't forget the first annual Congregational Garage Sale. It is being held on Saturday, June 9<sup>th</sup> from 8:00 AM to 1:00 PM (rain or shine). We have 20 tables booked already, so sign-up *now* to sell your treasures, gently-used clothing and your crafts. Tables or spots are \$10.00 each. A donation to the church from your day's proceeds would be appreciated.

Please tell your friends and neighbors about the sale. If you know of any vendors who want to come, have them call the church office. All are welcome to participate.

All proceeds from the sale will go toward the purchase of lighted church signs to replace the old signs on Route 9 and 516.



If you want us to sell your items for you, you must sort and price all items, and bring them to the church on Thursday, June 7<sup>th</sup> between 9:00 AM and 2:00 PM.

We are having a bake sale, so please sign up if can bake some cakes or cookies. We will need people to help set-up in the morning and clean-up after the sale.

There is a sign-up sheet for tables, bakers, and helpers on the kitchen counter.

Please see Paulette Hacker if you have any questions.



# For Your Information



## Happy Birthday to...

Sonya Hansen	6/01
Dani Sloan	6/01
Abby Eaton	6/03
Nicole Virelles	6/03
Melissa Pineiro	6/04
Paul Schuster	6/04
Beth Van Handel	6/04
Anthony Fiumefreddo	6/04
Kevin Carlson	6/05
Aiden McKenna	6/06
Gordon McGrane	6/07
Jessica Nathanson	6/07
Kevin Coletti	6/08
Susan Chan	6/10
Tony Hansen	6/10
Devin Burniston	6/10
Michele Krawiec	6/11
Alyssa Maluchnik	6/11
Dawn Margolis	6/11
Marilyn Olson	6/14
Kami Stevens	6/16
Jason Guzman	6/19
Nicholas Sommer	6/19
Monica Siegler	6/20
Sujata Mallepalle	6/20
Bill Sabino	6/21
Sherri Cocklin	6/21

Lara Pudwell	6/21
Deloris Laub	6/22
Kari Roynesdal	6/22
Monique Gouamba	6/22
Stephanie Olson	6/23
Jeffrey Drews	6/23
Patricia Kotora	6/23
Robert Fruh	6/24
Colin Maluchnik	6/24
Rich Totten	6/25
John Habinowski	6/25
Philippe Gouamba	6/26
Caitlyn Wong	6/26
Lauren Conway	6/27
Robert Weiss Sr	6/28
Ken Arzberger	6/28
Lorraine Morrison	6/29
Joseph DiMaggio	6/30
Danielle Stacy	6/30
Nicholas Scarpa	6/30

## Happy Anniversary to.....

Lyman & Deloris Laub	6/01
Carol & Jeff Norberg	6/02
Pat & Russell Van Fossen	6/10
Debra & Steven Onorato	6/13
Maria & Brandon Chornobroff	6/14
Paul & Judy Garg	6/18
Kate & Barry Larkin	6/18
Joseph & Lois Furlong	6/18
Nancy & Jeffrey Drews	6/18
Dennis & Joan Scanlon	6/20
Robert & Laura Allen	6/21
Elsa & Theodore Mottola	6/24
David & Meg Palmer	6/2

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**Marie Bergfeldt**  
**Laurie Burke**  
**Kathy Hogan**  
**Gunhild Nelson** –mother of Carol Hahl  
**Rob Maggazu**  
**Jean Reynolds**

*Those in Nursing Homes*

**Emmy Moore** –sister of Katrina Clapsis  
**Leela Mallepalle**

*Those who are Shut-in*

**Marion Morgan**  
**Joan Brenner**  
**Irene Inneo**  
**Josie Schubert** –mother of Mary Artache

*Those with Other Needs*

**Evelyn Kotora**  
**Ruth Gunderson** – mother of Lynn Hughes  
**Ray Monel** – father of Barbara Di Maggio  
**Jake Johnson** – grandson of Pastor & Georgeann  
**Gregory Pryor** – brother of Patrick Pryor  
**Vincent Siclari, Jr.** – brother of Ed Siclari  
**Jan Burkett** – grandmother of Amber Brown and Dani Sloan  
**Terry Hayes** – mother of Laurie Burke  
**Eric Brown** – son of Amber and Steve  
**Dylan Brown** – grandson of Hatcliffes  
**Marilyn Evenga** – sister-in-law of Alexis Dill, awaiting liver transplant  
**Margaret Wrigley** – suffering with arthritis  
**Christine Olewine** – granddaughter of Lyman & Deloris Laub  
**Trudy Conway**

*Those Struggling with Cancer*

**Jean Tjornhom** - Sister of Marie Bergfeldt  
**Alexander Toth** – father-in-law of Jamie Toth  
**Gary Kellogg** – father of Kyle Kellogg  
**Laurie Troutman** – daughter of Child Care Teacher  
**Marie Giacomini** – mother of Bill Burke  
**Peggy DeMarco** – friend of the Kotora Family  
**Joseph Spinelli** – friend of Toni & Pat Pryor  
**Debbie Pryor** – cousin to Toni & Pat Pryor  
**Ed Borkowski** – father of Wayne Borkowski  
**Kathy Hill** – friend of Pryors  
**Kathi Farrell**  
**Ruth Cousens** – mother of Don Cousens

*Those in the Military*

**Chris O'Shea** – nephew of Addie & Les Ebersole  
**Chris Hill** – uncle of Stephanie Olson  
**Jeff Borkowski**  
**Brian Farrell**  
**Gordon Houston**  
**Rob Farrell**  
**Darrin Brown**  
**Jeff Kotora**  
**Guy Kotora**  
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**Patrick Galvin** –s on-in-law of Ouges  
**Joseph Puoplo** – nephew of Clines  
**Brian Borkowski** – nephew of the Borkowski's  
**Ashley Welsh** – niece of Mary White-Stevens  
**Drew Williams** – friend of Hogan's  
**Fabian Lopez** – friend of Russell Domis  
**Dustin Brown** – co-worker of Beth Meyer  
**Matthew Munoz** – friend of Siclari's  
**Jon Griswold** – brother-in-law of Heidi Griswold  
**Charlie Ratcliffe** – friend of Bill Burke  
**Marc Artache** – nephew of Julio & Mary Artache  
**Robert Bracero** – nephew of Julio & Mary Artache  
**James McCabe** – friend of White-Stevens'

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**Worship Services**

Sunday Communion Services

8:00 and 10:30 AM

Sunday School 9:15 AM

Adult Bible Classes – 9:30 AM

Youth Fellowship Meetings

2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday - 6:00 – 8:00 PM

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**God's love at work here!**

# Another Successful Workday!



Thanks go to Leslie Green, Maureen Puricelli, Lauren Puricelli, Ed Siclari, Laurie Burke, Bob, Sandy, Bobby and Jessica Shipley, Julio Artache, Pat Pryor, Linda Cinquegrana, Gayle, Paige and Carly Ferreira, Mary Ellen and Kate Ann Brace, Juan Nieves, Randy Rutan, Gene Clapsis, Dean Olson, Sonya Hansen and Dave Schulmeister, for all of your help at or preparing for our work day last weekend. Several major ticket items were finished that required a large group of workers and couldn't be handled by a small team. You should have seen those rakes and shovels moving!



Your help is greatly appreciated!

– Tony Hansen, B&G Chair

Thanks to all of you, almost 20 outdoor and indoor projects got accomplished.



## FOOD DRIVE

By Sandy Shipley and Linda Cinquegrana

Our Confirmation Small Group would like to thank everyone who donated canned food and other non-perishables to our Food Drive. We would also like to thank everyone who donated food to the church's Food Pantry over the years. We have not had a lot of requests for food in the last 6 months, so everything that was left in the Pantry was sorted and bagged, and added to the Food Drive donations. Over the Memorial Day weekend, 9½ milk crates full of canned vegetables and meats, pasta, peanut butter, soup, and dozens of other items were delivered to Elijah's Promise soup kitchen in New Brunswick, NJ. They were very grateful for the donations, and so are we. Thank you very much for your generosity.

The members of the Small Group are Kate Ann Brace, Jason Cocklin, Joseph DeVito, Carley Ferreira, Catherine Palomba and Jessica Shipley.



## PLANTING SEEDS OF GOD'S LOVE

In *Matthew 13:31-34*, Jesus tells his disciples the story of the mustard seed. He informs them, "Though it is the smallest of all your seeds, yet when it grows, it is the largest of garden plants and becomes a tree, so that the birds of the air come and perch in its branches." *Matthew 13:32*

Although they did not literally plant any mustard seeds, one of Good Shepherd's Confirmation Small Groups did plant several beautiful flowers and plants in a newly renovated garden at the Sayreville Group Home on Bordentown Avenue in Parlin. The Confirmation Small Group, consisting of Greg O'Connor, Billy Bleistein, Brian Puricelli, Ryan Kellogg and Jessica Nathanson, with the help of their small group guides, Tim O'Connor, Christine Bleistein and Maureen Puricelli, spent a Sunday afternoon serving the residents at the Sayreville Group Home by clearing out a small garden in the front of the home, adding new mulch and planting several beautiful flowers and plants in the new garden. The kids worked very hard clearing all the weeds and rocks from the garden in order to make a new home for the newly purchased plants and flowers. While they were beautifying the garden, they were even able to clean out clogged gutters, which was causing a small water problem into the garden.

Even though they may not have planted actual mustard seeds, I believe they truly understand the meaning of the above verse. I am sure that by the beautiful garden that was planted, this Confirmation Group was able to plant a few more seeds to share God's Love with the residents of the Sayreville Group Home. *For more pictures, check out the Mission Bulletin Board.*

